



Training of Trainers held at Dhaka Office for RRF Management



members, department heads, Deputy Directors of Microfinance, Assistant Directors and Regional Managers, attended the training. A total of 32 participants took part in the programme, which aimed to enhance the capacity of RRF's trainers and further strengthen the quality and effectiveness of its training initiatives.

DHAKA, August 2, 2026: Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) organised a Training of Trainers (ToT) at its Dhaka Office with the participation of the organisation's senior leadership and key officials.

The training was conducted by Md. Mokbul Ahmed, Communication, Documentation & Training Department, and his team under the esteemed supervision of Deputy Executive Director Ms. Pinku Rita Biswas. Executive Director Mr. Philip Biswas, Deputy Executive Director Pinku Rita Biswas, Assistant Executive Director Mr. Antony Biswas, along with Resource Pool

RRF signs MoU with JUST for industry-academia collaboration



JASHORE, August 5, 2026: Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Jashore University of Science and Technology (JUST) to strengthen industry-academia collaboration. RRF Assistant Executive Director Antony Biswas signed the MoU on behalf of RRF at a seminar and MoU signing ceremony held at JUST on Wednesday. The event was chaired by JUST Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Yarul Kabir. UGC Member Prof Dr Abdullah-Al-Mamun attended the programme as chief guest, while JUST Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof Sheikh Mahmudul Hasan, Treasurer Prof Dr Mohammad Faruk Hasan, and Jashore Chamber of Commerce President Mizanur Rahman Khan were present as special guests. Deans, department chairpersons, faculty members, institutional representatives and other officials also attended the event.

MRA Conducts Annual Inspection at RRF



JASHORE, August 23–25, 2026: A team from the Microcredit Regulatory Authority (MRA) conducted its annual regular inspection at RRF Head Office and various microfinance and project offices.

The inspection team included Lucky Parvin, Joint Secretary; Mehedi Hasan, Assistant Director; and Khan Md. Fajle Rabbi, Deputy Director, MRA. The team reviewed RRF's microfinance activities, documentation and compliance with regulatory requirements.

RRF officials extended necessary cooperation to the inspection team and ensured proper documentation, office discipline and a clean and organised working environment throughout the inspection.

United Finance officials visit RRF



JASHORE, August 13, 2026: Managing Director Mohammed Abul Ahsan and senior officials of United Finance visited Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) on Thursday. The delegation was welcomed by Sonjoy Saha, Director–Finance & Accounts, RRF. The visit focused on strengthening institutional relations and exploring opportunities for future collaboration. The officials also exchanged views on areas of mutual interest and expressed their appreciation for the ongoing initiatives of RRF.

Water.org team visits RRF WASH Financing programme field activities



JASHORE, 13 August 2026: A team from Water.org visited the field-level activities of RRF's WASH Financing Programme to observe programme implementation and engage with field-level colleagues.

The visiting team included Diwakar Das, Senior Regional Manager–Insights; Kaveri Haldar, Regional Insights Specialist; Abu Aslam, Portfolio Lead; and Sadia Tabassum, Partnership Associate, Water.org.

The visit was conducted in the presence of RRF's central, zonal, regional and branch-level colleagues under the leadership of Arun Kumar Biswas, Director–MFP, RRF.



PKSF team reviews RRF PPEPP-EU Project activities



KHULNA & BAGERHAT, 12 August 2026: A meeting was held with all staff of RRF's PPEPP-EU Project during the PKSF visitors' visit to Khulna and Bagerhat.

The meeting focused on reviewing overall project activities, discussing observations and recommendations from the PKSF visit, and providing necessary guidance for effective project implementation.

MFI Monthly Coordination meeting held at RRF HO



JASHORE, August 6, 2026: RRF held its monthly coordination meeting at the Head Office with the participation of the Director-Microfinance, department heads, and Assistant Directors from all zones. The meeting reviewed key organisational activities, progress, challenges and coordination matters. Participants discussed priorities for the coming month and provided necessary directions for smooth implementation of activities. Two newly appointed Assistant Directors were also welcomed with flowers as they joined RRF's newly formed zones.

RRF Expands Microfinance Network with 21 New Branches



JASHORE, August 2026: Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) opened 21 new microfinance branches across Dhaka, Brahmanbaria, Bogura, Naogaon and Rajshahi zones in August 2026.

The new branches were inaugurated through separate ceremonies attended by Deputy Directors, Assistant Directors, Regional Managers, Branch Managers and local community leaders.

The expansion is part of RRF's continued efforts to strengthen its grassroots presence and extend financial services to more underserved communities.

RRF Strengthens Coordination Through Zone-wise Monthly Meetings

RRF Microfinance conducted its monthly coordination meetings across all 13 zones, bringing together officials to review progress, challenges and key operational priorities.

