

RRF Management Meets with Rupali Bank PLC



On January 4, 2025, the RRF management, led by Executive Director Mr. Philip Biswas, held a meeting with officials from Rupali Bank PLC. The discussion focused on strengthening financial collaboration and exploring opportunities for mutual growth. This meeting marks a significant step toward enhancing financial partnerships to support RRF's development initiatives.

Meghna Bank PLC Celebrates New Year 2025 with RRF



Meghna Bank PLC officials celebrated the New Year 2025 with RRF management through a joyous cake-cutting ceremony. The event was attended by **Pinku Rita Biswas, Deputy Executive Director of RRF**, along with other officials. This celebration marked the strong partnership between RRF and Meghna Bank PLC, fostering goodwill and collaboration for the year ahead.

RRF Hosts Newly Appointed BCS Cadres for Insightful Visit



On January 23, 2025, the Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) welcomed 13 newly appointed BCS cadres serving as Assistant Commissioners in various districts of Bangladesh. Their visit, facilitated by the Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC), aimed to enhance understanding of RRF’s activities and foster collaboration between civil service and development organizations. As part of the 77th Foundation Training Program, BPATC has requested RRF to conduct a specialized training session.

RRF Holds Executive Committee Handover Meeting



On January 11, 2025, a meeting was held between the new and previous Executive Committee members of RRF to formally transfer responsibilities. During the event, outgoing Chairman **Rawsan Ali Mona** congratulated the newly appointed Chairman **Kolpona Biswas** by presenting a flower bouquet. The meeting marked a smooth transition of leadership, ensuring continued progress for RRF.

RDRS trustee visits RRF HO

On January 16, 2025, **Dr. S. M. Akbar, Treasurer of the RDRS Trustee Board**, visited the RRF Headquarters. He was warmly welcomed by **Mr. Philip Biswas, Executive Director of RRF**, and Pinku Rita Biswas, Deputy Executive Director of RRF engaged in discussions. During the visit, Dr. Akbar explored various RRF projects and programs, gaining insights into the organization’s initiatives.



RRF Organizes Two-Day Refresher Training on Monitoring & Evaluation



From **January 22 to 23, 2025**, RRF organized a **two-day refresher training on Monitoring & Evaluation** at its headquarters for **18 monitoring officers**. The training was inaugurated by **Antony Biswas, Assistant Executive Director**, who motivated the participants and added great value to the sessions. Various departments, including **Microfinance, Finance & Accounts, Internal Audit, Communication & Documentation, ICT, and Monitoring & Evaluation**, conducted sessions covering key organizational updates and best practices. The training enhanced participants' skills and boosted enthusiasm, strengthening the effectiveness of RRF's monitoring activities.

Climate change & Development Training: **Org. by PKSF**



From **January 19 to 23, 2025**, a training on **“Climate & Development”** was held at PKSF Bhaban for the **ECCCP-Drought Project**. Two RRF staff members, **Bappy Kumar Adhikari, Environment Officer** and **S.M. Jahangir Anam, Doc. & Training Officers**, attended the training.

Procurement & Inventory Management: **PKSF Training**



A five-day training on **Procurement & Inventory Management** was held at PKSF Bhaban from **January 19-23, 2025**, with 22 officials from 20 partner organizations participating. **Shovon Kumar Paul, Documentation & Training Officer** at RRF, secured the **1st position** among all participants, showcasing his excellence in procurement management.

RRF Internal Training



In **January 2025**, the **RRF Training Unit** organized **two batches of training** for newly recruited **Credit Officers**. A total of **58 credit officers** participated in the sessions, which aimed to enhance their knowledge and skills in microfinance

operations.

RRF Distributes Blankets to Cold-Stricken Communities



The Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) distributed blankets under microfinance program to cold-stricken individuals in Manirampur, Keshabpur, Chuknagar, and Bhaboda regions on January 19, 2025. The initiative was led by Arun Kumar Biswas, Director of Microfinance, alongside Mostafijur Rahman, Assistant Director-Microfinance, and SM Shahid Haider, Assistant Director-Jashore Zone.

