Strengthened Planning and Implementation of Climate-Resilient Natural Resource Management (NRM) and Adaptation

Intermediate Result 3 (IR3 – Strengthened planning and implementation of climate resilient NRM and adaptation) has 3 broad objectives:

- NRM activities - preparation and implementation of Protected Area (PA) management and climate change plans by developing local level participatory natural resource management (NRM); expanding co-management to more biologically significant areas and their landscapes; developing maps of PAs and their landscapes, linking co-management organizations with service providers to enhance management plan implementation; restoring habitat; and reducing drivers of degradation and pressures on PAs.

- Facilitate sustainable financing for co-management through mechanisms such as payments for ecosystem services, eco-tourism, sharing of revenue from non-timber forest products, Public Private Partnership (PPP), and public and charitable sources.

- Leverage United States Government (USG) investment.

CREL will further contribute to developing REDD+ readiness in Bangladesh. Moreover, the component addresses past degradation of biologically significant areas by supporting co-managers (government agencies and local communities) for restoring and improving biophysical conditions, through: forest restoration and tree planting including swamp forests and natural regeneration; protection and restoration of wetland ecosystems including wetland sanctuaries beel re-excavation and restoration of connectivity; and soil conservation through watershed and land management. For enhanced eco-tourism revenue flows and sustainable learning-based visits, appropriate infrastructure will be developed for tourism.

IR 3 Expected Results

- Local climate change adaptation plans developed and integrated into PA management plans
- Sustainable financing mechanisms
- Linkages with other USAID programs and other development partners