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IOHLAD VO, MAWSHYNRUT BLOCK, PROMOTES SAFE MOTHERHOOD



**Pregnant women with VO member during the
FNHW counselling and baby shower**

As part of the FNHW initiative, Iohlad Village Organisation (VO) in Mawshynrut Block organised a counselling session for five pregnant women on maternal health, covering early pregnancy registration, ANC, nutrition, IFA and calcium supplementation, institutional delivery, and newborn care. The session was facilitated by Ms. Antisha, DFS (SISD) and Mr. Basil, BPM.

The programme also featured a baby shower led by the VO President and Secretary, with active participation from VO members. The VO, which has five SHGs, also resolved to form a new SHG for young women, strengthening community leadership and support for healthier mothers and children.



COMMUNITY-MANAGED TRANSIT HOME RECORD 416 SAFE DELIVERIES



The Transit Home at Mawkadiang Village, West Khasi Hills, managed by Step Phyrnai Village Organisation under MSRLS, has facilitated 416 safe deliveries since its establishment two years ago. The initiative provides

expectant mothers from remote areas with access to safe institutional deliveries, showcasing the impact of community-led efforts in improving maternal healthcare.



BMMU MAWSHYNRUT STRENGTHENS COMMUNITY-LED FNHW ACTIONS



**Review Meeting on FNHW Activities at BMMU
Mawshynrut**

A review of FNHW activities at Mawshynrut BMMU, led by Mr. Malcom, DMM, emphasised strengthening community-led behaviour change to address high maternal and infant mortality. A 75-day action plan was developed to support Village Organisations based on their needs, with a renewed focus on action-oriented training and community leadership to improve maternal and child health.



DMMU EWKH REVIEW COMMUNITY-LED FNHW PROGRESS



The DMMU, Eastern West Khasi Hills (EWKH) reviewed the progress of FNHW programmes, focusing on strengthening community-led action through VOs and SHGs. The team resolved to closely monitor maternal

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and child health initiatives, ensure active VO participation, maintain proper FNHW records, and accelerate the mobilisation of young mothers and young women into SHGs.

MAWSAHNAM VO WELCOMES YOUNG WOMEN INTO SHGS



Mawshahnam Village Organisation, Eastern West Khasi Hills, welcomed young women into SHGs under the FNHW initiative following the formation of three new SHGs in June 2026. The programme highlighted key care practices during the first 1,000 days of life, while VO members pledged to adopt healthy FNHW behaviours and encourage others to do the same.

GEN Z JOINS THE FNHW MOVEMENT AT KYNTHUP VO



Kynthup Village Organisation (VO), Eastern West Khasi Hills, formed three new SHGs of young mothers and young women, with nearly 80% of the members belonging to Generation Z. The newly formed groups participated in an FNHW Leadership Programme, where they were warmly welcomed by VO and Cluster Level Federation (CLF) leaders.

The programme encouraged young women to take an active role in promoting Food, Nutrition, Health & WASH (FNHW) practices within their communities. The initiative reflects the commitment of Kynthup VO and the MSRLS district team to strengthening youth leadership and building healthier communities.

MAWPIANG VO CHAMPIONS YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AND SAFE MOTHERHOOD



Mawpiang Village Organisation (VO), Mawthadrishan Block, Eastern West Khasi Hills, has formed 11 new SHGs since April 2026, including 10 groups of young women, strengthening community participation in FNHW initiatives.

During an FNHW programme on 17 July, the VO organised a baby shower for five pregnant women and conducted counselling on maternal nutrition, ANC, infant care, and institutional delivery. With 28 pregnant women in the village, VO members and the Community Gender Health Activist (CGHA) pledged to extend similar counselling to all expectant mothers, reinforcing the community's commitment to improving maternal and child health.

SEVEN VO'S PLEDGE ACTION FOR HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES



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Women from seven Village Organisations (VOs) in Mawthangwir Village, South West Khasi Hills, renewed their commitment to improving maternal and child health during an FNHW and Young Women Leadership Programme. After learning that 32 children under five and one mother had died in the district over the past six months, participants pledged to practise key Food, Nutrition, Health & WASH (FNHW) behaviours in their own families and encourage at least 10 others to do the same.

