

### RRF Observes International Mother Language Day 2025



On 21st February 2025, RRF observed International Mother Language Day with deep respect and reverence. All staff members, including department heads, participated in a rally that commenced from the RRF Head Office.

### Participation of Barnamala Bidyapith Schools



RRF also ensured the active involvement of its educational institutions in the observance of the day. Students and teachers from Barnamala Bidyapith Jashore and Barnamala Girls' School joined the tribute, carrying banners and wreaths to honor the sacrifices made for linguistic freedom. Meanwhile, students and teachers of Barnamala Bidyapith Kamrpara and Barnamala Bidyapith Ulashi paid tribute at their respective locations with similar dedication and respect.

### Microfinance Branch Offices Nationwide Tribute

RRF's commitment to the International Mother Language Day observance extended beyond its headquarters and educational institutions. Microfinance branch offices across Bangladesh paid tribute to the language martyrs from their respective locations. Through floral offerings, momentous gatherings, and silent commemorations, staff members expressed their gratitude and respect for the day's historical significance.



## RRF Elderly Club observes International Mother language Day



RRF Elderly Club commemorated **International Mother Language Day** with a heartfelt tribute to the language martyrs. The members of the club participated in a **rally from the club to the Shahid Minar**, where they **paid homage by placing floral wreaths** in remembrance of those who sacrificed their lives for the Bengali language. To mark the occasion, a **special meal** was arranged for the elderly club members, creating a sense of togetherness and respect for the significance of the day.

## Free Medical camp: RRF Community Healthcare



To observe the International mother language Day on 21st February 2025 RRF Community Healthcare organized free medical camps at Magura Community Clinic, Abhaynagar, to provide essential healthcare services to the community. An MBBS doctor was present to conduct check-ups and provide primary prescriptions to patients in need.

## RRF Pre-School Students Pay Tribute at Shahid Minar

The young students of **RRF Pre-School** observed **International Mother Language Day** by **paying tribute at the Shahid Minar**. Dressed in traditional attire, the children **placed floral wreaths** to honor the language martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the Bengali language.



Annual Picnic Day for RRF Head Office Staff



The Annual Picnic for RRF Head Office staff was held on February 7, 2025, at RRF TARC, bringing together employees and their families for a day of joy and relaxation. Founder & Executive Director Philip Biswas, along with general body & EC members, top management, departmental staff, and service personnel, and all their family members attended the event. The picnic featured games for all, cultural performances, a raffle draw, and various entertainment activities, with enthusiastic participation from staff, their families, and children. The event fostered team bonding, motivation, and a refreshing break, contributing to a positive and energetic work environment.



## RRF Organizes Communication Skills Development Training



To enhance service quality and strengthen relationships with beneficiaries, RRF organized a **Communication Skills Development Training** on February 18-19, 2025, at the RRF Head Office where 19 participants attended. Led by **Founder & Deputy Executive Director Madam Pinku Rita Biswas**, the training focused on improving communication strategies for **Call Center Relationship Officers** and personnel from various departments. This first-of-its-kind initiative by the **Training Department** provided a unique learning experience, equipping participants with essential skills to engage effectively. The program marks a milestone for RRF, reinforcing its commitment to service excellence and organizational growth.

### Accounting for Non-accountants: PKSF Training



From February 02 to 06, 2025, a training on "Accounting for Non-Accountants" was held at PKSFBhaban, attended by 21 participants from PKSFB partner organizations. Md. Mostafijur Rahman, Monitoring Officer of RRF's M&E Department, successfully completed the training.

### Leadership for Development Professionals: PKSFB Training



A five-day training on "Leadership for Development Professionals" was held at PKSFBhaban from February 16-20, 2025, with 21 officials from 20 partner organizations participating. Aminur Rahman, Monitoring Officer at RRF, successfully attended the program.

## RRF Internal Training



In February 2025, the **RRF Training Unit** organized **04 batches of training** for newly recruited **Credit Officers**. A total of **111 credit officers** participated in the sessions, which aimed to enhance their knowledge and skills in microfinance operations.

