

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.

Vegetable Cultivation by bed method

Year-round earning opportunities, Increasing living standard of Climate Vulnerable family

In tackling climate change, coastal women are practicing Climate-Adaptive Income-Generating Techniques to restore economic stability to their families. In the meantime, vegetable cultivation by bed method has already become widely popular among the coastal affected women. By cultivating vegetables in this manner on fallow lands due to waterlogging, they are now able to create additional income opportunities as well as meet the nutritional needs of the family. which is helping to provide education and other expenses for their children.

Coastal people are most at risk from the negative effects of climate change, with extreme salinity in soil and water turning farmland into barren land. Local people are failing to cultivate vegetables and other crops traditionally. Instead of losing hope, women in coastal areas are now finding alternative ways to earn a livelihood by using the bed method. They are now cultivating all kinds of vegetables like - lady's finger, spinach, radish, cauliflower, cabbage, red spinach, and chilly in different seasons.



Alamrajan has sold vegetables worth around Tk 10,000 in last 3 months. At present she has cultivated ladies' finger and Indian spinach, in 5 beds, South Dhurong Union, Kutubdia, Kakrabazar, Photo-Shahadat, TO, COAST

income. Claiming to be a successful farmer, Alamrajan said, "I have seen many women in the area now start cultivating vegetables in sacks. I like it very much. Since the cost is low, hopefully, everyone will be benefited.

Youth pledge to prevent child marriage

Our awareness will prevent the shocks of child marriage

The initiative of the Adolescent Centers community-based campaign titled " Our awareness will prevent the shocks of child marriage " is being held at the community level in different areas of Coastal District Bhola and Kutubdia Upazila. The campaign objectives are to create community awareness for building a strong social movement to prevent violence against women and adolescents. The youth society is also being involved in this campaigning process to play a vital role in preventing child marriage.

They are committing to work unitedly with others stakeholders in society to prevent child marriage. They are saying that they will not do child marriage themselves or if their parents want to give child marriage, they will protest and resist. If we get any news of child marriage, we will take appropriate steps to prevent it. We will treat women of all ages with dignity and inspire others to do the same. If necessary, we will take the help of local people's representatives, Upazila Women's Affairs Officer, Upazila Nirbahi Officer, local police, and journalists and



Almarajan said she has sold vegetables worth around Tk 10,000 in last 3 months, spends around 60 % of earnings on her childrens education

Alamrajan is a resident of south Dhurong Union of Kutubdia Upazila, speaking with her, it is known that no crop is grown in this coastal area due to salinity. The effects of salinity have increased in this region almost every year due to the tidal wave caused by natural disasters. In this situation, she started cultivating vegetables in bed method to meet the family's needs with the help of the COAST CJRF project and to earn extra

stop child marriage. Through such campaigns, besides raising public awareness, difficulties to prevent child marriage are being identified at the local level and recommendations are being made to the local public's representatives and administration to solve those barriers.

IGA skills development training

To build self-confidence for a dignified life of the school dropout coastal adolescent

In addition to providing life skills education to the school dropouts adolescent in the climate-vulnerable coastal areas, various income-generating training is being organized and various inputs are being distributed among them to enhance their economic capacity. Which will help them to achieve economic capacity and contribute to the development of family and society with dignity. CJRF Project is encouraging them to engage in small-scale- Income Generating Activities through the Adolescent Centers.

Economic incapacity is one of the main reasons coastal adolescents are driven toward gender inequality and because of this they are deprived of their deserved rights. The training covers the cultivation of seasonal vegetables on abandoned lands around the house, preparation and use of organic fertilizers instead of chemical fertilizers for economic saving and environmental protection, rearing of livestock and poultry, care, and diseases. At the end of the training, seeds, saplings, chickens and other income-generating inputs are being distributed among them. Upazila Agriculture and Livestock Department officials are conducting this training.



Upazila Livestock Officer is conducting training on raising cattle and poultry. Lamshikhali Union, Kutubdia, Cox's Bazar, Photo-Shahadat, TO, COAST-CJRF

Campaign to expand adaptation techniques

To reduce the economic loss of climate-affected coastal community people

Due to the impact of climate change, the frequency of natural disasters in the coastal areas of Bangladesh is increasing. As a



The youth representatives are speaking in the campaign and pledging to work together to prevent child marriage. Manika High School, Manika Charfashion, Bhola. Photo: Atiqur Rahman, TO, CJRF, Bhola.

result of these disasters, the socio-economic status of local people and the scale of environmental disasters are becoming more pronounced. This change is directly or indirectly affecting the socio-economic activities of most of the population i.e. around



Project staff are conducting the awareness sessions among the climate-affected communities to inspire them for practicing Climate Adaptation Techniques to reduce income erosion, Musapure, Sandwip, Pic: SDI

90% of the population. Which is reducing the economic potential of the residents here. In the Climate vulnerable coastal areas of Bangladesh, the CJRF project is implementing promotional activities and initiatives to expand various Climate-Adaptive Income-Generating Techniques at the community level [CAIGT]. The overall economy of these regions is declining alarmingly due to the damage caused by natural disasters caused by climate change.

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