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## **ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025**



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## Initiation to the Annual Report 2024-25

At JAGO NARI, we hold a bold and unwavering vision a society where women and girls are free from all forms of discrimination, where their rights are protected, upheld, and celebrated from childhood through adulthood. Our work began in 1998, long before global movements or frameworks like the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) called to "Leave No One Behind." For over 27 years, JAGO NARI has been doing just that bringing forward the voices and rights of women who have historically been left behind. The name JAGO NARI itself embodies our mission: to awaken, to empower, and to advance women in every corner of society. Since our inception, we have worked tirelessly to challenge social norms, close gender gaps, and pave the way for women to lead, thrive, and live with dignity.

Our journey began and continues in Barguna, a coastal district in southern Bangladesh that faces the constant threat of climate change and natural disasters. These challenges disproportionately affect women, exacerbating issues such as poverty, early marriage, lack of education, gender-based violence, and exclusion from decision-making. In 1998, there were no women-led NGOs in Barguna no platforms dedicated to women's empowerment. That absence became our call to action. We knew then, as we know now, that empowering women is not just a matter of justice it is essential for the progress of families, communities, and nations.

When JAGO NARI first began, both our mission and our leadership challenged long-standing social structures. A women-led development organization advocating for gender equality was unheard of and, in many cases, unwelcome. But over time, through determination, compassion, and community engagement, we transformed resistance into recognition. Today, JAGO NARI is a trusted name in women's rights and development. We have touched thousands of lives, nurtured hundreds of leaders, and made lasting impacts in areas such as education, livelihood, health, leadership, climate resilience, and gender justice.

The 2024-25 Annual Report reflects a year of both continuity and change. Our core values remain the same, but our strategies and programs have evolved to meet the needs of a changing world. This year, we expanded our reach, deepened our impact, and introduced innovative approaches to ensure that women are not just included they are leading the way.

We are particularly proud of our work in:

- Building women's resilience in the face of climate change
- Promoting girls' education and preventing child marriage
- Advancing women's leadership at local and regional levels
- Supporting survivors of gender-based violence
- Expanding women's access to economic opportunities and property rights

As we move into a new chapter, we remain guided by hope and by the countless stories of women who have defied the odds and changed their futures. But we also recognize that our journey is far from over. New challenges continue to emerge, requiring bold ideas, collaborative action, and sustained commitment. Together, we can continue building a society where every woman, in every village and every city, can live free from discrimination, with power, purpose, and pride.

**Let us move forward with courage, compassion, and a shared commitment to equality for all.**

## Chairperson's Foreword

### Empowering Women: Breaking Barriers, Building Futures

Despite decades of work and progress, the full realization of women's rights remains a significant challenge, not only in Bangladesh but around the world. Women still face discrimination, inequality, and violence in many forms. Although there has been progress in laws and policies, real change on the ground is still far from being achieved. In Bangladesh, we have made strides in the fight for women's rights. However, deep-rooted cultural, economic, and institutional barriers continue to prevent women from being fully empowered. As we reflect on these issues, it becomes clear that the work of organizations like JAGO NARI is more important than ever.



Women's rights are universal human rights that guarantee dignity, education, healthcare, fair work, participation in decision-making, bodily autonomy, and freedom from violence and discrimination rights that apply to every woman regardless of age, race, or religion. Yet, many women in our society are still denied these fundamental rights. They struggle for equal access to education and healthcare, receive lower wages than men, face exclusion from leadership, and endure domestic violence and legal injustice. Too many remain financially dependent and unaware of their own rights due to limited education or social barriers. These challenges are deeply connected: lack of education leads to fewer opportunities, dependence, and greater vulnerability. Breaking this cycle requires united, long-term commitment from families, communities, and institutions.

Barguna, in the southern coastal region of Bangladesh, remains one of the country's most underdeveloped districts, where women's rights are often overlooked despite some progress. It was in this challenging environment that JAGO NARI, a local non-governmental organization, was founded 27 years ago on a simple yet powerful belief: empowered women can transform families, communities, and nations. Guided by the slogan "Fighting for Women Empowerment," JAGO NARI has worked tirelessly to create change. Through education, skill training, awareness programs, and legal support, it has touched the lives of thousands of women and girls by helping them find their voice, pursue education, earn livelihoods, and participate in decision-making. These achievements are significant, but the journey toward true equality and empowerment remains far from complete.

The barriers to women's empowerment are deeply rooted in social traditions, economic dependence, legal inaccessibility, and limited education. Patriarchal values, poverty, and early marriage continue to silence women and restrict opportunities. Overcoming these challenges demands resources, time, and above all, a transformative shift in mindset across society.

Establishing women's rights and achieving full empowerment will not happen overnight. It is a long and complex process, especially in regions like Barguna where traditions and poverty create additional challenges. But we must not give up.

We have a responsibility not only to the women of today, but to the girls of tomorrow. We must continue to fight discrimination, empower women, and create a society where every woman has the right and the opportunity to live with dignity, equality, and freedom.

**The journey is long. But with unity, courage, and persistence, we will get there.**

## Letter from the Chief Executive

Dear Friends, Partners, and Supporters,

When JAGO NARI began its journey in 1998, women's rights and empowerment were rarely discussed in rural communities like Barguna. At that time, there were no organizations to support the most vulnerable women, yet we chose to step forward. We started small, working from our own homes, moving slowly but with determination. Obstacles were many, resources were limited, but we did not stop. Over the years, that small effort has grown into a vibrant organization with a dedicated team implementing programs that now reach thousands of women across Barguna and beyond.



As we look back on more than 27 years of work, we see both progress and persistent challenges. Women in our society still face discrimination in many forms: lower wages, limited access to healthcare, exclusion from leadership, and barriers to education. Many continue to endure violence, poverty, and social injustice. Natural disasters bring additional burdens to women in coastal districts like Barguna and Patuakhali, where they bear the heaviest responsibilities during crises, often at great personal cost. Despite these realities, JAGO NARI has stood beside women by offering education, skills training, legal aid, health awareness, and emergency support. In 2024, when Cyclone Remal struck, our team once again mobilized quickly to support affected families, proving that our commitment is not only to empowerment but also to resilience.

We know the road ahead is still long. True empowerment requires not only resources but also a fundamental shift in mindset across society. We must continue to fight for equal wages, accessible healthcare, fair opportunities, and protection from violence. We must also build systems that prepare women for leadership, independence, and resilience in the face of poverty and disaster.

Looking to 2026, JAGO NARI pledges to continue this mission with greater energy and commitment. Guided by our vision of a just and equal society, we will expand our programs, adapt to changing times, and strengthen partnerships that allow us to reach more women in need.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our partners, donors, government agencies, and community members who have stood with us through this journey. Your trust and support make our work possible. Together, we have made real change in the lives of women and girls. Together, we can go further to create a society where women are respected, empowered, and free from discrimination.

