

NGF contribution on Rural Non Farm (RNF) Sector

Over the last couple of decades, Bangladesh economy witnessed remarkable economic growth appreciation largely to sustained expansion of its rural economy. During the 1990s both the crop and non-crop sub-sectors within agriculture have experienced faster growth, contributing directly to the rise of rural employment and income. According to PKSF intervention, NGF has been promoting and expanding diversified non-farm activities in the coastal areas by engage women that increasing the investment



both public and private sectors. Some of these coastal Rural Non Farm (RNF) activities are:

- Homestead based enterprises; handicraft, small cottages, Mini Garments/Tailoring etc.
- Crop processing & Marketing; Rice Milling, Food Packaging etc.
- Equipment repair workshop/Mobile Serving Center
- Rural transport services; Saw Mills, Auto Bike, Nasimon, Easy bike etc.
- Shop keeping, Business Center, Rural business initiative
- Cottage industries, like pottery, bamboo and cane made products, food processing & packaging etc.

Skill Development Training in Off-farm Activities

Skill Development Training in off-farm activities that including the following business items; PRIME Team has covered total 50 batches were trained as on June, 2016 that trained 1250 beneficiaries in the project areas.

- Sewing and needle work
- Karchupi
- Omani cap making
- Tailoring
- Sweetmeat packet making
- Bamboo and cane works



TAILORING & BLOCK BUTIC TRAINING



Photo:
NGF project beneficiaries produces
handicraft products for increasing
household income

The targeted beneficiaries of the program in consideration in the following criteria;

- Pure non-farm households have lowest land and working hand. They have also poor knowledge of product pricing & marketing
- The female-headed households have the tendency to participate more in RNF activities and they are succeed
- Increasing growth of this sector among them who have access to land, finance, technology and marketing knowledge are taking up RNF activities
- Mangrove dependents are habituated to generate alternate income practices especially handicrafts, manufacturing, carpeting, food packaging, karchupi, bamboo made products, saw milling, transportation services etc.

Agriculture and the rural non-farm economy, which together contribute 56% of the gross domestic product, are the main sources of livelihood for rural people. Considering the climate change effects, NGF has been promoting climate resilience agriculture and improving the economy of the rural non-farm sectors which is crucial to ensure food security, generate employment and reduce poverty in southwest coastal areas of Bangladesh.



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NGF project beneficiaries produces different type handicraft products