CLIMATE ACTION
AT LOCAL LEVEL
CALL

ABOUT CALL PROJECTS

CALL Consortium is united in climate adaptation and resilience-building in Bangladesh. With support from the Embassy of Switzerland, the CALL Consortium, comprising **9 Swiss NGOs** and **18 local partners**, works across **18 districts** of Bangladesh to empower **2 million** marginalised and local people through **12 projects**.

The Climate Action at Local Level (CALL) portfolio brings together a diverse set of locally anchored, rights-based and climate-responsive initiatives that address Bangladesh's most pressing climate, social, and economic vulnerabilities.

The CALL programme is being implemented across climate hotspots—from coastal and riverine districts to urban and industrial centres — to strengthen community capacity for disaster management and climate resilience, enhance local economies, and share knowledge gained at the local to international levels.

DiDRM project
CBM Global
The Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Management (DIDRM) project strengthens the resilience of at-risk communities by addressing the heightened vulnerabilities of persons with disabilities.

REACH project
Enfants du Monde
The Reducing Climate-Change Induced Health Hazards (REACH) project reduces climate-related health risks for women, children, and adolescent girls.

THRIVE project
HEKS/EPER
The Thriving through Equity, Economic Empowerment, and Climate Resilience (THRIVE) project strengthens the resilience of marginalised communities in climate-vulnerable northwest.

SWAPNO project
GAIN
The Strengthening Workers' Access to Pertinent Nutrition Opportunities (SWAPNO) project improves well-being by increasing access to healthier foods.

RAINS project
GAIN
The Diversified Resilient Agriculture for Improved Food and Nutrition Security (RAINS) project enhances food and nutrition security resilience.

ACCESS project
Helvetas
The Actions to Climate Change Ensuring Sustainable Solutions (ACCESS) project strengthens climate-vulnerable communities.

NSSS project
Helvetas
The Nari Shakti, Samaj Shakti (NSSS) project strengthens the resilience of women and marginalized groups in climate-vulnerable Cox's Bazar.

LEATHER project
Solidar Suisse
The Building a Sustainable Leather Sector in Bangladesh (LEATHER) project strengthens compliance to protect workers and the environment.

FREE KIDS,
Solidar Suisse
The Free Kids project combats child labour in the dried fish and metal sectors by building resilience to reduce economic dependency on hazardous child labour.

PROGRESS project
Swisscontact
The Promoting Green Growth in the Ready-Made Garments Sector through Skills (PROGRESS) project strengthens the RMG industry by Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) standards.

JAMUNA project
Swiss Red Cross
The Joint Action for Mitigating Climate Uncertainties and Natural Adversities (JANUMA) project strengthens community resilience through locally led climate action.

SPiRiT project
Terre des Hommes
The Sports for Protection, Resilience and Transformation (SPiRiT) project uses the Sports for Protection (S4P) strategy to support displaced and climate-vulnerable children and youth.

