



Resilient Homestead and Livelihood Support to the Vulnerable Coastal People of Bangladesh



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Message

Dear readers,

We are pleased to share the latest updates of RHL project. Our team have been working diligently to build climate resilience for coastal communities. Over the past few months, we have made significant progress despite several challenges posed.

This newsletter will provide an overview of our recent achievements, challenges, and the next steps in our journey to build up resilience for the most vulnerable households in Shyamnagar Upazila.

Sincerely,

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Key Activities and Progress

1. Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) for Beneficiary Selection

Over the past three months, we have conducted **106** Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) sessions across **10** unions in Shyamnagar Upazila. These sessions are essential in identifying the most vulnerable beneficiaries for the project. We engaged with 12-15 local elites from each village, including teachers, imams, Union Parishad members, village doctors and others of different occupation and classes. Through these efforts, we have enlisted the names of **16,441** probable beneficiaries, ensuring a broad and inclusive selection process.

2. Households Visit for the Verification of Beneficiaries

Following the collection of probable beneficiary names, we started the households visit as a means of verification process. Our team is visiting each and every household of the enlisted beneficiaries came of through PRA processes to ensure the selection of right beneficiaries meeting the beneficiary selection criteria of the project. Though this process is very laborious and critical, the project team is working hard to maintain transparency and fairness in beneficiary selection. We have already completed **1450** HH verifications and will continue to do so in the coming weeks.

3. Data Entry for Socio-economic Profiles

To develop the socio-economic profiles of the project beneficiaries, all the necessary data are being collected by the team using KoboCollect application. Till now, socio-economic data of **120** beneficiaries have been collected as means of trial of using KoboCollect application. We have sent feedback to PKSF regarding the KoboCollect application and hope we will get the final version of the application soon.

Upcoming Activities

1. Completion of Remaining PRAs

We will conduct the remaining PRAs in the coming weeks to finalize the beneficiary list.

2. Finalizing the Verification Process

HH visit regarding verification process will continue until all the potential beneficiaries have been reviewed.

3. Preparing Socio-economic Profiles

Information collection for preparing socio-economic profiles will be carried out in the coming weeks using data entry devices.

A Story from the Field

We want to share a story from Atulia, where one of the potential beneficiaries, Gayatri Gain, shared their experience during the verification process. As a widow and the head of her household, she has been struggling to sustain her family amid the increasing impacts of climate challenges. Moreover, she has not received any significant support from the Government or non-government organizations. Her selection as a potential beneficiary has given her hope for a safer, more resilient future. Stories like her motivate us to continue our efforts of ensuring climate-adaptive support for those in need.



Challenges Faced

The PRA process has not been without obstacles. The terrain of Shyamnagar Upazila presents significant logistical challenges, combined with the heavy rains typical of the season, made it difficult to organize and conduct the sessions. The situation became worse when we started HH visit for verification as navigating through the muddy roads posed a huge challenge due to heavy rainfall. Despite these challenges, our team persevered their duty with integrity and accountability.

Overcoming the challenges

To overcome the challenges our teams had to be flexible, sometimes rescheduling sessions or arranging alternative venues for PRAs. Some of the days due to schedule congestion, the team had to work overtime to finish the targeted activities in time. The positive attitude of the team and their motivation of completing the beneficiary selection in time helped them to improve their working efficiency and eventually completed the PRA activities amid the challenges they faced.

We thank the local communities for their cooperation and patience during this challenging period.

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