

Dakma Phangni Nokma

Indigenous Peoples (IP) Communities Koha Rangrangni Plan

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**Meghalaya Logistics and Connectivity Improvement Project
(MLCIP)**

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Project dakma Rangrangni (Scope of the Project)

Meghalaya Government (GoM) se, India Government (GoI) koha through, World Bank se sahayata phangni koha Meghalaya Logistics and Connectivity Improvement Project (MLCIP) dakma rangrangni. Project dakma aim koha connectivity improve khangni, climate se disaster resilient road infrastructure develop khangni, se Meghalaya hill region se inclusive growth promote khangni. Project dakma Meghalaya Government Public Works Department (PWD) se implement khangni, se Environmental and Social Management Unit (ESMU) se support khangni, dakma environmental se social (E&S) risk khangni manage khangni.

Enviro Infra Solutions Pvt. Ltd. koha consultant se engage khangni, dakma MLCIP dakma priority roads se Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) phangni. Ei Indigenous Peoples Development Plan (IPDP) dakma phangni koha targeted Social Impact Assessment (SIA) findings se base khangni, se World Bank dakma Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) se align khangni. Ei plan dakma phangni koha aim khangni Indigenous communities dakma Meghalaya dakma inclusive, participatory, se culturally appropriate development benefits provide khangni.

Project Dakma Nokma (Project Overview)

Meghalaya Logistics and Connectivity Improvement Project (MLCIP) dakma total investment USD 300 million (World Bank se USD 240 million, Meghalaya Government se USD 60 million) dakma rangrangni. Ei project dakma aim koha West se East Meghalaya se transport se logistics infrastructure modernize khangni se strengthen khangni.

Project dakma kam koha include khangni:

- Existing roads upgrade khangni to intermediate lane standard
- Culverts se bridges reconstruct khangni se repair khangni
- New bridges se cross-drainage structures construct khangni to ensure all-weather se disaster-resilient connectivity

Project Schedule VI (tribal) areas dakma located khangni. Ei project dakma geometric se safety improvements include khangni: concentric se eccentric widening blind spots se landslide-prone locations dakma, se schools, residences, se roadside establishments dakma safe access ensure khangni within Meghalaya mountainous rural context..

Project Road Nokma (Project Roads Description)

Proposed SMR project road (Corridor 6) (MDR)-ni total length 36 km ong-a. Ia road Songsak-oniko chainage 00+000-o a-bacheng, aro Mendipathar-o chainage 36+000-o bon-chenga.

Project-ni scope-o drainage improvement, slope protection work, aro damage dakgipa road section-rangni rehabilitation-rang dongaha.

Selected road section-rang ia hilly terrain, agricultural land, forested area, aro scattered settlement-rang baksa dakchaka, aro villages-rang aro chongmot market center-rangko jod-e rakkia.

Proposed road improvement-rang intermediate lane standard-o improve ka-a baksa ong-a, aro minor realignment aro geometric enhancement-rang dakgen, jekon design speed-ko improve ka-na, safety-ko sure ka-na, aro kono kono stretch-rang-o permissible 8%-nangchongmot steep gradient donggipa samasya-rangko namatna gita ong-a.

Ain Framework, Adhikar, Sahaya se Labh (Legislative Framework, Entitlements, Assistance and Benefits)

MLCIP ia strong legal framework-ni gimin nirok-skae dongaha, jekon state law-rang, Sixth Schedule-o pangchakgipa Autonomous District Council (ADC) regulation-rang, aro central sorkar-ni ain-rangko man-a. Ia ain-rang pilakan tribal land right-rangko, customary institution-rangko, forest-o pangchaka janggi tanggipa (livelihood)-rangko aro sorkar kamrang-o transparency-ko rakki dila.

Meghalaya Transfer of Land (Regulation) Act, 1971 ia tribal-rangni land transfer-ko sima dila, jode competent authority-ni agan-skae (approval) dongjaode, tribal-rangni land-ko transfer ka-na man-ja. Cadastral Survey and Preparation of Records of Rights Act, 1980 (amendment baksa) ia land record-rangko thik thik dakna aro land tenure verification-ko dakchakaha, jekon project planning aro RAP (Resettlement Action Plan) tarina man-na gita kam ka-a.

