

RRF Observes National & International Youth Day 2025 "তারুণ্যের উৎসব ২০২৫"



On 12 August 2025, Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) celebrated **National and International Youth Day 2025** in a festive manner under the banner of “**Youth Festival 2025**.” This year marked a historic moment, as for the first time, **National Youth Day** and **International Youth Day** were observed together on the same date across the country. The theme for this year’s celebration was: (*Technology-driven Youth, Advancing through Multilateral Partnerships*).



banners and festoons highlighting the role of youth in national progress.

Alongside national celebrations, **Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF)** observed **National & International Youth Day 2025** under the **ENRICH Program**, supported by **PKSF**. Youth club members of the program enthusiastically joined a colorful rally carrying banners and festoons, expressing their commitment to the year’s theme.

The rallies were held in **Abhaynagar and Sharsha upazilas of Jashore district** and **Lohagara upazila of Narail district**, where **ENRICH** youth members showcased their unity and determination to contribute to socio-economic development.

To mark the occasion, RRF organized a colorful rally, which started from the RRF Headquarters in Jashore and later joined the central rally at the Collectorate Building, moving through major points of the town. Senior officials, employees of RRF, and young trainees from the RAISE project participated actively, carrying



RRF: Training Beyond Horizons

In **August 2025**, RRF organized multiple training sessions for its newly recruited Credit Officers and Assistant Managers (A/C & Loan) across different locations. A total of 3 trainings were held in Cumilla & Madaripur **while** 4 sessions took place at RRF TARC, Jashore. A total of 197 new staff where **170** Credit Officer in 06 batches and **27** Assistant Manager (A/c & Loan) in 01 batch received training in the month of August 2025.

CUMILLA Zone



Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) successfully conducted **two batches of Credit Officers training** at the **NGO Forum Regional Training Centre (RTF), Cumilla** 07-10 August and another batch on 10-13 August, 2025. A total of **56 participants** attended the sessions, which focused on enhancing skills in financial management, loan operations, and microfinance best practices.

MADARIPUR Zone



Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) successfully conducted one batch of Credit Officers training at the Madaripur Legal Aid Association from 25 to 28 August 2025. A total of **25 participants** attended the training, which focused on enhancing skills in financial management, loan operations, and microfinance best practices.



• Internal Training at RRF TARC

In August 2025, RRF organized four batches of internal training at the RRF Training and Resource Centre (TARC), Jashore. A total of 89 Credit Officers participated across three batches, while 27 Assistant Managers (A/C & Loan) attended one dedicated batch.

The sessions focused on enhancing professional skills, financial management, and operational efficiency,

ensuring that newly recruited staff are well-prepared to contribute effectively to RRF's Microfinance Program. Participants actively engaged in practical exercises, discussions, and scenario-based learning to strengthen their knowledge and field readiness.

Internal Audit: PKSF training



Abdur Rahim, Auditor of Cumilla Zone, RRF Microfinance Program, attended a Five days training on Internal Audit organized by PKSF from 24-28 August 2025 at PKSF Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka.

The training focused on strengthening internal audit practices, enhancing financial control mechanisms, and improving risk management within microfinance operations. Participation in such capacity-building programs reflects RRF's commitment to maintaining transparency, accountability, and operational excellence across its programs.

RRF Conducts Monthly Coordination Meetings Across All Zones



In the first week of August 2025, RRF organized **monthly coordination meetings** in all zone offices of the **Microfinance Program**. Department heads from **RRF Headquarters** attended the meetings and shared **guidelines, strategies, and best practices** to enhance program effectiveness.

The sessions focused on improving operational efficiency, strengthening team coordination, and addressing field-level challenges. Such meetings reflect RRF's commitment to **continuous learning,**

staff development, and the betterment of its microfinance services across all zones.

RRF Inaugurates New Microfinance Branches in Narsingdi

Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) officially inaugurated its **Belabo Branch** and **Narsingdi Sadar Branch** under the **Narsingdi region** of the Microfinance Program. The ceremony was graced by **Mr. Arun Kumar Biswas, Executive Director (Microfinance), RRF.**

During his visit, Director-Microfinance provided **guidance and instructions** to all branch staff, emphasizing the importance of **efficient service delivery, operational excellence, and client-focused microfinance initiatives.**

He also toured the branches to review ongoing activities and interact with the staff to understand field-level challenges and opportunities. The inauguration of these branches is part of RRF's continuous effort to **expand microfinance services,** strengthen field operations, and enhance financial inclusion across rural communities in Bangladesh.