Figure: CALL projects - at a glance

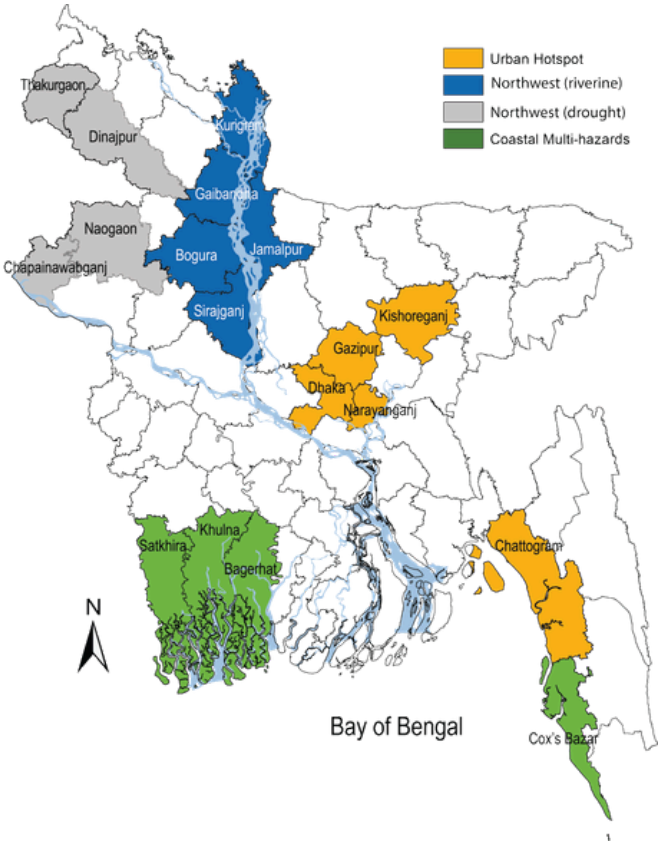


Figure: CALL coverage

DiDRM

The 'Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Management (DiDRM)' project strengthens resilience of at-risk communities by addressing the heightened vulnerabilities of persons with disabilities, ensuring accessible disaster preparedness, promoting their active participation, and reducing barriers that limit safety, livelihoods, and inclusion during climate-induced disasters.

Component: Disability inclusion disaster risk reduction, social protection targeting persons with disabilities
Location: Khulna
Duration: May 2023 – 30 April 2026, extrapolated until 2028
Partner: CBM Global, Caritas, Access Bangladesh Foundation (ABF)
Donor: Embassy of Switzerland, CBM Switzerland

REACH

The 'Reducing Climate-Change Induced Health Hazards (REACH)' project reduces climate-related health risks for women, children, and adolescent girls by strengthening their decision-making skills, improving public health system capacity, and generating evidence to inform national policy for resilient maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health.

Component: Health education, service accessibility, climate impact targeting adolescent girls and women
Location: Satkhira
Duration: October 2024 – September 2028
Partner: Enfants du Monde (EdM), ESDO
Donor: Embassy of Switzerland, Edm HQ

THRIVE

The 'Thriving through Equity, Economic Empowerment, and Climate Resilience (THRIVE)' project strengthens the resilience of planland Adibashis, Dalits, and other marginalised communities in climate-vulnerable north and northwest Bangladesh by expanding access to rights and services, promoting economic empowerment, and supporting evidence-based advocacy to improve coping capacities against drought, floods, and other climate and non-climate stresses.

Component: Resilient livelihoods, access to public services targeting plainland Adibashis, Dalit, marginalised
Location: Kurigram, Thakurgaon, Dinajpur, Chapai Nawabganj, Naogaon
Duration: 01 May 2024 – 16 November 2026
Partner: HEKS/EPER, DASCOH, ESDO, MJSKS
Donor: Embassy of Switzerland, HEKS HQ

SWAPNO

The 'Strengthening Workers' Access to Pertinent Nutrition Opportunities (SWAPNO)' project improves wellbeing by increasing access to healthier foods through greater awareness, workplace provision of nutrition options, and community demand supported by training, behaviour-change communication, and nutrition centres promoting safe and affordable diets.

Component: Access to nutrition, climate-adptive food supply targeting factory workers, low-income families
Location: Khulna, Satkhira, Jamalpur, Naogoan
Duration: July 2023 – December 2027
Partner: Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), Caritas, Ledars, Uttaran, Unnayon Sangha
Donor: Embassy of Switzerland, VF Corporation – Asia, Auchan Foundation

RAINS

The 'Diversified Resilient Agriculture for Improved Food and Nutrition Security (RAINS)' project enhances food and nutrition security resilience by adapting climate-resilient technologies, enabling market-responsive, women-empowering production decisions, and increasing community satisfaction to withstand environmental and economic shocks.

Component: Social Behavioural Change Communications, nutrition-sensitive food system targeting farmers and union multi-stakeholders
Location: Khulna, Satkhira, Jamalpur, Naogon
Duration: January 2024 to December 2026, extrapolated until 2028
Partner: Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), Caritas, LEDARS, Uttaran, Unnayon Sangha
Donor: Embassy of Switzerland, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP)

ACCESS

The 'Actions to Climate Change Ensuing Sustainable Solutions (ACCESS)' project strengthens climate-vulnerable communities in Bangladesh through inclusive adaptation, resilient livelihoods, equitable water access, and the empowerment of local communities through knowledge sharing, advocacy, and evidence-based decision-making.

