

## Conservation Financing and Partnership

**Background:** IPAC uses the LDF (Landscape Development Fund) and other donor funds as a tool for financing an improved conservation of Bangladesh's Protected Areas (PAs) throughout the Forest, Wetland and Ecologically Critical Areas. This is done through building their institutional and management capacity while providing demonstrable economic benefits to PA dependent communities. The significance of LDF and other such funds is that they are directly awarded to the CMOs in light of their conservation-focused project proposals. CMOs implement the project and are responsible for reporting and monitoring. In most cases, project activities prioritize strengthening conservation of PA landscapes, habitat improvements and support sustainable livelihood development program to develop adaptive capacity to cope with climate change vulnerability; and target the poor PA dependent communities especially women, ethnic and young to ensure active participation in natural resources conservation and management.

**Activities:** The LDF and some other financial supports paved the way for CMOs to earn and implement their program. Through consultation in regular monthly meetings, CMOs identify the challenges and prioritize program activities and develop their project proposals as per requirements of the donor. IPAC project here facilitates the CMOs to comply and maintain donor-specific Project Proposal submission template and guideline and relevant supporting documents to be submitted within a deadline. Through the reviewing process, GoB Depts. and USAID as the donor may ask to change, revise or add more issues before submission.

Generally, the CMOs target the following innovative areas as the said project components:

- Plantations in the PA landscape as habitat restoration and Social Forestry program while beneficiaries get 75% share of final harvests;
- Improved drinking water facilities development (e.g. tube-well, dug-well, Pond-sand-filters, etc.)
- Eco-tourism facilities development like small trail bridges, tourism boats, etc.
- A range of Alternative Income Generation activities with innovative ideas and conservation friendly (mushroom cultivation, net fishing in lake, bamboo and other handicrafts, ethnic weaving of souvenir products, poultry/cow fattening, hybrid fruits gardening, small/ferrying business, local transport system, flower and general nursery, etc.)

Based on the grants agreement signing, as the CMOs implement the project, they carry out a series of field level activities like appropriate beneficiary selection, procurement of inputs etc., while complying with donor's terms and conditions, GOB compliances and generally accepted accounting procedures, record keeping etc. IPAC continuously seeks and invites donor partners for funding these CMOs where donors like Arannayk Foundation, GIZ have come forward with revolving funds and subsidies.

**Impact:** LDF and donor Grants program is the most responsive tool for building sustained institutional capacity of IPAC CMOs as well as supporting demonstrable economic benefits to PA dependent communities. Conservation financing program builds the capacity for financial management as well as delivery of development benefits to PA-dependent poor, especially women, participating in the co-management platform. Over the period, a range of greater initiatives and efforts has been made to facilitate community based livelihood improvement activities, while also addressing broader IPAC objectives of biodiversity conservation and climate change adaptation, also strengthening CMO sustainability. With continued technical support and facilitation, Donor partners are now confident to grant the development projects to the CMOs which in turn, are expected to result in greater and long term financial sustainability of the Co-Management Organizations, as well as fuelling their pro-active efforts at improving biodiversity conservation.

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