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## Sports for Protection, Resilience and Transformation (SPiRiT)

**Project Location-** Dhaka, Kurigram, Satkhira

**Implementation Partners-** Breaking the Silence (BTS), SOLIDARITY

### About the Project-

The SPiRiT project aims to strengthen the resilience, protection, and inclusion of climate-affected children and youth (ages 12–24) in Dhaka, Kurigram, and Satkhira. Using structured safe sport activities, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), the project supports young people affected by or at risk of climate-induced displacement to build life skills, improve well-being, and take positive action in their communities.

### Key Features of the Project-

**Safe sport + MHPSS programming:** Regular safe-sport and community activities combined with psychosocial support to improve well-being and resilience.

**Coach capacity building:** Training coaches to deliver safe sports that promote protection and well-being for climate-vulnerable children and youth.

**Sports for Protection (S4P) toolkit sessions:** Builds leadership and practical skills, including climate adaptation and reducing risks linked to unsafe migration/displacement.

**Youth-led action:** Supports youth-led initiatives focused on local solutions and climate change awareness.

**Enabling environment and systems strengthening:** Works with sports authorities and stakeholders (including MoUs, planning/review processes) and strengthens referral pathways to connect children and youth to relevant social services.

### Achievement in numbers (January- December 2025)

**744 children and youth groups formed**, with 180 in Satkhira, 532 in Kurigram (including a group for the Hijra community), and 32 in Dhaka.

**114 youth-led initiatives implemented**, focused on climate change awareness and local solutions, with 39 in Kurigram, 71 in Satkhira, and 4 in Dhaka.

**20 children and youth joined Union Disaster Management Committees (UDMC)** in five Upazilas in Satkhira, contributing to climate action efforts.

**36,508 participants engaged in training** on climate change and related topics, including 443 persons with disabilities.

**Union Parishads in Satkhira** allocated BDT 4,813,310 (CHF 30,322) for child-friendly budgeting, supporting youth-led initiatives.

**18 knowledge-sharing events organized** across Satkhira, Kurigram, and Dhaka, with a focus on youth leadership, climate action, and community engagement.



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## Building a Sustainable Leather Sector in Bangladesh (LEATHER)

**Project Location-** Dhaka, Gazipur, Kishoreganj

**Implementation Partners-** OSHE Foundation, Gonoshasthaya Kendra, Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies (BILS), Prokriti O Jibon Foundation, Sobujer Ovijan Foundation

### About The Project-

The **LEATHER** project aims to improve the living and working conditions of precarious workers while promoting environmental sustainability in Bangladesh's leather sector. It strengthens social dialogue, labour rights, occupational safety, and environmental compliance by building the capacity of workers, trade unions, civil society, and industry actors. The project addresses pollution, unsafe conditions, and weak enforcement through advocacy and multi-stakeholder engagement.

### Key Features of the Project-

**Environmental and social compliance:** Capacity building for factories on OSH, waste management, cleaner production, and compliance standards.

**Worker health and protection:** Health camps and Worker Support Centres providing climate-responsive health services for workers exposed to hazardous conditions.

**Social dialogue and advocacy:** Strengthening CSOs, trade unions, and platforms to advocate for labour rights, environmental protection, and policy reform.

**Private sector engagement:** Technical support, GAP analyses, and dialogue with tannery owners and factory management to improve compliance and sustainability.

**Knowledge sharing and visibility:** Studies, newsletters, media engagement, and public dialogues to raise awareness and influence policy and practice.

### Achievement in numbers (January- December 2025)

**1,242 workers and trade union members** (989 men, 253 women) were trained on climate change, environmental impacts, workers' rights, and emergency preparedness.

**1,281 workers** (1,116 men, 165 women) received health services and climate awareness through 47 health camps, improving their understanding of health risks and promoting preventive behaviors.

**10 factories** were selected for LWG certification after pre-assessments of 21, with 3 achieving international certifications and 2 operating Environmental Treatment Plants (ETPs).

**57 factories participated** in training on environmental compliance, including advanced workshops for tannery owners and managers, promoting sustainable practices.