Component: Climate adaptation, WASH, climate migration targeting farmers, youth, service providers
Location: Khulna, Bagerhat, Kurigram
Duration: January 2024 – December 2027
Partner: HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation Bangladesh, DORP, ESDO, Uttaran
Donor: Embassy of Switzerland, HELVETAS HQ

NSSS

The 'Nari Shakti, Samaz Shakti (NSSS)' project strengthens the resilience of women and marginalised groups in climate-vulnerable Cox's Bazar by promoting economic empowerment, leadership and disaster preparedness to build safer, more inclusive and climate-resilient communities.

Component: Livelihood, leadership, disaster preparedness targeting Rohingya & host community women
Location: Rohingya Camps (3, 4, 11, 12, 24, 25 &26); Host community (Ukhiya & Teknaf upazilas)
Duration: April 2025 – March 2028
Partner: HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation Bangladesh, ESDO (host) and Uttaran (camp)
Donor: Embassy of Switzerland, HELVETAS HQ

LEATHER

The 'Building a Sustainable Leather Sector in Bangladesh' project aims to strengthen social dialogue and improve compliance across the leather value chain to safeguard workers' rights and protect the environment. By empowering civil society organisations, trade unions, and factory owners, the project promotes Occupational Safety Health (OSH), addresses environmental pollution, and contributes to safer, more sustainable livelihoods for workers in these key export sectors.

Component: Occupational safety, rights, environmental protection targeting CSOs, trade unions, state actors
Location: Dhaka, Gazipur, Kishoreganj
Partner: Solidar Suisse, BILS, GK, OSHE, POJF, SOF
Duration: March 2023 – February 2026, extrapolated until 2028
Donor: European Union, Embassy of Switzerland

Free kids

The 'Free Kids' project combats child labour in the dried fish and metal sectors by strengthening stakeholder capacity, proving education and market-aligned skills for child labourers, and supporting climate-migrant families with resilient livelihoods to reduce economic dependency on hazardous child work, particularly among children from climate-migrant families working in these sectors.

Component: Behaviroul change to eliminate child labour targeting climate-induced migrant (children & parents)
Location: Chattogram, Cox's Bazar
Duration: November 2024 – November 2026
Partner: Solidar Suisse, YPSA
Donor: Embassy of Switzerland, Swiss Solidarity

PROGRESS

The 'Promoting Green Growth in the Ready-Made Garments Sector through skills (PROGRESS)' project improves the competitiveness of the RMG industry by enhancing worker skills, expanding decent jobs for women, and supporting factories and local service providers in adopting energy-efficient practices and meeting global Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) standards.

Component: Affordable green productivity solutions, ESG targeting factory workers, owners, associations
Location: Dhaka, Chattogram, Gazipur, Naragyanganj
Duration: October 2022 – September 2026
Partner: Swisscontact
Donor: Embassy of Switzerland, Sweden Sverige

JAMUNA

The 'Joint Action for Mitigating Climate Uncertainties and Natural Adversities (JAMUNA)' project strengthens community resilience in Bangladesh through locally led climate action, early warning system, capacity building and advocacy for promoting rights-based inclusion and climate justice.

Component: Resilient livelihoods, WASH, health, and early warning targeting the extreme poor, local government units, and disaster management committees
Location: Kurigram, Gaibandha, Bogura, Sirajganj
Duration: 1 July 2024 – 31 December 2028
Partner: Swiss Red Cross, Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS)
Donor: Embassy of Switzerland, Swiss Red Cross (SRC) HQ

SPiRiT

The 'Sports for Protection, Resilience and Transformation (SPiRiT)' project uses the Sports for Protection (S4P) strategy to support disaplaced and climate-vulnerable children and youth. The project enhances well-being through safe sports, builds coping skillsfor climate related risks, fosters youth led solutions and strengthes gender responsive, project and coaching environment.

