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44th Years Journey



RRF Deputy Executive Director Honored by bKash for Pioneering Digital Microfinance Initiative

On 8 October 2026, bKash presented a Corporate Appreciation Award to Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) at its Head Office in Jashore, recognizing the organization's valuable partnership and contribution to digital financial services. Ms. Pinku Rita Biswas, Deputy Executive Director, received a special recognition crest for her pioneering initiative in introducing bKash services into RRF's microfinance operations.During the ceremony, bKash honored Assistant Directors from RRF's microfinance zones for their outstanding performance in bKash transactions.The event was attended by Mr. Philip Biswas, Founder and Executive Director; Ms. Pinku Rita Biswas, Deputy Executive Director; Mr. Antony Biswas, Assistant Executive Director; Directors of all RRF departments; and senior representatives from bKash.

The recognition highlights RRF's commitment to digital transformation, financial inclusion, and innovation in microfinance services.

RRF Celebrates International Day of Older Persons



On 1 October 2026, Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) observed the **International Day of Older Persons** with members of its Senior Citizen Welfare Clubs.The observance highlighted the importance of respecting, caring for, and recognizing the valuable contributions of older persons to society, reaffirming RRF's commitment to elderly welfare and social inclusion.

Teachers' Day Celebrated



On 5 October 2026, all Barnamala Bidyapith (BBP) schools operated by Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) celebrated **World Teachers' Day** with enthusiasm and joy. Teachers and students exchanged gifts and cut cakes to mark the occasion, expressing gratitude and appreciation for the dedication and contributions of teachers in shaping future generations.

HEIFER AT RRF HOME

RRF Warmly Welcomes Heifer International Global Delegation at Head Office



On 19 October 2026, Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) warmly welcomed a six-member high-level delegation from Heifer International at its Head Office in Jashore, extending a cordial reception and expressing sincere appreciation for their visit.RRF extended a cordial reception and expressed sincere appreciation for the visit, highlighting the strong partnership and shared commitment to sustainable livelihoods and community development.

The distinguished delegation included:
Ms. Martha Brantley – Revenue and Partnership Cultivation Network Architect, Heifer International, USA.
Ms. Melanie J. Auger – Vice President of Philanthropy and Strategic Giving, Heifer International, USA.
Mr. Fabrice Carbonne – Senior Director of Business Development, Asia, Heifer International, France.
Mr. David Badal Gomes – Director of Programs, Heifer International Bangladesh.
Mr. Mohiuddin Ahmed Shuvo – Associate Director, Partnership and Business Development, Heifer International Bangladesh.
Mr. Abdullah Seru – Communications and Knowledge Management Manager, Heifer International Bangladesh.



Field Visits and Project Observation

A high-level delegation from Heifer International visited RRF-implemented project activities in Chougacha on 20 October and Jhikargacha on 21 October 2026. The delegation observed field-level interventions, project progress, and achievements.





Stakeholder Engagement and Appreciation

After witnessing the outcomes of the project interventions and exchanging views with the stakeholders, the delegation expressed its high level of satisfaction and appreciation for the progress and achievements made through the initiatives.



Bookmark Handover Ceremony

A Flower Bookmark Handover Ceremony at its Head Office meeting room in the afternoon, marking the first day of the Heifer International delegation's visit. Entrepreneurs from two cooperatives formally handed over 2,000 beautiful handmade flower bookmarks, produced against an earlier order.

Recognition and Strengthening Partnerships

On behalf of RRF's Executive Director, the delegation was presented with a commemorative crest as a token of appreciation and goodwill. The delegates expressed gratitude for RRF's warm hospitality and cooperation, reinforcing the strong partnership between the two organizations.

COLLABORATION

Senior Officials of United Commercial Bank PLC Visit RRF



On 8 October 2026, senior officials from United Commercial Bank PLC (UCB) visited RRF Head Office in Jashore and met with Mr. Philip Biswas, Founder and Executive Director of RRF.The meeting was also attended by Mr. Sanjay Saha, Director–Finance & Accounts, RRF. The visit provided an opportunity to strengthen institutional relationships and explore potential areas of financial cooperation.

