

10th May 2023

# UPDATES OF THE WEEK

## Newsletter

The Meghalaya Community Led Landscape Management Project (MCLLMP)



The Meghalaya Livelihood Improvement through Forest Enhancement Project (MegLIFE)



Institute of Natural Resources (INR)



The Meghalaya Livelihood and Access to Markets Project (Megha-LAMP)



Farmers' Collectivization for Upscaling of Production and Marketing Systems (FOCUS)



The Meghalaya Basin Management Agency (MBMA)



The Meghalaya Basin Development Authority (MBDA)



MCLMP

DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES



East Khasi Hills



On May 4th, 2023, a field engineer from DPMU - EKH visited Lyngkien VNRMC in Myllem Block to inspect and provide instructions on the ongoing construction of a Micro Irrigation Dam and two Spring Chambers, as well as the implementation of a community nursery that is being funded through FMP.



The KM and GIS EKH DPMU Team conducted a follow-up inspection to monitor the progress of implementation of the Cluster Development Fund by the Dorbar Raid Saw Symper. Upon inspection, it was discovered that the majority of the Lum Symper activities, namely the Gully Plug and Interpretation Centre, were nearly completed, with 80% UC collected.

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**DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES**



**Ri-Bhoi**



On May 1st, a review meeting was conducted by Ri-Bhoi DPM to assess the progress of work at the district level. During the meeting, all staff and EE were reviewed to ensure that the work was progressing according to plan.



The District Project Manager followed up with the VCF of Social Management on the ongoing Spring Chamber cum Side Drain Upgrade at Nongladew, Quinine and also instructed the VNRMC to complete the activity by the end of the week.



The District Project Manager visited Umdoh 18th Mile to discuss the implementation of the Community Pond and the release of the second installment upon completion of 60% of the work with the VNRMC President. During the visit, the completed status of the Spring Chamber 3 was also inspected.



The Ri-Bhoi District Training Specialist conducted a Seedball Training program in Umling C & RD Block. Students from 40 different schools participated in the training program.

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The Ri Bhoi District, PA GIS, along with GIS teams from other districts, attended a four-day training on Geospatial Tools and Applications for Regional Planning at NESAC in Nongsder, Ri-Bhoi District. The training was organized by the GIS SPMU team from May 1st to May 4th, 2023, and NESAC scientists served as resource persons.



**South West Khasi Hills**

On May 3rd, 2023, the SPMU team conducted a monthly review meeting for WKHD and SWKHD at Circuit House Mawkyrwat to review the status of the project.



DPMU SWKH team visited the Sohkhylam VNRMC and inspected the banana plantation on the banks of the Photsala River and the Setkhla Afforestation.

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**DISTRICT WISE ACTIVITIES**



**North Garo Hills**



A baseline survey was conducted at Dandakol and Dalbinggre VNRMCs as part of the ongoing project implementation. The survey aimed to gather data on the population, demographic characteristics, socioeconomic status, living conditions, access to basic services such as water and sanitation, and other relevant indicators. The collected data will help in project planning, implementation, and evaluation, as well as monitor progress towards project objectives.



At Mangpangro village, FMP activities include conducting a forest inventory to establish forest density and sustainable harvesting levels. This involves counting trees and measuring their dimensions, such as diameter at breast height, to assess size and growth. Tree height is also measured to estimate volume, biomass, and growth prediction. The data collected from these activities is used for management planning, including sustainable yield estimation, health and biodiversity assessment, and monitoring forest changes. This information informs management to prepare strategies that balance economic, social, and environmental objectives.

## ‘Exemplary Practice by the Women of Mawtneng’



### Introduction

Mawtneng village under the Meghalaya Community Led Landscape Management Project (MCLLMP) has gained recognition for its innovative approach towards implementing activities based on Natural Resource Management and Sustainability. This case study focuses on the creche, a childcare facility initiated by the women's organisation 'Seng Kynthei.' The study aims to highlight the exemplary practice of the women in providing a safe and affordable place for children while enabling parents, especially mothers, to work and contribute towards the development of the village.

