

Strengthening Livelihood Security of Climate Change Vulnerable People

Goal

Contribute to establishment of rights of the climate victim people.

Objective

To improve the resilient livelihood of target beneficiaries in the project area.



Project Period: November 2019-October 2022

Supported by: Bread for the World

Background

Frequent cyclone, drought, irregular rain fall, salinity intrusion, river irruption has fallen the Coastal area's people in a threaten situation. Marginalized farmers, fisher man, tiger widows, day laborer people are struggling to survive but changed climatic situation are play anti survival role in this area. Declination of income and agricultural production and scarcity of drinking water are making people migrated. In this context in 2012, LEDARS started the project. LEDARS has successfully completed the 1st and 2nd phase of this project and 3rd phase is ongoing.

Targeted beneficiaries

- The average daily income of the family less than Tk. 82 per/person on an average.
- Women lost their husband by tiger attack and other normal causes.
- Families have minimum asset (homestead/one cow/two-three goats/ small piece of cultivable land(maximum 1 acre)/fishing boat/small shops etc.) or no asset.
- Natural hazards forced the family to migrate.
- Journalist, School or college teacher, government officer, local enlightened person. who are involve with social & development activities.

Indicators to monitor the extent the project objective

- At least 60% of targeted 3684 families increase their land by 25% through adaptation practices.
- Water related diseases of 40% women of targeted families have been reduced by 30%.
- The government has reacted on at least one issue from demanding 3 issues by capacitated and engaged beneficiaries and local civil society actors.

Project location

Name of district	Name of Upazila	Name of Unions
Satkhira	Shyamnagar	Munshiganj, Kashimari, Gabura, Ishwaripur,
	Assasuni	Sovnali, Assasuni Sadar
Khulna	Koyra	Dakkhin Bedkashi

Major activities of current phase

Social mobilization and capacity building

1. Formation of total 78 Climate Resilient Group (CRG) consisting of 3612 vulnerable people in village/cluster and 7 Union Climate Resilient Forum of consisting 7 members in each forum.
2. Organize management and leadership development training for the selected leaders of Union Climate Resilient Forum.
3. A project Inception meeting in Satkhira district.



4. Organize 4992 CRG base Fortnightly Climate Filed School Session on the topic climate change and its effect, adaptation on agriculture and health, salinity, shrimp farming, woman rights, gender violence and rain water management etc.



5. Total 77 quarterly coordination meeting of Union Climate Resilient Forum.

6. Participate in the World Food Day observation program in 3 Upazila for building resilient community.

7. Organize total 9 rural level agriculture fair in cooperation with local govt. agriculture department to demonstrate resilient agriculture base best practice and different technology.

8. Organize 45 event pot song and Drama on climate change to raise community awareness.

9. Develop IEC materials (crop calendars, bill board, poster, hand book, sign board).

10. Resilient agricultural adaptation and establishment a Knowledge Management Center (KMC) from where already a quarterly newsletter has published and disseminated containing climate change affairs article. Establishment of a small-scale technology park (keeping linkage with CCDB's technology park situated in Gazipur) where suitable adaptation, mitigation, water treatment technologies for coastal area in this phase and will be displayed.

11. Provide seeds and fertilizer support for saline tolerant rice cultivation and vegetables to respectively 2250 and 3375 beneficiaries.

12. Provide partial Support (60%) to canal re-excavation to preserve rainwater for dry season crop cultivation.

13. Establish working relationship with and three research students will be appointed to conduct research.



Health and water

1. Arrange 576 camp with 80% free medicine cost and 12 Special Gynecological services camp for women to provide support to women of vulnerable families.

2. Install community-based rainwater harvesting system for 50 families, Reverse Osmosis (RO) technology, Pond Re-excavation and Pond Sand Filter (PSF) installation and activation of 20 inactive PSFs.



Lobby and advocacy national and international

1. Formation of 3 Climate Change Advocacy Forum in 3 Upazila level consist 21 members in each with a plan of organizing quarterly coordination meeting. Organize a two-day long capacity building training of Climate Change Advocacy for increasing their advocacy efficiency. The project and the Climate Change Advocacy Forum will Conduct need base study and research on local important issues, mass gathering to declare climate hotspot or climate emergency, quarterly human chain in connection of Fry days for future/Greta Thunberg campaign.

2. Held letter campaign in every year by placing the needs from sufferer community to PM Office, different ministries, World Bank and other donor offices.

3. Organize national level dialogue by involving a media partner, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, senior level government officials, diplomats, media personnel, and national level celebrity by raising three demands on behalf of the community.

Staff capacity building

1. Already organized 4-day long a staff capacity building training.
2. Organize quarterly staff meeting based on Project plan, achievements, strength, weakness, learning and challenges.
3. Capacity building training in home and abroad through sending the senior staff to receive the training from home and abroad.
4. Organize yearly retreat (already one done) with participation of project staffs, different stakeholders, Executive Committee members of LEDARS based on target, achievement, learning, challenges and scope & opportunities will be discussed in this meeting.



Some major achievement of previous phase

1. Organization formation and awareness building

Re-organize committees of Peoples Organization, Annual Farming innovation fair, Organize pot song and drama on climate and livelihood, prepare Crop Calendar, Farmers Handbook and bill board, Organization management and leadership development training for cooperatives members.



3. Drinking Water and health care support

Activate total of 20 Pond Sand Filter, 15 medical camps operated in every month, 29764 card holder beneficiaries got free medical service including medicine and prescription support, A 2-day long training been conducted in each year on camp management for 42 participants, 15 union medical camps arranged in every month the Sundarbans Island and our project area. A Gaynee Specialist haired to conduct special medical camp.



2. Adaptive livelihoods

Provide training on resilient paddy cultivation, saline tolerant vegetable cultivation seed distribution and alternative livelihood practices to beneficiaries, Distribute saline tolerant fruit plant, seeds and fertilizer for saline tolerant paddy, Support for deep tube well establishment.



4. Local, national and international lobby and advocacy

Formulation and activation of Local Adaptation Plan of Action (LAPA) in 2 unions, Capacity building training to district level media personnel. 30 journalists from national level and electronic media personal have participated the training, participation in UNFCCC (CoP) other related international and regional level meeting and seminar, Bangladesh Environmental Lawyer Association (BELA) NijeraKori and LEDARS is continuing a campaign to activate the high court order to stop salinity dependent shrimp cultivation, Conduct a comparative loss and profit study in Shrimp Sector.



5. Capacity building of LEDARS

Organize staff capacity building training where 34 staff has participated, Number of four staffs has participated in different need base training, organized a daylong meeting in each year where revise Financial Management Manual, and Human Resource Development Manual through consultation with staff and verification of other organization's policy.