With gratitude and determination,

Hosne Ara Hasi  
Chief Executive  
JAGO NARI

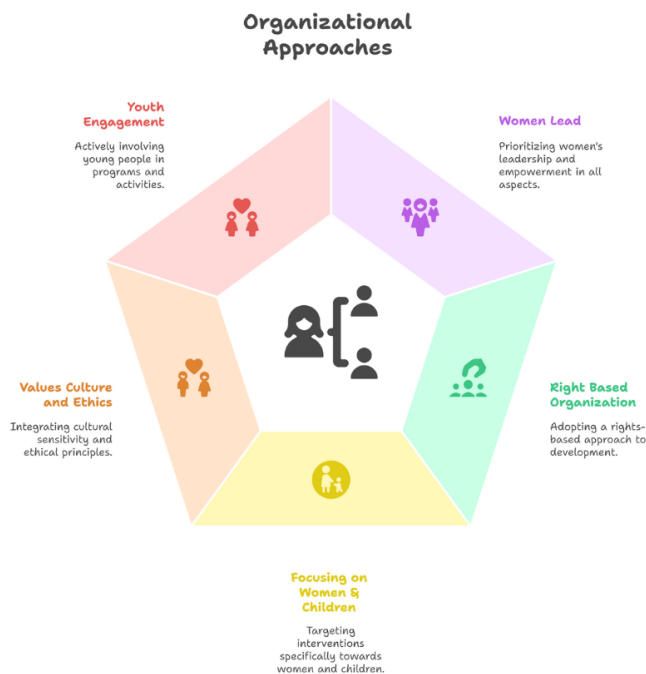
# Vision, Mission, Approaches

## Vision

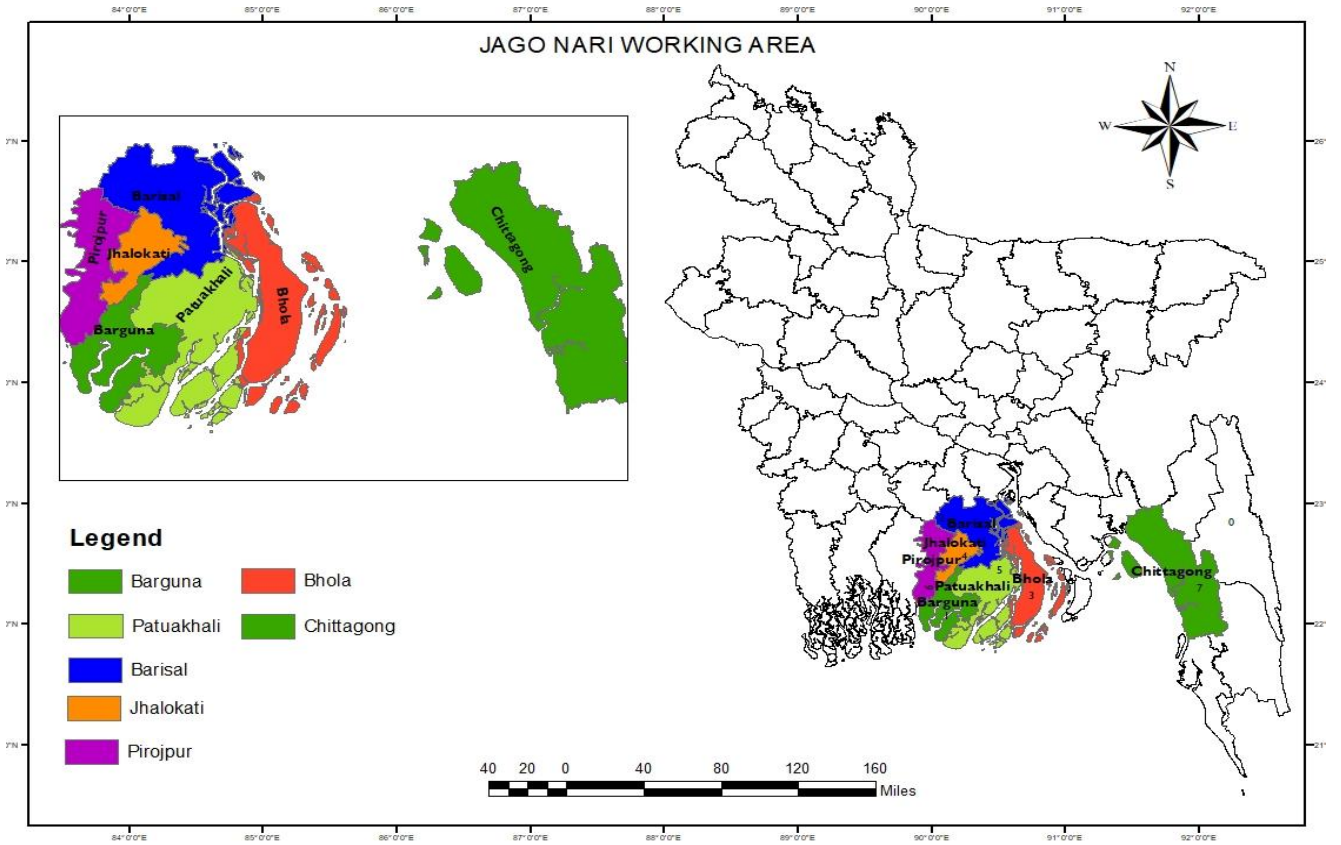
Setting up an equitable, capable, democratic and peaceful society without poverty and injustice in the country in which every person enjoys their rights to a life with dignity.

## Mission

To support the poor and most vulnerable people especially women and children who are socially and economically disadvantaged, living in the urban and rural settings of Bangladesh to eradicate poverty and injustice through providing a range of rights-based services designed to improve their quality of life. These services are principally, protection, education, healthcare, skills training, socio-economic development and participation. They are provided in ways that reinforce the culture, faith, and value of them and are also offered fairly, relevantly and without discrimination.



**Footprint of JAGO NARI:**



**Contribution in SDGs:**

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**JAGO NARI's Contribution on SDGs**

- 1 NO POVERTY
- 2 ZERO HUNGER
- 3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
- 4 QUALITY EDUCATION
- 5 GENDER EQUALITY
- 6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION
- 8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
- 10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES
- 11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES
- 13 CLIMATE ACTION
- 16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT Goals**

## Management and governance of JAGO NARI:

Advisory committee:

It has one 5 member's advisory committee on top of the management structure. In order to extend the necessary advice to the executive committee and the general council the advisory body tries to promote the smooth functioning of the organization activities within the framework.

**General committee:**

JAGO NARI has 31 members general committee for long term planning and policymaking. This general body holds the supreme authority of the organization. This general body meets ones a year. It also undertakes the monitoring and coordinating role of the organization.

The General Members approve the following matters in the Annual General Meeting:

- Yearly Budget
- Annual Report
- Yearly Work Plan
- Audit Report
- Approve the decision taken by the Executive Committee

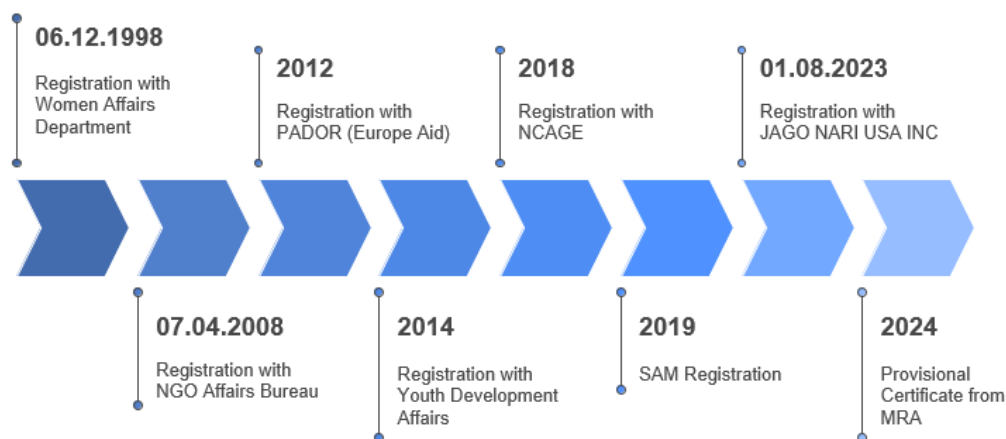
Every year Annual General Meeting is conducted among them to discuss last year's activities, accounts, success and areas of improvement. The members approve the Annual Report, Audit Report, Yearly work plan and other issues. The Annual General Meeting was held in this reporting period.

