



Carrying the Soul of Bengal in Every Heartbeat: Celebration of 'Pohela Boishakh 1433' at RRF

RRF does not just work within communities—it lives within the spirit of Bangladesh. Rooted deeply in the values, culture, and traditions of the land, RRF holds the essence of Bengali heritage close to its heart and soul.

This year, with the arrival of Pohela Boishakh 1433, RRF embraced the beauty of new beginnings after years of pause, celebrating the day with warmth, colors, and togetherness in its own. The Head Office came alive with Baishakhi decorations, echoes of traditional music, and the vibrant presence of staff and their families dressed in red and white.

More than just a celebration, it was a reflection of RRF's belief—that development is not only about progress, but also about preserving identity, nurturing roots, and celebrating the spirit that unites us all.



Pohela Boishakh Celebrated with Joy in Barnamal Bidyapith Schools

All 05 Barnamal Bidyapith schools celebrated Pohela Boishakh 1433 with great enthusiasm and traditional charm. The school premises were beautifully decorated, reflecting the vibrant spirit of the Bangla New Year and cultural heritage.

Students actively participated in cultural programs, art and essay competitions, and enjoyed traditional foods like muri, murki, and batasha. Gifts were also distributed among the students, adding extra joy and excitement to the celebration. The day turned into a colorful blend of learning, culture, and childhood happiness, creating memories to cherish.



TRAINING MUNDIAL

EMPOWERING PERSPECTIVES: RRF TEAM JOINS GLOBAL FINANCIAL INCLUSION TRAINING IN MALAYSIA



The Global Financial Inclusion Training was successfully held from April 19–23, 2026, at Wyndham Grand Bangsar in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, bringing together 110 participants from eight countries. A total of 11 staff members from Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) management team participated in the training, actively engaging in discussions, knowledge-sharing sessions, and networking activities. The sessions covered key topics such as global economic trends, climate risks, leadership in uncertain times, operational resilience, the evolving microfinance landscape, Islamic microfinance, and the growing role of AI and data in financial services. RRF believes that the knowledge and experience gained from this international platform will strengthen organizational capacity and support more effective and strategic decision-making in the future.

INTERNAL TRAINING: RRF



In April 2026, the RRF Training Unit successfully organized a total of three batches of training courses, which includes one batch of Assistant Managers (Accounts & Loan) and two batches of Credit Officers. A total of 89 participants attended the sessions, including 59 Credit Officers (CO) and 30 Assistant Managers (Accounts & Loan). To enhance the quality of the sessions, the Department Heads of HO and AD Jashore, along with the Regional Manager o invited as facilitators to share their valuable field experiences and practical insights with the participants.

PKSF TRAINING: MICRO ENTERPRISE MANAGEMENT & FINANCIAL STRATEGY



Md. Saifujjaman Polash, Junior Trainer, Doc. & training Department at Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF), attended a five-days training on “Micro Enterprise Management & Financial Strategy” organized by PKSF from April 19 to April 23, 2026. The training aimed to enhance professional auditing skills and strengthen internal control practices within the organization.

VISITORS CORNER

Bangladesh Bank Officials Visit RRF Housing Program in Rajoir



On April 23, 2026, a team of senior officials from Bangladesh Bank visited the Rajoir and Tekerhat branches under the Madaripur Zone of Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) to inspect the ongoing housing program. The program, implemented with financial support from Bangladesh Bank, aims to provide housing for homeless people. During the visit, the officials reviewed progress and expressed satisfaction with the initiative's impact at the field level.

External Audit Conducted for RRF PPEPP-EU Project



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PKSF Officials Conduct Workshop and Field Activities under PPEPP-EU

From April 20–22, 2026, under the PPEPP-EU Project implemented by Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF), a workshop on market linkage development was organized with input-output and service market stakeholders in the agriculture sector. During the field visit in Modhupur and Sachiadah Union under Terokhada, Khulna, activities including IGA support, nutrition garden initiatives, and distribution of assistive devices among persons with disabilities were carried out. The program was attended by Mr. Khasru Moin Tanvir Ahmed, Senior Program Manager, and Ms. Humayra Ferdous, APC (Livelihood), from PKSF, Dhaka.