**5 knowledge-sharing events**, including national TV talk shows on minimum wages and environmental compliance, sparked public engagement and policy discussions on sustainable practices.



## Free Kids

**Project Location-** Chattogram, Cox's Bazar

**Implementation Partner-** Young Power in Social Action (YPSA)

### About the Project-

Free Kids project works to reduce and eliminate child labour among climate-affected migrant families in two high-risk sectors: the dried fish sector in Cox's Bazar and the metal factory sector in Chattogram. The project combines child protection and education support with safer livelihood options for families by helping children leave hazardous work and transition into education or skills pathways, while addressing the economic pressures that drive child labour.

### Key Features of the Project-

#### **Education pathways for children (8–14):**

Accelerated learning support and transition into formal schooling.

#### **Vocational skills for adolescents (14–17/18):**

Market-relevant training to enable safer, decent work options.

**Household livelihood strengthening:** Climate-smart livelihood and climate-smart agriculture training for caregivers, input support (e.g., seeds, tools, fertilizer, poultry) and linkages to services.

**Community learning hubs:** “Mukto Monon” community learning centers supporting education, skills training, and engagement.

**Systems and stakeholder engagement:** Capacity building and coordination with government and non-state actors to strengthen monitoring, reporting, awareness, and action against child labour.

**Awareness and behaviour change:** Community radio messaging and courtyard meetings on child labour elimination, DRR, and climate-related risks; youth forums to mobilize local action.

### Achievement in numbers (January- December 2025)

**325 children received** vocational skills training, helping them transition out of hazardous labour; 83% of trained children exited hazardous work.

**414 parents and caregivers received** livelihood training and support, including trade toolkits and agricultural inputs, leading to 86.8% of families reporting increased household income, reducing economic pressures that drive child labour.

**545 climate migrant families** reported increased resilience in dealing with climate-related challenges, strengthening their capacity to cope with the impacts of climate change.

**739 individuals (194 male, 545 female) received** climate-smart livelihood training, providing families with safer income options which improved climate resilience.

**9231 individuals reached** through community radio broadcasts and courtyard meetings, raising awareness of climate-induced disasters and the elimination of child labour.



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## Thriving through Equity, Economic Empowerment, and Climate Resilience (THRIVE)

**Project Location-** Kurigram, Thakurgaon, Chapai Nawabganj, Naogaon, Dinajpur

**Implementation Partners-** DASCOH Foundation, Eco-Social Development Organization (ESDO), Mahideb Jubo Somaj Kallayan Somity (MJSKS)

### About the Project-

**THRIVE** project works with Plainland Adibashis, Dalits, and other marginalised groups in Bangladesh's drought and flood-prone northwest. The project strengthens people's ability to cope with climate shocks by improving access to rights and entitlements, expanding climate-smart livelihood options, building transformative skills, and supporting evidence-based advocacy for more inclusive, resilient local systems.

### Key Features of the Project-

#### Community-led climate risk planning:

Participatory Assessment on Climate and Disaster Risks (PACDR) leading to community action plans shared with local disaster management committees for endorsement and uptake.

**Climate-smart livelihoods and essential services:** Skills support plus inputs (on-farm/off-farm) to diversify income and reduce climate vulnerability.

**Localisation through community volunteers:** A volunteer model that helps households navigate and access government services and Social Safety Net (SSN) provisions.

**Youth pathways:** TVET enrolment and apprenticeship support linking skills to employment, with attention to overcoming barriers for young women.

**Advocacy platforms for climate justice:** Women's platforms and broader advocacy groups engage local institutions on access to services, land issues, and equitable support.

### Achievement in numbers (January- December 2025)

**11,944 people trained** on climate-induced disaster issues (strong female participation reported).

**3,499 people** gained access to climate-smart livelihood options and essential services during the reporting period.

Facilitated **18 community action plans** through PACDR

**Livelihood asset** gains through improved livestock practices: **1,399 households supported** (BDT 15,000 each); **3,529 livestock procured** and herd growth reported with very low mortality (0.97%).