RRF Conducts Post-Flood Skills Workshop for Microfinance Staff



Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) organized a **post-flood skills workshop** under **Water.org** for all staff of the **Mymensingh region, Dhaka Zone.**

The workshop was attended by the **Assistant Director of Dhaka Zone** along with all regional staff, focusing on enhancing knowledge and practical skills for **flood recovery, water**

management, and community support. The initiative reflects RRF's commitment to **strengthening staff capacity** to respond effectively to climate-related challenges and support vulnerable communities.

SICIP Project Inception Ceremony Held at RRF



The inception ceremony of the SICIP Project was held at RRF Headquarters on 21 August 2025. The event was attended by PKSF officials and key project personnel, including Mr. Arun Kumar Biswas, Project Focal, RRF, Ahmed Tawsif Rochi, SICIP Coordinator, PKSF, and Md. Ziauddin Iqbal, Senior General Manager & Chief Coordinator, PKSF.

During the ceremony, the dignitaries discussed the objectives, implementation strategies, and expected outcomes of the SICIP Project. The initiative aims to strengthen community development, skill enhancement, and financial inclusion for targeted beneficiaries.

Premier Bank MD Visits RRF Jashore Office



On 1st August 2025, Mr. Mohammad Abu Jafar, Honourable Managing Director & CEO of Premier Bank, visited the Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) in Jashore as part of his official tour.

The visit was warmly welcomed by RRF's Executive Director and Director (Finance & Accounts), who greeted Mr. Jafar with a bouquet of flowers. During the visit, discussions were held on

potential collaborations, financial inclusion initiatives, and community development projects, highlighting RRF's ongoing efforts to empower rural communities through sustainable development and microfinance programs.

RRF Showcases Opportunities at Barishal Job Fair: BY BD Jobs



On the occasion of RRF's new journey in Barishal district, the organization participated in a job fair organized by Bdjobs, providing a remarkable opportunity to introduce itself to potential candidates. The event was held on Thursday, 2025, at Barishal Club, with participation from 43 renowned organizations across various sectors. RRF representatives shared information about the organization, its programs, and career opportunities.

The participation reflects RRF's commitment to attracting talented professionals and expanding its impact in the Barishal region.



Life Skills Training Conducted :Under RAISE Project

Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) organized Life Skills Training at RRF Chanchra from 24 to 28 August 2025. The training was conducted in two batches, with a total of 57 participants attending.

The sessions focused on enhancing personal development, communication skills, problem-solving abilities, and teamwork, aiming to empower participants with essential life skills for both professional and personal growth. Participants actively engaged in interactive exercises and discussions to strengthen their confidence and practical knowledge.



Crab Fattening & Farming Training for : RHL Beneficiaries



During the reporting month, RRF organized two batches of training on Crab Fattening and Farming for 51 RHL beneficiaries. The sessions were held from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, facilitated by Mr. Abdullah Al Modasser, Upazila Marine Fisheries Officer, Morrelganj, as chief trainer, and Mrs. Fathema Akther, Best Entrepreneur of Morrelganj 2025, as assistant trainer, with overall coordination by Mr. Waliullah

Shuvo, CMO (Fisheries).

Training on GAP, BAP, and HACCP for Fish Farmers: Under RMTF Project

On July 1, 2025, RRF and FINISH Mondial Bangladesh (FMB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate on improving sanitation, waste management, and rural development in Bangladesh. The two-year partnership focuses on climate-resilient sanitation, inclusive financing, and capacity building, aiming to promote sustainable WASH solutions and livelihood opportunities for low-income communities. Designated coordinators for the partnership are Md. Mojibur Rahaman (FMB) and Md. Shamim Uddin (RRF).





SMART Project Conducts Environment Club Meetings



Under the **SMART Project**, **environment club meetings** were held across five upazilas—**Jhenaidah** **Sadar**, **Kotchandpur**, **Kaliganj**, **Maheshpur**, and **Jhikargachha**—covering **Jhenaidah** and **Jashore districts**. A total of **154 participants** attended, including **41 males** and **113 females**. The environment clubs serve as a platform to enhance **climate awareness**,

sustainable agriculture practices, and **microenterprise development** among members. Participants engaged in discussions on **climate-smart farming techniques** and shared knowledge to strengthen resilience and promote environmentally friendly agricultural practices in their communities.

Soil Testing Awareness Campaign Conducted : Under BD-17 Project

RRF organized **28 awareness campaigns** on **soil testing** in **Jhikorgacha** and **Chawgacha upazilas**, Jashore. Beneficiaries from various villages, unions, and cooperative groups attended, including Gerbera, Golap, Shapnokuri, Akota, Alorsandhan, Shatota, and Provati Nari Samobay Sammittees. Participants learned **soil sample collection**, **soil testing procedures**, and **the benefits of soil analysis**. The program equipped farmers and cooperative members with practical skills to enhance **agricultural productivity** and **sustainable farming practices**.