Director-MFP attended the meetings in Cumilla, Dhaka, Khulna and Naogaon zones, while department heads participated in meetings across the other zones.

The meetings focused on strengthening coordination, reviewing ongoing activities and providing necessary guidance for effective implementation of microfinance operations.



RRF Internal training



RRF Training Unit Conducts 14 Training Batches in August 2026

RRF Training Unit conducted 14 batches of training during August 2026, providing capacity-building opportunities to officers and branch management officials. Of the total batches, 11 were for Officer-Loan, 2 for Officer-Accounts, and 1 for Promoted Branch Managers, with a total of 401 participants attending the programmes. As a new initiative, the RRF Training Unit awarded certificates to the Top 5 Performers among Officer-Accounts and Branch Manager trainees, based on their evaluation results and active participation and communication skills during the training. The trainings were conducted at Bogura Zone (3 batches), [Cumilla Zone] (3 batches), RRF TARC, Jashore (5 batches), and RRF Head Office (3 batches).

The programmes focused on strengthening professional knowledge, skills and operational capacity to support effective implementation of RRF's microfinance activities.



RRF Officials Attend Training : ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System



JASHORE, August 12, 2026: RRF organised a professional capacity-building training on "Internal Auditor Training on ISO 9001:2015 (QMS)", powered by B-ADVANCY, at RRF Head Office where 23 participants have joined. The training was conducted by Eng. Kaisar Mahmud, Head Analyst, B-ADVANCY, with participation from officials of Audit, Monitoring, Training and HR departments. The training focused on developing practical knowledge and skills for conducting effective internal audits, ensuring compliance with quality standards, improving institutional performance and promoting continual improvement in line with ISO 9001:2015.

PKSF Training: The Art of Facilitation



Mr. Saifujjaman Polash, Junior Trainer, RRF Training Unit, successfully completed a three-day training on "The Art of Facilitation", organised by PKSf from August 23–25, 2026 at PKSf Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka.

The training focused on strengthening facilitation and communication skills, along with practical techniques for conducting effective, participatory and impactful training sessions. The learning will contribute to enhancing the quality of future training programmes conducted by RRF.

EVENTS OF THE MONTH

SMART Project in Action

• Climate Vulnerability and Environmental Management Training



RRF organised a training on Climate Vulnerability and Environmental Management at Kaliganj Branch under the SMART Project, with participation from around 33 microenterprises.

Mr. Pankoj Kumar Kundu, Assistant Professor, Geography and Environment, Alhaz Moshir Rahman Degree College, and Md. Akteruzzaman Mia, Additional Agriculture Officer, Kaliganj, served as resource persons.

The training focused on environmental management, climate vulnerability, disaster preparedness and climate-resilient practices, including climate-resilient flower cultivation.

• RRF Environment Clubs Promote Climate and Social Awareness

JHENAIDAH & JASHORE, August 2026: Under the SMART Project, Environment Club meetings continued across five upazilas—Jhenaidah Sadar, Kotchandpur, Kaliganj, Maheshpur and Jhikargachha.

A total of 139 participants, including 72 males and 67 females, attended the meetings. The clubs promote awareness among microenterprises on environment, climate, gender and social issues. This month, club members also distributed tree saplings during their meetings to promote environmental conservation.



Building Resilience: RHL Project Updates

• RRF Organises 168 CCAG Meetings Under RHL Project

Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) inaugurated a tree-planting programme under the Resilient Homestead and Livelihood Support to the Vulnerable Coastal People of Bangladesh (RHL) Project in Morelganj, Bagerhat.

The event was attended by Mr. Apurba Lal Sarkar, Additional Deputy Director (PP), Department of Agricultural Extension, as Chief Guest, with Mr. Md. Saiful Islam, Upazila Agriculture Officer, as Special Guest. The programme was chaired by Agriculturist Dr. Asit Baran Mondal, Senior Assistant Director (Program), RRF.



BD-17 Project Activities

• Training on Floriculture By-product Development



JASHORE, August 13–14, 2026: RRF organised a two-day training on “By-product Development” at its Training Room, Dhamotala, Jashore, with 14 floriculture entrepreneurs participating. Dr. Farzana Nasrin Khan, Chief Scientific Officer and Head of Floriculture Division, Horticulture Research Centre, Joydebpur, served as the Master Trainer. The training focused on developing value-added products, including ornaments and bookmark accessories, from floriculture materials.

• Training on Floriculture By-product Development

JASHORE, August 2026: RRF conducted 38 awareness campaign batches on safe food, soil health, solar energy and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) across Jashore and nearby areas, reaching 990 beneficiaries.

The sessions focused on safe food production and marketing, balanced fertilizer use for soil health, cost-effective solar pump operation, and practical IPM methods for sustainable farming.