**37 youth enrolled in TVET** and 56 supported in apprenticeships (38 completed; 27 already working; 7 small start-ups), with reported earnings of BDT 9,000–12,000/month for many apprenticeship completers.



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## Nari Shakti, Samaz Shakti (NSSS)

**Project Location-** Cox's Bazar

**Implementation Partners-** UTTARAN, Eco-Social Development Organization (ESDO)

### About the Project-

NSSS project aims to establish a gender-transformative enabling environment that empowers women and marginalised groups to build safer, more inclusive, and climate-resilient communities in Cox's Bazar. The project integrates disaster risk reduction (DRR), social protection, and women's economic empowerment to strengthen preparedness and coping capacities, address harmful social norms, and improve access to services, especially for women and youth in both host and Rohingya communities.

### Key Features of the Project-

**Gender-transformative resilience approach:** DRR combined with women's economic empowerment, social protection, and community-led action to strengthen resilience and social cohesion.

**Community and school-based DRR systems strengthening:** Mapping disaster-vulnerable schools; establishing/reactivating School Disaster Management Committees and Student Councils; supporting contingency planning and preparedness.

**Local governance engagement:** Supporting ward/union/upazila-level Risk Reduction Action Plans (RRAP) and committee reactivation/reform (as governance structures allow).

**Climate-smart livelihoods and essential services:** Rapid assessments, participant selection, Local Service Provider (LSP) selection, training, and planned cash grants/input support to strengthen climate resilience in host and camp communities.

### Achievement in numbers (January- December 2025)

**3,363 participants** (2,082 women and 1,281 men) trained on climate change and disaster risk reduction (DRR).

**250 commercial producers** and 2,000 resilience participants received support through hands-on training, peer learning, and cash-for-work schemes, strengthening community resilience.

**250 youth received** capacity-building support to engage in climate-smart livelihood practices, including rainwater harvesting, tree planting, and drip irrigation.

**25 Local Service Providers (LSPs)** trained in climate adaptation and disaster risk management, providing tailored support to women entrepreneurs and producers.

**99% completion of climate resilience** training for community leaders and government actors in multi-hazard disaster preparedness, contributing to locally led governance.



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## Actions to Climate Change Ensuring Sustainable Solutions (ACCESS)

**Project Location-** Bagerhat, Khulna, Satkhira, Kurigram

**Implementation Partners-** DORP, Eco-Social Development Organization (ESDO), UTTARAN

### About The Project-

ACCESS project aims to strengthen the resilience of climate-vulnerable communities in Bangladesh's coastal and flood-prone regions. As part of the CALL programme, the project supports locally led adaptation by building community capacities, improving water and WASH governance, promoting climate-smart livelihoods, and strengthening evidence-based advocacy. It places strong emphasis on inclusion of women, youth, persons with disabilities, and other marginalised groups in climate action, decision-making, and resource allocation.

### Key Features of the Project-

**Community-led climate governance:** Formation and strengthening of formal and informal platforms such as Disaster Management Committees, Climate Councils, Climate Graduate Groups, and Mother's Parliament to enable inclusive decision-making.

**Climate-responsive WASH and water governance:** Support to Union Parishads to plan, allocate, and monitor climate- and WASH-responsive budgets.

**Climate-smart livelihoods and services:** Identification of vulnerable households, producer groups, and local service providers for phased rollout of climate-resilient livelihood support.

**Evidence-based advocacy:** Engagement with local and national policymakers to integrate climate, WASH, migration, and loss-and-damage priorities into planning frameworks.

### Achievement in numbers (January- December 2025)

**24,946 people benefited** (51% male, 49% female) from locally implemented DRR measures. This includes community-level DRR schemes such as road repairs, flood shelters, and the installation of raised-platform deep tube-wells.

**46,923 people benefited** (48% male, 52% female) from improved climate actions, including climate-smart livelihood options and essential services. This includes climate-smart agriculture, safe migration schemes, and disaster risk reduction actions.

**6 local systems** were strengthened, including the renovation of 1 freshwater source and 3 Community Clinics, improving access to safe drinking water and climate-resilient health services.

