

### RRF Holds General Meeting on Budget for FY 2025–26



Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) held its General Budget Meeting for the financial year 2025–26 on 26 June 2025 at its Head Office. The meeting was attended by RRF Chairman Kolopona Biswas, Executive Committee members, General Body members, Founder Executive Director Philip Biswas, and Assistant Executive Director Antony Biswas. Due to medical reasons, Deputy Executive Director Mrs. Pinku Rita Biswas was unable to attend. All the Department Head of RRF Admin & HR, M&E, Internal Audit, F&A, Microfinance Director, Comm. & Doc. all were present.



The meeting commenced with the National Anthem, followed by a welcome speech from the Assistant Executive Director. The Chairman then delivered the opening remarks and formally inaugurated the session. Mr. Sonjoy Saha, Director of Finance & Accounts, presented the proposed budget for FY 2025–26 in the presence of all departmental heads.

The session concluded with an address by Executive Director Philip Biswas, who emphasized accountability, efficiency, and collaborative efforts for achieving the organization’s goals in the coming year. The meeting reflected RRF’s ongoing commitment to participatory governance and transparent financial planning.



## International Father's Day 2025 Celebrated at RRF



together like a family.

On the occasion of International Father's Day, celebrated on the third Sunday of June, RRF staff paid heartfelt tribute to Founder Executive Director Mr. Philip Biswas by presenting a flower bouquet. Honoring him as a guiding father figure of the organization, the team expressed gratitude for his leadership, care, and the way he has brought everyone

## Environment Day-2025 Celebrated: Under SMART Project

Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) observed World Environment Day 2025 in collaboration with Ganna Environment Club of SMART Project. The event was held under the global theme **"Beat Plastic Pollution."** The program featured Agriculturist Sasty Chandra Roy, Deputy Director of DAE, Khamarbari, Jhenaidah, as the Chief Guest. Special guests included Agriculturist Nur-E-Nabi, Upazila Agriculture Officer, Sadar, Jhenaidah, and Mostafa Shahid, Principal of Alhaz Moshiur Rahman Degree College.



## 196th Executive Committee Meeting Held at RRF Head

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along with Founder Executive Director Philip Biswas. This session was particularly significant as it focused on the approval and discussion of the general budget for the financial year 2025–26.

The 196th quarterly Executive Committee (EC) meeting of RRF was held on 19 June 2025 at the 1st floor meeting room of RRF Head Office. The meeting was presided over by the Honourable Chairman Kolpona Biswas and attended by all six Executive Committee members

## Teachers Training by Gov't: Barnamala Bidyapith



The present era is the era of information and technology. The use of information and communication technology (ICT) in the education sector is increasing day by day and it is now essential to acquire skills in ICT as a modern and efficient teacher. This month, 20 teachers from Barnamala Bidyapith Jashore, Ulashi & Kamarpara participated in 2/4 day training on ICT organized by the Secondary Education Office.

## Refresher Training on MIS : Under SMART Project



A refresher training-SMART MIS under the Sustainable Microenterprise and Resilient Transformation (SMART) project was held at PKSf Bhaban, Dhaka, organized by PKSf. Three staff members from RRF, holding different positions, participated in the training. The refresher session aimed to provide updated guidelines and operational directions to staff for effective implementation and management of the SMART project.

## RRF Internal Training



During the current month of June-2025, a total of 1 batch of Credit Officers training has been completed. A total of 29 Credit Officers completed the course. The important training content includes field visits, assignments, group-based activities, cultural evenings, mentoring sessions and exercises that reinforce learning outcomes. It is to be noted that the training batch was held at NGO Forum Regional Training Center Jashore due to unavailability of venue in TARC.

RRF Launches 11th Microfinance Zone in Gauripur



On 1 June 2025, RRF inaugurated its newest microfinance zone—Gauripur—marking the organization’s 11th operational zone. This strategic expansion targets communities in Munshiganj and Cumilla districts. The Gauripur Zone office is located in Gauripur Thana, Doudkandi, Cumilla District, and will serve as a focal point for delivering microfinance services and empowering local entrepreneurs across the region. Following the opening of RRF’s 11th

Microfinance Zone in Gauripur, Microfinance Director Mr. Arun Kumar Biswas visited the newly established zone office. During the visit, he was welcomed by Assistant Director of the zone Mr. Tarikul Islam, along with the Regional Manager, AIS Officer, and other staff members.

