



COAST Trust is implementing a project titled "Climate Justice Resilient Fund-CJRF" for adapting to climate change in the coastal areas of Bangladesh from January 1, 2018, to December 1, 2020. Through the project, COAST Trust is cooperating with local partner organizations to form a formal alliance on climate change and climate migrant issues, and also promoting awareness and educational programs through community and Amateur Radio to raise youth, women and children as well as providing Climate Adaptive Income Generating Technology for the poor. The project is being implemented in seven coastal districts of Bangladesh.

## Virtual meeting with CJRF on Progress and Review



*Photo: Heather McGray Director of New Venture Fund in a phase of open discussion with Rezaul Karim Chowdhury Executive Director of Coast Trust & the CJRF team, Date: 13/06/2020*

An online meeting on the progress and review of the CJRF project was held on 13<sup>th</sup> July, Thursday, 2020, at 6:00 pm (Bangladesh time). All staff from the CJRF project, Project Focal and Director of COAST-Trust Sayed Aminul Haque, Executive Director Rezaul Karim Chowdhury, Heather McGray of CJRF from Washington DC, America took part in that meeting. With the moderation of Executive Director of COAST, Project Focal of the CJRF Project presented the keynote. He highlighted the overall progress and reviews of the project such as the process of project implementation, subsequent outcomes, changes of key stakeholders, their contributions in coastal protection & climate justice, obstacles, learning, overall financial progress, plans, strategies, and so on. Due to the current epidemic of COVID-19 & government embargo public gatherings, public seminars are not possible to perform. So the project is extended by 3 months emphasizing online programs. Besides this decision was taken to review the budget and preparing documentary & printing publications on project outcomes.

## Campaigning to promote Climate adaptive income-generating technology (CAIGT)

In vulnerable coastal areas, the CJRF project is implementing a variety of promotional activities to expand Climate adaptive income generating technologies. These campaignings are being conducted through yard meetings, where different people from the affected

community are taking part. Flip charts with content and pictures are being used in the campaign so it is easy to understand for the participants.



*Photo: To expand Climate adaptive technology Technical Officer Atiqur Rahman is conducting a campaign at the community level in Bhola, Photo credit: COAST Trust, Date: 08/07/2020*

These campaignings are being conducted through yard meetings, where different people from the affected community are taking part. Flip charts with content and pictures are being used in the campaign so it is easy to understand for the participants. Their income is declining and poor people are being more impoverished. To solve this problem through the campaign, messages on Climate adaptive income generating technologies (CAIGT), clean water, sewerage, and health awareness have been selected by the project. The main objective of this campaign is socio-economic development by raising public awareness in isolated and vulnerable areas as if they practice them in their practical life. These campaignings are being conducted through yard meetings, where different people from the affected community are taking part. Flip charts with content and pictures are being used in the campaign so it is easy to understand for the participants. Through this campaign affected communities especially women and adolescent girls are being aware of safe drinking water, climate adaptive sanitation, climate adaptive sustainable farming practices such as the Rangpur model, vegetable cultivation in the sack, Triple F model (Integrated farming method-fish, fruit, and forest). They are gaining new ideas about goat rearing on the scaffold and practicing. By financial solvency, they are being more confident.



*Photo: To expand Climate adaptive technology Technical Officer Afsar Hossain is conducting a campaign at the community level in Hatiya, Photo credit: DUs, Date: 07/07/2020*

**Khuki Akhtar has been benefited by rearing goats by scaffold system**



*Photo: Khuki Akhtar working in front of the goat scaffold Photo credit: Parvez Hossain, TO, CJRF Date: 08/07/2020*

Khuki Akhtar is a poor resident of Side Para, Ward No. 1 at Koiarbil Union. Her husband Nasir Uddin is a fisherman who catches fish in the sea. Their family is dependent only on selling fish. In 2016, she lost her home in severe sea erosion and she displaced. She took shelter near the flood control dam with her husband and children. Many had to face the same condition as them. One year ago to get rid of the scourge of poverty she bought a pair of the goat by saving some money from her husband's income. Due to lack of training and lack of knowledge about goat rearing, she was rearing her goats traditionally. Where she kept goats on wet and damp atmosphere ground. After 6 months the goat along with 2 kids died of PPR disease. This economic loss profound deep pressure on Khuki Aktar. After that, she learned about goat rearing on the scaffold by participating in the awareness campaign through yard meetings which were conducted at the community level by the COAST-CJRF project. Considering his eagerness and socio-economic condition, the COAST-CJRF project provided him technical assistance to build a scaffold for goat rearing. He started dreaming again and bought 2 small goats. Expressing the benefits of goat rearing on the scaffold, Khuki Akhtar supposed that "Now my goats are not being affected by the disease, the stool can be cleaned every day and the scaffold remains dry." Last July she sold two goats for 13,000 taka. After selling now she has

more than five goats. She expressed with joy, "At last I am benefitted rearing goats on scaffold only and now I am planning for goat rearing on a larger scale."

**Virtual meeting with CJRF project partners**



*Photo: A phase of open discussion on project planning with COAST-CJRF team and Advocacy Partners Date: 13/07/2020*

As part of the CJRF project activities, a virtual meeting was held on 13 July 2020 at 4.00 pm with the participation of all project partners. Executive Directors and Project Officers of Coast Trust, SDI, Dwip Unnayan Sangstha (DUS), ICCDA, NRDS, YPSA, AOSED, and UDAYAN Bangladesh attended the meeting. In the meeting, the keynote was presented by Md. Abul Hasan Program-Head of the COAST-CJRF Project with the moderation of Syed Aminul Haque focal of CJRF. He discussed the progress of the project activities & achievements in the fiscal year 2019 and the strategies for the implementation of the project in 2020, like Provided guidelines to strengthen partners' monitoring on government-adopted coastal protection issues, the desired outputs from the performed seminars, contemporary obstacles in project implementation and so on. In the discussion on future strategies in implementation, the participants urged for linking the issue of COVID-19 with climate justice. As well as conducting seminars and campaigning avoiding public gatherings and maintaining social distance.

**Activities, Target and Achievement of CJRF –July 2020**

Sl.	Activities	Target	Achievement
1	Salinity monitoring on PPT	02	02
2	Project monthly meeting	01	01
3	Partners meeting	01	00
4	Campaign on CAIGT, Water & Sanitation	20	8
5	CAIGT dissemination through asset distribution	20	12

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