## RRF Distributes Blankets to Cold-Stricken Communities



Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) distributed blankets among 200 helpless cold-stricken people on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at Jashore Municipality Branch and Jashore Upashar Branch. The event was attended by RRF's Assistant Executive Director Mr. Antony Biswas, Director (Microfinance) Mr. Arun Kumar Biswas, Director (Finance & Accounts) Mr. Sanjay Saha, Jashore Zone Assistant Director Md. Shahid Haider, and the NRB Bank Manager of Jashore Branch. This initiative aims to support underprivileged communities during winter.

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

On February 4, 2025, the Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) organized a free medical camp at Chaumuhani Branch, Begumganj Upazila, Noakhali, providing essential healthcare and free medicines to flood-affected people. The event was attended by Md. Yasin Alam, Regional Manager (Noakhali Zone), Bishnu Kisor Pal, Deputy Assistant Animal Resources Officer (Begumganj Upazila), Medical Officer Mostakim Hossain, and Branch Manager Mahmudul Hasan. This initiative reflects RRF's commitment to supporting vulnerable communities in times of crisis.



## MF Monthly Co-ordination Meeting at RRF HO



The monthly meeting of Assistant Directors was held on February 5, 2025, at the Central Office of Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF), Jessore. The meeting was attended by Founder & Executive Director Mr. Philip Biswas, Director Mr. Arun Kumar Biswas, and Cell Heads of the Central Office and all Assistant directors of all zone of RRF. Key discussions focused on organizational progress, strategic planning, and operational improvements to enhance program effectiveness.

## ED Sir visit at Meherpur Zone

On February 16, 2025, Executive Director of RRF visited the Meherpur Zone Office and inspected various branch offices. During the visit, Goutam Das, Assistant Director of Meherpur Zone, warmly welcomed him with flowers. The visit aimed to assess field operations, strengthen team coordination, and enhance service delivery in the region.





## RRF Recognizes Top Performers in Microfinance Program at zone level



RRF awarded **Microfinance (MF) staff** for their outstanding performance in various categories, including **increasing OTR, boosting savings, and reducing overdue amounts**. The **best performers** were recognized **zone-wise** during the **monthly zone meetings**. This initiative aims to motivate staff, enhance productivity, and strengthen RRF's microfinance operations.

## RRF Organizes Zone-Wise Staff Picnic for Recreation



RRF arranged **zone-level picnics** for staff recreation, with most events held on **February 14, 2025**. This initiative aimed to **boost motivation, enhance team bonding, and**

**increase work efficiency**. The recreational event provided employees with a refreshing break, fostering a positive work environment and reinforcing team spirit across all zo



## Annual Sports and Prize giving Ceremony at BBP Jashore School



The Annual Sports and Prize-Giving Ceremony of Barnamala Bidyapith (BBP) Jashore School was held on 2nd February 2025 with great enthusiasm and celebration. The event was graced by Philip Biswas, Founder & Executive Director of RRF, who attended the program along with Md. Mokbul Ahmed, Deputy Director, Communication & Documentation Department. Students showcased their talents through various cultural performances, including dance, singing, and other artistic displays, making the event lively and memorable. The day also featured sports competitions, followed by a prize-giving ceremony, where outstanding students were recognized and awarded for their achievements.

BBP Kamarpara Annual Sports & Prize Giving Ceremony



BBP Ulashi School celebrated Annual sports prize giving and Pitha Festival



BBP Bahadurpur School celebrated Annual sports prize giving and Pitha Festival



Annual Picnic held at All BBP School in the month of February 2025



Class Monitor election at BBP Girls school, Jashore

On 24th February 2025, BBP Girls' School, Jashore, organized a **class monitor election** with a **real voting system setup**, allowing students to experience the democratic process firsthand. Students actively participated by **casting their votes**, managing the election process, and overseeing vote counting. After the results were finalized, teachers officially **presented the monitor badges** to the newly elected class monitors, encouraging leadership and responsibility among students.