Garos Hills-o, Garos Hills Autonomous District (Regulation and Administration of Land) Act, 2021 ia customary land tenure system, jekon A'King, uarangko ain-o likhae rakkiaha. Ia ain gita land use aro land management-o pangchaka kamrangko dakna gita Village Council aro ADC-ni agan-skae nanga.

Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 ia individual aro community forest right-rangko rakki dila. Jode project-rang traditional ba community forest land-o pangchaka ong-ode, ia ain meaningful consultation dakna aro livelihood-rangko rakki dila gita ong-a.

Jode formal land acquisition avoid ka-na man-jaode, RFCTLARR Act, 2013 ia transparent process, fair compensation aro rehabilitation aro resettlement support-ko sure ka-a. Project kamrang pilak-o transparency aro public accountability-ko Right to Information Act, 2005-chi rakki dila.

Ia ain-rang pilakan mil-e project intervention-rang national aro state ain-rangko man-a, customary governance system-rangko respekt ka-a, aro World Bank ESS1, ESS5, ESS7, aro ESS10 baksa pura mil-e kam ka-a ine sure ka-a.

Entitlement, Assistance aro Benefit-rang pilakan draft RPF (World Bank-ni approval-na sengsoenggipa) gita ong-gen.

Dakma Mi Koha Impact (Impact on Indigenous People)

Garro Hills dakma traverse khangni, jemangan Meghalaya dakma Sixth Schedule tribal areas ong·ani. Ei areas dakma major ong·e indigenous Scheduled Tribe (ST) communities dong·ani. Ei communities dakma livelihood agriculture, forest resources, se small-scale trading activities ong·e depend khangni. Poor road infrastructure dakma historical ong·e economic growth, tourism development, se essential services jema education, healthcare, se markets koha access restrict khangni.

Ei project dakma connectivity se mobility improve khangni aim khangni, aro indigenous population koha education, healthcare, se livelihood opportunities koha access enhance khangni. Indigenous communities dakma land, forests, se cultural resources koha close linkage dong·ani gita, project dakma potential risks jema land alienation, livelihood disruption, se cultural impacts koha recognize khangni. Uni gita Indigenous Peoples Development Plan (IPDP) dakma under dedicated mitigation se inclusion measures phangni necessary ong·ani.

SMR corridor, dakma Social Impact Assessment (SIA) ong·ani je, indigenous communities koha impact varying degrees dong·ani::

Corridor	District Covered	Villages / Habitations	Key Features / Notes	ST Households Affected
SMR	East Garo Hills and North Garo Hills	20 shnong / 25 habitations	Weak CD works aro bridges dakma reconstruction khangni	48

Affected households dakma majority ong·e Scheduled Tribe (ST) communities se belong khangni, jemangan culturally sensitive se participatory mitigation measures dakma importance dakma highlight khangni. Indigenous Peoples Development Plan (IPDP) dakma community consultation, livelihood restoration, capacity building, se benefit-sharing mechanisms koha emphasize khangni, jemangan indigenous populations dakma adverse impacts chanchengni koha avoid khangni aro improved road connectivity se economic opportunities se equitable benefits labh khangni.

Stakeholders baksa Arthobang Salah-Macha se Rangrangni

Meghalaya Logistics and Connectivity Improvement Project (MLCIP) dakma bhitor, East Garo Hills and North Garo Hills dakma SMR road corridor (36 km) baksa extensive se arthobang stakeholder consultations phangni. Ei consultations dakma local community members, institutional representatives, traditional leaders (Nokmas), farmers, women's groups, teachers, drivers, commuters, aro local NGOs baksa include khangni.

Discussion dakma project koha potential impacts, land requirements se compensation, road safety, landslide se erosion control, community se market structures preserve khangni, aro local water sources protect khangni baksa focus khangni. Women participants dakma construction samay dakma safety, labour camps koha presence, aro street lighting koha kami baksa specific concerns raise khangni, aro gender-sensitive measures koha need emphasize khangni. Institutional stakeholders dakma rain shelters, storm water drainage systems, retaining walls, crash barriers, aro designated bus stops integrate khangni koha importance highlight khangni, jemangan safety se accessibility improve khangni.

Ei community inputs baksa project planning aro Environmental and Social Management Plans (ESMPs) dakma properly incorporate khangni, jemangan social se environmental risks effectively mitigate khangni.