### Background

The creche started in 2009 with five members and has now grown to include 28 members. The facility provides care for children under the age of 6 and babies older than 4 months. The creche operates from Monday to Saturday from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Initially, the women faced financial constraints, but they voluntarily opted to pay a monthly subscription fee of Rs. 5 per month, which has now been raised to Rs. 20, to cover the necessary costs.



## Impact

The creche in Mawtneng Village has been a game-changer for working parents, especially mothers, who have limited options for affordable childcare. This low-cost facility has been a great help for parents of all income levels, but it has made a significant impact on those living paycheck to paycheck or working as day labourers. The creche provides a safe and nurturing environment for the children, giving them love and affection while their parents work. This initiative by the women's organisation 'Seng Kynthei' is an exemplary practice of providing safe and affordable childcare.



Furthermore, the creche has not only helped parents, but it has also contributed to the success of all village projects. The facility enables both men and women to participate in other activities under the CLLMP, such as labelling of the wetland, plantation, and other grassroots innovation activities, as well as other projects and schemes. By providing a safe and secure environment for the children, the creche has allowed parents to work and participate in village projects, contributing to the overall development of the community

# PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

## AWARENESS PROGRAMMES



Madanryntiang Village  
West Jaintia Hills



Ringkyntieñ village  
West Jaintia Hills

An awareness program was held at Umlawang in the Khliehriat block to promote the Payment for Ecosystem Services scheme. Although there is no community forest available, individual forest owners have expressed their interest in the program. However, they have informed that they will first consult with their family members before taking any decision.



Mawdulop Village  
East Khasi Hills



Pdieniamusiang Village  
West Jaintia Hills



## PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

GFA, Namrhen Talang organized an awareness program at Pdengshakap village in the Amlarem block. The program revealed that the community members expressed their interest in participating in the payment for ecosystem services scheme for their community forest. The headman has been given the required forms for the same.



Headman of Jongnagiri village



Headman of Iurim Khliehshnong

GFA, Vicky Donald Lapasam held a meeting with the Headman and Secretary of Nongkhroh village, during which they expressed their intention to apply for the Khlaw Shnong - their community forest. It was observed that no individual forest owners exist in the village, and the necessary forms were provided to them during the meeting.



## PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



Headman of Amlari model village



Sordar of Rongrong village



Headman of Laitkynsew raid Mawlieh village



An awareness program was conducted by at Nongduh/Diengsiar in the Shella block. While many showed interest in applying for the PES scheme, it was noted that their land holdings were small. However, it was encouraging to know that the headman expressed willingness to apply for a community forest, which would also include a sacred grove.



Awareness Program at Umshohphria Village



Awareness Program at Pynai Village

## PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES



A meeting was held with the Headmen of Mawkapiah and Iewnongma villages, and it was decided that an awareness program will be conducted soon.



Khonsaro village  
Thadlaskein Block



Nongtraw village  
Khatarshnong Laitkroh Block



Sohkymphor village  
Khliehriat Block



Thyllaw Village  
Mawsynram Block



An awareness program was held at Rongkugre, where GFA received one application form from an individual forest owner. However, some villagers were unable to attend the program, so another awareness program will be organized soon. The meeting is scheduled to take place in SGH Chokpot block to discuss the community reserve.

# PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

**Ri Bhoi : 15**

**East Garo Hills : 09**

**East Khasi Hills : 05**

**East Jaintia Hills : 04**

**South Garo Hills : 01**

**North Garo Hills : 01**

**West Garo Hills : 01**

**East Garo Hills : 01**

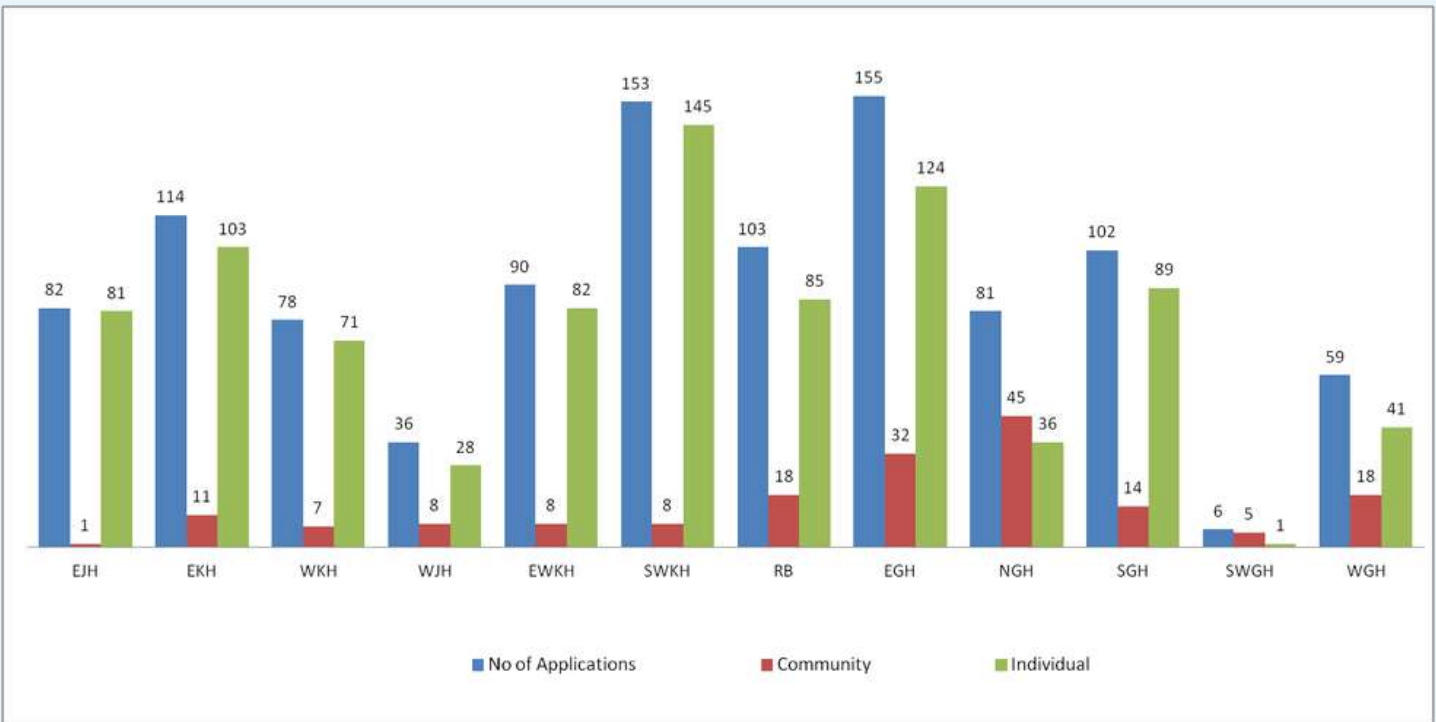
**South West Garo Hills : 02**

## COLLECTION OF FORMS



Bolmoram Adinggre village

Following graph shows the district wise total number of applications segregated between community and individual applicants in PES-GREEN Meghalaya phase 2 batch 1



## PAYMENT FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

Verification of Forest  
 Category: Individual  
 Name of Applicant: Phraining Thangkhiew  
 Block: Jirang  
 VCF: Lowbornstar Lapang



Verification of Forest  
 Name of Applicant - Dondor Syiem  
 Village - Mynnar Jirang  
 VCF - Dondor Syiem



GFAs Eveningson Shadap and Jingshisha Bareh held a discussion with the beneficiaries of the Phase-1 PES scheme, offering guidance on the various activities that are to be implemented over the course of one year.



The land base surveying for Mandalgre PES verification took three days. The nokma, stated that the land measures 200 hectares.



MEGHALAYA  
LIVELIHOOD  
IMPROVEMENT  
THROUGH  
FOREST  
ENHANCEMENT  
(MegLIFE)

**MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)**

**PLANTATION**

MegLIFE communities are hard at work to achieve the project's goal of covering 22,500 hectares of plantation. Site preparation and advance works are currently underway.