**Executive Committee**

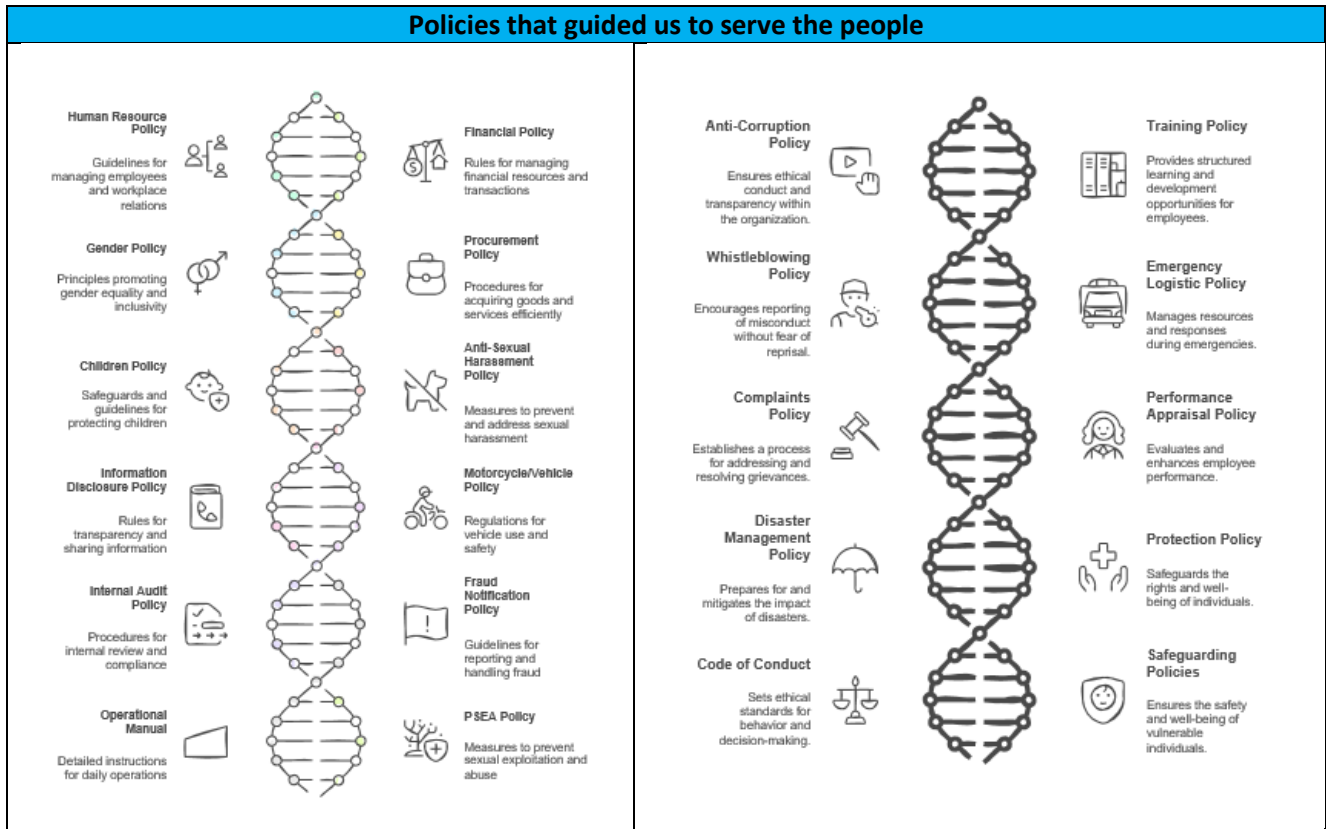
A seven-member Executive Committee is elected by the and among the general body. JAGO NARI has a 7 member's executive committee for long term planning and policymaking. The executive committee is responsible for overall management and policymaking including the recruitment of Chief Executive, financial matters, and organizational planning. The executive committee seat meeting quarterly and discuss different administrative and financial and program issues. The chairperson, treasurer and the Chief Executive are the signatory members of Bank.

## Legal Identity of JAGO NARI:

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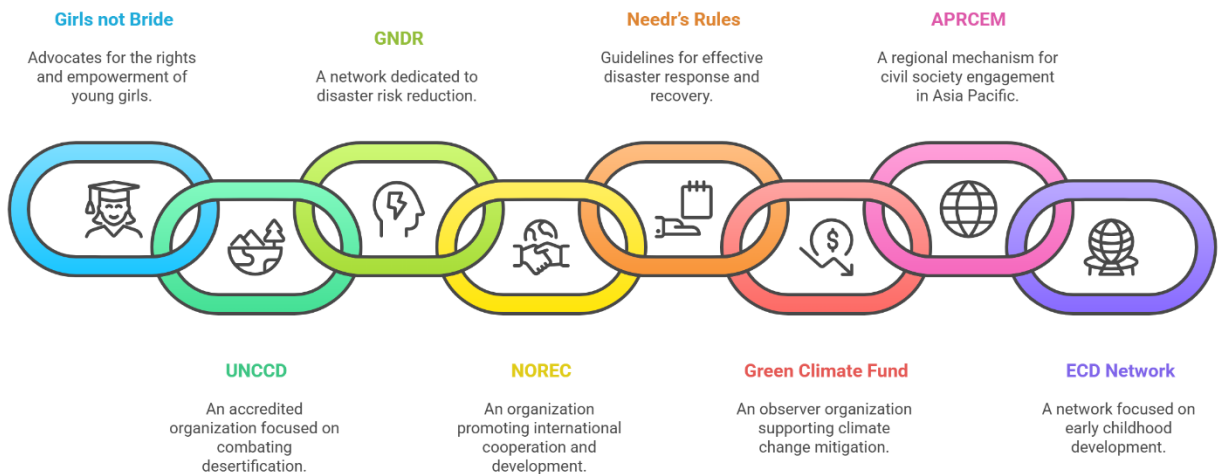


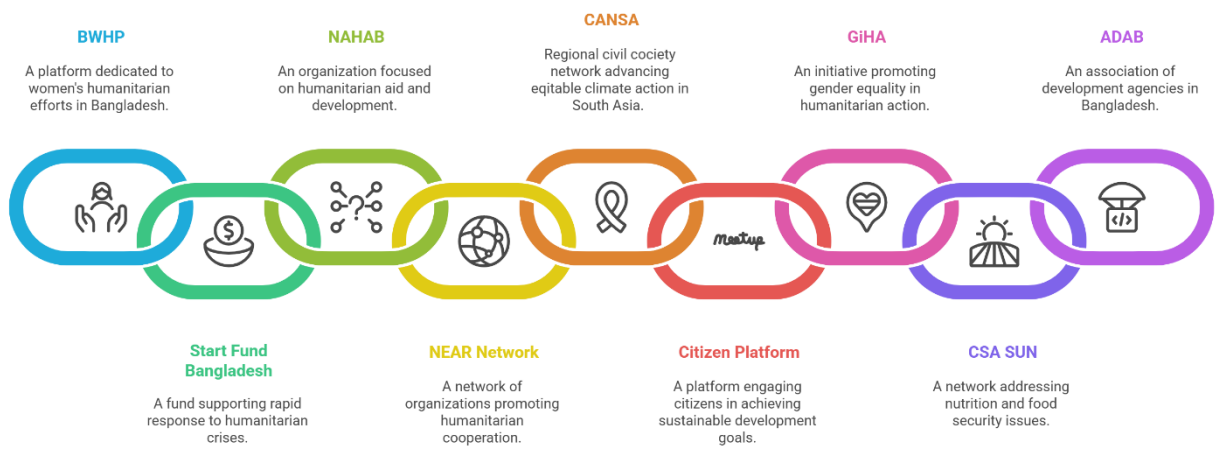
**Guidelines & policies of JAGO NARI:**



**Membership In Networking:**

### Membership in Civil Society Networks





**Priority Focus Area of program:**

Priority area of intervention



**Child Rights and Women Empowerment**

Total Budget: 25082796 Direct Reach: 6516

**Project name: Women-Led in Emergencies (WLiE) Project**

**Background:** The Women Lead in Emergencies (WLiE) project, implementing by JAGO NARI with financial support from Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and in partnership with CARE

Bangladesh, seeks to strengthen the leadership and participation of women’s rights organizations (WROs) in humanitarian response, conflict prevention, and climate change adaptation. Operating in three unions of Barguna district, the project works with 40 women’s groups (20 per 18-month cycle), engaging 800 vulnerable women who are disproportionately affected by climate change and have limited influence in family and community decision-making processes.

**Project Overview:** Part of a four-country initiative (Bangladesh, Colombia, Ethiopia, and Ukraine), WLiE applies a six-step empowerment model—**Analysis, Reflection, Co-creation, Action, Learning, and Men’s Engagement**—supported by 18 participatory tools to strengthen women’s voice and agency. The process begins with a Rapid Assessment of Women’s Power and Participation (RAW-P) to identify barriers and opportunities for advancing women’s leadership.

Through the formation of women’s groups, JAGO NARI facilitates the development and implementation of collective action plans designed and led by women themselves. Lessons learned are shared with government departments and local stakeholders to promote women’s inclusion in planning, decision-making, and development processes—enhancing leadership, dignity, and resilience, while contributing to the reduction of gender-based violence.

### **Key Achievements**

- **Institutional Inclusion:** Six coordination meetings with disaster management committees at upazila and union levels led to the inclusion of 12 women representatives from project groups and staff in formal government committees, ensuring women’s voices are reflected in local decision-making.
- **Community Engagement:** Through nine creative community events—including Drawing Campaigns and Leadership Simulation Games—women confidently expressed their aspirations, strengthening self-belief and social visibility.
- **Collaborative Partnerships:** The project built strong links with local government, teachers, religious and community leaders, youth, and civil society, creating a supportive environment for women’s leadership.
- **Gender Transformation:** Men and families participated in role-changing activities that promoted empathy, equality, and shared responsibility in community life.
- **Effective Coordination:** Continuous engagement with government and stakeholders’ enhanced ownership, streamlined implementation, and reduced social barriers.

**Project name: A Journey to become Empowered Women Fisherfolk Project of EWCSA.**

**Background:** In the coastal districts of Barguna and Patuakhali, thousands of marginalized women fisherfolk—including the Manta & Rakhain community who live and work on boats—remain excluded from social safety nets, decent work, and representation. They face discrimination, low wages, unsafe conditions, and have little voice in decision-making. To address these deep-rooted inequalities, JAGO NARI, with support from OXFAM in Bangladesh under the European Union–funded EWCSA Round-2 Project, launched this initiative to strengthen women fisher folk’s leadership, rights, and access to resources.

