



RRF Recruits 200 Professionals at MRA Job Fair in Jashore



Under the leadership of Executive Director Philip Biswas, the RRF team efficiently managed its recruitment activities. He expressed gratitude to MRA, the Government of Bangladesh, participating NGOs, and RRF staff. The event's theme was "Build a Career in the Microfinance Sector, Contribute to the Nation's Development."

RRF recruited 200 new professionals at the daylong Microfinance Seminar and Job Fair 2026, organized by MRA at Jashore PTI on 12 September 2026. According to Daily Bonik Barta, approximately 20,000 job seekers submitted CVs to 26 NGOs, and around 1,115 applicants received appointment letters on the day. RRF provided appointment letters to 200 new professionals at the daylong Microfinance Seminar and Job Fair 2026. The Honorable Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Md. Asaduzzaman, MP, attended as Chief Guest and handed over appointment letters. MRA Executive Vice Chairman Professor Dr. Mohammad Helal Uddin, Jashore Deputy Commissioner Md. Ashek Hasan, MRA Executive Director Md. Nure Alam Mehdi, and senior MRA officials were also present.



VISITORS CORNER

Bangladesh Bank Senior Official Visits Gadkhali Flower Growers



A senior official of Bangladesh Bank held a discussion meeting with flower growers in Gadkhali and visited flower cultivation fields on 24 September 2026. The meeting provided an opportunity for growers to share their experiences, while the field visit offered a firsthand view of local floriculture activities. RRF's Director-Microfinance Program, Director-Finance, Deputy Director, and Assistant Director of Jashore Zone were also present.

NCC Bank Officials Visit RRF to Explore Future Collaboration



Officials from NCC Bank's Jashore Branch visited RRF Head Office on 6 September 2026 and met with RRF department heads in the meeting room for preliminary discussions on potential collaboration. A presentation on RRF's programs and activities was delivered to introduce the organization and explore opportunities for future partnership.

LankaBangla Finance Visits RRF for Productive Discussions



The Honorable Managing Director and senior officials of LankaBangla Finance visited RRF Head Office on 30 September 2026. RRF's Honorable Executive Director and senior management welcomed the delegation and held a cordial and productive meeting, exchanging views on opportunities for future collaboration.

SPECIAL EVENT

PPRC Hosts Dialogue on Youth Employment and Enterprise Opportunities at RRF



An “Employer and Business Dialogue on Youth Employment and Enterprise Opportunities,” organized by the Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC), was held at RRF Head Office on 5 September 2026.

Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman, an academic, economist, and Chairman of BRAC, attended as Chief Guest, while RRF's Honorable Executive Director, Mr. Philip Biswas, joined as a distinguished guest. Microentrepreneurs and business owners from Jashore participated in the dialogue, exchanging views on youth employment, enterprise development, and opportunities for business growth.

MFI Monthly Coordination meeting held at RRF HO



RRF held its monthly coordination meeting with Assistant Directors at its Head Office in Jashore on 6 September 2026. Founder and Executive Director Mr. Philip Biswas attended as Chief Guest. Also present were Mr. Arun Kumar Biswas, Director–Microfinance; Mr. Sanjoy Saha, Director–Finance and Accounts; Mr. Shamim Uddin Khan, Director–Monitoring; and Deputy Directors from ICT, Training, and Divisions 1, 2, and 3 and all Assistant Director from 16 microfinance zone of RRF.

RRF Expands Microfinance Network with 25 New Branches



In September 2026 Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) opened 25 new microfinance branches across Dhaka, Brahmanbaria, Bogura, Naogaon and Rajshahi zones.

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 Opens Three New Zones and Provides Vehicles to Assistant Directors

RRF has expanded its operational area by opening three new zones to strengthen its microfinance activities. As part of this expansion, car keys were handed over to the newly appointed Assistant Directors to support field visits, supervision, and coordination across the new zones. Mr. Arun Kumar Biswas, Director–Microfinance, and other department heads were present at the handover.