The programme also highlighted the importance of mobilising young mothers and women aged 18 years and above into SHGs to strengthen community leadership. Chiryngjup VO was recognised for already forming two such SHGs in the past two months, setting an inspiring example for other VOs



FROM ACTION TO IMPACT: EKH REVIEWS FNHW PROGRESS



As part of the District-Level FNHW and Young Women Leadership Programme for Human Development, Kong Memorial, State Mission Manager (SMM-SISD), met with the DMMU and BMMU teams of East Khasi Hills (EKH) at Mawlai to review block-level performance. She emphasised the importance of achieving ground-level impact, urging the teams to focus on actions that translate inputs into measurable outcomes.

She also highlighted the need to mobilise young mothers and women aged 18 years and above into SHGs to strengthen community leadership and enhance the impact of FNHW initiatives. The programme was coordinated by Ms. Lajied, District Mission Manager (DMM), EKH, along with the district and block teams.



“PRAT LYNTI LA KA LAWEI” – CREATING THE PATH FOR THE FUTURE



Village Organisation (VO) leaders in Mawryngkneng Block, East Khasi Hills, have aptly named the ongoing movement to mobilise young mothers and young women aged 18 years and above into Self-Help Groups (SHGs) “Prat Lynti La Ka Lawei”—“Creating the Path for the Future.” The name reflects their shared vision of empowering the next generation of women leaders while strengthening community action on Food, Nutrition, Health & WASH (FNHW) and human development.



STEP PHYRNAI VO LEADS THE WAY IN YOUTH MOBILISATION



Step Phyrnai Village Organisation (VO) in West Khasi Hills District emerged as one of June's top achievers by mobilising seven new Self-Help Groups (SHGs), with 90% of members being young women aged 18 years and above. The achievement reflects the VO's clear vision, positive leadership, and the dedicated efforts of the Community Gender Health Activist (CGHA).

The initiative was further supported by Mrs. Shidalin, r BPM, who also served as the CC, alongside the district and block teams. The milestone was celebrated during an FNHW programme, attended by Mr. Malcom, District Mission Manager (DMM), Mrs. Shidalin, and other BMMU team members, recognising the VO's commitment to empowering young women and strengthening community leadership.

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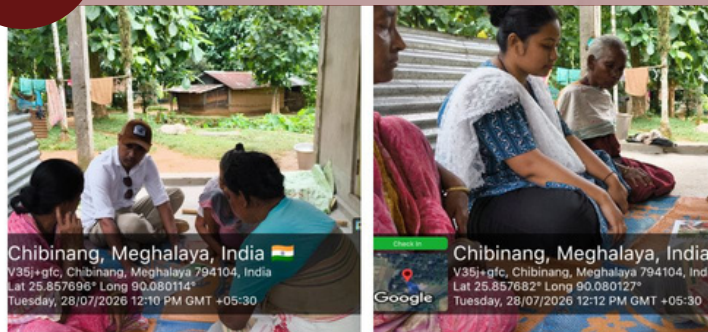
GENDER RESOURCE CENTRE INAUGURATED IN NORTH GARO HILLS



The Gender Resource Centre (GRC) was inaugurated on 15 July 2026 at Damas Krime CLF, North Garo Hills, marking a significant milestone in strengthening women's empowerment and community support services.

The Centre was inaugurated by Madam R. Ch. Sangma, Project Director, DRDA, North Garo Hills, in the presence of P.R. Marak (JRDO, Resubelpara), S.R. Marak (Centre Manager, One Stop Centre, North Garo Hills), officials from MSRLS, the Sordar of Damas, members of the GRC Steering Committee, and representatives from eight CLFs.

MONITORING PROGRESS IN KALAPANI II VILLAGE



A field visit to Kalapani II Village revealed a decline in Small Group Meeting (SGM) attendance, mainly due to the delay in the Livelihood Support Grant (LSG). Many beneficiaries are awaiting the grant to begin their livelihood activities, while sheds and coops built in preparation have been damaged by heavy rains, strong winds, and termites.

Despite these challenges, PCM continues to encourage the didis to remain engaged and prepare for the expected release of the LSG.



PROGRESS TOWARDS LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT IN BHOIRYMBONG



The Poorest of the Poor Change Makers (PCMs) of the ML-SAY Project in Bhoirymbong C&RD Block successfully facilitated the collection of duly signed and sealed request letters for Livelihood Support Grant-I (LSG-I) and Community Support Grant (CSG) from all five Cluster Level Federations (CLFs) under Bhoirymbong BMMU.

Carried out under the guidance of the Bhoirymbong BMMU and the Nudge Team, this initiative marks an important milestone in streamlining the grant process and supporting the timely implementation of livelihood interventions.



