



BANGLADESH RURAL WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE FOR HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

Clean Water, Safe Sanitation, Empowered Communities



The **Bangladesh Rural Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene for Human Capital Development Project** is a significant initiative under RRF's commitment to improving the quality of life in rural Bangladesh. Implemented in collaboration with our esteemed funding partner, the **Palli Karma Sahayak Foundation (PKSF)**, the project seeks to enhance access to safely managed water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) facilities across 16 upazilas.

RRF and PKSF share a longstanding partnership rooted in the vision of fostering sustainable community development. This project exemplifies our collective dedication to addressing critical issues like water safety, gender-sensitive sanitation practices, and behavioral change, ultimately contributing to better health, reduced poverty, and stronger human capital development.

By leveraging PKSF's financial and technical support, alongside RRF's grassroots reach and implementation expertise, we aim to create lasting impact in rural communities, empowering individuals to lead healthier and more dignified lives.

FACT & FIGURE

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1	Name of the program	Bangladesh Rural Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for Human Capital Development
2	Duration	May 2024 to till date
3	Supported By	Palli Karma Sahayak Foundation (PKSF)
4	No. of project participants	Community people from 16 Upazila
5	No. of staff	01
6	Working Location	25 Branches form Mollahat, Morrelganj, Paikgacha, Maheshpur, Harinakundu, Shalika, Bhaluka, Mymensingh Sadar, trishal, Ishwardi, Pabna Sadar, shariakandi, Nangolkot, chaddogram, Laksam, Monoharganj Upazilas.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Increase the safely managed water, sanitation and hygiene facilities in rural Bangladesh.
- Strengthen the institutional capacity of safely managed water supply and sanitation sector.

KEY ACTIVITIES

- **Financial Assistance:** Offering household loans for water and sanitation infrastructure improvements.
- **Behavior Change Communication (BCC):** Conducting awareness sessions (6 held so far) to educate communities on WASH practices.
- **Capacity Building:** Planned development of staff capabilities to effectively promote WASH initiatives (currently unplanned).

PROGRAMMATIC UPDATE

- **Financial Support:**
 - BDT 1,20,000 disbursed for sanitation loans to 4 memebres/families.
 - BDT 24,000 provided as incentives for toilet upgradation.
- **Awareness and Behavior Change:**
 - 06 BCC sessions conducted to raise awareness about WASH facilities and practices.
- **Community Impact:**
 - Enhanced sanitation practices and privacy, especially for women and girls.
 - Reduction in waterborne diseases and improved living conditions.
- **Challenges Identified:**
 - Limited utilization of incentives for toilet upgrades.
 - Staff capacity development activities not yet planned.
 - Need for more targeted awareness programs to maximize impact.

"I am Shamoli De from Rahimpur, Khulna. I've been part of the Boikali Mohila Samity for two months under the Kopilmony Branch of RRF. My family, including my husband, son, and married daughter, used to face many health issues due to our single-pit toilet. We often suffered from diseases like cholera, dysentery, and typhoid. These illnesses not only affected our health but also caused emotional and financial strain.

Through the BCC sessions organized by RRF, I learned about the benefits of a twin-pit toilet. I received a loan of BDT 30,000 under the BD WASH Project to upgrade our toilet, and now my family has access to a safer, more hygienic facility. Since the upgrade, we haven't faced any diarrheal diseases. This improvement in our health has also inspired our neighbors to upgrade their toilets to twin-pit systems. I hope this project will also offer incentives for water facility upgrades, just like it did for sanitation."



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