



CREA

Community-Based Resilience Women's Empowerment and Action.

Women and girls are the most affected victims in the project area in Shyamnagar of Satkhira district due to extreme poverty, scarcity of safe drinking water, poor health services, and health conditions. Cyclones, tidal surges, and salinity intrusion have made a severe impact on their lives. Every day, they have to travel 10 Km to collect drinking water which is often contaminated due to salinity intrusion. During traveling to collect water, they face violence like eve teasing, and verbal abuse as well as suffer from physical labour. The parents often consider their daughters as burdens and dispose of them by child marriage. Due to engaging in salt water most of the time during the day, they get cervical infection and even cervical cancer which ends upon deducting their cervix and results separation of conjugal life. Therefore, considering such context, to build women's leadership capacity and increase the resilience of the most vulnerable communities to address climate change impact, there is a need for intervention by external stakeholders like NGOs to facilitate the women and girls so that they become empowered and can continue a usual and decent human life. Considering this perspective LEDARS is implementing the 'Community Based Resilience Women's Empowerment and Action (CREA)' project with the support of Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) and the Embassy of Sweden.

Goal

Build women's leadership capacity and increase the resilience of the most vulnerable communities to address climate change impact.

The women and girls will be organized into groups to unite them towards enhancing their strength. Social support groups will be formed taking advanced women group members to create community institutions and link them with various networks and platforms so that they can claim their rights. The women leaders will conduct advocacy to ensure their rights to health services, and equal wages in the shrimp sectors reduce DVAWG, and stop child marriage. The Project will facilitate them with life skills training and skills development process with the support of small grants so that they can implement climate resilient IGAs to enhance their economic empowerment. The learned skills will assist the women and girls to continue the project activities toward sustainability.

The Union Disaster Management Committee (UDMC) will conduct a Community Risk Assessment (CRA) and Climate Adaptive Risk Reduction Action Plan (RRAP). The RRAP will be incorporated into the risk-informed ADP of the Union Parishad by the UDMC. The women groups will be educated to conduct early disaster preparedness activities and implement the RRAP.



Outcomes

- Service providers both public and local government institutions are responsive, and increased access to the quality services of the community, especially women & girls.
- Improved resilience of the most vulnerable coastal communities to climate change impact
- Empowered women and girls are dealing with inequality, social injustice, and violence incidences and participated in voice raising and protests.
- Strong voices and decisions are in place against DVAW and child marriage. Decrease in rate of child marriage and DVAW in the selected climate-vulnerable areas.
- Increased income & reduced time poverty.

Output

- Strengthened public institutions (PI) and local government bodies (LGBs) and ensured services.
- Communities are capable of making adaptation plans and collective actions.
- Enhanced capacity of communities to take climate adaptive options.
- Communities especially women and girls groomed as leaders and raise their voices against injustice, discrimination, and violence.
- The capacity of women and girls developed for making strategic life choices, decisions, and mobilities.
- Strengthened local and national networks/agencies to challenge harmful norms and practice those results into gender-based inequalities and violence against women and girls in climate-vulnerable areas.
- Women leaders, take action to stop child marriage, and domestic violence and protest.
- Men and boys are aware of women's rights at home, community, and in public places.
- Effective civic engagement to stop child marriage and domestic violence.
- Citizens are capable of implementing social accountability tools to make public institutions accountable.
- Financial and technical support is in place and enhanced opportunity to take climate adaptive IGAs and community income increased.
- Community income increased by adopting climate-adaptive IGAs.

Major Activities

- Project Inception/sharing meeting at Upazilla level with administration LGIs and Civil Society.