Gender and Justice Training Conducted for SHG Members: Under BD-17



RRF organized **12 batches of Gender and Justice Training** for **298 SHG members** across **Chawgacha** and **Jhikorgacha upazilas**, Jashore. The sessions were held at various cooperative groups, including **Patibila**, **Singhajhuli**, **Dighalshingha**, **Gerbera**, **Golap**, **Barbakpur**, **Provati**, and **Shapnokuri Nari Samobay Sammittees**.

Barnamala Bidyapith School Organizes Class-wise Study Tour



curriculum.

As part of its commitment to experiential education, Barnamala Bidyapith Girls' School organized a class-wise study tour in August 2025. The initiative aimed to enhance students' learning through real-life exposure and practical experiences beyond the classroom. Students from different classes were taken to various educational, historical, and cultural sites relevant to their academic

Inter School Math Olympiad and Quiz Competition: BBP School

Barnamala Bidyapith Schools in Jashore, Ulashi, Kamarpara, and the Girls School Campus recently organized an Inter-School Math Olympiad and class-wise Quiz Competitions. The Olympiad was held between BBP Girls and BBP Jashore Schools, fostering a spirit of healthy competition and intellectual challenge among students. A total of students from different classes and campuses participated enthusiastically, demonstrating their problem-solving abilities, quick thinking, and teamwork skills. Winners were awarded certificates and gifts, recognizing their achievements and encouraging further academic excellence.



Tree Plantation Event Held under ENRICH Project on Youth Festival 2025



Under the ENRICH Project, implemented by RRF and supported by PKSF, a tree plantation event was organized on the occasion of Youth Festival 2025. The program took place in Abhaynagar and Sharsha Upazilas of Jashore District and Lohagara Upazila of Narail District.

The event was hosted by Upazila Project Coordinators and Assistant Coordinators of the ENRICH Program, with active participation from project beneficiaries of the respective unions. Participants planted trees and engaged in activities promoting environmental awareness, youth participation, and sustainable development.

RRF PPEPP-EU Events Highlights

• World Breastfeeding Week Celebrated under PPEPP-EU Project



Under the PPEPP-EU Project, World Breastfeeding Week 2025 was celebrated from 25 to 31 August 2025 in Madhupur and Sachiadah Unions of Terokhada Upazila, Khulna District and Bolibunia and Ramchandrapur Unions of Morrelganj Upazila, Bagerhat District. The theme this year was: “Prioritize Breastfeeding, Create Sustainable Support Systems.” Awareness events were conducted across 40 PVCs and 4 Mother & Child Forums, reaching a total of 872 members. Programs included discussion sessions and rallies highlighting the importance and benefits of

breastfeeding. Key officials, including the TO, BM, ATO, FM, and CNHP of the PPEPP-EU Project, attended the events and engaged with participants to promote maternal and child health awareness.

• Nutritional Support Provided under PPEPP-EU Project at Bolibunia

On 21 August 2025, the RRF PPEPP-EU Project in Bolibunia Union, Morrelganj, Bagerhat organized the distribution of high-quality, calorie-rich nutritious food for malnourished children.

Alongside the distribution, project officials conducted document verification at the office and held discussions with selected vocational training participants to monitor progress and provide guidance.



The initiative aims to improve child nutrition, support community well-being, and enhance the effectiveness of ongoing project activities.

• PPEPP-EU Project Officials Visit RRF Bolibunia Branch



On 26 August 2025, officials from the PPEPP Project under Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation—including Sub-Project Directors Tanvir Sultana and Rashedul Hasan, Program Manager Mohammad Ibrahim, and MIS Associate—visited the RRF Bolibunia Branch in Bolibunia Union, Morrelganj, Bagerhat.

During the visit, the officials inspected field-level activities, including technology demonstrations, and interacted with members to discuss ongoing project operations. The visit aimed to monitor progress, provide guidance, and strengthen engagement with community

members under the PPEPP-EU Project.

Walking Stick Distributed to Elderly Club Members



RRF organized a **support program for elderly club members**, distributing **walking sticks to 14 members of the Sarathi Club**. Alongside, **free medicines and health check-up camps** were conducted to ensure regular health monitoring.

Additionally, **daily nutritious snacks** were served across all **four elderly clubs**. The initiative aimed to **promote the well-being, mobility, and overall health of senior community members**, reflecting RRF's continued commitment to elder care and

community support.

