

Our vision is a just world in which all people determine the course of their lives in dignity and security, using environmental resources in a sustainable manner



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Helvetas is an independent organization for development based in Switzerland with affiliated organizations in the United States and Germany. For over 60 years, it has been supporting poor and disadvantaged people and communities in about 30 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe. In Bangladesh, Helvetas started its activity in 2000 and is working in 12 districts promoting sustainable and inclusive development, resilience to climate change, safe and informed migration, and good governance. Since 2017, Helvetas has been active in humanitarian response, especially for the Rohingya refugees and host communities.

OUR IMPACT IN 2020-2024

2,721,337
people, including women and socially excluded groups, strengthened their economic security and livelihood opportunities

272,877
people, especially women and girls, improved access to safe and inclusive water, sanitation and hygiene service

486,562
farmers, including women smallholders, adopted sustainable and climate-resilient agricultural practices

947,880
migrants, particularly women and youth, accessed safer, informed and rights-based migration pathways

105,404
people have participated in technical skills and entrepreneurship training and business development activities

946
local civil society organizations have been strengthened to promote good governance, peacebuilding, and inclusive local development

OUR STRATEGY 2024-2027



OUR WORK AND EXPERTISE



SKILLS, JOBS AND INCOME

- Market system development (MSD)
- Local Service Provision (LSP)
- Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET)
- Livelihood and Value Chain

PROJECTS: 4



WATER, FOOD AND CLIMATE

- Climate justice
- Loss and Damage
- Inclusive WASH
- Disaster Risk Reduction (DDR)
- Climate Change Adaptation (CCA)
- Food systems

PROJECTS: 3



VOICE, INCLUSION AND COHESION

- Empowering Citizens (women, youth and marginalized)
- Access to information and Justice
- Youth and Civic Engagement
- Capacity building of local authorities
- Peace Building and Social Cohesion
- Safe and informed migration

PROJECTS: 3

OUR KEY APPROACHES

We focus our impact on transforming unequal systems that limit the rights and opportunities of women and marginalised communities by applying:

Human rights-based approach (HRBA)

Our programmes and projects promote political, social, economic, environmental, and cultural rights by strengthening the capacity of individuals and communities to claim their rights and supporting governments, local authorities and other duty bearers to fulfil their obligations.

Inclusive Systems Approach

Ensuring local ownership of development interventions is key to achieving a large and lasting impact. Thus, our role is to facilitate the engagement of local actors in enhancing systems' future capability to function and adapt to changing realities.

Conflict sensitivity

We apply conflict sensitivity across all projects and activities to reduce the risk that we inadvertently contribute to exacerbating tensions and creating conflict. This approach also helps us to spot opportunities to foster social cohesion.



HUMANITARIAN AND EMERGENCY INTERVENTIONS

We create more comprehensive and sustainable responses to crises, enabling affected communities to recover and rebuild their lives with greater resilience and self-reliance through:

- Food security and nutrition
- Protections
- Livelihoods improvement
- Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)
- Nexus: short-term emergency relief actions; livelihood opportunities, social cohesion
- Emergency response to natural disasters

PROJECTS: 2



OUR COMMITMENT TO PARTNERSHIP AND LOCALISATION

We are convinced that different actors with their specific capacities contribute to successful development processes. Building upon our experience in developing capacities and proactively connecting organizations, the private sector and public players, we promote the establishment of partnerships with national actors. This cooperation is based on shared vision, mutual learning, development of joint competencies to increase local partners' self-determination and jointly achieve a lasting impact and social justice.

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