Stakeholder consultations dakma Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) process dakma ek important part ong·ani. Ei consultations phangni koha aim khangni jemangan relevant stakeholders baksa, especially project-affected persons (PAPs), Indigenous Peoples (IPs), aro vulnerable groups koha perspectives, concerns, aro expectations dakma capture khangni aro project planning se decision-making dakma integrate khangni. Total ong·e five consultations Environmental and Social Impact

Assessment (ESIA) process dakma bitor proposed road project koha phangni. Ei consultations dakma include khangni two preliminary public consultations, youth baksa two Focus Group Discussions (FGDs), aro women baksa one Focus Group Discussion (FGD).

Ei consultations indigenous aro vulnerable groups koha perspectives capture khangni ensure khangni, aro inclusive planning, transparency, aro community ownership MLCIP implementation process dakma promote khangni.

Free aro Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) aro Uni Koha Result

Songsak- Mendipathar Road (SMR) baksa, indigenous communities aro ongo stakeholders baksa inclusive aro participatory engagement ensure khangni gita, Free, Prior, aro Informed Consent (FPIC) consultations serial phangni.

Skanggipa FPIC mitingko 05.09.2025 salo chanchiaha. (1) Koksi Nengsat A-song Community Hall-o sal 9:30 baje, sak 30 jon mande baksa; (2) Dandakol A-song Community Hall-o sal 12:00 baje, sak 58 jon mande baksa; (3) Thapa Darenchi A-song Community Hall-o sal 2:30 baje, sak 61 jon mande baksa. Ia mitingrang-o project-o chinggipa mande (PAPs), A-song Nokma/Headman, sorkar officer-rang, civil society organization-rang aro Village Council-ni representative-rang baksa dongaha. Miting-o skanggipa chanchigrikani ongaha road-ni donga rakbeani aro road-ko intermediate lane ong-atna width baksa dal-ataniko nangani bidingo. Ia FPIC process-o, mande-rangko project-ni bidingo jingtip on-aha aro Free, Prior, aro Informed Consent (FPIC) ni principle-rangko u-iataha; indake FPIC process skangchakanio ong-aha.

Gnigipa FPIC miting SMR Road-na ESIA team-ching 25.09.2025 salo chanchiaha—(1) Koksi Nengsat A-song Community Hall-o sal 9:00 baje, sak 31 jon mande; (2) Dandakol A-song Community Hall-o sal 11:30 baje, sak 33 jon mande; (3) Thapa Darenchi A-song Community Hall-o sal 2:00 baje, sak 15 jon mande. Ia miting-o stakeholder-rang project-ni bidingo chanchigrikna, community-ni chanchiani-rangko aganna aro transparent aro inclusive communication-ko man-e ra-na dakaha. Ia miting-ko Executive Engineer (EE), Resubelpara Division skangchaaha; Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE), Sub-Divisional Officer (SDO), aro consultancy firm-rangni representative-rang—Enviro Infra Solutions (ESIA Consultants), Rodic Engineering Services Pvt. Ltd. (DPR Consultants), aro Satra Consultancy (ESMF Consultants)—baksa dongaha. A-song Nokma/Headman, me-chik aro youth representative-rangba baksa dongaha, jekon broad-based aro inclusive participation-ko mesokaha. Sak 38 jon mande chanchigrikani-o bynta ra-aha, jekon community-ni project-na skanggipa dakani-ko mesokaha.

Tritiya FPIC miting SMR Road-na ESIA team-ching 07.10.2025 salo chanchiaha—(1) Koksi Nengsat A-song Community Hall-o sal 9:00 baje, sak 22 jon mande; (2) Samin Songkama A-song Community Hall-o sal 10:30 baje, sak 15 jon mande, aro 23.10.2025 salo sal 12:30 baje sak 14 jon mande; (3) Dandakol A-song Community Hall-o sal 12:00 baje, sak 30 jon mande; (4) Thapa Darenchi A-song Community Hall-o sal 2:00 baje, sak 26 jon mande. Consultant indine aganaha je, road improvement-ni somoio private ba community-ni sampriti koikoba bynta nanggen; uarangna land owner, Nokma ba Sordar-rangni jakgitel (free) likhit consent nanggen. Chainage wise requirement-rangko record dakaha aro ia rangko PWD official-rangna share dakgen; unon land owner-ko ching-e consent ra-gen.