Pre-School Program Activities Held in August 2025

During this month, **RRF-supported Pre-Schools** conducted their **2nd Term Examinations** to assess the learning progress of students. Following the examinations, **result cards were distributed** to students as a token of appreciation for their efforts and academic performance. The initiative aimed to **encourage early learning, recognize student achievements, and motivate continued engagement** in educational activities. Teachers and staff actively guided students throughout the process, ensuring a smooth and organized examination experience.



RRF Organizes Satellite Health Camp: Under Community Healthcare Program



On **26 August 2025**, under the **RRF Community Health Care Program**, residents of **Barbapkur village** received **low-cost medical services** through a **satellite camp**. The services were provided by an **MBBS doctor**, offering consultations and basic treatment to local community members. The initiative reflects RRF's commitment to **ensuring accessible and affordable health care** for rural communities, improving overall well-being and supporting preventive health measures.

"Youth: The Driving Force of a Prosperous and Sustainable Bangladesh"

Philip Biswas Assistant Executive Director, Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF)



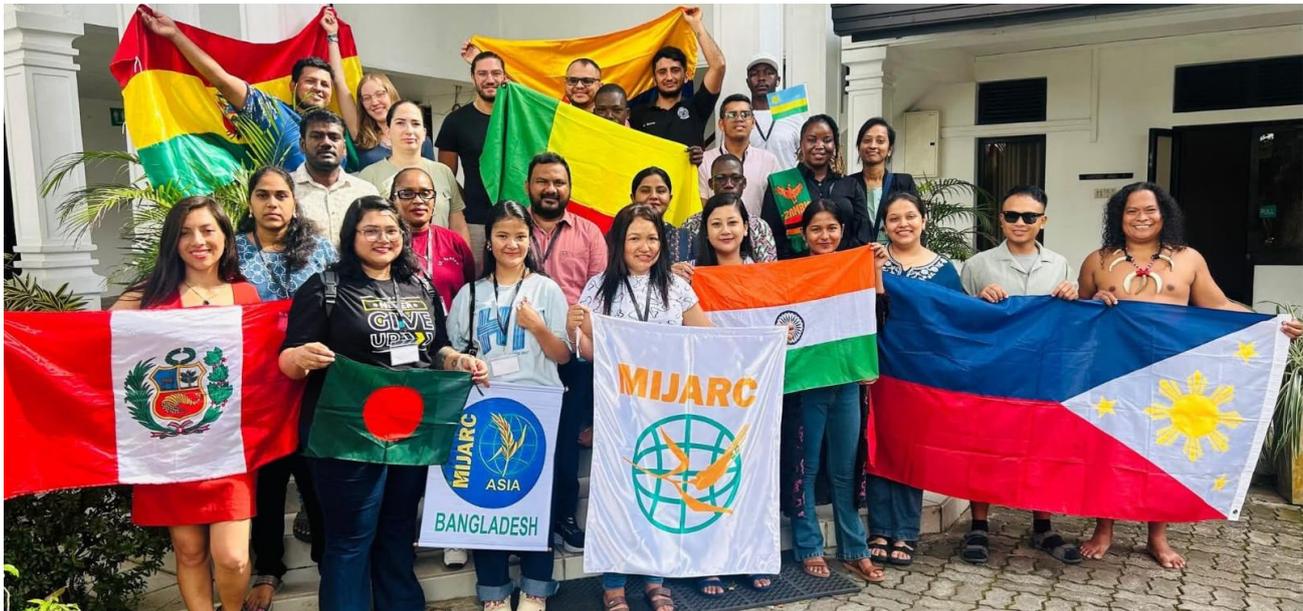
"Today, as we celebrate the Youth Festival 2025, I feel truly inspired to stand with the young generation of our country. Youth are the driving force of a nation. Their strength, creativity, and courage shape the foundation of a brighter tomorrow."

At RRF, we have always believed that empowering youth means empowering society. That is why we are working tirelessly through our education, skills development, and entrepreneurship programs to create opportunities for young people to grow, innovate, and lead.

In this era of rapid technological change, our youth must be equipped with the right knowledge, values, and skills. They must be prepared not only to face challenges but also to turn those challenges into opportunities.

The Youth Festival is more than just a celebration—it is a reminder of our responsibility. Together, we must nurture our young generation, give them platforms to express their talents, and guide them towards building an inclusive, prosperous, and sustainable Bangladesh. I firmly believe that with the vision and determination of our youth, Bangladesh will move forward with pride and confidence."

RRF Officials Participates: International Training on CFS Youth Policy and MIJARC World General Assembly



The *International Training on CFS Youth Policy* and the *General Assembly of MIJARC World* commenced on **28 August 2025** and will continue until **1 September 2025**. The training sessions are being held from **28–30 August**, followed by the General Assembly from **31 August–1 September**.

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