The project focused on organizing women fisher folk into formal groups and associations, enhancing their leadership and negotiation skills, sensitizing male counterparts and market actors, and advocating for policy recognition of women’s roles and contributions in the fishing sector.

### **Key Achievements:**

- Institutional Empowerment: Formed 18 community-level and 2 Upazila-level Women Fisherfolk Associations, all officially recognized by local authorities and the Department of Social Services.
- Leadership and Capacity Building: Trained over 4,000 women fisherfolk on leadership, negotiation, and financial management, enabling them to advocate for fair wages, safer workplaces, and equal opportunities.
- Gender-Sensitive Change: Conducted gender awareness sessions with male fisherfolk, brokers, and wholesalers, promoting empathy and respect for women's work and roles in the fisheries value chain.
- Policy Advocacy and Knowledge Sharing: Produced policy paper through studies on women fisherfolk's realities and organized a national symposium to engage policymakers on their needs, vulnerabilities, and resilience.

**Project Name: The Right to be a Girl project.**

**Background:** Background:

With support from MUNDO COOPERANTE, JAGO NARI is implementing the Right to Be a Girl Project in Taltoli Upazila of Barguna District to ensure girls' right to education and to prevent child marriage. The project focuses on identifying dropout and early-married girls (under 16), bringing them back to school, and raising awareness about the importance of girls' education. It also works to create girl-friendly school environments, promote menstrual hygiene, and influence parents, community leaders, and local authorities to take an active role in protecting girls' rights.

**Key Achievements:**

- Re-enrolling Dropout Girls: Surveys across three unions identified school dropouts and early-married girls, resulting in 230 girls being re-admitted to school through family and community advocacy.
- Improved School Environment: The installation of hygiene corners in schools has significantly increased attendance and comfort among girl students.
- Community Awareness: Through theatre and Petra singing groups, engaging awareness campaigns were conducted on ending child marriage and promoting girls' education—drawing strong community participation.
- Stakeholder Engagement: Collaboration with local government representatives, teachers, parents, and community leaders fostered a supportive environment for girls' education and protection. Awareness programs are conducted to prevent child marriage and ensure girl child education, which have received a huge response from the community.

**Project Name: "Improving women's empowerment through best practice learning between Indonesia & Bangladesh" Project.**

**Background (Brief):** JAGO NARI, in partnership with PKPA, is implementing a cross-country learning initiative titled "Improving Women's Empowerment through Best Practice Learning between Indonesia and Bangladesh." The one-year exchange-based program, supported by NOREC, aims to enhance mutual understanding and capacity in women's leadership and community development. Under this partnership, two staff members from each organization are placed in the other country to facilitate knowledge exchange, field experience, and community-level collaboration. The project also engages closely with local government and village administrations to promote gender equality, inclusion, and

community participation. Ultimately, the initiative seeks to reduce poverty and strengthen the resilience of vulnerable groups in both countries through shared learning and empowerment strategies.

**Key Achievements:**

- **Capacity Building and Exchange:** A seven-day Development Implementation Plan (DIP) workshop was conducted in Nepal with NOREC support, followed by staff exchanges between Indonesia and Bangladesh—enhancing organizational capacity and mutual learning on women’s empowerment and leadership.
- **Community Collaboration:** Field-level initiatives were launched in Indonesia in partnership with village offices and community leaders to strengthen women’s participation in local development and decision-making processes.
- **Organizational Strengthening:** Both JAGO NARI and PKPA have enhanced their institutional knowledge, tools, and approaches for gender-inclusive programming and community-led participation.
- **Cross-Country Learning Impact:** The exchange program fostered understanding of best practices in gender equality, empowering staff to replicate successful models within their local contexts.
- **Monitoring and Learning:** A regular system for quarterly progress reports, reflection, and experience sharing has been established to ensure accountability, learning, and continuous improvement.

**Program Name: Legal Aid support**

**Background:** Legal Aid is a vital tool for empowering marginalized groups, particularly women and children, by ensuring their legal rights and access to justice. JAGO NARI plays a key role in supporting victims of domestic and social violence through its Legal Aid Support Team. Recognizing the challenges faced by economically disadvantaged and less-educated communities in accessing legal representation, the organization charges a nominal fee of 120 taka to facilitate this support. While women and children are the primary victims of domestic violence, JAGO NARI also extends its services to men affected by such incidents. The organization prioritizes arbitration settlements to avoid the prolonged stress of legal battles, involving key community members like the local chairman, UP members, and respected individuals. If arbitration fails, cases are referred to the SP office, local police, or courts. JAGO NARI's team of dedicated advocates provides free legal assistance to ensure justice for those in need, reflecting their unwavering commitment to addressing legal challenges for vulnerable populations. This mission forms the core of JAGO NARI's work.

**Key Achievement:**

Dispute Received	Resolution			Rescue Child
	Direct Resolution	Referred	Cancelation	
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**Photo Gallery of Child Rights & Women Empowerment:**



EWCSA



The Right to be a Girl



NOREC Exchange



WLiE

## Disaster Risk Reduction & Climate Change Adaptation

Total Budget: 72117255

Direct Reach: 39988

**Project Name:** Promoting Disaster Ready Inclusive Preparedness towards Adaptation (PRODRIPTA Phase II).

### Background:

Bangladesh's geographical location and flat topography make it one of the most disaster-prone countries in the world, increasingly affected by the impacts of climate change. To address these challenges, JAGO NARI has been implementing the "Promoting Disaster Ready Inclusive Preparedness Towards Adaptation (PRODRIPTA – Phase II)" project since 2022, with financial support from the Margaret A. Cargill Foundation and technical assistance from CARE Bangladesh. The project aims to build inclusive community resilience by fostering disaster-ready communities and strengthening accountable local institutions. Through this initiative, JAGO NARI supports vulnerable coastal populations to better prepare for, respond to, and adapt to disasters while promoting gender equality and social inclusion in resilience building.

### Key Achievements:

- **Enhanced Local Reputation and Partnerships:** The PRODRIPTA project has earned strong recognition among communities, civil society, Union Parishads, and Upazila administrations for its effective and inclusive disaster preparedness interventions.
- **Women’s Economic Empowerment:** Around 500 rural women have engaged in income-generating activities through Village Savings and Loan Association (VSLA) initiatives, improving household income and financial resilience.
- **Youth Leadership in Disaster Response:** A total of 360 young girls and boys have been trained and mobilized as volunteers under the Cyclone Preparedness Programme (CPP) to lead early warning dissemination and early action during cyclones.
- **Climate-Resilient Agriculture:** The project successfully promoted maize cultivation as a regular crop among local farmers, enhancing food security and income diversification.
- **Community Awareness and Preparedness:** Over 70% of the target communities are now more aware and proactive in cyclone early warning and early action through regular meetings, training sessions, and information campaigns (IEC/BCC materials). More than 70% community people have been aware on early warning and early action on cyclone disaster through project intervention like meeting, training, IEC/BCC materials.

**Project name:** Response on Dengue Outbreak in Barguna (RDOB).

**Background:** Barguna district has been severely affected by a widespread dengue outbreak, with the Government declaring it a “Red Zone.” As of May 2025, Barguna accounted for nearly 25% of the country’s total dengue cases, reporting 1,117 patients out of 4,783 nationwide. Hospitals were overwhelmed, and many families—especially those with children, pregnant women, and the elderly—struggled to access timely treatment. To contain the outbreak and protect the most vulnerable, JAGO NARI, with support from Start Fund Bangladesh, launched the Rapid Dengue Outbreak Response in Barguna (RDOB) project. The initiative aimed to reduce infection rates, strengthen community awareness, and coordinate preventive actions in partnership with local health authorities.

#### **Key Achievements:**

- **Multi-Stakeholder Coordination:** Held inception and advocacy meetings with local government, health departments, educators, and religious leaders—mobilizing imams and community influencers to spread dengue prevention messages.
- **Awareness and Education Campaigns:** Organized school-based sessions, quizzes, folk shows, cycle rallies, and radio broadcasts to reach thousands of residents. Youth and students were engaged as key change agents in community prevention efforts.
- **Community Mobilization and Action:** Over 250 volunteers and laborers were mobilized for larvicide spraying, household visits, and community cleaning drives in high-risk neighborhoods.
- **Direct Support and Innovative IEC Tools:** Provided cash assistance to affected households, distributed mosquito nets, and promoted behavioral change through creative materials including 4,000 leaflets, stickers, and a color-coded Red & Green Card system recognizing dengue-safe households.

