

Climate Communique



Since January 2018, the COAST Foundation has been implementing a project in 7 coastal districts of Bangladesh entitled "Climate Justice Resilient Fund-CJRF", which will be continue until September 22. The main objectives of the project are facilitating information and education to strengthen community practice on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), Climate Change, and resilience for reducing climate risk affecting factors, Strengthen government practice and expand facilities at the remote and climate-vulnerable areas through networking and advocacy with CSO leadership, ensure economic security by providing and promoting Climate Adaptive Income Generating Techniques (CAIGTs) and input support to coastal communities in reducing income erosion.

"No More Use of Plastic" public awareness campaign initiated by Adolescent Center

Adolescent center members are campaigning to reduce environmental degradation by reducing plastic use. It is a continuous initiative of the Adolescent Center in support of the COAST CJRF project from the necessity for raising public awareness to protect future generations and the environment by reducing the use of plastic.

Jasmine Akhter, the teacher of Ali Akbar Dale Adolescent Center in Kutubdia Upazila, said the campaign was being implemented with the participation of people from different classes. Polythene and plastics are one of the major causes of environmental pollution. Its widespread and arbitrary use has led to widespread environmental disasters, and its use is pushing towards more disaster's day by day. Polythene does not corrode or mix with the soil when it enters the soil. If there is plastic, groundwater can no longer pass-through polythene, hater penetration into the soil layer is severely hampered. But nobody is aware of this.

She said the campaign, titled "No More Use of Plastics", the objective is to raise awareness about the threats of environmental catastrophe as well as urge people to campaign from their own positions.

Climate Adaptive Techniques play a vital role in empowering vulnerable women, said UNO



Mr. Al Noman, Upazila Nirbahi Officer [UNO] Charfashion, Bhola is taking feedback from the beneficiaries while visiting the Climate Adaptive Techniques. January 9, 22 Photo-Atiqur Rahman



Let's stop using plastic, prevent environment from threats, public awareness campaign initiated by Ali-Akbar Dale Adolescent Center. January 6, 2022, Ali Akbar Dale, Kutubdia, Photo - Shahadat Hossain.

"Through the use of Climate-Adaptive Income-Generating Techniques, the vulnerable families are now able to cultivate vegetables all year round in flood-prone and fallow lands, affected women are now becoming financially self-sufficient as they meet the nutritional needs of their families as well as create income opportunities " Mr. Al Noman, Upazila Nirbahi Officer, Char Fashion gave his opinion after visiting various Climate Adaptive Techniques implemented by COAST CJRF project in Char Madras Union, under Char Fashion Upazila, Bhola on January 8, 2022.

During this time, he visited the vegetable cultivation in the sack and bed method and goat rearing activities in the scaffolding method and discussed various issues with the beneficiaries. He thanked the COAST CJRF project for taking such initiatives to enhance the adaptive capacity of local communities to tackle the effects of climate change, adding that such initiatives are playing a vital role in empowering women economically. He also suggested organizing various skill development training for women and adolescents, building a health-sanitation system, child marriage, and taking more initiatives to increase social awareness on the prevention of violence against women.

" Nobody will be excluded if registration process can start within ban " Unregistered fisher's opinion

Unregistered fishermen recommend starting the registration process during the ban period. They think that at that time everyone stays in their area, so if the government starts the registration process, there is no possibility of anyone being

excluded. If the registration process starts at another time, many fishermen will not get the opportunity to register because then they are in the deep sea for fishing. As a result, they remain unregistered and are always deprived of government Social Safety Net services.

Balram Das, a member of the Ali Akbar Dale Small Fishermen's Group in Kutubdia Upazila, said fishermen need to register to receive any humanitarian assistance from the government. They are being deprived of this facility due to lack of registration. One of the main reasons for not registering is the presence of fishermen in the sea at that time. In this regard, unregistered fishermen are recommended to start this process during the ban period. Because each of them has to go to sea at the behest of a moneylender, even if they want to, they don't have a chance to stay.



Babaji, Balaram, and Sajib Das, the members of small fisher's group, are preparing unregistered fishermen lists and taking their opinions- Ali Akbar Dail fisheries ghat, Kutubdia.

Bed cultivation; year-round scope for income



Huzaifa Begum has cultivated chili, sweet pumpkin, Pui Shak, and other vegetables in bed method, she has sold only chilly in this season for around BDT. 1500, Ghilabari, 8 No ward Kaiarbil, Kutubdia. Photo- Shahadat Hossain, TO, Kutubdia.

Bed cultivation has already gained popularity among women in climate-affected coastal areas. Vegetables are being cultivated in this method especially due to salinity, flood, and submergence of land during monsoon season. In addition to household and other work, they now have the opportunity to grow vegetables all year round and are earning. Seeing the success of one, others are also cultivating in this method.

The negative effects of climate change are increasing the salinity levels in the soil and water of the coastal areas, turning the cultivable lands into barren lands as well as the local people failing to cultivate other crops including vegetables due to waterlogging, floods, and other calamities.

The women of the coastal areas are now cultivating vegetables like spinach, radish, cauliflower, cabbage, red spinach, bean, gourd, sweet pumpkin, and chilly using the bed method throughout the year.

COAST CJRF project is working to expand Climate-Adaptive Techniques in the affected communities of the most affected coastal areas of Bangladesh by climate change. In addition to the promotional activities, the above farming techniques are being distributed experimentally among the coastal families. Observing their improvement, many women have already started cultivating vegetables in this method and are earning an average of BDT. 2-3 thousand per month.

Feedback meeting with program participants

A quarterly feedback meeting was held with the program participants of the CJRF project in Hazariganj Union of Charfashion Upazila under the Bhola district on 26 January 2022. At the meeting, they presented various opinions regarding the satisfaction level of project activities.

Program participants said that through this project they have learned about climate change and adaptation techniques, now they are practicing adaptation techniques and are benefiting financially. They are following pre-disaster preparedness issues, which is why the loss of life and property ratio is lower than in the past. They have learned about the risks of child marriage and have promised not to give their daughters child marriage.

In addition, they gave recommendations, for including more new Climate Adaptive Techniques. Providing timely input to them keeping in view the weather conditions and arranging long-term training on Income-Generating Activities etc.



Program participants expressed their opinions on project services, Hazariganj, Charfashion, 26 January 22, Photo: Swapna Begum, CJRF.

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