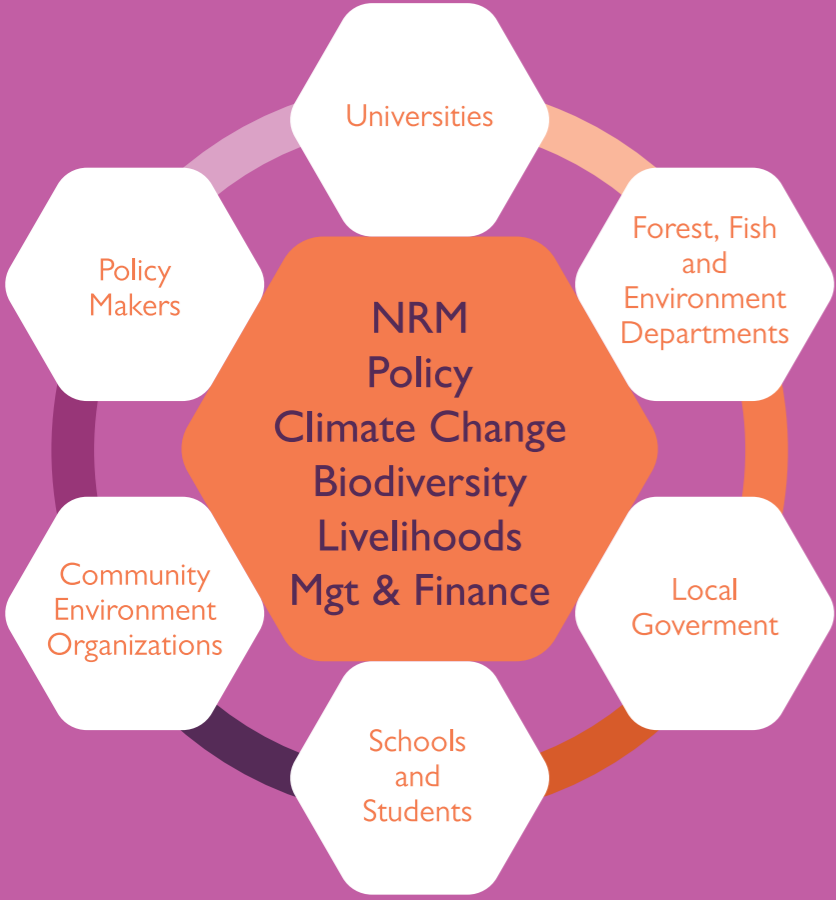


# HOW CAN YOU HELP?

The capacities needed to ensure effective stewardship of Bangladesh’s natural resources requires a simultaneous effort by a number of key stakeholders on a diversity of topics.



To ensure sustainability of environmental conservation efforts within the context of climate change, a growing market economy and co-management principles a greater emphasis is needed on improving the capacities of a diversity of stakeholders from policy makers to rural communities to enable them to fully participate in and harmonize environmental conservation efforts linked to rural economic development

# TESTIMONIALS



“Training on climate change adaptation, climate resilient NRM and livelihoods are essential for government officials and stakeholders for implementing protected area co-management.”

**Md. Yunus Ali**  
**Chief Conservator of Forests**  
 Bangladesh Forest Department



“Training on climate change adaptation, climate resilient NRM and livelihoods for stakeholders has already had a positive outcome on environment conservation outcomes and policy development.”

**Md. Raisul Alam Mondal**  
**Director General**  
 Department of Environment, Bangladesh



“I believe that the inclusion of climate change and natural resource management courses in university curricula will contribute to raising the awareness of the future leaders in the field of forestry and environment.”

**Professor A. Z. M. Manzoor Rashid, Ph.D.**  
 Head, Department of Forestry and Environmental Science & Dean, School of Agriculture & Mineral Sciences  
 Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Sylhet, Bangladesh



“Through the training we now understand how climate change creates adverse impacts on our lives and livelihoods and also know how to adapt and survive with the changing of climate.”

**Abu Murshed Chowdhury**  
**President**  
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# Empowering Communities and Institutions

Building Knowledge and Capacity for Stakeholders



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## Climate Change Adaptation

Develop curricula and implement training on climate change adaptation, climate risk planning and climate-resilient natural resource management for stakeholders

### Capacity Building Focus

- Training on climate change adaptation and climate-resilient natural resource management for village conservation forum (VCF) members, local level government officers, and national level government officers
- Support Participatory Climate Vulnerability Assessments (PCVA) with communities
- Develop curricula on climate change, REDD+, forest carbon measurement, natural resources management and natural resources co-management for universities

### Target

**50,000** people with improved capacity on climate change adaptation, mitigation and climate-resilient natural resource management

### Achievements

- **13,148** VCF members trained on climate change issues
- **114** local level government officers trained on a diversity of climate change topics
- **10,000** stakeholders trained on PCVA
- **5** university level curricula developed for 10 national universities and institutes



## Improved skills for a changing world

USAID's Climate-Resilient Ecosystems and Livelihoods (CREL) Project builds capacities of stakeholders as a means to promote and strengthen the implementation of co-management, improve natural resource management (NRM), increase income and income earning opportunities of community members and strengthen climate change resilience. The capacity building component helps to build the knowledge and capacity of members of community organizations involved in the protection of natural resources, national NGOs and local and national level government officials in three departments: the Forest Department, the Department of Fisheries and the Department of Environment. Parallel capacity building of stakeholders better supports co-management organizations (CMO) within protected areas to continue NRM conservation and climate change adaptation programs on their own.



## Improved Natural Resources Management Governance

Develop and implement training on natural resource policies, laws, acts and rules for a diversity of stakeholders

### Capacity Building Focus

- Orientation on importance and impacts of natural resources policies, laws, acts and rules for Union Parishad and Upazila members and other government officials
- Assess capacity, develop action plans and provide grants and training for co-management organizations (CMO)
- Arrange study tour programs in Bangladesh and overseas

### Target

**550** local government institute members with improved understanding on natural resource laws, acts and climate change issues

### Achievements

- Training for approximately **60** Union Parishad and Upazila members and officers
- More than **100** CMO members participating in cross-site visits within Bangladesh
- **30** government officers with strengthened capacities to implement effective natural resources management gained from study tours to protected areas in Bhutan, Thailand and Australia

## Climate-Resilient Livelihoods

Provide training on financial and entrepreneurial literacy skills and climate-resilient livelihoods activities for resource-poor community members

### Capacity Building Focus

- Seven-month skill training on Financial and Entrepreneurial Literacy Skills for VCF members
- Skills training on climate-resilient livelihoods options in agriculture (aquaculture, horticulture, livestock, poultry, vermiculture, agronomy) and non-agriculture (weaving, sewing, craft making)
- Training on entry fee revenue sharing collection mechanisms and eco-guide skills
- Gender mainstreaming in natural resource management, climate change adaptation and livelihoods development

### Achievements

- **58,908** VCF members trained on climate-resilient livelihoods
- **5,664** VCF members trained on financial and entrepreneurial skills
- **14,100** women members trained on climate and NRM management



## Institutional Financial Management

Develop curricula and arrange training on financial management to build institutional capacity of CMOs

### Capacity Building Focus

- Training of CMC members on financial management
- Comprehensive institutional management training for qualifying NGOs on USAID procedures
- Entry fee revenue collection and eco-guide development training

### Achievements

- **500** CMO members trained on grant and financial management
- **6** national NGOs trained on USAID grant management
- **280** CMO members trained on park revenue collection and eco-guide skills