

Christian Commission for Development in Bangladesh (CCDB) **Climate Change Program**



Community Climate Resilience Center (CCRC)

A community-led approach towards resilience

Climate change is obvious and impacts the life and livelaihoods of vulnerable people. Bangladesh, one of the climate-vulnerable countries, faces manifold and massive climate impacts. Especially the coastal areas are highly exposed to tropical cyclones, tidal surge, river bank erosion, sea level rise and high salinity intrusion, putting lives and livelihoods in danger. The Climate Change Program of the Christian Commission for Development in Bangladesh (CCDB) addresses these risks with an aim to create climate resilient communities.



Strategies for Community Climate Resilience Building

BRING PEOPLE IN ACTION

Collective actions using local resources and knowledge are extremely essential to be climate resilient in a particular vulnerable area. The vulnerable community needs to understand their vulnerability, explore the corresponding solutions and plan to act together. CCDB strengthens community people to come forward by quantifying household-based climate risks and creating a community-led peoples' platform Community Climate Resilience Center (CCRC), with the people from all walks of life regardless of class, occupation, gender, caste, and religion. The approach of forming a joint climate platform comes from the initiative of the community members themselves: They know that they can manage growing climate risks only together.



CONNECTING LIFE AND LIVELIHOODS

The strategic theme was to establish the CCRC as a solution center where vulnerable people are taking a systematic approach to reduce their vulnerability towards climate risks. CCDB strengthens the capacity of the CCRC, so that this peoples' platform can initiate innovative initiatives based on needs where community people will be connected to improve their life and livelihoods. CCDB and the community partners identified six core areas for connecting lives and livelihoods of the vulnerable community people in a way that leads to enhanced climate resilience.

PROVIDING KNOWLEDGE & INFORMATION

Climate services comprises weather information, risk awareness, creating local expert pool, disaster preparedness

SHELTERING AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Ensure safe shelters during disaster, early warning, rescue services, providing food & water.

Climate Adaptation

Locally appropriate adaptation technologies, Nature-based solutions, potable water, seed storage, roads, resilient agriculture

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DIVERSIFIED LIVELIHOODS

Addressing local demands, reducing external dependency, climate friendly and less vulnerable income generation

CAPACITY BUILDING/ **NETWORKING/ADVOCACY**

Adaptation planning, training, advocacy on local issues, Network with CCDB Climate Centre (e.g. infrastructure)

RISK SHARING/TRANSFER

Agricultural climate risk insurance, Community Risk Fund, seed bank, in kind or cash support for recovery.





TRANSFORM TO RESILIENCE

The third element of CCRC's Transform to Resilience strategy is to strengthen community structures, promote ownership, focus on solution-oriented approaches, ensure the sustainability of CCRC as an organization, and create a transparent governance system.

01 Ownership

A community-based organization which is established and led by the local people. The executive committee is elected every 2 years by the community people. People find their solutions which enhance the ownership.

02 Implementation

All decisions regarding adaptation planning, implementation, management, negotiation with local government and institutional capacity building are taken in a participatory way.

03Sustainability

The CCRC has its own fund-raising plan and mechanism. Sources of income are diversified. The cyclone shelter is used as Community Resilience Center by the CCRC.

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Governance

Transparency in implementation and fund management, accountability to the community people, fair representation of all population groups and social auditing.



Approx. 8000 Vulnerable Households covered

SCALE OF CCRC APPROACH



12 Villages in Coastal & Drought Areas



11 CCRCs are providing services to community







You are most welcome to visit CCRC

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