**Project Name:** Strengthening Community Preparedness, Rapid Response and Recovery in Bangladesh, 2025.

**Background:** To enhance community resilience and local leadership in disaster preparedness, JAGO NARI is implementing the “Strengthening Local Capacities for Disaster Preparedness and Resilience” project with support from Oxfam in Bangladesh and funding from the Margaret A. Cargill Foundation

(MACP). The project builds on the achievements of Oxfam’s 2020–2023 MACP grant and works with Community Disaster Committees (CDCs) in 12 vulnerable communities. It focuses on improving early warning systems, protecting livelihoods, promoting anticipatory action, and empowering local humanitarian actors to lead coordinated and inclusive disaster response. By applying Oxfam and MACP’s Preparedness Indicators, the initiative ensures measurable progress toward creating disaster-ready and self-reliant communities.

### Key Achievements

**Capacity Building:** Youth groups and Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) have been integrated into local disaster management committees (UDMCs and WDMCs), strengthening leadership, decision-making, and ownership of disaster risk reduction (DRR). Regular training, peer learning, and coordination with Union Parishads have improved community-led preparedness and anticipatory action.

**Asset Protection:** Resilient livelihood systems and community-managed food banks have been established, helping communities protect assets and reduce economic vulnerability during crises. Local stakeholders now lead contingency planning and integrate asset protection into development initiatives, ensuring sustainability and resilience.

**Knowledge and Learning:** Through workshops, IEC materials, and strengthened networking, youth and CBOs have enhanced their DRR knowledge and coordination with local authorities. This has fostered a culture of proactive preparedness, resource sharing, and collective resilience across communities.

### **Project Name: Gender Equality Transforms Climate Action (GETCA).**

**Background:** Bangladesh is one of the world’s most climate-vulnerable countries, repeatedly struck by severe cyclones such as Sidr, Aila, Bulbul, and Amphan. The growing frequency and intensity of these disasters have intensified displacement, livelihood loss, and food insecurity. Climate change affects everyone, but its impacts are far from gender-neutral—women, girls, and gender-diverse groups bear disproportionate burdens due to systemic inequalities and limited access to resources and decision-making spaces. To address this, JAGO NARI is implementing the Gender Equality and Taxation in Climate Action (GETCA) project, with support from the WAVE Foundation and GFA Consulting Group, and funding from the Governments of Switzerland and Canada. The initiative promotes gender-inclusive climate action by enhancing leadership, advocacy, and resilience among women and marginalized communities to ensure equitable participation in climate governance and policy dialogue.

### Key Achievements:

- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Successfully organized inception meetings at district and Upazila levels, ensuring the active participation of local government representatives, civil society, and community stakeholders.
- **Formation of Civic Forums:** Established 21 Civic Forums (Loko Morcha) representing women, girls, and marginalized groups to promote inclusive dialogue and community-led climate advocacy.
- **Capacity Building and Awareness:** Conducted 21 awareness sessions, 18 orientation workshops, and a series of media campaigns to build knowledge, strengthen leadership, and document community-driven climate solutions.

### **Project Name: Training on Evacuation Shelter Management.**

### **Background:**

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**Project Name:** Child-Centred Anticipatory Action for Better Preparedness of Communities and Local Institutions in Northern and Coastal Areas of Bangladesh Project.

#### Background:

Bangladesh's coastal regions face recurrent climate-induced disasters—cyclones, floods, and tidal surges—that threaten lives, livelihoods, and critical infrastructure. Patuakhali, particularly Kalapara Upazila, remains one of the most disaster-prone areas due to its exposure to the Bay of Bengal. Frequent flooding and storm surges lead to displacement, crop loss, and disruption of essential services, disproportionately affecting children who face interrupted education and heightened health and safety risks.

To address these challenges, JAGO NARI, with support from Save the Children International and funding from the German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO), is implementing the "Child-Centered Anticipatory Action" project. The initiative promotes proactive disaster preparedness through early warning systems and community-led anticipatory actions, ensuring that children and local institutions are central to disaster risk reduction, preparedness, and resilience-building efforts.

#### Key Achievements

**Risk Assessment and Planning:** Conducted comprehensive community risk and vulnerability assessments, leading to the development of localized Anticipatory Action Plans.

**Volunteer Engagement:** Recruited and oriented paid volunteers to support early action implementation and strengthen outreach in high-risk areas.

**Capacity Building:** Delivered intensive training for project staff and volunteers, enhancing coordination and collaboration with local authorities and communities.

**Child-Centered Preparedness:** Formed child and community groups to deliver early warning messages and activate timely response mechanisms, ensuring inclusive and protective disaster preparedness for children and families.

**Project Name:** Strengthening Volunteer Pool at District level for faster humanitarian response.

## Background

Barguna district is highly vulnerable to cyclones, tidal surges, riverbank erosion, and floods, which repeatedly disrupt livelihoods, food security, and access to essential services. Limited access to healthcare, especially gynecologic and obstetric care, along with inadequate cyclone shelters, increases community vulnerability. To address these challenges, JAGO NARI, with support from Oxfam, is strengthening and formalizing a volunteer network to ensure faster, coordinated, and sustainable humanitarian response while enhancing climate resilience at the community level.

## Key Achievements

**Volunteer Mobilization and Skill Development:** Reviewed and categorized over 3,000 volunteers, recruited new members, and trained 100 volunteers in advanced rescue, survival, and first aid, while 150 youth volunteers received basic humanitarian response training.

**Resource Provision and Preparedness:** Distributed emergency kits to selected volunteers and established mentorship among experienced and new members for leadership continuity.

**Community Engagement and Awareness:** Organized a symposium with 500 volunteers, conducted a blood donation drive, and attempted a Guinness World Record by building a 15-meter climate education globe.

**Integration and Sustainability:** Strengthened coordination with local authorities to formally integrate the volunteer network into district disaster management plans, ensuring long-term preparedness and resilience.

## **Project Name: Locally Led Disaster Reduction in the Bangladesh coastal Region (Sundarban Coalition) Project**

### Background:

The Sundarban Coalition represents a pioneering effort to advance locally led humanitarian action across coastal Bangladesh—one of the world’s most climate-vulnerable regions. Formed under the Local Coalition Accelerator of The Share Trust and Start Network, the coalition brings together four national NGOs—Uttaran, AVAS, CNRS, and JAGO NARI—all members of the Start Fund Bangladesh. Together, they are fostering a collaborative model of aid localization by engaging an additional 12 grassroots organizations from diverse coastal communities.

Through this partnership, the coalition aims to strengthen the capacity of local actors to design, lead, and coordinate disaster preparedness and response efforts. In this reporting period, JAGO NARI implemented project activities in Taltoli Upazila, directly reaching 7,718 people with resilience-building interventions. The project is supported by The Share Trust and funded by MACP.

### Key Achievements:

**Strengthened Local Capacity:** Enhanced the technical and institutional capacity of local organizations to design and implement community-driven disaster response and resilience strategies.

**Promoted Localized Humanitarian Governance:** Facilitated the formation of inclusive governance structures among coalition members and community-based organizations (CBOs).

**Demonstrated Locally Led Resilience Models:** Showcased the effectiveness of local coalitions in developing joint action plans and implementing integrated, context-specific disaster resilience initiatives across cyclone-prone coastal areas.

**Advancing Aid Localization:** Contributed to creating an operational model of aid localization aimed at improving the quality of life and resilience of coastal populations through sustainable, locally led solutions.

## **Project name: Local Adaptation Plan and Action Development in Barisal and Khulna Division (LAPA) Project.**

### Background:

The Local Adaptation Action Plan (LAPA) Development Project aims to strengthen climate resilience in coastal Bangladesh by promoting community-driven adaptation planning. Implemented by JAGO NARI with financial support from the International Rescue Committee (IRC), the project focuses on developing a comprehensive LAPA for Patuakhali District through inclusive consultations held in Rangabali and Kalapara Upazilas.

The initiative has created an open and participatory platform engaging 195 government and local government representatives to identify local vulnerabilities, adaptation priorities, and context-specific climate solutions. By integrating local voices and institutional insights, the project lays the foundation for future adaptation investments that are equitable, evidence-based, and locally owned.

**Key Achievements:**

**Enhanced Awareness and Engagement:** Increased understanding among government officials, local authorities, and communities on the critical role of LAPA in strengthening local climate resilience.

**Multi-stakeholder Consensus Building:** Successfully facilitated broad-based consultations and consensus among stakeholders for developing an inclusive Local Adaptation Action Plan.

**Participatory Plan Development:** Enabled communities to collaboratively draft the LAPA through a tiered consultation process at union, upazila, district, and divisional levels, ensuring the plan reflects diverse local perspectives and priorities.