VISITORS CORNER

IFAD and PKSF Officials Visit RRF to Review Tissue Culture Lab Activities



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The discussion highlighted quality seedling production, market demand, and expansion opportunities. The delegation also visited the lab and field-level entrepreneurs to observe outcomes and exchanged views with growers, buyers, and sellers. Representatives from IFAD and PKSF participated in the visit, which helped assess progress and explore future prospects of the initiative.



PKSF SMART Project Concern Officer Visits Field Activities



Mr. Badiul Alam Bodi, Programme Manager (Enterprise Development and Agriculture) of the SMART Project, visited different clusters across two districts to observe ongoing activities. During the visit, he reviewed various microenterprise initiatives, including solar-operated pumps, mini power tillers, ecological farming sheds, vermi and tricho-compost demonstrations, waste management practices, and the use of hose pipes. Kbd. Dr. Asit Baran Mondal, Senior Assistant Director of RRF, accompanied him during the field visit. The visit aimed to assess progress, ensure quality implementation, and provide guidance for further improvement of project activities.

MICROFINANCE

RRF Dhaka Zone Organizes Workshop on Fiscal Year 2025–26 Closing

On April 10, 2026, a workshop on the closing of the fiscal year 2025–26 was organized by the Dhaka Zone of Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF).

Mr. Arun Kumar Biswas, Director of the Microfinance Program, attended the workshop as the chief guest. Also present were Mr. Md. Nazmul Islam, Assistant Director of Dhaka Zone, along with Assistant Managers (Accounts and Credit) from different branches and Audit Monitoring Representatives. The workshop focused on effective financial closing procedures and compliance.



Monthly Coordination Meeting Held at RRF Madaripur Zone

On April 5, 2026, a monthly coordination meeting was organized by the Madaripur Zone of Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF), bringing together all Regional Managers and Branch Managers.

Mr. Sajeeb Kumar Pal, Head of the Audit Department from the central office, attended the meeting as a special guest. The session was conducted by Mr. Md. Murad, Assistant Director of Madaripur Zone. The meeting focused on coordination, performance review, and operational guidance.



Coordination Meeting Held with Senior staff at RRF Jessore Zone-Division 1



On April 12, 2026, a monthly coordination meeting was অনুষ্ঠিত at the Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) Jessore Zone Office, bringing together all Assistant Directors and Regional Managers under Division 1.

The meeting was graced by the presence of Mr. Arun Kumar Biswas, Director of Microfinance, and Mr. Md. Mostafizur Rahman, Deputy Director of Division 1. The session focused on reviewing ongoing activities, strengthening coordination among field-level management, and enhancing operational efficiency across the division.

Key discussions included program performance, strategic planning, and future initiatives aimed at improving service delivery and organizational impact. The meeting concluded with valuable guidance from the senior officials, encouraging all participants to work collaboratively towards achieving the organization's goals.

EVENTS OF THE MONTH



207th Executime Committee Meeting held at RRF HO

The 207th Executive Committee meeting of Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) was held on April 12, 2026, at its Head Office.

The meeting was attended by Chairperson Ms. Kolpona Biswas, along with the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director, and other EC members. Key discussions focused on upcoming plans and strategic decisions for the organization.

Professional Exchange Visit to JCF & SNF

To enhance institutional capacity and improve the effectiveness of its Training Cell, Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) organized an exposure visit to Jagarani Chakra Foundation (JCF) and Shishu Niloy Foundation (SNF).

The visit provided a valuable platform for professional exchange, cross-learning, and sharing of best practices in training systems and organizational development. Through interactive sessions, observations, and discussions, participants explored practical approaches to training design, implementation, and evaluation.



RRF Participates in Job Fair arranged by BDjobs in Bogura



Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) participated in the Bangladesh Jobs Fair held in Bogura on April 23, 2026. A representative from the HR department along with a branch-level staff member attended the event on behalf of RRF. The organization received a strong and positive response from job seekers and participants throughout the fair.

The participation helped enhance RRF's visibility and created opportunities for future recruitment and engagement with potential candidates.