**205 local actors** were trained on climate change and disaster risk reduction (DRR), surpassing the YPO-1 target and improving resilience through agriculture and WASH capacity-building initiatives..



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## Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Management (DIDRM)

**Project Locations-** Khulna

**Implementation Partners-** Caritas Bangladesh

### About the Project-

The DIDRM project aims to improve the resilience of at-risk communities, especially persons with disabilities to climate-induced disasters in coastal Bangladesh. Contributing to the CALL programme, the project strengthens inclusive disaster preparedness, early warning systems, and local governance by ensuring meaningful participation of persons with disabilities, women, and other marginalised groups in disaster risk reduction (DRR), climate action, and decision-making processes.

### Key Features of the Project-

**Disability-inclusive DRR:** Community-based disaster preparedness, inclusive risk assessments, and mock drills with active participation of persons with disabilities.

**Inclusive infrastructure:** Renovation of cyclone shelters and public facilities using universal accessibility standards.

**Early warning systems:** Promotion of disability-inclusive early warning approaches, including rollout of the Inclusive DRR (IDRR) mobile app and EWS studies.

**Local system strengthening:** Capacity building of Union and Ward Disaster Management Committees (UDMCs/WDMCs) and civil society actors on inclusive climate and disaster governance.

**Advocacy and knowledge sharing:** Evidence-based advocacy at local and national levels to integrate disability inclusion into DRR and climate policies (e.g., SOD, NAP).

### Achievement in numbers (January- December 2025)

**19,035 people trained** on climate change, disaster risk reduction (DRR), and early warning systems, with a notable participation of 1,284 persons with disabilities and 339 children.

**400 project participants** received livelihood training across four sectors: livestock, fisheries, climate-adaptive agriculture, and small green enterprises.

**5,634 people benefited** from disaster risk reduction measures, participating in campaigns, self-help groups, and the inclusion of persons with disabilities in cyclone shelter activities.

**3 cyclone shelters were upgraded** with enhanced accessibility and safety features, benefiting over 1,000 community members.

**332 stakeholders participated** in advocacy initiatives, including persons with disabilities, influencing Disaster Management Committees (DMCs) to improve decision-making for climate-resilient livelihood activities and inclusive budgets.



## Joint Action for Mitigating Climate Uncertainties and Natural Adversities (JAMUNA)

**Project Location-** Sirajganj, Bogura, Gaibandha, Kurigram

**Implementation Partners-** Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS)

### About the Project-

**JAMUNA** project aims to improve the resilience of communities along the Jamuna River basin through stronger local actors and systems. The project supports communities in adapting to climate change, strengthens preparedness and response through climate risk-informed approaches, contributes to climate policy dialogue, and builds capacity. It targets all people in the selected areas, with a special focus on socially, culturally, and economically vulnerable groups, including women and youth.

### Key Features of the Project-

**Early warning and anticipatory action:** Integrated Early Warning System (IEWS) rollout at the community level, with practical tools for flood preparedness.

**Climate-smart livelihoods and food security:** Livelihood diversification through climate-smart agriculture, women's entrepreneurship support, youth skills pathways, and homestead gardening models.

**Health systems strengthening in climate hotspots:** Community clinic assessments and improvement planning, clinic repairs and upgrades, and stronger coordination with health authorities.

**Governance and local planning:** Strengthening disaster management committees and supporting risk reduction action planning and community participation mechanisms.

### Achievement in numbers (January- December 2025)

**26,672 people were trained** on disaster risk reduction (DRR) and climate change adaptation (CCA) issues, with strong female participation (13,603 women and 13,069 men).

**44,966 people gained access** to improved sanitation and hygiene facilities, with 73.6% of households having a functional hand-washing facility with soap and water, contributing to better health outcomes.

**844 community members received support** through climate-smart livelihood options, including skills training, women's entrepreneurship, and alternative income opportunities, enhancing local resilience and socio-economic conditions.