Free Medical Services to Flood-Affected People and Livestock in Noakhali

On January 29, 2025, the Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) Noakhali Zone, under the Majdi branch, organized a free medical camp and distributed medicines to livestock in Baikanthpur village, Noakhali Sadar Upazila. The initiative aimed to support the flood-affected community by providing essential healthcare and veterinary services. Present at the event were Md. Joyнал Abedin, Assistant Director of Noakhali Zone, Dr. Mohammad Badrul Alam, Veterinary Surgeon of Sadar Upazila, Mohammad Javed Hossain, Deputy Assistant Livestock Officer, and Mohammad Mostakim Hossain, RRF Health Officer. This effort highlights RRF's commitment to community well-being and disaster response.



Cricket Match Between Bamundi and Meherpur Regions



On January 18, 2025 a special & friendly cricket match between the Bamundi and Meherpur arranged such a unifying and energizing event today under the initiative of the Mr. Goutam Das, Assistant Director of Meherpur Zone of RRF. The host Meherpur region emerged victorious, while the players of the runner-up Bamundi region also showcased excellent skills. Beyond the competition, the match fostered camaraderie and joy among all staff, strengthening bonds of brotherhood and teamwork. Mr.

Goutam Das, Assistant Director of Meherpur Zone, for arranging such a unifying and energizing event.

Rupali bank PLC Visits RRF Madaripur & Meherpur Zone



Sanjay Saha, Director (Finance and Accounts) Sir, Mr. Md. Mostafizur Rahman, (Deputy Director) Sir, Assistant Director of Madaripur Zone Mr. Md. Murad and Regional Manager of Bhanga Zone Mr. Md. Milan Hossain were present from the Head Office of Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF).

In the month of January 2025, GM Sir and DGM Sir from Rupali Bank PLC Head Office Dhaka visited the Suryanagar Branch Office under Shibchar Upazila of Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) Madaripur Zone and Meherpur zone offices and the projects of the branch's field members. At that time, Mr. Arun Kumar Biswas, Director (Micro Finance) Sir, Mr.



RRF Executive Director Visits Manirampur and Keshabpur Branches



Mr. Philip Biswas Executive Director and Founder of RRF, was warmly welcomed with flowers during his visit to the Manirampur branch. He also visited the Keshabpur branch on the same day, engaging with staff and encouraging their efforts.

Employee Training and Skill Development Workshop Held in Meherpur



On January 17, 2025: An "Employee Training and Skill Development Workshop" was held today under the guidance of Mr. Goutam Das, Guardian of Meherpur Zone, RRF. The event brought together Branch Managers, Associate Branch Managers, and Credit Officers of the Bamondi region to enhance their skills and operational efficiency. Assistant director of Meherpur zone Mr. Gautam Das emphasized the importance of continuous learning and teamwork to achieve organizational goals.

BBP Jashore School Celebrates New Student Reception & Silver Jubilee



RRF Barnamala Bidyapith Jashore School celebrated its **New Student Reception & Silver Jubilee** with great enthusiasm. The event was attended by **students, parents, special guests, headmasters of nearby primary schools, and Md. Mokbul Ahmed, Deputy Director, Communication & Documentation, RRF.** The celebration included **welcoming new students with flowers and**

gifts, followed by a vibrant cultural program performed by students, making it a memorable occasion for all.

BBP Ulashi School Celebrates 20th Anniversary & New Student Reception

On January 12, 2025, BBP Ulashi School celebrated its 20th anniversary and welcomed new students with a grand event. The program featured a cake-cutting ceremony, cultural performances by students, and the presence of primary school headmasters, parents, teachers, and staff. The event highlighted the school's two decades of dedication to quality education and community development, creating a joyous and memorable occasion for all attendees



BBP Girls' School Celebrates New Student Reception



On January 21, 2025, **BBP Girls' School** warmly welcomed its new students with a grand reception ceremony. The event was attended by **students, parents, primary school headmasters, and Md. Mokbul Ahmed, Deputy Director, Communication & Documentation of RRF.** The program featured a **flower and gift-giving ceremony** for new students, followed by **cultural performances by students, creating a joyful and welcoming atmosphere.**

Barnamala Bidyapith Kamarpara Students Achieve Scholarships



Six students from Barnamala Bidyapith Kamarpara have received scholarships in the private primary scholarship exam at the upazila level. Among them, one student secured a place in the **Talent Pool**, while five students received **General Scholarships**. This achievement reflects the dedication of the students and the commitment of the school to academic excellence. The success of these young learners is a proud moment for Barnamala Bidyapith and a testament to its quality education.