**Strengthened Institutional Ownership:** Fostered collaboration between local government bodies and community actors, promoting institutional commitment to implement and sustain the LAPA process.

**Anticipatory Action:**

**Total Budget: 13383237**

**Direct Reach /Total Participants: 5100**

**Project Name: Anticipatory Action to Mitigate the Loss & Damage of the Tropical Cyclone in Barguna.**

**Background:**

Located along the vulnerable coastline of Bangladesh, Barguna District faces recurring tropical cyclones that cause extensive human and economic losses. Intensified by climate change, these disasters continue to damage critical infrastructure and disrupt livelihoods.

In response, JAGO NARI implemented the project “Anticipatory Actions to Mitigate the Loss and Damage of Tropical Cyclones in Barguna”, with financial support from Start Fund Bangladesh. The initiative aimed to strengthen community preparedness and resilience through timely anticipatory measures designed to minimize loss and damage before, during, and after cyclonic events. During this reporting period, the project directly reached 2,000 people in the most cyclone-prone areas of Barguna.

**Key Achievements:**

**Rehabilitation of Critical Access Infrastructure:** Repaired or reconstructed 11 wooden bridges in Patharghata Upazila to ensure safer and faster evacuation routes during emergencies.

**Strengthened Shelter Management:** Reactivated 25 Cyclone Shelter Management Committees and equipped them with first aid kits, fire safety gear, and early warning communication tools, enhancing local disaster response capacity.

Enhanced Local Disaster Governance: Supported 13 Union Disaster Management Committees (UDMCs) with WASH repair materials to maintain hygiene and health standards during disasters.

Improved Community Safety Infrastructure: Conducted essential maintenance for 25 cyclone shelters, ensuring their readiness to serve as safe refuge points during future storms.

Increased Community Awareness: Installed four awareness billboards at strategic locations in Patharghata Upazila, promoting mass understanding of disaster preparedness and safety practices.

**Project Name: Cyclone Anticipatory Action planning and response in Barguna, Bangladesh.**

**Background:**

Recognizing the urgent challenges of climate induced disasters, JAGO NARI, with the support of Oxfam in Bangladesh and funding from Australian Aid, is implementing the “Cyclone Anticipatory Action Planning & Response in Barguna” project. The initiative aims to strengthen the capacity of local Disaster Management Committees (DMCs) and vulnerable households to anticipate, prepare for, and respond to cyclonic events effectively. It aligns closely with the National Plan of Action and Local Adaptation Plan of Action (LAPA), ensuring coherence with national disaster preparedness strategies.

Targeting 800 direct beneficiaries, the project focuses on inclusive participation of persons with disabilities, landless families, widows, single women, fishermen, agricultural laborers, and youth—groups often at the frontline of disaster impacts. Through anticipatory planning, community-based drills, and risk assessments, the project fosters a proactive culture of disaster readiness and resilience.

**Key Achievements**

Enhanced Institutional Preparedness: Strengthened the capacity of local Disaster Management Committees (DMCs) and relevant stakeholders to implement pre-disaster preparedness and coordination measures effectively.

Community Empowerment through Anticipatory Action: Enabled vulnerable households to safeguard lives and livelihoods through the Anticipatory Action (AA) mechanism before disasters strike.

Capacity Building for Local Actors: Trained DMC members and volunteers on AA protocols, risk analysis, and early warning systems, equipping them with the tools and knowledge necessary for efficient disaster management.

Evidence-based Planning and Integration: Conducted local risk assessments and integrated findings into government and local databases, ensuring that anticipatory plans are data-driven and sustainable.

**Project Name: Preparedness Anticipatory Action and mitigate loss and damage of tropical Cyclone in Bhola).**

**Background:**

The coastal district of Bhola remains one of the most cyclone-prone areas in Bangladesh, facing recurring threats from tropical storms intensified by climate change. These disasters have repeatedly resulted in the loss of lives, destruction of essential infrastructure, and long-term socio-economic hardship for local communities.

To address these challenges, JAGO NARI implemented the project “Preparedness, Anticipatory Action, and Mitigation of Loss and Damage of Tropical Cyclones in Bhola” with financial support from Start Fund Bangladesh. The initiative aimed to strengthen disaster preparedness and community resilience through anticipatory measures that reduce the impacts of future cyclones. During this reporting period, the project directly reached 1,500 people in the most vulnerable unions of Bhola Sadar Upazila.

#### Key Achievements

**Improved Emergency Access Infrastructure:** Repaired or rebuilt four wooden bridges and constructed one wooden dock (ghatla) for the Manta community, ensuring safer mobility and faster evacuation during emergencies.

**Reactivated Cyclone Shelter Management Committees:** Strengthened 25 committees with the provision of first aid kits, fire safety gear, and early warning communication tools, enhancing local-level disaster preparedness and response.

**Supported Local Disaster Management Committees:** Provided 13 Union Disaster Management Committees (UDMCs) with WASH repair materials to maintain sanitation and hygiene standards during disasters.

**Upgraded Community Shelters:** Conducted minor yet essential repairs in 25 cyclone shelters, ensuring they remain safe, functional, and accessible for communities during cyclonic events.

**Enhanced Rural Connectivity:** Repaired 265 rural earthen roads, constructed a 293-foot concrete (CC) road, and completed earth filling for a 40 ft × 10 ft culvert approach, improving safe access routes to cyclone shelters and critical facilities.

### **Project Name: DRF Cyclone Remal Response.**

#### **Background:**

When Cyclone Remal struck coastal Bangladesh in May 2024, it caused extensive devastation—destroying homes, livelihoods, and essential community infrastructure. Barguna District was among the hardest-hit areas, where families faced urgent humanitarian needs related to food security, safe shelter, hygiene, and livestock protection.

In response, JAGO NARI, with funding support from Start Fund Bangladesh (CARE), implemented the “DRF Cyclone Remal Response” project to deliver timely, anticipatory assistance aimed at reducing immediate loss and damage. The intervention prioritized lifesaving support to the most affected and marginalized communities, directly reaching 800 people during the reporting period.

#### Key Achievements

**Emergency Food Security Support:** Distributed dry food packages to 1,300 households, ensuring the most vulnerable families had access to safe and sufficient food in the immediate aftermath of the cyclone.

**Livestock Protection through Feed Assistance:** Supplied animal feed to 20 cyclone shelters, safeguarding livestock—a vital source of income and resilience for rural households.

**Hygiene and Disease Prevention:** Distributed 92 hygiene kits to promote safe hygiene practices and mitigate the risk of post-disaster disease outbreaks.

**Access to Safe Drinking Water:** Restored and ensured clean water access for cyclone-affected households, addressing one of the most urgent humanitarian needs in the recovery phase.

## Post Response:

**Total Budget: 857303**

**Direct Reach /Total Participants: 59938**

**Project Name: DRR-Community Asset Creation.**

### Background:

The Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Project aims to strengthen community preparedness and resilience against cyclones and other natural hazards in Barguna Sadar Upazila, one of the most disaster-prone coastal areas of Bangladesh. Funded by the people of Japan and implemented with the support of the World Food Programme (WFP), the project adopts a comprehensive and participatory approach to identify local risks and develop actionable community-level solutions.

Through this initiative, Community Risk Assessments (CRA) are conducted to inform the formulation of Risk Reduction Action Plans (RRAPs), which guide the implementation of targeted resilience-building schemes. During the reporting period, the project directly reached 25,000 people, fostering local ownership and institutional coordination for sustainable disaster preparedness.

### Key Achievements

**Community Risk Assessments Completed:** Conducted CRAs in all targeted unions, ensuring inclusive participation of vulnerable groups and integration of their needs into local disaster planning.

**Development of Risk Reduction Action Plans:** Prepared RRAPs in 40% of the targeted unions, establishing a strong framework for future implementation of risk reduction schemes.

**Enhanced Local Coordination and Awareness:** Strengthened collaboration among Union Disaster Management Committees (UDMCs) and improved community awareness on disaster preparedness through continuous engagement and capacity-building activities.

## Cyclone REMAL Response:

**Total Budget: 175880213**

**Direct Reach /Total Participants: 34938**

**Project Name:** Emergency Response to meet the immediate food and other basic needs of people affected by Cyclone REMAL in Barguna district in Bangladesh.

### Background:

For over 15 years, JAGO NARI has been a trusted partner of Oxfam, jointly implementing diverse humanitarian and development initiatives across coastal Bangladesh. Following the devastation caused by Cyclone Remal in May 2024, JAGO NARI, with the support of Oxfam and funding from the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, launched the “Emergency Response to Cyclone Remal in Barguna District” project.

