





## Monitoring and Evaluation



In line with Bangladesh and US government objectives and initiatives on climate change, CREL project sets its goal as "Increased responsiveness and resilience to climate change in vulnerable biologically diverse environments" and envisages achieving this through four intermediate results (IRs), eight sub-IRs and 19 indicators including seven Standard (Foreign Assistance Framework) Indicators. The project is being implemented in association with three Ministries and three Departments of the Government of Bangladesh. 65 co-management bodies and related community organizations, concerned local government councils, and about 50,000 natural resource dependent households.

To compare progress during and beyond the project, CREL has developed baselines for its various dimensions: socio-economic, biophysical and institutional performance. The baselines include a database on all project participants and beneficiaries, and sample surveys of beneficiary households; in wetlands fish catch surveys and wintering waterbird censuses, in forests resident bird monitoring and carbon inventory, and in all sites land cover mapping using remote sensing and GIS; and assessment scorecards for co-management organizations, training need assessments, and scorecards for women's empowerment.

CrelLink, a web-based M&E data management system, has been developed to capture real-time project implementation data from all working areas - 20 remote locations of biological significance spread across the country. More than 150 users enter data and use it to monitor project results and take effective management decisions. The M&E team enables CREL managers from site to central levels to take informed decisions by generating data on project results and performance indicators based on routine monitoring and technical studies. The M&E team provides feedback and technical support to sites and regional teams as well as component leads and partners.

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