National Nutrition Week 2026 Observed in Sachiadah Union, Terokhada, Khulna

National Nutrition Week 2026 was observed in Sachiadah Union, Terokhada, Khulna with various awareness-raising activities aimed at promoting proper nutrition and healthy living practices among the community. The program included discussions, awareness sessions, and community engagement activities focusing on balanced diet, maternal and child nutrition, and improved food habits. Local community members actively participated in the event, showing strong interest in nutrition-related messages.

• World Health Day 2026 Observed under PPEPP-EU Project

World Health Day 2026 was observed in Sachiadah Union, Terokhada, Khulna with various awareness activities focusing on public health and well-being.

The program included discussions and community engagement sessions highlighting the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle, disease prevention, and access to basic healthcare services. Local community members actively participated in the event.



ENRICH Project Highlights

- Stelite Clinic arranged in 03 upazilla of ENRICH project areas

In April 2026, Satellite health camps were organized in all Upazila of Jashore district and Lohagora Upazila of Narail district. Experienced doctors provided medical treatment and consultations on various complex health issues. A total of 206 patients attended the camps and received medical advice and services. 06 Satellite camp organized by Enrich Project staff.



SMART Project Highlights

- TRAINING ON CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT HELD**

Training sessions on Climate Vulnerability, Environment Management, GAP, and Packaging & Decoration were conducted across clusters in two districts. Over 175 participants attended, gaining valuable knowledge and skills. Resource persons from different departments facilitated the sessions, which are continuing to support community development and resilience.



- SOLAR-BASED TECHNOLOGIES EXPANDED UNDER SMART PROJECT**



With the support of the RRF SMART Project, solar-operated technologies are being widely introduced across different clusters. A total of 7 solar pumps and 13 solar-operated systems (including lights and fans) have been installed to support microenterprises.

This initiative is helping to promote clean energy use, reduce operational costs, and improve productivity at the community level.

RHL Project Highlights

- Ginger Cultivation Inputs Distributed to 528 Households**



During the reporting month, 528 beneficiary households were supported under the RHL project with sack-based ginger cultivation. Essential inputs—including seed rhizomes, sacks, vermicompost, and fertilizers—were distributed, along with practical training on improved cultivation techniques.

Each household received inputs for cultivating ginger in 30 sacks, promoting a space-efficient and climate-resilient farming method. Building on last year's success, the initiative is expected to strengthen household income and expand sustainable ginger cultivation.

- Training on Sack-Based Ginger Cultivation Conducted for RHL Beneficiaries**

A training on sack-based ginger cultivation was organized for RRF RHL beneficiaries during the reporting month, engaging 80 participants in four batches. The sessions were facilitated by Deputy Assistant Agricultural Officers and supported by the CMO (Agriculture).

Key topics included soil preparation, pest and weed management, and the use of organic fertilizers. Participants actively took part in discussions and expressed positive feedback, highlighting the training as practical and highly beneficial for improving their farming practices.





RAISE Project Apprentices Successfully Pass RPL Assessment

A total of 17 apprentices from the 6th batch of RRF's RAISE Project successfully completed the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) assessment under the National Skills Development Authority (NSDA).

The participants, from Motorcycle Servicing and Dress Making & Tailoring trades, all passed the assessment successfully. Certificates were awarded by the assessor in recognition of their skills and competencies, supporting their future employment and career development.

BD-17 Project Highlights

- **SOP Orientation Strengthens Capacity of Cooperative Leaders and Staff**

A one-day Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) orientation was অনুষ্ঠিত on April 22, 2026 at the RRF training room, Jashore. A total of 30 participants—including Cooperative Leaders, Community Facilitators, and RRF staff—attended the session.

The training was facilitated by Abdullah Al Mamun, Program Manager (Cooperative Development), Heifer International Bangladesh. The orientation enhanced participants' understanding of effective cooperative management and guided them on operating cooperatives in a structured and efficient manner.



- **Co-Planning Workshops Held with Cooperative Members Across Clusters**

A total of 7 batches of co-planning workshops were conducted with cooperative members, where 147 management committee members from different cooperatives actively participated. Each batch included 21 participants from various women-led cooperatives across Jhikorgacha and Chaugachha areas.