RRF Signs Agreement with EXIM Bank PLC, Khulna Branch



On 29 October 2026, Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) signed an agreement with EXIM Bank PLC, Khulna Branch, marking an important step towards strengthening institutional banking partnerships.

The signing ceremony was attended by Mr. Philip Biswas, Founder and Executive Director of RRF; the Chairman and all members of RRF's Executive Committee; Mr. Sanjay Saha, Director–Finance & Accounts; and senior officials from EXIM Bank.

PKSF Training Impact Assessment at RRF





On 28 October 2026, Mr. Talha Jubair, official from PKSF, conducted a two-hour training impact assessment at RRF Head Office using structured questionnaires. The session was attended by the Executive Director, Director–Microfinance Program, Deputy Director–Training Unit, three PKSF-trained participants Mustafijur Rahman, Monitoring Officer, Shovon Kumar Pal- Auditor, and Asanur rahman- Accounts Officer and three untrained colleagues for comparative evaluation of training effectiveness and workplace performance.

RRF Executive Director Visits Branch Offices in Madaripur Zone



On 18 October 2026, Mr. Philip Biswas, Founder and Executive Director of Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF), visited several branch offices under the Madaripur Zone. He was accompanied by the Deputy Director (Division-1), Regional Manager, and respective Branch Managers.

During the visit, he reviewed field-level microfinance operations, assessed progress, and provided valuable guidance to staff. His visit inspired employees and reinforced RRF's commitment to operational efficiency, transparency, and quality service delivery.

RRF Deputy Executive Director Attends Monthly Coordination Meeting in Dhaka Zone



On 6 September 2026, Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) organized its monthly coordination meeting in the Dhaka Zone to review operational progress, strengthen coordination, and discuss future action plans.

Ms. Pinku Rita Biswas, Deputy Executive Director, attended the meeting alongside the Director of Microfinance. They provided valuable guidance and strategic directions to enhance operational efficiency, strengthen teamwork, and achieve organizational goals. Their presence and insights inspired the team to work more effectively towards RRF's continued growth and development.

MFI Monthly Coordination meeting held at RRF HO



Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) held its monthly coordination meeting with Assistant Directors at its Head Office in Jashore on 8 October 2026. The meeting was attended by Mr. Philip Biswas, Founder and Executive Director; Ms. Pinku Rita Biswas, Deputy Executive Director; and Mr. Antony Biswas, Assistant Executive Director.Also present were the Directors of Microfinance, Finance & Accounts, and Monitoring; Deputy Directors from ICT, Training, and Divisions 1, 2, and 3; and all Assistant Directors representing RRF's 16 microfinance zones.

RRF Expands Microfinance Network with 28 New Branches



In October 2026 Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) opened 26 new microfinance branches across its working zone.

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 Internal training



During October 2026, the RRF Training Unit conducted 11 training batches for 421 participants, comprising nine batches for 252 Officer Loan, two batches for 59 Officer Accounts .The training activities took place across three locations. Bogura hosted two batches for 63 Officer Loan, while Cumilla hosted two batches for 49 Officer Loan. At RRF TARC seven batches for 199 participants, comprising 140 Officer Loan and 59 Officer Accounts.







RRF Holds 210th Executive Committee Meeting at Head Office



On 29 October 2026, Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) held its 210th Executive Committee Meeting at 3:00 PM in the Executive Meeting Room of RRF Head Office, Jashore.

The meeting was attended by the Honorable Chairman, all Executive Committee members, Mr. Philip Biswas, Founder and Executive Director; Ms. Pinku Rita Biswas, Deputy Executive Director; and Mr. Antony Biswas, Assistant Executive Director.

The meeting provided an important platform for reviewing organizational progress, strengthening governance, and discussing strategic priorities for RRF's continued development.

RRF Participates in Bdjobs Job Fair in Kushtia

On 10 October 2026, Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) participated in a job fair organized by Bdjobs in Kushtia. Representatives from RRF's Admin & HR Department attended the event and successfully collected a large number of CVs from prospective job seekers.