TRAINING MUNDIAL

RRF Internal training



During September 2026, the RRF Training Unit conducted 14 training batches for 421 participants, comprising nine batches for 271 Officer Loan, three batches for 87 Officer Accounts and two batches for 63 Branch Managers. The training activities took place across four locations. Bogura hosted three batches for 89 Officer Loan, while Cumilla hosted two batches for 62 participants—32 Officer Loan and 30 Officer Accounts. At the Head Office in Jashore, three batches covered 93 participants, including 30 Officer Loan and 63 Branch Managers. RRF TARC hosted six batches for 177 participants, comprising 120 Officer Loan and 57 Officer Accounts.



EVENTS OF THE MONTH

SMART Project in Action

• Exposure visit under SMART Project



Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) organized a training on organic fertilizer (compost) production technology at its Jhikargasa-1 Branch under the SMART project. Approximately 25 microentrepreneurs participated in the training. Kbd. Dr. Asit Baran Mondal, Senior Assistant Director of RRF, along with Arnendu Pary and Md. Rokonuzzaman, Sub-assistant Agriculture Officers, facilitated the sessions. They discussed compost production methods, its benefits and effectiveness, and appropriate application techniques, providing participants with practical guidance on using organic fertilizer in agricultural production.

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Building Resilience: RHL Project Updates

• RRF Vaccinates 128 Goats at Free Veterinary Camp in Morrelganj

RRF organized a Free Veterinary Medical Camp under the RHL Project on 28 September 2026 at Gulishakhali Village, Nishanbaria Union, Morrelganj, Bagerhat. Inaugurated by Dr. Md. Abu Hanif, Upazila Livestock Officer, the camp provided PPR vaccinations to 128 goats belonging to 34 beneficiaries.

Md. Mofizul Islam (LFA) administered the vaccines under the overall supervision of Md. Ariful Islam, Community Mobilization Officer (Livestock), RRF-RHL Project. The initiative aimed to prevent livestock diseases and strengthen beneficiaries' livelihoods. Similar camps are planned in other project areas of Morrelganj.



• RHL project Climate Change Awareness and Adaptation Training in Morelganj

RRF organized a training on climate change awareness and adaptation on 24 September 2026 at Chandipur, Chingrakhali Union, Morelganj, Bagerhat, under the RHL Project. Dr. Asit Baran Mondal, Project Focal Person and Senior Assistant Director (Program), RRF, attended as Chief Guest.

The training covered local climate risks, disaster preparedness, safe water management, and environmental conservation. Participants explored climate-resilient livelihood options, including agriculture, fish and crab farming, livestock rearing, and small enterprises, while sharing local experiences and practical adaptation strategies.



PPEPP-EU Project Closed

• PPEPP-EU Closing Ceremony Highlights Progress in Reducing Extreme Poverty at PKSF

The closing ceremony of the Pathways to Prosperity for Extremely Poor People–European Union (PPEPP-EU) project was held at PKSF Bhaban. PKSF Chairman Mr. Zakir Ahmed Khan chaired the event, while Managing Director Mr. Md. Fazlul Kader delivered the welcome address. Mr. Michal Krejza, Head of Development Cooperation of the European Union Delegation to Bangladesh, attended as Special Guest.

Representatives from 19 partner organizations participated in the ceremony, which highlighted the project's achievements in improving livelihoods, developing skills, and promoting self-reliance among extremely poor and marginalized communities.



• RRF Holds PPEPP-EU Project Document Handover and Closing Ceremony



Following five years of implementation, RRF held a document handover and closing ceremony for the PPEPP-EU project on 30 September 2026 at Madhupur, Terokhada, Khulna. Project Coordinator Mr. Abdul Aziz and all the staff of PPEPP-EU and Regional Managers and Managers attended the event, during which all project documents were formally handed over. The occasion marked the conclusion of a five-year journey of shared work, cooperation and memorable experiences. Although the project has ended, the relationships and lessons gained will continue to inspire those involved.

BD-17 Project Activities

• Soil Doctors Receive Refresher Training in Jashore



A refresher training for Soil Doctors was held in September 2026 at CMIT Engineering College, Chougacha, Jashore, bringing together 32 participants from different unions of Chougacha and Jhikorgacha. Dr. Motasim, Principal Scientific Officer at SRDI, Jashore, served as the master trainer, alongside Md. Shahidul Islam, Scientific Officer at SRDI, Jashore.

The training strengthened participants' knowledge and practical skills in collecting, preserving, packaging and submitting soil samples to the SRDI research farm in Jashore. It also reinforced their confidence and capacity to serve their communities as Soil Doctors.

