

Collaborative Project

Sustainable Forests and Livelihoods (SUFAL) Project

Bangladesh Forest Department has been implementing a Five-year long project 'Sustainable Forest and Livelihoods (SUFAL) Project' from July 2018 with the financial assistance of IDA of World Bank and contribution from Government of Bangladesh.

Proshika Manobik Unnayan Kendra and VERC jv has been selected as partner NGO for coastal Bhola and coastal Patuakhali package (No SD-61A) which is south central part of Bangladesh adjacent to the Bay of Bengal. As per TOR, Proshika and VERC has formed a consulting team for implementation of this assignment, consisting of Field Coordinator, Forestry and Biodiversity Specialist, Livelihood specialist, Field facilitators, Accountant and Enumerators having required education and field experiences for collaborative forest management, data entry, training etc.

Implemented by: Bangladesh Forest Department

Partner Organization: Proshika Manobik Unnayan Kendra & VERC JV

The overall objective of SUFAL) Project:

The overall objective of the project is to improve Collaborative Forest Management and increase access to Alternative Income Generating Activities for forest dependent communities in the project area.

Target People:

Poor, Extreme poor, Small Ethnic Community, Vulnerable, Elderly and Women Headed Households' members, heavily depending on forest resources for their livelihoods.

Project period:

24 months from July 2021 to June 2023. One year extended up to 31 August, 2024

Package Area:

Coastal Bhola and Coastal Patuakhali Forest Division

Assignment of the Partner Organization:

- To identify forest dependent communities from forest conservation village,
- To conduct reconnaissance survey, conducting baseline survey and community profiling.
- Selection of target people through CIP process.
- Data entry and prepare community profiling of target people.
- Formation of CFMC and sub-committees, organizing capacity building training for functional of CFMC and another sub-committee.
- To provide training for institutional development for functioning different committee & sub-committee and skill development of participants for implementation of diversified AIGAs.
- Identification of appropriate and diversified AIGA, preparation of training Manuals, LDF and CDF support.

- COM guidelines followed during the implementation of the planned activities.
- To mobilize and organize the participants in collaborative forest management.

At a glance Activities: (Coastal Bhola & Coastal Patuakhali)

SL. No.	Activity Name	CFD Bhola	CFD Patuakhali	Total
1	Forest Division	1	1	2
2	Administrative District	1	2	3
3	Range office	6	7	13
4	Beat office1	12	19	31
5	FCV/VCF	29	31	60
6	Beneficiary	1775(M-1185,F-590)	2225(M-1212,F-1013)	4000(M-2397,F-1603)
7	Ethnic Beneficiary	---	71(M-21,F-50)	72(M-21,F-50)
8	Capacity Building Training	1305 (M- 752, F-53)	1263(M-706,F-557)	2568(M-1458,F-1110)
9	SkillDevelopment Training(AIGA) Participants	1775(M-1185,F-590)	2225(M-1212,F-1013)	4000(M-2397,F-1603)
10	Individual Savings members	1775	2225	4000
11	Individual Savings Amount (Tk)	25,61,300	26,81,517	52,42,817
12	No. of Community Development Fund- CDF Project	87	105	192
13	Community Development Fund - CDF (Tk)	1,21,80,000	1,30,20,000	2,52,00,000
14	LDF Disbursement (Beneficiary no.)	1775	2086	3861
15	LDF Disbursement (Tk)	62,118,000	73,600,800	135,718,800

Some pictures of project activities: (Coastal Bhola & Coastal Patuakhali)



Proshika Consulting with Mr Abdullah Al Mamun, DFO, Patuakhali CFD.



An event of CIP member Training at Bhola



Village map prepared by CIP Team at Char Kasem, Rangabali, Patuakhali



An event of FCV Meeting Uttoripara FCV, Coastal Forest Division Patuakhali.



Sharing meeting with FCV members of Khajura where Mr Abdullah Al Mamun, DFO CFD Patuakhali Chief guest and Mrs Sharmin Aktar, DPD, SUFAL Project special Guest.



AIGA Training on Agriculture for SUFAL Project Beneficiaries at Rahamanpur-1 of Pochakoralia Beat of Monpura Range.



An occasion of LDF cheque distribution at Bwalkar FCV, Borguna SFNTC,



Md. Abdur Rahim Farmer of Char Lathimara FCV, Char Lathimara Beat, Pathorghata Range, Borguna Distract. Take care of his Egg Plant field.



Mst. Lily Begum, Beneficiary of Mombipara FCV at Kuakata Beat Under Mohipur Range .Cultivated Chili in her field. CFD Patuakhali