"Hatekhori" Event Held for New Play Nursery Students at all BBP School



On January 14, 2025: The Barnamala Bidyapith School and Barnamala Girls' School, Jashore, organized a heartfelt "Hatekhori" event to welcome newly admitted play nursery students. During the event, children, alongside their mothers, practiced writing traditionally on "chalk-sellet," symbolizing the beginning of their educational journey. Students received educational accessories as gifts from the schools, creating a joyful and encouraging atmosphere. Teachers, parents, and students attended the event, making it a memorable occasion that strengthened the bond between families and the schools. This initiative highlights the schools' dedication to nurturing young learners with love and tradition.

"Hatekhori" Event Held for New Play Nursery Students at all BBP School



On January 29, 2025, BBP Girls' School hosted its Annual Sports and Prize-Giving Ceremony with great enthusiasm. Students, parents, and teachers actively participated in various sports competitions and showcased their talents through exciting role-play performances. The event concluded with a prize-giving ceremony, recognizing the outstanding achievements of students in academics, sports, and extracurricular activities. The day was filled with joy, excitement, and celebration, making it a memorable occasion for all attendees.



Heifer International Official Visits RRF Climate-Smart Agriculture



On January 18, 2025, Mr. Rabin Niraula, Knowledge and Information Manager for Asia at Heifer International, visited the Strengthening Climate-smart Vegetable and Flower Value Chain Project in Gadkhai and Panisara villages, Jhikargacha, Jashore. The visit focused on observing climate-smart agricultural practices and evaluating environmental challenges and opportunities. The team met solar irrigation pump entrepreneur Asma Begum to assess the effectiveness of solar-powered irrigation and discuss her challenges. They also visited the RRF Greenhouse in Ramnar, recommending the production of high-quality specialized seedlings.

Mr. Niraula commended the RRF field team for their impactful work and successful project implementation.

Skill development training for crab farmers: RHL Project

Under the GCF-RHL Project, RRF organized 2 batch a day long individual training about “Skill development training for crab farmers” (2 batch and 40 beneficiaries, Male 28 and Female 12). Mr. Ranajit Kumar Biswas, Upazila Senior Fisheries Officer (SUFO), Morrelganj, Bagerhat was presents as the resource person in each session of the training. In addition, Marin Fisheries Officer Mr. Md. Abdulla al Modasser was also present as a trainer in each training, trainers discuss extensively the benefits and financial feasibility of crab farming.



Activities under: RMTP project



Advance Training on fish and Prawn farmers in fisheries management: RMTP Project

The Rural Microenterprise Transformation Project (RMTP) successfully launched Sixty (60) new batches of its Advance Training on fish and Prawn farmers in fisheries management on Good Aquaculture Practices. With a total of 1500 participants (Male-755 & Female-745) across various areas in Jashore, the program aims to impart awareness about the importance and introduction of Good Aquaculture Practices

Skill Development training on technical and in fisheries: RMTP Project

The Rural Microenterprise Transformation Project (RMTP) successfully accomplished Fourty (60) new batches Skill Development training on technical and management (permitted materials, application rates, withdrawal periods etc.) in fisheries. With a total of 1500 participants (Male-755 & Female-745) across various areas in Jashore.

CBF Project Hosts Gender Issues Sharing Meeting



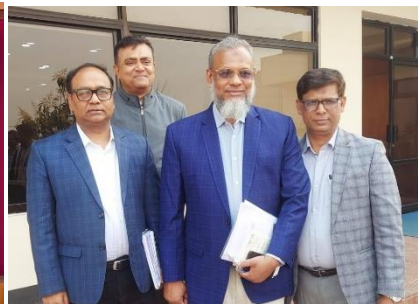
In January 2025, a gender-related problem-sharing meeting was held under the CBF Project with community members in the project area. The discussion aimed to address challenges and promote gender equality within the community.

OVG Project Completes Construction Initiative



The OVG Project successfully completed a key construction initiative, enhancing infrastructure to support community development. This achievement highlights the project's dedication to community well-being and development.