MISSION 1000 DAYS WORKSHOP STRENGTHENS NUTRITION & LIVELIHOODS



MSRLS, in convergence with SeSTA, organised a Mission 1000 Days Workshop at Rokkime CLF, Bajengdoba C&RD Block, North Garo Hills, bringing together 62 participants, including pregnant and lactating mothers.

The workshop enhanced participants' knowledge on maternal and child nutrition, Early Childhood Development (ECD), breastfeeding, complementary feeding, and antenatal care. SeSTA also conducted a session on scientific pig rearing and business planning, promoting sustainable livelihoods to improve household nutrition, food security, and household income.



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MSRLS STRENGTHENS VPRP CAPACITY THROUGH STATE-LEVEL TOT



The Meghalaya State Rural Livelihoods Society (MSRLS) conducted a five-day Training of Trainers (ToT) on the Village Prosperity and Resilience Plan (VPRP) at Bosco Integrated Development Society (BIDS), Shillong, with 65 State Resource Persons (SRPs) from across the State.

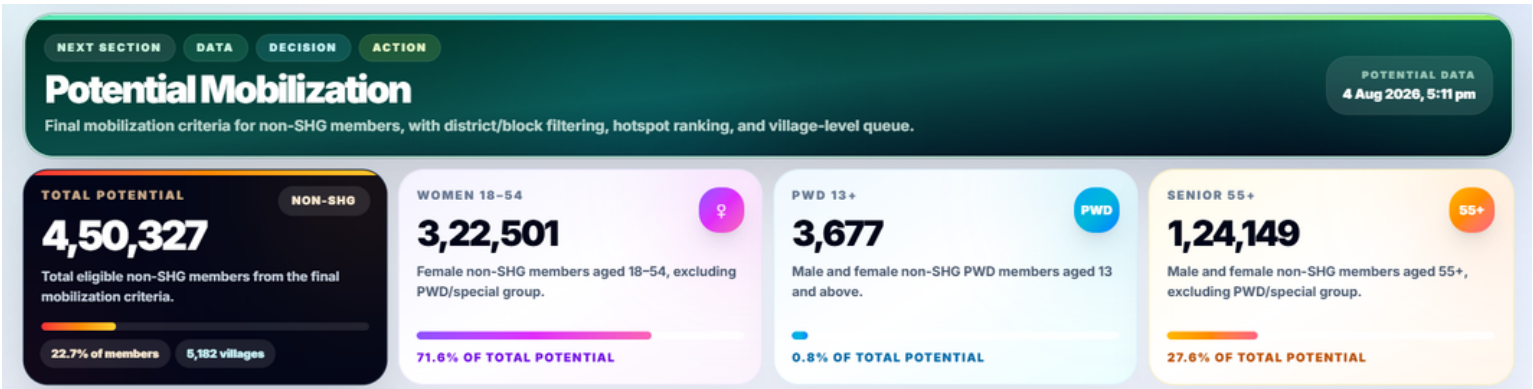
The training reoriented participants on the updated VPRP framework, revised implementation processes, and enhanced digital tools through technical sessions, group discussions, presentations, and practical exercises. Participants also developed District VPRP Roll-Out Action Plans to strengthen implementation during FY 2026–27.

The programme concluded with a virtual interaction with Shri Ezekiah Francis from the National Mission Management Unit (NMMU), followed by a valedictory session led by Shri R. Kynta, Chief Operating Officer, MSRLS, reaffirming the organisation's commitment to effective and participatory VPRP implementation across Meghalaya.