- Formation of women groups.
- Formation of adolescent groups.
- Formation of Youth groups.
- Formation of Men Groups.
- Training for local service providers on gender and climate change.
- Half-yearly meeting with Nari Nirjatan Protirodh Committee (NNPC) at the Upazila level.
- Quarterly meeting with Nari Nirjatan Protirodh Committee (NNPC) at the Union level.
- Organize half-yearly meeting with the Upazila Legal Aid Committee to activate the committee.
- Training on Social Accountability Tools for UP members and Applying Community Score Card (CSC).
- Half-yearly Public hearing with stakeholders on CC with DAE/DLS/DoF/DPHE and GBV: issues with Police and UWAO office.
- Social Protection Citizen Charter / Information display board.
- Dialogue with service delivery institutions (agriculture, livestock, police, health, court, DWA, etc.) and different stakeholders at the Upazila level.
- 1Participatory action plan developed at institutions.
- One-day Orientation for the UDMC on SoD and women-friendly shelter management.
- Quarterly meeting with UDMC.
- Yearly meeting with UzDMC.
- Farmers dialogue at Upazila level for climate service.
- Participatory risk assessment and Preparation of Community-Based adaptation plans (one for each village).
- Support to communities for demonstration of adaptation technology.
- Quality Seed support to beneficiaries.
- Communication cost for youth group to act during disaster.
- Food providing for communities during disasters.
- Equipment (Raincoat, gumboot, torch, helmet) distribution to volunteers (youth) for work during disaster.
- Installation of rainwater harvesting tank for beneficiaries (50HHs).
- Establishment of rice banks.
- Arrangement of hygiene kits for adolescents during the cyclone and Flood to distribute in shelters.
- Distribution of improved cooking stove (ICS).
- Training (2 days) of women groups on Livestock rearing.
- Training (2 days) of women groups on poultry rearing.
- Training (2 days) of women and men groups on alternative crop agriculture and integrated farming.



- Training (15 days) of women and men groups on alternative livelihoods like dry fish, handicraft, tailoring, location-specific business, etc.
- Training (2 days) of youth groups on gender-sensitive disaster response
- Bi-monthly issue-based meeting with women Groups.
- Quarterly issue-based meetings with adolescent Groups.
- Quarterly issue-based meetings with Youth Groups.
- Survivors' support for GBV.
- Support for the child marriage survivors
- Quarterly issue-based meeting with Men and Boys groups.
- Organize daylong orientation on Human Rights, Gender, Gender-based Violence, Domestic violence, Dowry, child marriage, etc. with men and boys members.
- Training for CPP on gender-sensitive disaster response.
- Formation of Upazila Climate Action Groups with civil society.
- Formation of Union Climate Action Groups with civil society.
- Quarterly meeting/ issue-based discussion of Union Social Support Groups (SSG)
- Semi-annual meeting issue-based discussion of Upazila Climate Action Groups (SSG)
- Two days long training on gender and women's human rights and Climate Change issues for the members of the social support committee at union & upazila level.
- Two days of training on Salish for group leaders.
- Three days of training on the process of applying SATs- Community Score Card, Social Audit, Public Hearing by the Support Groups (SG).
- Distribution of IGA funds to women groups.
- Orientation (1 day) of women groups on IGA fund management.
- Project closing meeting at Union with union-level desk officials, LGBs, and Civil Society.
- Project lesson learning sharing meeting at Upazilas.

Beneficiaries

Direct: 1,620 and Indirect: 8,100

Major Stakeholders

- Union Disaster Management Committee
- Community Clinic
- Health and Family Welfare Center
- Youths Groups
- Upazila Disaster Management Committee Members
- Union Disaster Management Committee Members
- Department of Agricultural Extension
- Department of Livestock



- Department of Fisheries
- Department of Public Health Engineering
- Cyclone Preparedness Program
- Nari Nirjaton Protirodh Committee Members
- Department of Women Affairs representatives
- Union Parishad representatives
- Upazila Legal Aid Committee
- District Legal Aid Committee
- Department of Youth

Working area (Shyamnagar, Satkhira)

Villages of Burigoalini Union: Abad Chandipur, Pankhali, Datinakhali, Burigoalini, Porakatla, Paschim Porakatla, Kalbari, Purba Durgabati, Paschim Durgabati, Chunar, Bonbibitala, Arpangasia, Vamia, Madia.

Villages of Gabura Union: Jaliakhali, Kalibari, Dumuria, Chakbara, 9 no. Sora, Gabura, Khalshibunia, Lehubunia, Gainbari, Kholpetua, Baburgati, Lakhmikhali, Purba Dumuria, Harishkhali.