The intervention focused on meeting the immediate food and basic needs of cyclone-affected populations in Barguna Sadar and Taltoli Upazilas, covering unions such as Barguna Pourashava, Dolua, Aylapathakata, Burir Char, M. Baliatoli, Sonakhata, Nishanbaria, Chhotobogi, and Panchakoralia. Through food and non-food item distributions, the project aimed to reduce food insecurity and mitigate health risks among 15,384 people from 14,555 cyclone-affected households.

### Key Achievements

**Community Awareness and Transparency:** Strengthened local understanding of project objectives, timelines, and activities through structured awareness sessions and community meetings.

**Inclusive Beneficiary Engagement:** Ensured active participation of community members in the beneficiary selection process, fostering transparency and accountability.

**Identification of the Most Vulnerable:** Community Coordination Mechanisms (CCMs) successfully identified families in greatest need of urgent humanitarian support.

**Responsive Implementation:** Incorporated community feedback to refine and adapt project strategies, ensuring interventions were contextually appropriate and equitable.

### **Project Name: Supporting Cyclone Remal Affected Communities in South-West Coast, Bangladesh.**

#### **Background:**

JAGO NARI, a women-led rights-based organization established in 1998, has been working to uplift the socio-economic conditions of marginalized and disadvantaged communities in Barguna — one of Bangladesh’s most climate-vulnerable coastal districts. With a focus on empowerment, equality, and resilience, JAGO NARI has implemented numerous initiatives addressing poverty, livelihoods, and rights protection. Under the NEAR Change Fund, with support from Dwip Unnayan Songstha (DUS) and technical coordination by NAHAB, the organization reached 1,450 direct beneficiaries. The project aimed to enhance food security and livelihoods, improve access to WASH services, and ensure safe, dignified, and climate-resilient shelter for affected households.

#### **Key Achievements**

**Enhanced Food Security and Livelihoods:** Provided conditional cash support to targeted households, improving their access to essential food and livelihood resources.

**Improved WASH Access:** Strengthened community access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities, contributing to better health outcomes.

**Safe and Climate-Friendly Shelter:** Ensured households had access to basic, dignified, and resilient shelter solutions.

**Inclusive Education Support:** Re-enrolled 230 out-of-school girls through school and field surveys and parental advocacy.

**Community Awareness on Child Protection:** Conducted awareness programs through theatre and Petra singing groups on preventing child marriage and promoting girls’ education, achieving strong community engagement.

### **Project Name: BGD Emergency Cyclone Remal Response 2024**

#### **Background:**

The Emergency Cyclone Remal Response 2024 project was implemented to provide immediate humanitarian assistance to cyclone-affected families in Barguna District. Supported by Save the Children, the initiative aimed to meet the survival needs of the most vulnerable households through multi-sectoral relief assistance. The project reached 294 people directly, focusing on life-saving support, transparency, and accountability in aid delivery.

#### **Key Achievements:**

**Cash Assistance for Survival:** Provided unconditional multipurpose cash grants to 244 families (approx. 1,220 individuals) to meet urgent needs such as food, medicine, and household essentials.

**Targeted Conditional Support:** Delivered conditional cash assistance to 50 families (approx. 250 individuals) at their homes to support specific recovery needs.

Transparent and Accountable Process: Conducted fair and inclusive beneficiary selection, earning appreciation from community members, local leaders, and authorities for maintaining transparency and integrity throughout the distribution.

Community Awareness and Engagement: Strengthened local understanding of project objectives and cash distribution processes through awareness sessions and consultations.

**Project Name:** Bangladesh Severe Cyclone Remal Response in Barguna.

#### **Background:**

On 26 May 2024, Cyclone Remal struck the coastal region of Bangladesh, severely affecting Taltali Upazila in Barguna District. The cyclone impacted an estimated 35,000–45,000 people across seven unions, fully destroying around 650–700 households and partially damaging 3,000–3,500 households. Communities faced critical shortages of shelter, food, clean water, sanitation, and medical aid. In response, Oxfam in Bangladesh, through its implementing partner JAGO NARI, provided emergency assistance to the most vulnerable families, directly reaching 1,000 households in Sonakata, Nishanbaria, and Chhotabogi Unions, offering multipurpose cash support and hygiene kits to meet urgent needs, reduce health risks, and initiate recovery.

#### **Key Achievements**

Multipurpose Cash Assistance: Distributed cash grants to 1,000 households (approx. 5,000 individuals) to address urgent survival needs such as food, medicine, and household essentials.

Hygiene Support: Provided hygiene kits to 1,000 households, improving access to safe water, sanitation, and personal hygiene during post-cyclone recovery.

Community Awareness and Engagement: Organized consultation meetings and awareness sessions, ensuring local communities understood project objectives, timelines, and activities.

Transparent and Inclusive Beneficiary Selection: Conducted digital surveys and data-driven selection, resisting external pressure, and finalizing a fair beneficiary list endorsed by UNO and Union Parishad representatives.

Recognition for Accountability: Earned appreciation from UNO, UP Chairmen, journalists, dignitaries, and community members for maintaining transparency, fairness, and integrity in all processes.

Targeting the Most Vulnerable: Ensured all beneficiaries were genuinely poor, vulnerable, and cyclone-affected families, prioritizing those with greatest humanitarian need.

**Project Name:** BGD Emergency Cyclone Remal Response 2024.

#### **Background:**

In 2024, Cyclone Remal caused severe damage across Barguna District, leaving many families in urgent need of humanitarian support. In response, JAGO NARI, in partnership with Save the Children, implemented an emergency relief project in Phatuakali, directly reaching 355 households. The initiative aimed to meet the immediate survival needs of the most vulnerable families through multi-sectoral assistance, including cash support and hygiene kits, while strengthening community resilience in the aftermath of the cyclone.

#### **Key Achievements**

Unconditional Cash Assistance: Distributed multipurpose cash grants to 305 families (approx. 1,525 individuals) to address urgent survival needs such as food, medicine, and essential household items.

Hygiene Support: Provided hygiene kits to 50 families, ensuring access to safe water, sanitation, and personal hygiene during post-cyclone recovery.

Community Awareness and Engagement: Informed local communities about project objectives, timelines, and assistance mechanisms to ensure understanding and trust.

Transparent and Inclusive Process: Implemented fair and accountable distribution procedures, ensuring that support reached genuinely vulnerable and cyclone-affected households.

**Project Name:** Cyclone REMAL Emergency Rapid Response in Barguna.

**Background:**

Following the impact of Severe Cyclonic Storm Remal on 26 May 2024, which caused widespread displacement, flooding, and destruction of productive assets, JAGO NARI implemented the Emergency Shelter and Hygiene Package Distribution Project in Patharghata and Betagi Upazilas, Barguna District. Supported by Start Fund Bangladesh and funded by UKAID and JOA, the project targeted 1,400 extremely affected families across 8 unions. Locations were selected through a Rapid Need Assessment (RNA) and consultation with local authorities. Interventions aimed to provide immediate relief, protect livelihoods and health, prevent high-interest borrowing or asset sales, and support rapid recovery following flood-induced food crises. The project followed standard MEAL practices, including day-to-day monitoring, post-distribution monitoring (PDM), and safeguarding measures to ensure humanitarian standards.

Key Achievements:

Cash Assistance: Distributed 6,000 BDT cash to 600 families to support urgent survival and recovery needs.

Hygiene Support: Provided hygiene kits to 800 families, improving access to sanitation and personal health protection.

Targeting Accuracy: Ensured eligibility criteria and accurate household selection, with lists approved by UNO and Union Chairmen, enhancing efficiency and transparency.

Community Engagement: Assessed residency verification and community willingness for voluntary participation to ensure appropriate targeting.

Rapid Recovery Support: Enabled beneficiaries to protect productive assets and livestock while avoiding high-interest loans or asset sales, facilitating quicker post-disaster recovery.

**Project Name:** Cyclone Remal Early Recovery Response 2024.

**Background:**

Cyclone Remal made landfall on 26 May 2024, affecting 19 districts and 119 Upazilas in Bangladesh, including Barguna Sadar Upazila, where JAGO NARI served as a cooperating partner with the World Food Programme (WFP). The cyclone caused severe damage to infrastructure, livelihoods, and agricultural land, with an estimated 62,000 hectares of crops lost, resulting in economic losses of approximately BDT 11,000 million (US\$90.7 million).

Under this intervention, JAGO NARI, supported by Canada and WFP, reached 4,037 households directly. The project aimed to reduce food insecurity, restore livelihoods, and rebuild damaged community infrastructure, including roads, embankments, and school grounds. Collaboration with government departments and integration of national social protection mechanisms ensured sustainable and efficient recovery for affected communities.