The participation reflects RRF's continued commitment to attracting talented professionals, expanding employment opportunities, and strengthening its workforce through effective recruitment initiatives.



RRF and Business Connection BV Explore Investment Opportunities

On 14 October 2026, Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) held a meeting with representatives of Business Connection BV at RRF Head Office in Jashore to explore potential investment and collaboration opportunities.

The meeting was attended by Dr. M. Nahid Hasan, Managing Director; Tasfiq Ahmed Chowdhury, Head of Operations; and Md. Mostafizur Rahman, former Secretary of the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief. RRF was represented by Md. Shamim Uddin, Director–Monitoring & Evaluation, and Dr. Asit Baran Mondal, Senior Assistant Director.

Discussions focused on potential investments in solar energy, agricultural value chains, and future joint initiatives, highlighting opportunities for sustainable development and long-term collaboration.



SMART Project in Action

• RRF Organizes Training on Climate Vulnerability and Organic Fertilizer Production



Under the SMART Project, RRF organized training sessions on Climate Vulnerability, Environmental Management, and Organic Fertilizer (Compost) Production Technology at Jhikargacha-1 and Jinnanagar branches, with approximately 46 microentrepreneurs participating.

Kbd. Md. Humayun Kabir, Additional Agriculture Officer, DAE, Maheshpur, along with Sub-Assistant Agriculture Officers, facilitated the sessions. The training focused on climate awareness, compost production techniques, benefits of organic fertilizer, and effective application methods to promote sustainable agricultural practices.

• RRF Promotes Environmental Awareness through SMART Project Environment Clubs



Under the SMART Project, RRF continued Environment Club meetings across five upazilas—Jhenaidah Sadar, Kotchandpur, Kaliganj, Maheshpur, and Jhikargachha—in Jhenaidah and Jashore districts.

A total of 145 participants (79 male and 66 female) attended the meetings. The clubs focused on environmental awareness, tree plantation, and reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to promote climate resilience and environmental sustainability.

Building Resilience: RHL Project Updates

• RRF Organizes Training on Modern Goat Farming Using the Loft Method

On 14–15 October 2026, Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF), under its RHL Project, organized two batches of day-long training on modern goat farming using the loft method in Morrelganj, Bagerhat.

A total of 40 beneficiaries (24 male and 16 female) participated, of whom 32 received loft-style goat houses. Dr. Md. Abu Hanif, Upazila Livestock Officer, facilitated the sessions, assisted by Mr. Mofizul Islam, LFA. The training was organized by Mr. Md. Arifur Rahman, Community Mobilization Officer (Livestock), RRF.



BD-17 Project Activities

- **35 Awareness Campaigns on Sustainable Agriculture and Safe Food**



During October 2026, Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) organized 35 awareness sessions, reaching 908 beneficiaries from 11 women's cooperative societies across different villages and unions of Jhikargachha and Chougacha upazilas in Jashore district.

The campaigns focused on safe food production and marketing, soil health management, solar-powered irrigation, and Integrated Pest Management (IPM). Participants gained practical knowledge of balanced fertilizer use, cost-effective solar irrigation, environmentally friendly pest control, and sustainable farming practices.

School Events

BARNAMALA BIDYAPITH

- **Educational Tour Organized for Secondary Students**

On 13 October 2026, Barnamala Balika Bidyapith, Jashore, organized an educational tour for secondary-level students to the BADC Garden. The visit provided students with practical learning opportunities beyond the classroom, encouraging environmental awareness, curiosity, and experiential learning.