PPEPP-EU Project Coordination Meeting: at PKSF



On January 16, 2025: PKSF Managing Director Mr. Md. Fazlul Quader and Deputy Managing Director-01 Mr. AQM Golem Maula attended the PPEPP-EU Project Coordination Meeting at PKSF Bhaban, Agargaon. The meeting focused on project progress, implementation

strategies, and future plans. RRF representatives Mr. Arun Kumar Biswas, Director of Microfinance, and Mr. Abdul Aziz, Program Coordinator, were also present, contributing to discussions on strengthening collaboration and ensuring impactful project outcomes. impactful work

Activities Under BD Wash



In January 2025, **Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF)** provided **138 members with sanitation loans** totaling **BDT 6,211,000** for dual-pit toilet construction, along with **BDT 414,000 in incentives**. Additionally, **32 members received water loans** worth **BDT 1,459,000** to install tube wells and safe water systems. Implemented across **16 upazilas in 8 districts through 25 Microfinance branches**, the project continues to enhance rural communities' access to safe water and sanitation.

Health & Education material distribution: ENRICH Project



On January 21, 2025, RRF distributed health, education, and program materials to Enrich project staff from three upazilas. The event was attended by Md. Mokbul Ahmed, Deputy Director of Communication & Documentation, Sonjoy Saha, Director of Finance & Accounts, and Mahbubur Rahman, Deputy Director of Finance & Accounts. Their presence underscored the importance of equipping staff to enhance the program's impact.

Life Skill Development Training: RAISE Project

In January, 2025 a 5-day life skills development training was conducted under the RAISE project. This initiative targeted children from low-income families, equipping them with essential life skills to enhance their personal growth and future opportunities. The training emphasized practical knowledge and interactive sessions to foster resilience and empowerment.



JUST Students Visit RRF Programs for Internship Learning



Students from **Jashore University of Science and Technology (JUST)**, currently interning with **Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF)**, visited several RRF programs as part of their internship activities. The visit included a tour of the **Tissue Culture Lab**, the **Microfinance Program** at the **Chachra Branch**, and the **RRF Automobile Workshop**. The students gained valuable insights into RRF's diverse programs and operations, enhancing their practical knowledge

and understanding of the organization's impactful work. valuable insights into RRF's diverse programs and operations, enhancing their practical knowledge and understanding of the organization's impactful work.

RRF's Provides Free Healthcare to Senior Citizen



In Shimulia, on January 15, 2025 The Dipto elderly club program, run by RRF, continues its commendable initiative of supporting elderly members in Shimulia, Jhikargacha. Under this program, free healthcare services and medicines are provided to the elderly, along with nutritious breakfasts to ensure their well-being. This initiative reflects RRF's commitment to improving the

quality of life for senior citizens and fostering a caring community. The beneficiaries expressed their gratitude for the support, which brings them comfort and relief in their daily lives.

RRF Pre School: Community Based Education

As part of its **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)** efforts, **RRF Pre-School** is providing community-based education to young children. In the new year, students are adjusting to school life through a variety of engaging activities. These activities are designed to promote learning, creativity, and social skills, helping children build a strong foundation for their future education. RRF's pre-school initiative is playing a vital role in fostering early childhood development within local communities, ensuring that children in rural areas have access to quality education from an early age.



Midwifery Training Provided Under RRF's Community Health Care



On 19 January 2025 at Magura Community Clinic, Abhaynagar A gynecologist, as part of RRF's Community Health Care Program, conducted specialized midwifery training for a select group of women in the area. This initiative aims to empower women with essential skills to support maternal and child health in their communities.

RRF's Commitment to Health and Senior Citizen Care: A Step Toward Inclusive Development

Mr. Antony Biswas, Asst. Executive Director, RRF



Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) is dedicated to fostering socio-economic development in Bangladesh, with a strong focus on health and senior citizen care, two often overlooked sectors. In health, RRF implements various initiatives such as free medical camps, health awareness campaigns, and partnerships with healthcare providers to improve access and quality of healthcare for marginalized communities in rural areas. These efforts ensure that healthcare is accessible to everyone, regardless of their economic background.

RRF also prioritizes the well-being of senior citizens through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs. These initiatives provide access to healthcare, financial support, and social services to elderly individuals, addressing their challenges like social isolation and financial insecurity.

By focusing on health and senior citizens, RRF helps build a more compassionate and inclusive society, ensuring that vulnerable groups are not left behind in the pursuit of sustainable development.

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