SKILL Project

• RRF Launches New Training Batch in Jashore under SICIP Project



JASHORE, August 9, 2026: A new training batch under the SICIP Project, supported by PKSf and implemented by RRF, commenced in Jashore on August 9.

A total of 100 students enrolled across four trades—IT Freelancing, Food & Beverage, Bakery & Pastry Production, and Automobile, with 25 participants in each trade. Classes have started, marking another step towards developing employment-oriented skills among young people

School Events

• Barnamala Bidyapith Celebrates SSC Results

The SSC examination results were published across Bangladesh on August 10, with 49 students from four Barnamala Bidyapith schools appearing in the examination.

Among them, 23 students were from BBP Jashore, 8 from BBP Girls, 13 from BBP Ulashi, and 5 from BBP Kamarpara. Notably, two students from BBP Jashore achieved GPA 5, demonstrating commendable academic performance. The results reflect the students' dedication and the continued efforts of the teachers to ensure quality education. RRF congratulates all the students, teachers and guardians for their achievements.



BARNAMALA
BIDYAPITH

• Workshop held with the Barnamala Bidyapith School Teachers



On August 15, 2026: RRF organised a day-long workshop at RRF TARC, Ramanagar, Jashore, with the participation of 32 teachers from Barnamala Bidyapith.

The workshop covered Hybrid Learning, 2027 student enrollment, school operations, and assessment through gap identification and solutions.

The session was facilitated by Mr. Md. Mokbul Ahmed, Deputy Director, Communication & Documentation, with teachers actively engaging in discussions and sharing experiences to improve the quality and effectiveness of school activities.

• 2nd Term Assesment held for Primary section at Barnamal Bidyapith

August 13–26, 2026: The Second Continuous Assessment for students of Nursery to Grade 5 was conducted across all Barnamala Bidyapith schools from August 13 to 26, 2026.

The assessment covered students from Grade 1 to Grade 5, providing an opportunity to evaluate their learning progress and identify areas for further improvement.



SATELITE CAMP ORGANIZED UNDER THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE PROGRAM

On August 11, 2026 under RRF directed Community healthcare Program a Satellite Health Camp was organised in Community clinic at Magura, Abhaynagar, Jashore, providing healthcare services to local community members.

A total of 56 people received healthcare services and medical consultations from an MBBS doctor from the local union. The initiative aimed to improve access to basic healthcare services for community members.



August 2026 Activities : RRF Pre-Schools

RRF-operated pre-schools conducted a range of educational and community engagement activities during August 2026, including

- parent-teacher meetings,
- the Fourth Tutorial Assessment
- Child Survey under the pre-school programme to monitor children's learning progress
- Home visit for new admission
- Regular classes

Senior Citizen Clubs arranged health Camp and Free Medicine Distribution

During August 2026, RRF's Senior Citizen Clubs organised regular health camps and free medicine distribution for their members. Qualified MBBS doctors provided medical consultations and health screenings, helping older adults access essential healthcare services.

Alongside healthcare support, the clubs continued daily refreshments and recreational activities such as television, ludo and carrom, promoting social interaction, mental well-being and active ageing among senior citizens.



Building a Climate-Resilient Rural Bangladesh: “From Vulnerability to Opportunity”



Bangladesh has achieved significant progress in development, yet climate change remains a major challenge for rural communities. Floods, cyclones, rising temperatures, irregular rainfall and other climate-related risks continue to affect livelihoods, agriculture, health and household income.

At Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF), we believe climate resilience must begin at the grassroots. Vulnerable communities need not only support during disasters, but also the knowledge, resources, technology and opportunities required to adapt and build sustainable livelihoods.

Through initiatives such as RHL, SMART and WASH Financing, RRF is working with communities to strengthen climate resilience. Tree plantation, climate-resilient livelihood practices, environmental awareness, soil health, safe food production, solar energy and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) are helping communities respond to environmental challenges while creating sustainable opportunities.

We also recognise that climate resilience is closely connected with access to finance, skills, health, water and sanitation. An integrated approach can help vulnerable households become more capable of managing risks and improving their quality of life.

Building a resilient rural Bangladesh cannot be achieved by one organisation alone. Strong collaboration among government, development partners, financial institutions, academia, private sector and local communities is essential. Most importantly, rural people must be recognised not simply as beneficiaries, but as active partners and agents of change. Our vision is a Bangladesh where climate vulnerability does not determine people's future. By investing in people, promoting innovation and strengthening community resilience, we can transform climate challenges into opportunities for sustainable livelihoods, inclusive growth and a greener future.

RRF remains committed to walking alongside communities in this journey—from vulnerability to resilience, and from resilience to opportunity.

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