



RESILIENT HOMESTEAD AND LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT TO THE VULNERABLE COASTAL PEOPLE OF BANGLADESH (RHL) *Climate-Resilient Communities*

🎯 To strengthen the climate resilience of vulnerable coastal communities through resilient housing and adaptive livelihoods. It also seeks to reduce climate risks and enhance their ability to cope with future shocks.

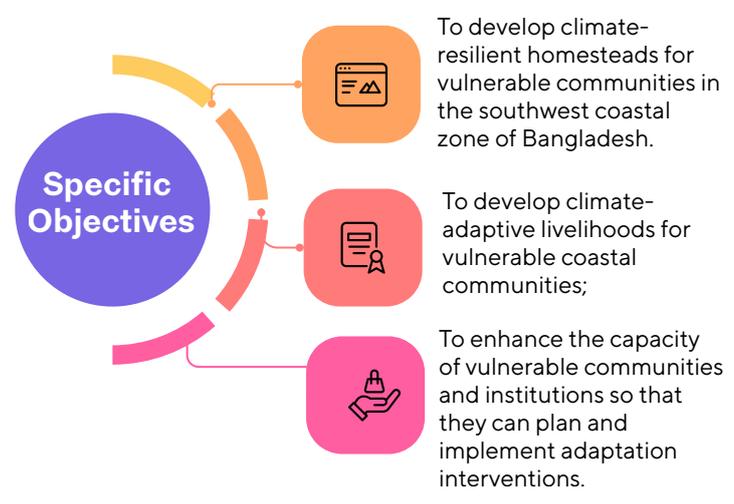
🏠 Major Activities

- Design and building resilient homesteads
- Rainwater harvesting system
- Solar home system installation
- Sanitary latrine Construction
- Bondhu Chulla establish
- Homestead tree planting
- Construction of slatted houses for goat/sheep rearing
- Saline-tolerant vegetable cultivation in homestead areas
- Technical and financial support to “crab farmers”
- Beneficiary selection and CCAG group formation
- Prepare Beneficiaries’ Socio-economic profile
- CCAG Monthly meeting
- Training to beneficiaries on adaptation technologies and CC issues (IGA)

Overview

The “Resilient Homestead and Livelihood Support to the Vulnerable Coastal People of Bangladesh” project, started in March 2024, aims to strengthen the climate resilience of vulnerable households in the coastal region. Supported by GCF and PKSF, RRF is implementing the project in Morelgonj Upazila of Bagerhat, selected for its high exposure and livelihood vulnerability. Through Climate Change Adaptation Groups (CCAGs), communities learn to identify climate impacts and plan adaptive actions. The project provides climate-resilient homesteads and promotes adaptive farming technologies. This holistic approach protects families from coastal hazards while improving livelihoods and income stability.

🌱 Specific Objectives



Quantitative Achievements in FY 2024-25

87
New House
Built

10550
trees
planted

375
Slatted
House
constructed

500
Saline-tolerant
vegetable
cultivation

Financial
support to
175
crab farmers

168
CCAG group
296
CCAG Meeting

3549
Beneficiary
selected for
socio-economic
profile

83
Beneficiary
trained on new
tech. adaption



Environmental & Social Impact

- The project promotes the use of eco-friendly and locally available materials for building climate-resilient houses. Soil conservation techniques (e.g., raising homestead plinths with sustainable fill materials) are applied.
- Each household or cluster establishes homestead greenery with fruits and medicinal trees. This reduces soil erosion, improves microclimate, and enhances biodiversity.
- Every household have proper disposal of construction waste to prevent soil and water contamination

Social Inclusion and Gender Mainstreaming:

RHL project activities involve social inclusion and gender mainstreaming as follow:

- Promotes cooperation and mutual support among community members.
- Women are actively involved in planning, decision-making, and implementation of project activities.
- Encourages joint ownership of homesteads and productive assets between men and women.

Basic Information



Supported
by:
GCF & PKSF



Ongoing:
From 2024
to 2028



Budget:
BDT
73,742,385



Staff:
08



No. Of
Beneficiary
3549
Male: 1598
Female: 1951



Area:
Bagerhat
District
(Morrelganj Upazilla)

Major Challenges & Actions taken

- Political and local leader influence, Poor road conditions
- Natural calamities, Theft of construction materials
- Beneficiaries' high expectations, Limited time of CCAG members for meetings

Actions Taken to Overcome Challenges:

- Handled political influence calmly and respectfully
- Walked through muddy roads during rainy season for field validation
- Took necessary measures to continue construction despite delays
- Resolved labour-beneficiary issues through discussion
- Politely clarified project limitations to manage expectations

Capacity Building and Training

All Staff received Training on Project Implementation & Climate Change Issue

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- 828 ME trained on cultivation of saline tolerant vegetable
- 502 Participants trained on construction of slatted house
- 369 Farmers trained on tech. support on crab farming

Voice of Transformation

Lily Begum, a 38-year-old woman from Vashandol village in Morrelganj, Bagerhat, lived in constant fear of cyclones and tidal surges that often damaged her fragile home. With her husband's small income of 300-350 BDT a day, supporting their two children was always a struggle.

In 2024, Lily participated in a survey under the RHL Project of RRF and later joined the Climate Change Adaptation Group (CCAG). Through CCAG meetings, she learned about climate-resilient homestead support and applied for assistance. After verification, she was selected and received BDT 461,021 for building a safe home. Lily also contributed a small amount from her savings and community loans.

With technical guidance from the RHL team, her new climate-resilient house was built with reinforced pillars, a raised plinth, a sanitary latrine, safe drinking water, and space for gardening. Today, Lily's family lives safely, free from the fear of storms and floods.