SSC Test Examination Held at Barnamala Balika Bidyapith



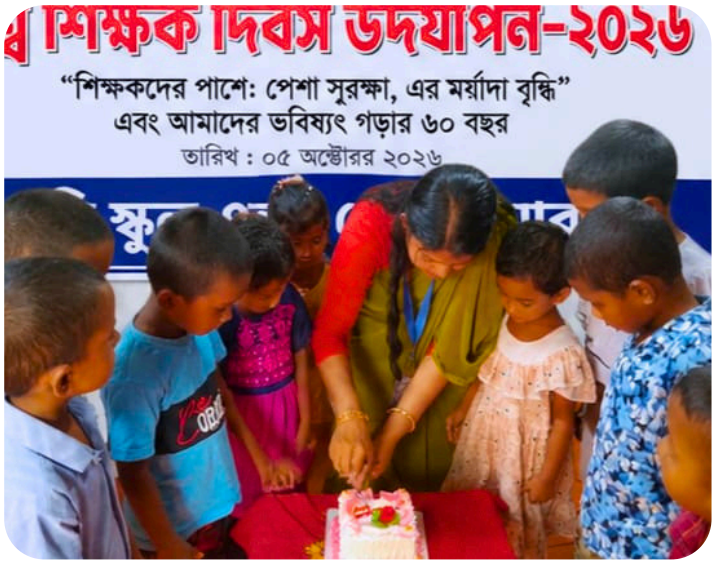
Global Hand washing day Celebrated by RRF Schools



SATELITE CAMP WERE 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 celebrated Teachers Day

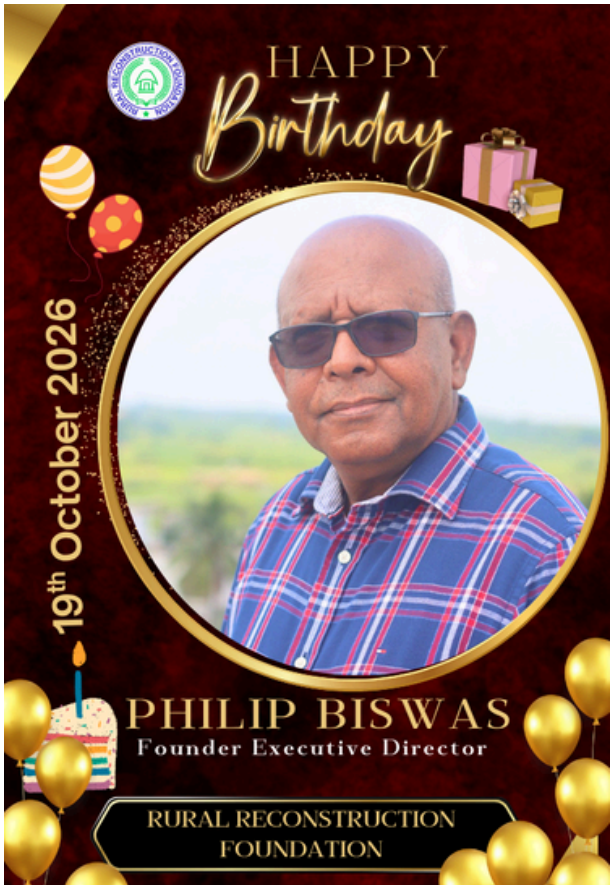
On 5 October 2026, all pre-schools operated by Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) celebrated World Teachers' Day with enthusiasm and appreciation. Students and teachers marked the occasion through cake-cutting and joyful activities, recognizing the dedication and invaluable contributions of teachers in nurturing young minds and shaping a brighter future.

RRF Distributes New Clothes to Senior Citizens on Durga Puja 2026

On 18 October 2026, Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) distributed new clothes among senior citizen members of its four Senior Citizen Welfare Clubs on the occasion of Durga Puja 2026. The initiative aimed to spread festive joy, promote social inclusion, and express care and respect for elderly community members.



Happy Birthday to Our Esteemed Leaders!





On the joyous occasion of your birthdays, the entire RRF family extends its heartfelt greetings and warmest wishes.

Your visionary leadership, dedication, and commitment to humanity continue to inspire us in our journey towards sustainable development and community empowerment.

May the coming year bring you both good health, happiness, prosperity, and continued success.

With heartfelt respect and best wishes,
The RRF Family

Together We Celebrate Leadership, Inspiration & Dedication.

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