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APRIL TO JULY AT A GLANCE



SHG FORMATION

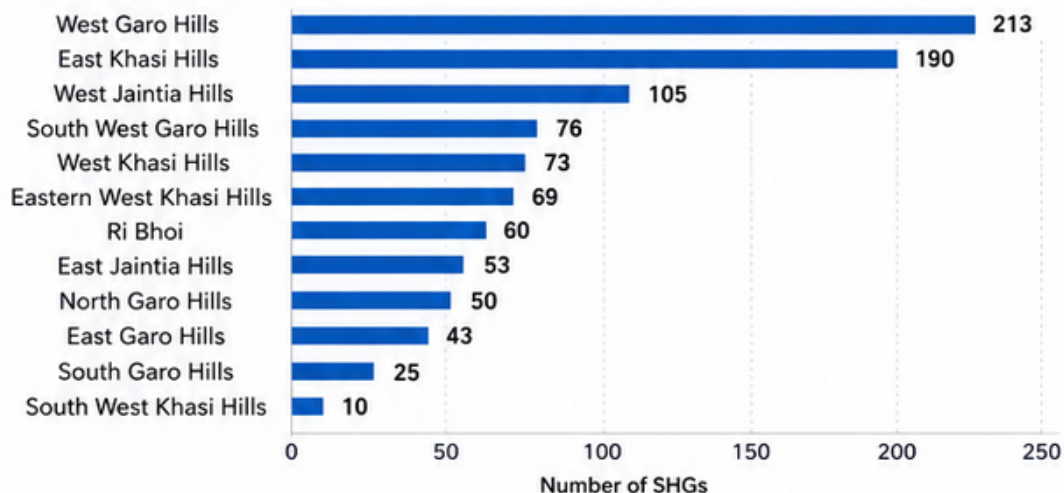
TOTAL SHGs FORMED

967
SHGs



Highest:
West Garo Hills
(213 SHGs)

DISTRICT-WISE SHG FORMATION



SHG MEMBER MOBILISED

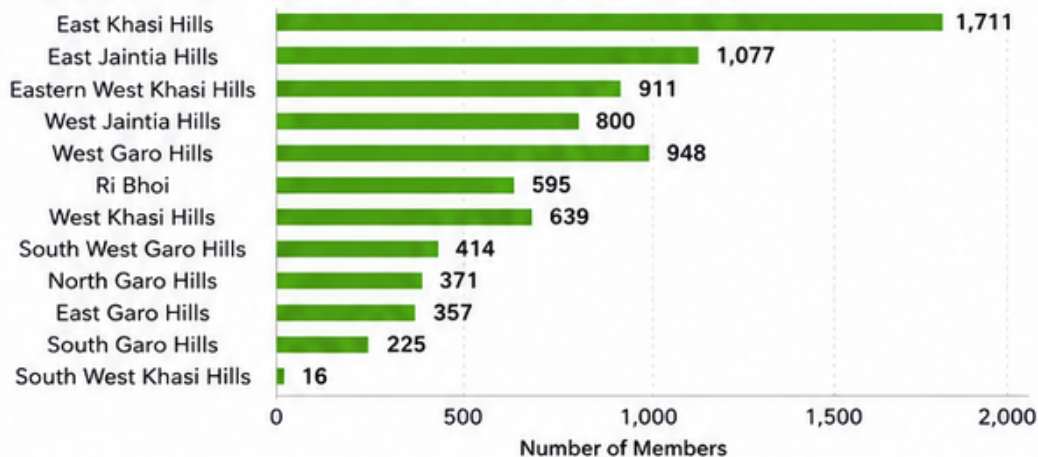
TOTAL MEMBERS MOBILISED

8,064
MEMBERS



Highest:
East Khasi Hills
(1,711 Members)

DISTRICT-WISE SHG MEMBER MOBILISED (NEW & EXISTING)



SHG CONCEPT TRAINING

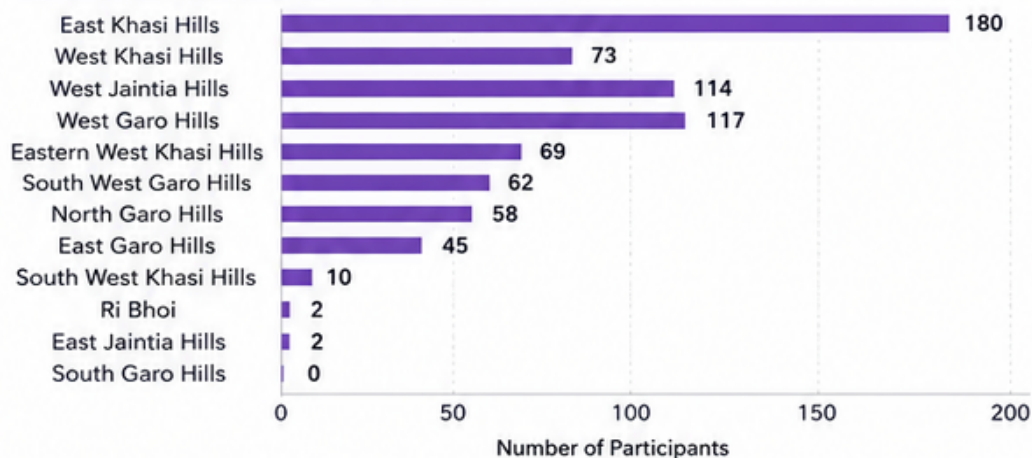
TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

732
PARTICIPANTS



Highest:
East Khasi Hills
(180 Participants)