**72 flood pillars and 72 bulletin boards** were installed, reaching 138,162 people (68,390 men and 69,772 women), to strengthen early warning systems and disaster preparedness



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## Strengthening Workers' Access to Pertinent Nutrition Opportunities (SWAPNO)

**Project Location-** Khulna, Satkhira, Jamalpur, and Naogaon

**Implementation Partners-** Ledars, Caritas Bangladesh, Uttaran, Unnayan Shangho

### About the Project-

The SWAPNO project aims to improve the nutrition, health, and climate resilience of garment workers and their families. Contributing to the CALL programme, the project strengthens access to affordable, safe, and nutritious food in workplaces and communities while promoting climate change adaptation (CCA) awareness. By engaging factory management, workers, and local food systems, SWAPNO links nutrition improvement with resilient food access and healthier working environments.

### Key Features of the Project-

#### **Nutrition Improvement Committees (NICs):**

Factory-level platforms bringing together management, workers, and service providers to plan and oversee nutrition- and climate-responsive actions.

**Improved food access:** Establishment of fair price shops and community nutrition centres to provide affordable, nutritious food close to workplaces and homes.

#### **Behaviour change communication (BCC):**

Training and SBCC activities on healthy diets, hygiene, food safety, and climate-related health risks.

**Private sector engagement:** Capacity building of factory management, canteen managers, caterers, and shop operators on nutrition, hygiene, and climate adaptation.

#### **Climate-responsive workplace practices:**

Integration of CCA into nutrition and health interventions.

### Achievement in numbers (January- December 2025)

**2,535 people trained** on climate change issues and nutrition-related practices. This included 51 factory management personnel, 17 canteen managers, 9 entrepreneurs of fair price shops, and 275 peer educators.

**4,820 people** gained access to climate-smart livelihood options and essential services. This included 160 training batches on climate change adaptation, food systems, and nutrition for community members.

**185 Multi-Stakeholder Platforms (MSPs)** were established at the Union Parishad level to mobilize communities on climate change adaptation (CCA) and nutrition actions.

**6 Community Nutrition Centers (CNCs)** were set up at the community level to provide nutrition education and climate change awareness services, benefiting workers and their communities.

**3 Fair Price Shops** were established at the RMG factory premises, providing affordable, nutritious food and other essential items.



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## Diversified Resilient Agriculture for Improved Food and Nutrition Security (RAINS)

**Project Location-** Khulna, Satkhira, Jamalpur, and Naogaon

**Implementation Partners-** Ledars, Caritas Bangladesh, Uttaran, Unnayan Shangho

### About the Project-

RAINS project aims to strengthen food and nutrition security and resilience of poor and marginal farmers- especially women and youth- against climate and economic shocks. Contributing to the CALL programme, the project promotes climate-resilient agricultural practices, nutrition-sensitive production, and strengthened local governance by integrating climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction, and market-responsive food systems at community and Union Parishad levels.

### Key Features of the Project-

**Multi-Stakeholders Platform (MSP) at Union level:** Establishes and strengthens inclusive local platforms by revitalising existing Union Parishad committees to lead climate adaptation, DRR, food, and nutrition actions.

**Climate-resilient agriculture and nutrition:** Promotion of homestead gardens, sack gardening, integrated farming, post-harvest practices, nutrition-based cooking, and hygiene awareness tailored to local climate risks.

**Local system strengthening:** Capacity building of Union Parishad representatives, MSP members, and government extension staff to plan and implement nutrition- and climate-responsive actions.

**Technology and innovation uptake:** Identification, adaptation, and dissemination of locally appropriate climate-smart agricultural technologies and practices.

**Gender and youth inclusion:** Ensures meaningful participation of women and youth in MSPs, training, and decision-making processes.

### Achievement in numbers (January- December 2025)

**6,435 people** (Male: 3,591, Female: 2,844) reported improved resilience to climate change. This was achieved through capacity-building activities on soil management, diversified cropping, and nutrition-focused practices.

**1,485 people** (Male: 829, Female: 656) benefited from climate-smart livelihood options and essential services. This included training on stress-tolerant rice, vegetables, and alternative wetting and drying techniques.

**185 Multi-Stakeholder Platforms (MSPs)** were established across Union Parishads. These platforms mobilized communities for climate change adaptation (CCA) and nutrition activities.