Stacking for plantation at Kalak Songgital Village, Samanda, EGH



Jungle clearance Daranggagre Village, Dalu, West Garo Hills



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Elevation: 158.21417 m  
Accuracy: 3.9 m  
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Jungle clearance completed at Wakolnanggre Village, Gambegre, WGH



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Jungle clearance Songmagre Village, Dalu, WGH



Advance work at Skagre Village, Betasing, SWGH.



Advance work at Abendagre Village, Gambegre, WGH

**MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)**



**Junngle clearance Rangdapara Village  
Dalu, West Garo Hills.**



**Advance work for plantation at Kopogre  
Village, Gambegre, SWGH**



**Jungle Clearance at Tuidam Village,  
Saipung, EJJ**



**Advance work Situng Village,  
Saipung, EJJ**



**Cutting down of weeds and other less important plants, and lining and staking out in the gaps between existing trees at Era Aning Village and Agrenggitim Village, Baghmara, SGH**



**MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)**



Saipung Village, Saipung, EJH



Mawtharap Village, Mairang, WKH



Tuituk Village, Saipung, EJH



Gitokgre Village, Samanda, EGH



Iapshyndiet Village, Mawryngkneng.  
EKH



Manggakgre Village, Rongram, WGH

**MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)**



Advance work at Nongnam, Mawbri, Mawtangden, Mawkhyrwang Villages under Mawkyrwat, SWKH



Jungle clearance at two plots for Social Forestry and Reserve Forest at Derikgre Village under Rongram, WGH



Clearing of land at Dolwarigre Village, Samanda, EGH



Lining, stacking and pitting at Renchagre Village, Rongram, WGH



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Stacking of poles at Dolwarigre Village,  
Samanda, EGH



Plantation area, Darenggagre Village,  
Dalu, WGH



Advance work at Illa Rongchim Village,  
Kharkutta, NGH



Advance work at Mawtharap,  
Mairang, WKH



Dambo Charegittim plantation,  
Dambo Rongjeng, EGH



Advance work at Ritekpara,  
Zikzak, SWGH

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**Chibilbang Village,  
Dambo Rongjeng, EGH.**



**Thaugittim Village,  
Dambo Rongjeng, EGH**



**Mejolgri Nokat Village,  
Dambo Rongjeng, EGH**



**Skagre Village,  
Betasing, WGH**



**Dokongsi C Village, Kharkutta,  
North Garo Hills**



**Identification of plantation model at  
Gnengkolsi Songgitcham Village, SGH**

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Gambil A'pal Village, Resubelpara, NGH



Kalwe Village, Kharkutta, NGH



Jungle clearing of additional plot at Rongpetchi Village, Resubelpara, NGH



Lining and staking at 2nd plot of Dobakol Changalgitim Village, Baghmara, SGH

**ENTRY POINT ACTIVITY - COMMUNITY HALL**

The construction of 370 community halls has been sanctioned under EPA of MegLIFE. Initial phases of site preparation is underway.



Land preparation at Kentra, Songsak, EGH



Earthwork at Sohtyngkhur Village, Mairang, WKH

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**SALT - SLOPING AGRICULTURE LAND TECHNOLOGY**

SALT training is being imparted to farmers of the MegLIFE Project wherever feasible to improve land productivity and fertility. The technique is enthusiastically being adopted by the trainees.



Salt Farm at Kalak Songgitcham, Samanda, EGH



Preparation of land for SALT farm at Nanil A'pal, Resubelpara, NGH



Land preparation at Dongkiingding Village, Mairang, WKH



Land preparation at Umniangriang Village, Mairang, WKH

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SALT farm of Ma Didimus at Lakaroi Pnar village



Anogre preparation for SALT cultivation



Sasatgre land preparation for SALT cultivation



Contour line preparation is completed in all villages under Rongara Block



Preparing contour lines at Dangkong Chitoregre, Songsak, EGH



Preparation for SALT cultivation at Chandigre, Rongram



**MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)**

**COMMUNITY NURSERY**

433 Villages under MegLIFE Project have elected to set up community nurseries. Following the completion of preparation of nursery mother beds where seeds will be sown, communities are working on filling Polybags with potting material; a mix of soil, sand and compost (in prescribed proportion). Polybags are for transplanting the small seedlings from mother bed into a container for transportation to the planting site.