• Training of Trainers on LSP Development for Good Agricultural Practices Held in Jashore

Two batches of a two-day Training of Trainers (ToT) on Local Service Provider (LSP) Development for Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) were conducted in September 2026 at CMIT Engineering College, Chougacha, and Rahul Cafeteria, Jhikorgacha. A total of 67 participants from different unions of the two upazilas attended the training.

Md. Rashidul Islam, Sub-Assistant Agriculture Officer (SAAO), Chougacha, and Md. Ayub Ali, SAAO, Jhikorgacha, served as master trainers at their respective venues. Monira Sultana Runo, Regional Manager of Heifer International Bangladesh, Jashore, along with Moniruzzaman Mukul and Abdur Rahim, attended both programmes. The training aimed to strengthen LSPs' capacity to promote good agricultural practices and support farmers in their communities.



SKILL Project

• Hands-on Bakery and Pastry Training Held under SICIP Project



A practical class on Bakery and Pastry Production was held under the SICIP Project at the RRF Head Office on 1 September 2026. Participants prepared cakes and fast food items themselves, applying the techniques learned during their training. The session helped bridge classroom learning with practical experience, strengthening their food preparation skills and confidence.

School Events

- Second Continuous Assessment Results Published Across All BBP Schools**

The results of the Second Continuous Assessment 2026 for primary-level students in Classes 1–5 were published across all Barnamala Bidyapith (BBP) schools on 10 September 2026. The results reflected students' learning progress and helped identify areas requiring further support.



BARNAMALA
BIDYAPITH

- Science Workshop Held at BBP School**



A science workshop was held at Barnamala Bidyapith (BBP) School on 3 September 2026 for students in Classes 6–9. The workshop aimed to strengthen students' understanding of scientific concepts and encourage curiosity about the world around them.

It provided an opportunity to connect classroom learning with practical scientific thinking, with an emphasis on observation, questioning, and exploring how science relates to everyday life. The initiative sought to build students' confidence in learning science and inspire them to explore the subject further.

- Certificates Distributed to Art Competition Participants celebrating the birth anniversary of renowned artist S. M. Sultan.**

Students from Barnamala Bidyapith (BBP) participated in a drawing competition celebrating the birth anniversary of renowned artist S. M. Sultan and received certificates in recognition of their participation and creativity.

The event provided an opportunity for students to express their artistic talents and encouraged their interest in art and cultural heritage.



MIDWIFE TRAINING ORGANIZED UNDER THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE PROGRAM

The Community Health Care Program of Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) organized a midwife training session on 9 September 2026 in Magura, Abhaynagar, Jashore. The training aimed to strengthen local midwives' skills in providing safe maternal care and supporting the health and well-being of mothers and newborns.



RRF Pre-Schools Publish Assessment Results

RRF-operated pre-schools published their assessment results in September 2026, highlighting students' learning progress and achievements.

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

- parent-teacher meetings,
- 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 September 2026, RRF's Senior Citizen Clubs organised as per every months 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.



Employment, Skills and the Future of Microfinance: Creating Opportunities for a New Generation



Employment is a powerful pathway to personal dignity, economic growth and national development. For Bangladesh, creating meaningful opportunities for young people is essential to building an inclusive and sustainable future.

The Microfinance Seminar and Job Fair 2026, organized by MRA in Jashore, demonstrated the strong employment potential of the microfinance sector. RRF was proud to recruit and provide appointment letters to 200 new professionals, giving young people an opportunity to begin their careers while contributing to the socio-economic development of communities. The theme —“Build a Career in the Microfinance Sector, Contribute to the Nation’s Development”—reflects our belief that a career should create value not only for the individual, but also for society.

I sincerely thank MRA, the Government of Bangladesh, participating organizations and the RRF team for making this initiative successful. I warmly welcome our newly recruited professionals and hope they will build their careers with integrity, dedication and a strong commitment to serving people.

Today, microfinance is much more than credit delivery. It is closely linked with financial inclusion, entrepreneurship, digital financial services, women’s empowerment and livelihood development. Therefore, the sector needs professionals who are skilled, ethical, adaptable and committed to continuous learning.

At RRF, we believe recruitment is only the beginning. Through training, capacity building and leadership development, young professionals can grow into responsible employees and future leaders.

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