DISTRICT-WISE SHG CONCEPT TRAINING





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SHG BOOKEEPING TRAINING

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

684

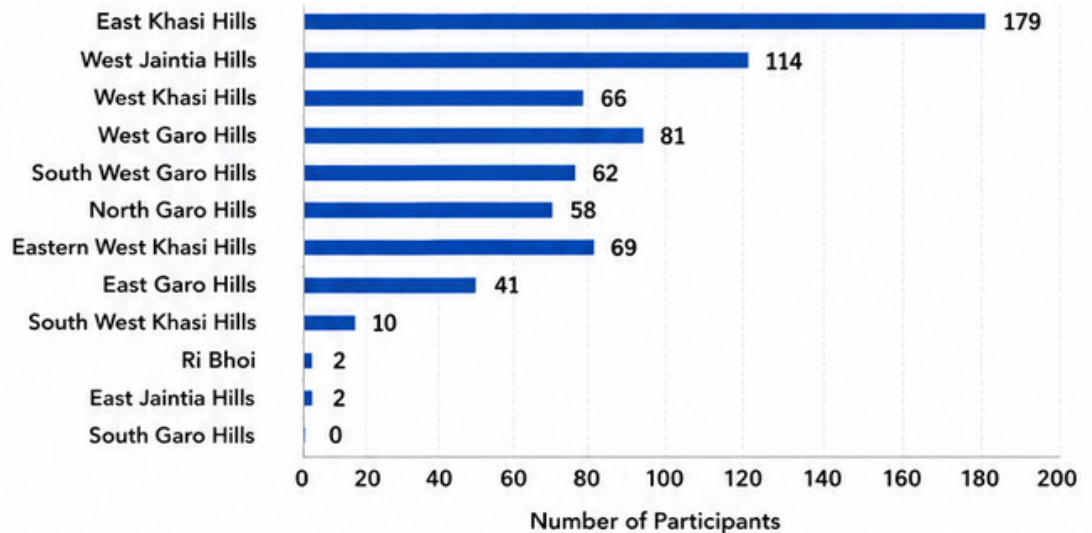
PARTICIPANTS



HIGHEST PERFORMING DISTRICT

East Khasi Hills
(179 Participants)

DISTRICT-WISE SHG BOOKEEPING TRAINING



SHG BANK A/C OPENING

TOTAL ACCOUNTS OPENED

423

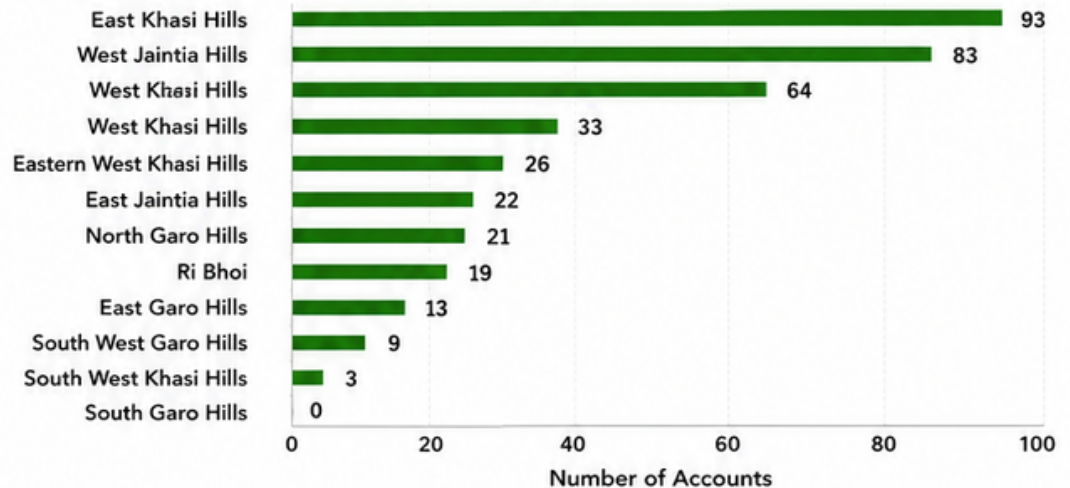
ACCOUNTS



HIGHEST PERFORMING DISTRICT

East Khasi Hills
(93 Accounts)

DISTRICT-WISE SHG BANK A/C OPENING



LOKOS PROFILING STATUS

TOTAL PROFILINGS

214

PROFILINGS



HIGHEST PERFORMING DISTRICT

Eastern West Khasi Hills
(69 Profilings)

DISTRICT-WISE LOKOS PROFILING STATUS