**Khaldang Tunaturam (Agitok) Village,  
Resubelpara, NGH**



**Chorepahar Village,  
Resubelpara, NGH**



**Bed preparation at Dokongsi C Village,  
Kharkutta, NGH**



**Guresimram Village nursery bed  
preparation, Resubelpara, NGH**



**Work in progress at Demthring Village  
Nursery, Thadlaskein, WJH**



**Community Nursery at Kalak Songgital,  
Samanda, EGH**

**MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT THROUGH FOREST ENHANCEMENT (MegLIFE)**



Filling mixing soil in polybags, Rongpetchi Village, Resubelpara, NGH



Measuring of bed width (4ft). Balupara Nursery, Rongram, WGH



Bed preparation at Rongreng Nokat Village, Songsak, EGH



Filling of soil in poly bags at Bangsi Minol Village, Resubelpara, NGH



Nursery bed preparation at Rangsa Village (batch 2), Kharkutta Block, North Garo Hills



Men prepared nursery beds, while women filled poly bags with soil for efficient work at Gnengkolsi Songgitcham Village, SGH

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Sowing of Indian mahogany at Dogegpipuram Village, Dambo Rongjeng, EGH



Nursery bed preparation at Ruatsogre Village, Gasuapara, SGH.



Nursery bed preparation at Dompaigne Village, Gasuapara, SGH



Field inspection by Dr R.S Thirupalli, PMC, to Patharlyndan, Umnianriang, & Dongkiingding, Mairang, WKH

**SEED COLLECTION  
RESUBELPARA, NGH**



Gambare Seeds. Bangsi A'ga Village.



Bolgitchak seeds. Nani A'pal Village



Perkia spesiosa seedlings, Rongpetchi Village



Bolchim seeds, Bangsi Minol



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(INR)

# CENTRE FOR BIO RESOURCES (MEGH AROMA MISSION)

## Distillation of Geranium Essential Oil



The INR Bio-Resource Team recently visited Mawreng village in the Mawphlang block. During their visit, they installed a mobile field distillation unit for the Iaiminot Self-Help Group (SHG) and provided assistance with the distillation process of the geranium oil cultivated by the group.

In their initial trial of the Mobile Distillation unit, the team successfully obtained 1ml of geranium oil from 30KG of geranium, using a 50KG unit. This marked the first utilization of the FDU by the Iaiminot SHG, who are now eager to increase their production of geranium essential oil in the future.



Monitoring of citronella cultivation at Marai Kaphon under Shella Bholaganj, East Khasi Hills District and collection of UC.

**CENTRE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION & MITIGATION**  
**(GREEN ENERGY)**  
**NAME OF THE PROJECT: DECENTRALIZED GREEN ENERGY**  
**DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

**SITE INSTALLATION**



Kdohhati Village, Umsning Block, Ri Bhoi District



Samanong Village, Amlarem Block, West Jaintia Hills District



Garo Hills Team conducted site inspection to installation sites to brief the newly recruited Field Assistant and to collect the UC from the VECs.

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Livelihoods And  
Access To Markets  
Project  
(MeghaLAMP)

# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

## Integration



One Day Training Program on Bookkeeping and Record Maintenance for the IVCS with CMC, CHC and Processing Unit was Organised by ISC&ED Team in Collaboration with INRM Team, MLAMP, DPMU, SWKHD on the 3rd of May, 2023. This programme was conducted at Multi-purpose Hall, DC's Office, Mawkyrwat



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Note: Umsawmuskon Nurs

Site inspection was conducted for Multi purpose Nursery and FFS (convergence of INRM & ISC ED) for Agronomic activities at Kurikhal village under Shella Bholaganj Block EKHD



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## Inclusive Supply Chain & Enterprise Development



Sensitization Programme on Selection of SP's were conducted at several IVCS's in WKH district, these include Nongdaju IVCS, Umdang IVCS, Nongriangka, Langpih IVCS, Langumshing-A IVCS, Nongkasen IVCS, Nengchigre IVCS Ltd under Mawshynrut Block.