Water.org Meeting Attended by RRF Representative



A Refresher Workshop for Partners: Workplan, Budget, and Partner Monitoring Practices organized by Water.org was held on 19 June 2025 at The Westin Dhaka, located at Gulshan Avenue, Gulshan-2, Dhaka. RRF was represented by its focal person and Director of the Microfinance Program, Mr. Arun Kumar Biswas, Program Manager Sunil Kumar Roy and Project accountant Masud Parvej . The meeting focused on collaborative initiatives related to water, sanitation, and financial inclusion.

**New component unlocked: Water & Sanitation loan product**

RRF Microfinance Program has introduced a specialized loan component in June 2025 focused on improving access to safe water and sanitation at the household level with the support of Water.org. This component is divided into two parts: one for water and the other for sanitation. The water loan will support the installation or improvement of tube wells, water filters, or other safe water sources, while the sanitation loan will assist in constructing

## Half Yearly Examination Commenced at Barnamala Bidyapith Schools



The half-yearly examination for classes 6 to 10 began across all Barnamala Bidyapith (BBP) schools from [insert date]. To uphold exam integrity and ensure uniformity, teachers from all BBP schools collaboratively prepared question papers, from which one final set was selected for each subject. This collective approach not only strengthened examination ethics but also promoted fairness and consistency in assessment

across the schools.

## Father's Day Celebrated with Heartfelt Tributes at BBP Schools

Barnamala Bidyapith (BBP) schools under RRF celebrated Father's Day with warmth and creativity. On this special occasion, primary students made handmade cards expressing love and gratitude for their fathers. Students from classes 6 to 10 wrote heartfelt letters to their fathers, sharing personal thoughts, appreciation, and memories. The celebration aimed to strengthen the bond between children and their fathers, while encouraging emotional expression and family values.



## Fruit Festival arranged at BBP Bahadurpur



A Fruit Festival was organized at BBP Bahadurpur on 1st June 2025 at the school premises. Students brought a variety of fruits, both local and international, to showcase and share with others. The event helped enhance students' knowledge about different types of fruits from around the world, as well as the nutritional benefits they offer.

Md. Mokbul Ahmed, Deputy Director of the Communication & Documentation Department of RRF, was present at the event and encouraged the students to continue learning through such interactive and engaging activities.

Fourth Batch of Skills Training Under NHRDF Underway



Two batches of skills training on Food & Beverage and Electrical Installation & Maintenance are currently underway under the National Human Resource Development Fund (NHRDF). Each batch consists of 24 participants, totaling 48 trainees. This marks the

fourth batch of the year, reflecting continued efforts to enhance youth employability and technical capacity through practical, demand-driven training programs. The initiative aims to equip participants with industry-relevant skills to support their entry into the workforce or entrepreneurship.

RPL Assessment Conducted at TTC Jashore: under RAISE



A Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) assessment was started from 28<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at the Technical Training Center (TTC), Jashore, under the supervision of the National Skills Development Authority (NSDA). The assessment focused on two trades: Tailoring and Electrical Installation & Maintenance. The program was organized as

part of the PKSF-funded RAISE Project to formally recognize the skills of individuals gained through informal learning and work experience. The initiative aims to enhance employability by providing official certification to skilled participants, contributing to the national goal of developing a competent workforce.

Closing Ceremony Held Training on Electrical Installation and House Wiring: PPEPP-EU project



The closing ceremony of the three-month residential training on *Electrical Installation and House Wiring*, held from 16 February to 22 May 2025, was organized at the RRF PPEPP-EU Project Training Center in Chachra, Jashore. A total of 15 participants successfully completed the training. Among them, 6 participants were from RRF, 3 from Nabolok Parishad, 2

from Uddipan, 2 from HEED Bangladesh, and 2 from Unnayan Prochesta. At the end of the training, certificates and toolkits were distributed to all the participants. The program concluded with warm wishes for the future success of all trainees

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## Training on Climate on Vulnerability and Environmental Management: SMART Project



Under the SMART Project, RRF completed two batches of training on Climate Vulnerability and Environmental Management at Jhikargacha-1 Branch, with participation from 49 microenterprises.

Agriculturist Md. Mosharof Hossain, Deputy Director, DAE, Jashore, led the first session as a resource person. Other sessions featured Agriculturist Abu Talha (District Training Officer, DAE), Agriculturist Md. Jahangir Alam (UAO,

Jhikargacha), and Hasan Md. Navidul Anzum (Assistant Professor, Dept. of Climate and Disaster Management, JUST).