Chautha FPIC miting SMR Road-na ESIA team-ching 09.12.2025 salo chanchiaha—(1) Koksi Nengsat A-song Community Hall-o sal 9:00 baje, sak 21 jon mande; (2) Samin Songkama A-song Community Hall-o sal 10:30 baje, sak 20 jon mande; (3) Dandakol A-song Community Hall-o sal 12:00 baje, sak 15 jon mande; (4) Thapa Darenchi A-song Community Hall-o sal 2:00 baje, sak 15 jon mande. Consultant aganaha je, FPIC-2 miting-o community-ching dakgipa proposal-rang—Protection works, Boundary wall, Public toilet, Bus waiting shed-rang—chainage wise man-e ra-aha aro approve dakaha; koikoba proposal approve-na dangkuenga. Consultant aroba construction kamni a-sel land aro structure-o ong-gipa impact-ni bidingo u-iataha. Uara indine rongtalataha je, construction somoio suggestion ba complaint-rangko Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) thru submit dakna man-gen, ba toll-free number-o call dakna man-gen, ba PWD-ni E&S Cell-ni number-o direct call dakna man-gen.

Opportunities for IP communities

The Indigenous Peoples Development Plan (IPDP) emphasizes livelihood restoration through skill development and support for both traditional and non-farm income-generating activities, alongside facilitating access to government welfare programs. The project will actively engage women's self-help groups (SHGs) in post-construction road maintenance and bio-engineering conservation activities over a period of 2–3 years. Specific proportions of project contracts are earmarked for award to these SHGs, promoting their economic participation. Furthermore, the project will establish rural transportation hubs to enable aggregation of agricultural produce, thereby enhancing market access and economic opportunities for the indigenous communities.

Abhijog Niropon aro Nispotti Paddhoti

Effective grievance redressal mechanisms dakma good governance, accountability, aro transparency ensure khangni, jemangan ek project dakma environmental aro social issues manage aro mitigate khangni. Ei mechanism dakma complaints receive aro record khangni aro environmental aro social matters koha sambandhe nispotti phangni process define khangni.

Ek integrated system establish khangni, Grievance Redressal Cells (GRCs) baksa, MIDFC (PMU) dakma necessary officers, officials, aro systems dong-ani. Grievances ong-aode, in-person, written form dakma noted address koha submit khangni, e-mail through, ba concerned officials baksa direct call through submit khangni. PMU dakma bithor Social aro Environmental Expert dakma grievances/complaints receive khangni koha coordination dakma responsible ong-ani.

Grievance redress mechanism dakma project area dakma R&RAP implementation aro civil construction activities initiate khangni somo dong-na nanggen. Grievance redressal baksa ek platform organize khangni aro uni koha regular meetings conduct khangni, jemangan people uamangni grievances put forth khangni. Ei process appropriate authority baksa solutions find khangni aro issues amicably address khangni koha help khangni. Ei project dakma web-based mechanism apart, two-tier grievance redressal mechanism dong-ani, ong-a: Project site level dakma and State level (PMU level) dakma

anthangani Sangathan aro Kam-Kaj Rangrangni

Meghalaya Logistics and Connectivity Improvement Project (MLCIP) dakma bitor, Meghalaya Public Works Department (MPWD) dakma project implement khangni World Bank Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) koha compliance baksa. Environmental and Social Management Unit (ESMU), Chief Engineer (EAP) dakma lead khangni aro Project Management Unit (PMU) dakma head ong-ani, Indigenous Peoples Development Plan (IPDP) implementation dakma oversee khangni. Divisional level dakma environmental aro social experts engage khangni, jemangan Environmental aro Social (E&S) risk management, IPDP implementation koha include khangni, monitor aro report phangni. PMU dakma MPWD Divisional Offices, Project Management Consultant (PMC), aro Construction Supervision Consultant (CSC) site dakma support labh khangni. Aro, Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) implementation agency dakma civil works start khangni chengon onboard khangni, jemangan Indigenous Project-Affected Households (PAHs) baksa uamangni entitlements access khangni dakma sahaya aro support phangni.