The workshops were mainly facilitated by Monira Sultana Runo, Regional Manager, and Abdur Rahim, Program Officer of Heifer International Bangladesh, Jashore. The sessions focused on participatory planning, strengthening cooperative management, and enhancing collective decision-making for sustainable development.





**BARNAMALA
BIDYAPITH**

Barnamal Bidyapith Students Shine in District Scholarship Examination

Students from Barnamal Bidyapith participated in the Jashore District Kindergarten Association scholarship examination and achieved remarkable success. A total of 32 students from the primary level and 24 students from the secondary section received scholarships. The achievement reflects the students' dedication and the school's commitment to quality education and academic excellence.



1st Continuous Assessment Begins in Barnamal Bidyapith Schools



The 1st continuous assessment for students from Nursery to Class 10 has started in all Barnamal Bidyapith schools. The assessment is being conducted smoothly across all institutions. This initiative aims to evaluate students' learning progress and strengthen their academic development through regular and structured evaluation.

Farewell Given to SSC 2026 Examinees of Barnamala Bidyapith

A warm farewell was organized in all 04 Barnamala Bidyapith schools for the SSC Examination 2026 candidates. The programs were held with best wishes and encouragement for the students appearing in the upcoming board exams.



A total of 50 students are sitting for the SSC exam: BBP Jashore (24), BBP Girls (08), BBP Ulashi (13), and BBP Kamarpara (05). The schools extended heartfelt blessings for their success and bright future.



GYNECOLOGICAL HEALTH CAMP HELD IN MAGURA, ABHAYNAGAR AND JASHORE

On April 7, 2026, a gynecological health camp was organized in Magura, Abhaynagar, and Jashore for community members. The camp primarily focused on the health needs of elderly women, who received medical check-ups and general healthcare services from an MBBS doctor. The initiative aimed to promote women's health awareness and ensure accessible primary healthcare services at the community level.



APRIL 2026 ACTIVITIES : RRF PRE-SCHOOLS

During the month, the pre-school under RRF carried out core activities including regular classes, tutorials, and parents' meetings, along with home visits to strengthen family engagement and community awareness. On the occasion of Bengali New year 1433 an event was organized with the mother school to help children understand the importance of the day. These initiatives highlight RRF's continued commitment to quality early childhood education and holistic child development.

MONTHLY HEALTH CAMPS AND FREE MEDICINE DISTRIBUTION CONDUCTED FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Throughout the month, health camps and free medicine distribution programs were organized in all Senior Citizen Clubs under the supervision of MBBS doctors.

The initiative provided essential medical consultations, basic health check-ups, and free medicines to elderly participants. The program aimed to ensure improved healthcare access for senior citizens and promote regular health monitoring within the community.



HONORING THE HANDS THAT BUILD OUR FUTURE



May Day stands as a timeless reminder of the dignity of labor and the enduring value of workers in shaping a just and progressive society. At RRF, we recognize that every achievement, every milestone, and every step forward is made possible through the dedication, honesty, and professionalism of our workforce.

RRF acknowledges the vital contribution of its people, whose tireless efforts continue to drive sustainable development and organizational excellence. From the field to the office, it is their commitment and resilience that transform vision into reality and challenges into opportunities.

On this occasion of May Day, we extend our deepest respect and heartfelt gratitude to all workers. Their hard work forms the backbone not only of our organization but of society as a whole. We firmly believe that progress is meaningful only when it is built on the foundation of dignity, fairness, and equal opportunity for all.

As we celebrate this day, RRF reaffirms its commitment to upholding the rights, well-being, and recognition of every worker. Let this May Day inspire renewed unity, strength, and collective responsibility to build a more inclusive and equitable future—where every contribution is valued and every worker is empowered.

Philip Biswas
Founder Executive Director
Rural Reconstruction Foundation

Our Deepest Condolences

Sanjib AdhiKary
 Credit officer, Khajura Branch, Jashore.

"With deep sorrow, we mourn the passing of our respected CO. On behalf of RRF, I extend heartfelt condolences to his family. May his soul rest in eternal peace and the family find strength in this difficult time."

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