## Tree saplings distribution & Plantation: GCF-RHL Project

To mitigate climate change impacts and protect homesteads from storms and tidal surges, RRF organized a tree plantation program under the RHL Project. The initiative took place on 3 and 24 June in Jeodhara Nishanbaria and Hoglabuniya Unions, Morrelganj, Bagerhat. A total of 7,200 climate-resilient fruit and medicinal saplings—including coconut, betel nut, neem, sapodilla, and wood apple—were distributed among 1,200 families. Additionally, 14,400 yards of netting were provided for sapling protection. To mitigate climate change impacts and protect homesteads from storms and tidal surges, RRF organized a tree plantation program under the RHL Project. The initiative took place on 3 and 24 June in Jeodhara Nishanbaria and Hoglabuniya Unions, Morrelganj, Bagerhat. A total of 7,200 climate-resilient fruit and medicinal saplings—including coconut, betel nut, neem, sapodilla, and wood apple—were distributed among 1,200 families.



## Training on Summer Vegetable Cultivation Held Under GCF-RHL



In June 2025, RRF organized training for 243 RHL beneficiaries (173 male, 70 female) in 12 batches on summer vegetable cultivation under the GCF-RHL project. The sessions focused on soil preparation, seed sowing, pest control, and organic fertilizers. Mr. Sayful Islam, Upazila Agriculture Officer, led the training, with support from Mr. Farhad Sheikh and Mr. Mahmudur Rahman. Participants actively engaged in discussions, with many sharing that it was their first formal training and expressing eagerness to apply the knowledge in their homesteads.

## Bi-Annual Stakeholder Meeting on Flower Value Chain Held in Jhikargacha: BD-17 Project



On June 2, 2025, RRF organized a bi-annual multi-stakeholder meeting at Rostom Ali Café, Jhikargacha, under the *Climate-Smart Vegetable and Flower Value Chain Project*. A total of **35 participants** including cooperative leaders, lead farmers, branding companies (AR Malik, Ispahani, Russel), and flower traders attended. The **Upazila Cooperative Officer** served as a key speaker. The meeting focused on improving agro-input access, adopting modern farming practices, reducing production risks, and

boosting farmers' income through collaborative efforts.

## Training on Value-Added Fish Products and Marketing Held:RMTP Project



Under the Rural Microenterprise Transformation Project (RMTP), a two-day residential training titled “Training of Small Entrepreneurs on Value-Added Fish Products and Marketing” was held at RRF Head Office. A total of 20 participants (14 male, 6 female) from Chuadanga, Satkhira, Jashore, Khulna, and Bagerhat attended. The training aimed to promote ready-to-eat,

value-added fish products, ensuring safe protein for consumers and fair market prices for small-scale fish entrepreneurs. Under the Rural Microenterprise Transformation Project (RMTP), a two-day residential training titled “Training of Small Entrepreneurs on Value-Added Fish Products and Marketing” was held at RRF Head Office. A total of 20 participants (14 male, 6 female) from Chuadanga, Satkhira, Jashore, Khulna, and Bagerhat attended. The training aimed to promote ready-to-eat, value-added fish products, ensuring safe protein for consumers and fair market prices for small-scale fish entrepreneurs.

## Training and Certification on BAP, GMP Completed for Fish Farmers Under:RMTP Project

Under the Rural Microenterprise Transformation Project (RMTP), **eight batches** of training on **BAP, GMP, and audit/certification** were successfully conducted, reaching **550 participants** (240 male, 310 female) in **Manirampur, Keshabpur, and Abhoynagar**. The sessions aimed to equip fish farmers and entrepreneurs with knowledge of international quality standards, certification processes, and good governance practices. The training is expected to enhance their competitiveness in global markets by ensuring safe, certified, and high-quality fish production.



## RRF PPEPP-EU Events Highlights



from COVID-19.

### • COVID-19 Prevention Awareness Campaign Conducted by RRF: PPEPP-EU Project

The Health Awareness Campaign 2025 on COVID-19 Prevention was organized by the PPEPP-EU Project Unit of RRF, Bolaibunia Branch. The campaign included miking through the village and discussion meetings to raise community awareness about the do's and don'ts for preventing the coronavirus. The activities aimed to educate people on effective measures to protect themselves and others

### • Specialized Eye Camps Conducted in Modhupur and Bolaibunia under PPEPP-EU Project

Under the PPEPP-EU Project, specialized eye camps were organized on **19 June 2025** at Modhupur Union and on **22 June 2025** at Bolaibunia Union. At the two specialized eye camps, a total of **72 general patients** and **8 cataract patients** were treated in Modhupur, while **69 general patients** and **8 cataract patients** received treatment in Bolaibunia. In total, **141 general patients** received eye care services, and **16 cataract patients** were diagnosed and underwent cataract surgery through Reverend Abdul Wadud Memorial Hospital.