**480 training batches** were conducted on Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA), reaching 12,756 participants.

**712 community groups** received training and services on agro-based livelihood options, including bio-fortified and nutrient-enriched seeds and improved production techniques.



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## Actions to Climate Change Ensuring Sustainable Solutions (ACCESS)

**Project Location-** Satkhira

**Implementation Partners-** Eco-Social Development Organization (ESDO)

**About the Project-**

REACH aims to reduce the health risks caused by climate change for pregnant and postpartum women, children, and adolescent girls in coastal Bangladesh. Implemented under the CALL programme, the project strengthens community knowledge and the local health system to address climate-induced health hazards such as salinity intrusion, heatwaves, flooding, and water contamination. By combining community-based health education, capacity building of health workers, and climate-resilient health infrastructure, REACH contributes to more resilient and responsive local health services.

**Key Features of the Project-**

**Climate-responsive health education:** Community sessions on 11 priority topics, including safe water use, heatstroke, menstrual health, dengue prevention, maternal and child nutrition, mental health, and drowning prevention.

**Health system capacity strengthening:** Training frontline government and community health workers to identify and manage climate-induced health risks.

**Climate-resilient infrastructure support:** Renovation of water sources and health facility improvements to ensure safe services in saline- and flood-prone areas.

**Participatory and gender-sensitive approach:** Use of community assessments and culturally appropriate methods to engage women, adolescents, and male partners.

**Evidence and advocacy foundation:** Documentation of climate–health linkages to inform future policy dialogue and advocacy.

**Top Level Achievements (January- December 2025)**

**9,758 beneficiaries** (Male: 3,926, Female: 5,418) trained to identify climate-related health risks, particularly heatstroke prevention.

**9,756 individuals** (Male: 2,073, Female: 2,805, including 1,065 adolescents) reached through health education sessions focused on the health risks of saline water consumption during pregnancy.

**41 health workers** and **67 Community Skilled Birth Attendants (CSBAs)** received capacity-building training on climate-induced health hazards, strengthening local health services to address climate-related health risks.

**6 health systems** were supported, including the renovation of 1 freshwater source and the renovation of 3 Community Clinics.

**2 eco-friendly mobile ambulances** were introduced, enhancing emergency healthcare access in remote and disaster-prone areas.



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## Promoting Green Growth in the Ready-Made Garments Sector through Skills (PROGRESS)

**Project Locations-** Dhaka, Gazipur, Narayanganj, Chattogram

### About The Project-

**PROGRESS** project supports Bangladesh's RMG sector to become more inclusive, environmentally responsible, and competitive. The project strengthens worker skills and improves factory productivity while advancing environmental and social compliance and decent employment, particularly in Tier-2 and Tier-3 factories.

### Key Features of the Project-

**Skills and productivity pathways (with strong focus on women):** Data-driven training packages such as Low Performer Improvement (LPI), Zero Defect Operator (ZDO), and the Women Leadership Training Programme (WLTP), alongside capacity building on green initiatives.

**Decarbonisation and resource optimisation support:** Development of Climate Action Roadmaps and practical measures (e.g., green skills training, condensate recovery and G-trap design) to reduce emissions and improve efficiency.

**Strengthening local ESG service markets:** Building CSP capacity through skills development and certified training (including GRI-certified training), supported by international expertise to improve advisory quality and business models.

**Knowledge sharing and visibility:** Events and best-practice documentation to promote scalable approaches and wider sector uptake.

### Achievement in numbers (January- December 2025)

**3,387 workers trained (2,441 women)** from 19 factories on productivity, resource optimisation, leadership, and green initiatives (including LPI, ZDO, WLTP).

**465 private sector actors trained** (94 women) from factories and local consulting firms on climate/resource optimisation and productivity-linked sustainability practices.

**4,443 workers benefited (3,021 women)** from improved factory environmental compliance, alongside an estimated reduction of **1,473 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>**.

**3 factory** climate actions supported during the period; needs assessments completed in **30 factories**, positioning the project for scaled climate action.