## Training on Safe Fisheries Production and Marketing: RMTF Project



Under the Rural Microenterprise Transformation Project (RMTF), a two-day training on "ToT on HACCP Protocol, BAP, GMP, Global GAP, and Certification Process" was held on 12-13 February 2024 at TURC, RRF, Ramnagar, Jessore. Twenty-five participants from five organizations attended. The event was inaugurated by RRF's Founder Executive Director, Mr. Philip Biswas. Experts, including Dr. Md. Asaduzzaman, Sanjida Haque, Jyoti Kona Das, and private sector professionals, enriched the sessions. The training was conducted by Mr. Md. Anisur Rahman of Intertek, with contributions from Mr. Pankaj Kundu and Dr. Asit Baran Mondal, a joyful and welcoming atmosphere.

## Heifer International Conducts Flower Value Chain Study in Jhikargacha



Heifer International has initiated a **flower value chain study** in **Jhikargacha Upazila**, starting on **February 22, 2025**, and concluding on **March 1, 2025**. A team from **Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University (SAU)** is conducting **229 household surveys, FGDs, and KIIs** with key stakeholders, including producers, traders, processors, and consumers. On **February 24**, SAU professors visited **Gerbera Nari Somobay Somiti members** at **Panisara** to discuss sector challenges, opportunities, and expectations. The study aims to strengthen the **flower industry** by identifying key issues and potential improvements in the value chain.

## PKSF Delegation Visits RRF's RHL Project in Morelganj

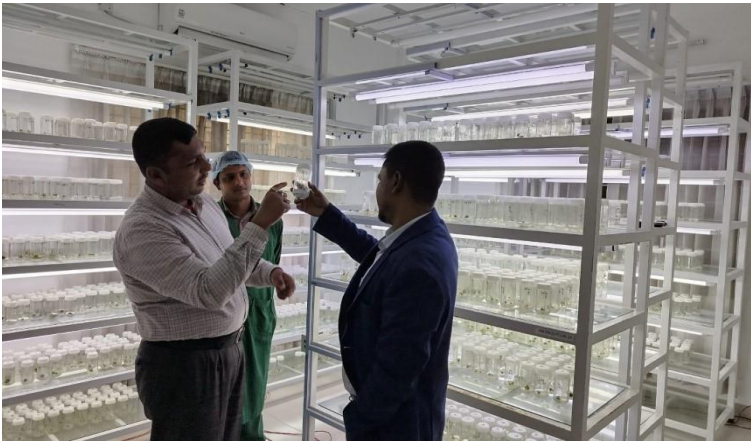


On February 6, 2025, three PKSF representatives visited RRF's RHL project in Morelganj, Bagerhat. Md. Abu Nashir Khan and Md. Mahmuduzzaman inspected project activities, including loft-style goat housing, homestead construction, vegetable gardens, tree plantations, and crab farming. Meanwhile, Md. Al Amin reviewed financial documents. The visit was coordinated by Dr. Asit Baran Mondal, Senior Assistant Director, RRF. After the field visit, the delegation held a meeting, encouraging staff to work with greater dedication for project success.





## District Seed Certification Officer Visits Green Biotech Tissue Culture



On February 11, 2025, Md. Ruhul Amin, District Seed Certification Officer, Jashore, visited the Green Biotech Tissue Culture Lab to observe potato seed production activities. He inspected InVitro Potato Plantlet Production, Minituber Production, and certified seed potato fields in Godkhali, Kaimcola, and Jhikorgacha, Jashore. Praising the lab's Gerbera and Potato plantlet production, he provided guidance to expand tissue culture-based

potato seed production and improve quality seed production. His visit highlighted the lab's potential in advancing agricultural biotechnology.

## Community outreach Program Under: RAISE Project



Under the RAISE project, a Community Outreach Program was organized on 24th February 2025 at Kholadanga, Chanchra, as part of Batch-5 activities. A total of 108 participants attended the event, which focused on developing apprentices and young entrepreneurs. The initiative aimed to enhance their skills, provide guidance, and create networking opportunities for sustainable business growth. Through interactive sessions and discussions, participants gained valuable insights to

strengthen their entrepreneurial journey. This outreach program reflects the project's commitment to empowering youth and fostering economic development.