Multi stake holder platform on potato and Off season vegetables was conducted at Sunei for Kyiem cluster in the presence of SP, IVCs, CMC and official of Horticulture



The MC Meeting with Diengkynthong Farmer's Market Committee under Khatarshnong-Laitkroh Block was conducted on the 4th of May 2023 at Mawjrong

## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT



With an aim to brief the Field Engineers, Technical Assistants and ISC&ED on Farmers Markets, drawing Master Plan and Business Planning was organized by SPMU ISC&ED on the 5th of May, 2023 at MBDA Conference Hall.



MSP at block level was conducted by ISC&ED Team on the 5th of May, 2023 at Phlangdiloin village under Ranikor C&RD Block of SWKH.



MSP was conducted for Pyndenglitha cluster at Pyndenglitha village in the presence of CPRS/ CIP' s farmer, SP of piggery, vegetables and potato as well as IVCS member, and CMC members

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## INRM



Site visit by the engineers, under INRM MLAMP Ribhoi District to follow up on the construction of Fishery Pond to support INRM livelihood activity at Upper Bagan on the 03rd May, 2023



Follow up visit of ongoing INRM intervention at Tamulkuchi, Ri Bhoi District on the 3rd of May 2023



Umsawmaskon CHC Assessment activity was carried out at Shella Bholaganj Block EKHD

## MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT



Awareness programme and assessment of IVCS at Mynkre for establishment of CHC was held on 3rd April 2023 and a similar programme was also held at Mukhaialong IVCS on 4th April 2023.



Block level Meeting to follow up on the pending INRM work at Umling Block, Ri Bhoi district was conducted in the presence of DPM & MGNREGA official.



Activities carried out under INRM Planning at Umshaken village, Umling block, Ri Bhoi district on 8th May 2023.



INRM staff of Ri Bhoi district carried out a site inspection for the construction of Arecanut packing unit at Umshaken village.



Rubberkhuli village recently had a presentation of their assessment scores and grades using a web diagram on May 2, 2023.

RURAL FINANCE



Data collection on KYM of Mawmihthied, Sohrarim, Nongthymmai Lumthangding and Umlympung IVCS.



Data and signatures were collected for computerisation of Mawthwan IVCS, Jamynthlen IVCS, Mawlumrum IVCS, and Dongiewrim IVCS under Mawphlang and Sohiong C&RD Block.

# MEGHALAYA LIVELIHOODS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS PROJECT

## RURAL FINANCE



Block level Awareness Programme for formation of IVCS under Phase III was held on the 4th of May 2023 at Mawphlang C&RD Block Hall for the Rangbah Shnong / Secretary, Executive member / Secretary VEC.



Awareness Program on Mobilisation of New IVCS at Mawjai Village, Mawkyrwat Block was organised by MLAMP Team, SWKHD on the 2nd of May, 2023



A Meeting with VEC to follow up on activity under INRM planning, Assessment on performance of VEC, maintenance of records etc was held at Lower Koltapara on 3rd May 2023



RF staff of SWKH carried out an activity to check the of Books of Accounts and Registers of Laitmawlong Wahpein IVCS Ltd, SWKH in order to prepare for Audit.



Awareness Program on Mobilisation of New IVCS at Nongjri Village, Ranikor Block was organised on 4th May, 2023

KYM data Collection was carried out at Nongkasen IVCS, Mawthadraishan Block West Khasi Hills



Awareness Program on mobilisation of formation of IVCS phase III at Mawbidong (Sanshnong) was conducted on the 8th of May 2023 by MLAMP staff SWKHD in collaboration with the office of SRCS

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