## ENRICH Project Highlights

### • Special Eye Camp: Provides Free Treatment and Cataract Surgeries: ENRICH Project



were also provided with free prescriptions and medicines. The entire cost of treatment was covered by RRF and PKSF.

On 18 June 2025, a special eye camp was held at the Naldi Unit Office, Narail and on 21 June 2025 held at Bagharpara Unit Office, Jashore where two doctors provided medical services to patients. Among the attending doctors were specialists from Khulna BNSB Eye Hospital in Narail and Ad-din in bagahrapara. . A total of **187 patients** from Naldi Union received free eye treatment during the camp. Among them, **14 patients** underwent free cataract surgeries. A total of **162 patients** received medical treatment in Bagharpara Upazila, and **19 patients** underwent cataract surgeries. All 349 patients

### • Upazila-Level Sports & Cultural Competition, Development Fair, and Award Ceremony Held in Bagharpara, Jashore

An Upazila-level sports and cultural competition, along with a development fair, award distribution, and honor ceremony, was held in Bagharpara, Jashore. Events included a mini marathon, cycling rally, and annual sports competitions for teenagers, youths, and senior citizens. The program also featured award distribution and a vibrant cultural performance, celebrating community spirit and talent across all age groups



## Walking Stick Distributed: Senior Citizen Program



Walking sticks were distributed to 16 elderly members of the SAROTHI Senior Citizen Club in Jashore Sadar as part of RRF's continued efforts to support the well-being of senior citizens. In addition, a health camp was organized where free medical check-ups, medicines, and daily snacks were provided to members of all four elderly clubs

operated by RRF. These initiatives aim to improve the quality of life and health care access for the elderly community.

## Parent Teacher meeting held at Pre-Schools

A Parent-Teacher Meeting was held at Kamarpara Pre-School in Jhikargacha, Jashore, with the participation of pre-school students' parents, the Headmaster, and the Assistant Headmaster. During the meeting, discussions focused on the overall progress of the children, their learning activities, and ways to support their improvement. The school authorities appreciated the involvement of parents and emphasized the importance of joint efforts between teachers and guardians in ensuring the holistic development of the students.



## Adolescent Health Camp Held Under Community Health Care Program



Under the RRF Community Healthcare Program, various health-related activities were implemented throughout June 2025 to improve the well-being of community members. Medical camps were organized with the support of MBBS doctors, providing essential medical consultations and services. Regular health check-ups were carried out by trained paramedics to monitor and support the general health of residents. In addition, courtyard sessions were held to raise awareness on personal hygiene, nutrition, and disease prevention among women and families. School-based healthcare and awareness programs were also conducted to promote healthy habits and early health education among students. These initiatives reflect RRF's commitment to accessible, preventive, and community-based healthcare services.

## Water and Sanitation—A Fundamental Right and Pathway to Dignity

Executive Director, Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF)



*Water is life, and sanitation is dignity. In a country like Bangladesh, where millions live in rural and climate-vulnerable regions, access to safe drinking water and hygienic sanitation is not just a public health issue—it is a matter of human dignity, social equity, and sustainable development.*

*Despite notable progress in recent decades, many marginalized families, especially in low-lying and coastal areas, still struggle to access clean water and basic sanitation. This lack is not merely inconvenient; it puts lives at risk through waterborne diseases, stunted growth in children, school absenteeism among girls, and reduced*

*productivity across households.*

*As an organization deeply rooted in the development landscape of Bangladesh, RRF believes that safe water and sanitation should not be seen as charity, but as a wise investment in people. That is why we have introduced inclusive and affordable microcredit support for water and sanitation improvements at the household level. A small loan can empower a family to install a hygienic latrine, construct a safe tube well, or build a water reservoir. These changes may seem small—but they are revolutionary in their impact.*

*Women no longer have to walk miles for water. Children fall sick less. Household income rises because adults lose fewer workdays due to illness. The mental burden of living in an unhygienic environment is lifted, and a sense of dignity returns to the home.*

*We have already seen the positive changes this approach can bring. Thousands of families supported by RRF are now living healthier and more secure lives. But to reach the millions still waiting, we must continue to scale our efforts—with the help of our partners, donors, and community members themselves.*

*Water and sanitation are not privileges. They are rights. And with the right kind of support—including access to credit—we can ensure that no family in Bangladesh is left behind.*

*Let us continue to work together to make safe water and sanitation a reality for all.*

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