

Community-Based Forest Management and Livelihoods Improvement in Meghalaya

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

The project worked for restoring and conserving natural resources across villages in Meghalaya through sustainable forest management, livelihood improvement, and institutional strengthening, contributing to environmental and biodiversity conservation alongside the socio-economic upliftment of local communities.

APPROACH TAKEN

- Village Project Implementation Committees (VPIC) formed as sub-committees of Village Employment Councils (VEC), under Block Project Management Units (BPMU).
- Participatory process: sensitization → land-use planning → mobilization → implementation → maintenance.
- Special focus on inclusion of women and youth in all workshops and committees.



FIELD SNAPSHOT

District	Block	Villages Covered	Status Highlights
Ri-Bhoi	Umling	21 villages	VPIC formed, MoUs signed; PLUP/micro-planning complete for
Ri-Bhoi	Umsning	22 villages	VPIC formed in 20 villages; PLUP/micro-planning done in 1, in progress in 8
East Khasi Hills	Mawrykneng	13 villages	VPIC formed, MoUs signed; PLUP/micro-planning complete for 5 villages
East Khasi Hills	Mawkynew	21 villages	PLUP/micro-planning complete in 6 villages, 1 in progress; community hall & spring-tap sites identified

77

Villages engaged across 4 blocks

2

districts (Ribhoi & East Khasi Hills)

6

planned project outputs achieved

7

NGO-led activity streams

THE ROLE WE PLAYED

- Facilitated Participatory Land Use Planning (PLUP) and Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA).
- Led community mobilization, gender sensitization/training, and micro-planning workshops.
- Supported Self-Help Group (SHG) formation and livelihood/income-generation activities.