Component: Psycholoscial resilient through sports targeting climate-induced migrants (adolesents & youth)
Location: Dhaka, Satkhira, Kurigram
Duration: April 2022 – June 2029
Partners: Terre des Hommes (Tdh), Solidarity, Breaking the Silence
Donor: Embassy of Switzerland, Olympic Refugee Foundation (ORF)

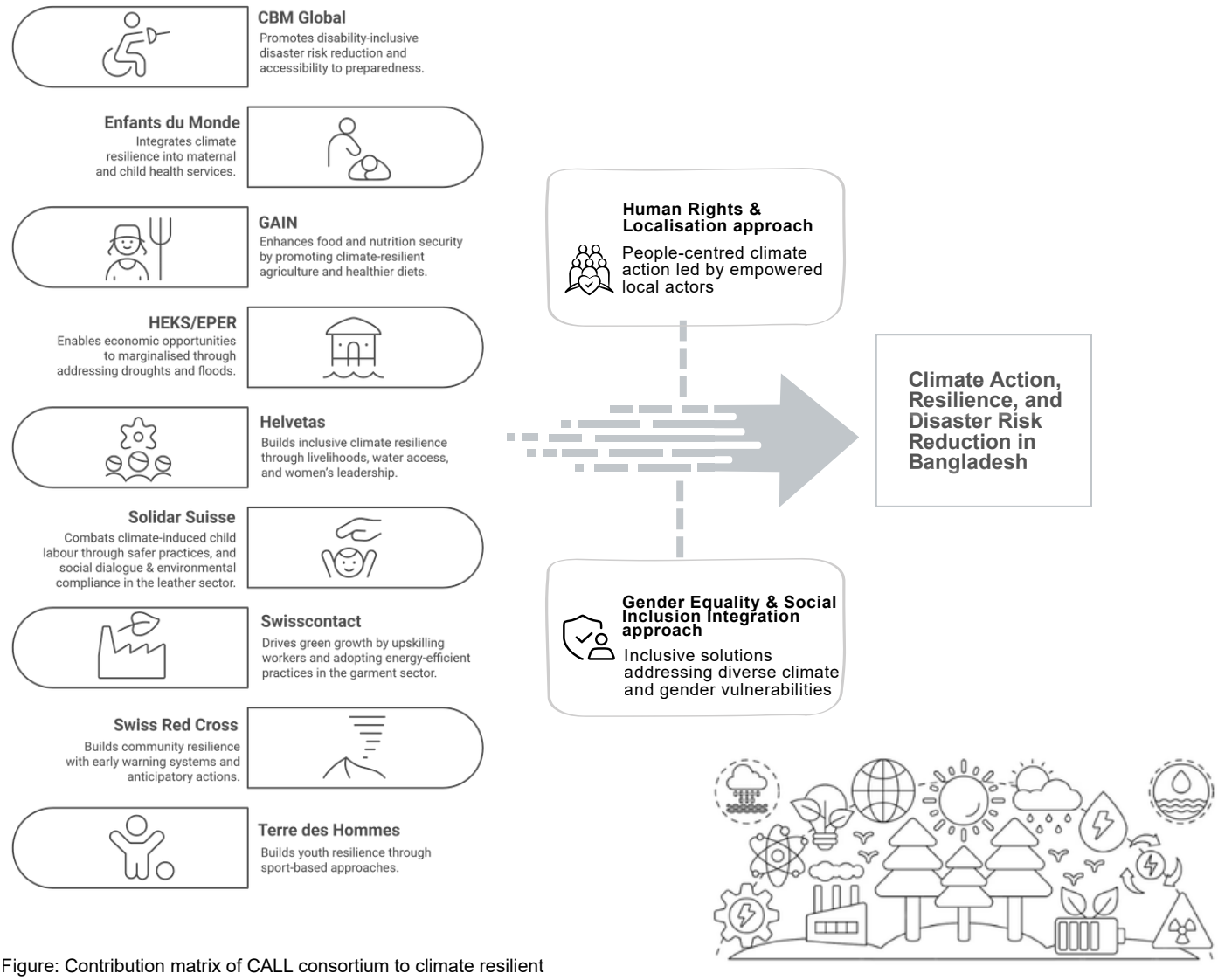


Figure: Contribution matrix of CALL consortium to climate resilient

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