## CBF Staff Conducts Field Visit to Housing and Sanitation: CBF Project

CBF staff conducted a field visit to inspect the houses and sanitation facilities constructed under the Housing and Sanitation Project. During the visit, they engaged with project participants, assessed the quality of construction, and gathered feedback on the impact of the initiative. The team ensured that the structures met required standards and addressed any concerns raised by beneficiaries. This visit highlights the project's commitment to improving living conditions and promoting better hygiene practices within the community.





## PPEPP-EU Project Review Meeting Held at RRF HO



A discussion meeting to review the progress of the **PPEPP-EU Project** was held on **6th February 2025**. The session was attended by **Mr. Michal Kreza, Head of Development Cooperation from the European Union**, along with three other high-ranking EU officials. Additionally, six officials from **PKSF, the Microfinance Head**, and the **Project Coordinator of the PPEPP Project** from seven organizations participated. The meeting focused on evaluating the project’s **achievements, challenges, and future directions**, ensuring sustainable impact and continued development efforts.

## Electrical Installation & House Wiring Training Begins Under PPEPP-EU



On **16th February 2025**, a **training program on Electrical Installation & House Wiring** commenced under the **PPEPP-EU Project** at **RRF Chachra Training Center**. A total of **15 participants** enrolled in the program to develop technical skills essential for employment and entrepreneurship in the electrical sector. This initiative aims to empower individuals with hands-on knowledge, enhancing their career prospects and contributing to sustainable livelihoods.

## Satellite Clinic Held Under ENRICH Program

On **19th February 2025**, a **Satellite Clinic** was organized in **Darajhat Union, Bagharpara Upazila** under the **ENRICH Program** to provide essential healthcare services to the community. The initiative aimed to improve health awareness and ensure medical support for underprivileged individuals. Through this clinic, local residents received consultations, check-ups, and necessary treatments, reinforcing RRF’s commitment to community well-being and accessible healthcare.



Dental Camp held at RRF Senior Citizen Club



In Shimulia, on February 11, 2025 a dental camp held at 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 were also provided to the elderly, along with nutritious breakfasts to ensure their well-being.

RRF Pre School: Annual Sports & Prize giving

On 2nd February 2025, the Annual Sports and Prize-Giving Ceremony of RRF Pre-School was held with great enthusiasm. Young students participated in various sporting events, showcasing their energy, teamwork, and sportsmanship. The event concluded with an exciting prize distribution ceremony, where winners were awarded for their outstanding performances. Teachers, parents, and RRF officials attended the event, encouraging the children and appreciating their efforts. The celebration highlighted the importance of extracurricular activities in early childhood development and overall growth.



Blood grouping camp Under RRF's Community Health Care



On 9th February 2025, the RRF Community Healthcare Program conducted a free blood grouping and nutrition check-up at Al Helal Academy, Adas, Jashore. This initiative aimed to promote health awareness among students and the local community. Medical professionals provided free blood grouping services and nutrition consultations to assess overall well-being. Participants received valuable guidance on maintaining a balanced diet and healthy lifestyle. The program reflects RRF's ongoing commitment to improving community health through accessible healthcare services.

## Empowering Women Entrepreneurs: A Path to Progress

*Pinku Rita Biswas, Founder Deputy Executive Director, RRF*



At Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF), we believe that empowering women entrepreneurs is key to sustainable development. Founder & Deputy Executive Director, Pinku Rita Biswas, strongly advocates for creating opportunities where women can thrive in business and leadership.

*"Women are not just contributors to the economy; they are changemakers. Their resilience, creativity, and determination drive communities forward. At RRF, we stand beside them, providing skills, resources, and financial support to turn dreams into reality."*

Through training, financial inclusion, and mentorship, RRF has nurtured countless women entrepreneurs, ensuring they achieve independence and success. By fostering an environment of inclusivity and support, we strengthen families, uplift communities, and pave the way for a more equitable future.

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