## Key Achievements

**Improved Rural Connectivity:** Constructed and rehabilitated earthen roads to enhance access and mobility, enabling vulnerable households to participate in relief and recovery activities.

**Livelihood Resilience:** Provided seasonal income support and skill development training to 100 households, enhancing their capacity to recover economically from cyclone impacts.

**Food Security Support:** Distributed cash-based food assistance and other support to strengthen household food security among affected communities.

**Community Preparedness and Ownership:** Developed locally tailored RRAPs (Risk Reduction Action Plans) to increase awareness, preparedness, and participation in disaster risk reduction measures.

**Project Name:** Cyclone Remal Response 2024.

### Background:

Cyclone Remal impacted 19 districts and 119 Upazilas, affecting approximately 4.6 million people. A needs assessment by the Needs Assessment Working Group identified 817,000 food-insecure people in the eight hardest-hit districts.

In response, the World Food Programme (WFP), in collaboration with JAGO NARI as a cooperating partner, implemented interventions in Barguna District, targeting 9,503 households directly. Funded by ECHO, SIDA, and CERF, the project aimed to reduce food insecurity, restore livelihoods, and reconstruct damaged community infrastructure, including roads, embankments, and school grounds. Beneficiaries were identified through field surveys and the Cyclone Anticipatory Action (AA) database to ensure support reached the most vulnerable.

### Key Achievements:

**Unconditional Cash-Based Transfers (UCBT):** Provided timely cash support to 2,000 storm-affected households, helping meet essential food and basic needs and reducing immediate food insecurity.

**Cash-for-Work (C4W):** Engaged 7,503 vulnerable households in temporary income-generating activities while reconstructing 28 kilometers of damaged community roads, enhancing both livelihoods and local infrastructure resilience.

**Livelihood and Infrastructure Recovery:** Combined cash support and labor initiatives enabled households to regain income and contributed to community-wide post-cyclone recovery.

**Targeted Support for the Most Vulnerable:** Beneficiary selection through surveys and AA data ensured assistance reached households most severely impacted by Cyclone Remal.

**Name:** Emergency Support for the cyclone Remal affected people in Barguna, Khulna, and Patuakhali.

### Background:

Bangladesh's coastal regions, including Barguna, Khulna, and Patuakhali, are highly vulnerable to tropical cyclones. Cyclone Remal caused severe loss of life, displacement, and damage to infrastructure and livelihoods. In response, JAGO NARI, in collaboration with IRC and funded by SIDA, implemented an emergency relief project in Chotobaishdia and Barabaishdia under Rangabali Upazila, directly reaching 515 households. The initiative aimed to provide immediate life-saving support while laying the foundation for sustainable recovery in the affected communities.

### Key Achievements:

**Immediate Relief Provision:** Delivered timely assistance to 515 households, alleviating suffering and reducing health and safety risks.

Community Empowerment: Fostered a sense of ownership and active participation among community members, strengthening engagement in recovery and resilience-building activities.

Life-Saving Support Access: Enabled affected populations to access basic services, contributing to dignified and safe living conditions in the aftermath of the cyclone.

**Project name: BGD SIDA Cyclone Remal Response 2024.**

### Background

On 26 May 2024, Cyclone Remal struck Bangladesh’s coastal regions, causing extensive damage to infrastructure, housing, and livelihoods. In response, JAGO NARI, in partnership with Save the Children and funded by SIDA, implemented the Cyclone Remal Response 2024 project in six unions across Sadar and Patharghata Upazilas, Barguna District, directly reaching 1,000 households. The project aimed to provide conditional and unconditional cash support, repair schools, and enhance community resilience in the aftermath of the cyclone.

### Key Achievements

Community Engagement and Participation: Held 54 community consultation meetings with 1,447 participants, refining beneficiary lists, promoting inclusivity, and validating community priorities.

Education Support: Supported 12 schools through repair grants and community contributions, restoring safe learning environments for children.

Cash and Hygiene Assistance: Provided multipurpose cash and hygiene kits to 700 families, along with hygiene and GBV awareness sessions.

Shelter Support for Vulnerable Households: Assisted 300 households with cash for shelter repairs, prioritizing female-headed and disadvantaged families.

### Photo Gallery of DRR & CCA:



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Volunteer pool



LAPA



Evacuation Shelter Management



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Cyclone Anticipatory Action Planning & Response



Volunteer pool



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Cyclone Anticipatory Action Planning & Response

## Education

Total Budget: 14607217

Direct Reach: 3936

**Project Name:** Early Childhood Development (ECD) Programming.

**Background (Brief):**

JAGO NARI, with support from IRC and funded by the McMurtry Family Foundation, piloted the Early Childhood Development (ECD) model in Rangabali Upazila, Patuakhali, reaching 300 families (780 caregivers) of children aged 0–36 months. Using a hybrid approach—IVR messaging, community facilitation, and home visits—the project aimed to strengthen responsive caregiving, father engagement, play-based learning, and awareness of health and hygiene.

Despite challenges of remoteness and poor infrastructure, families reported improved caregiving practices, increased father involvement, and enhanced community ownership through youth facilitators and locally made play materials. Government stakeholders have shown interest in integrating ECD into health campaigns, community clinics, and birth registration services, laying the foundation for future scaling to children aged 0–59 months.

**Key Achievements**

**Father Engagement:** Increased father involvement in childcare, with more quality time spent in play and emotional engagement.

**Creative Learning at Home:** Mothers and grandparents used everyday household items to create toys, promoting low-cost, innovative learning.

**Infant Feeding Practices:** Improved awareness of exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months and timely introduction of solid foods.

**Nurturing Home Environment:** Reduced negative behaviors, such as quarreling in front of children, fostering a more supportive household.

**Hygiene Practices:** Enhanced hygiene behaviors, particularly among breastfeeding mothers.

**Responsive Caregiving:** Adoption of practices that focus on children’s emotional, cognitive, and developmental needs.

**Project Name:** Last Mile Education.

**Background (Brief):**

The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated the global education crisis, affecting millions of children, especially in crisis-affected regions. In response, JAGO NARI, supported by IRC and funded by the Arnhold Family Foundation, implemented the Last Mile Education Project in Rangabali Upazila, targeting “last-mile” children in Rangabali Sadar and Chotobaishdia unions. The project operates 16 learning centers, reaching 500 learners aged 11–15, providing quality education and support to reduce dropout risks and ensure continued learning in remote and underserved communities.

**Key Achievements:**

**Access to Education Restored:** Successfully enrolled 500 learners across 16 learning centers, ensuring continued education for dropout and marginalized children.

Teacher and Community Empowerment: Built teacher capacity in social-emotional learning (SEL), safeguarding, and classroom management, supported by the Onneshi chatbot, while Community Education Support Groups (CESG) and parent meetings strengthened local ownership.

Pathways for Continued Education: Learner Pathway Mapping identified 291 learners wishing to continue formal education, with commitments from schools and the Upazila Primary Education Office to ensure smooth transitions into mainstream schooling.

Local Engagement: Enhanced community participation and awareness to reduce dropout risks and improve educational outcomes.

**Project name: Out of school children program.**

**Background:**

The Second Chance Education (SCE) Program, part of the 'Out of School Children' Education Program under PEDP-4 (sub-component 2.5), aims to provide primary education to out-of-school children aged 8–14. JAGO NARI, with support from Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM), implements this program in Rauzan Upazila, Chattogram District, establishing 70 learning centers that employ a Cohort and Multi-grade Teaching Learning Approach. The program follows a flexible non-formal education system, providing NCTB curriculum and textbooks, educational materials, school uniforms, and bags to all learners, ensuring inclusive access to quality primary education.

**Key Achievements**

Learner Enrollment and Graduation: 2,100 children (1,146 boys and 954 girls) graduated from the learning centers, benefiting from accelerated non-formal education.

Regular Attendance: Approximately 70% of students maintained regular attendance, enhancing learning outcomes and retention.

Quality Education and Materials: Provided learners with NCTB textbooks, educational materials, school uniforms, and bags, supporting inclusive and effective learning.

Future Preparedness: Equipped out-of-school children with foundational literacy and numeracy skills, improving opportunities for continued education and brighter futures.

**Project Name: Manta Child Nutrition and Education Support Project.**

**Background:**

Char Montaz, a union in Rangabali Upazila, Patuakhali District, is home to the marginalized Manta Community, who live on boats, are landless, and have low incomes. With a 43.3% literacy rate, children from this community face significant barriers to education. JAGO NARI, with support from Muslim Charity (UK) and later BOSCH Limited, implemented the Education for Inclusion of Manta Community (EIMC) Project, focusing on pre-primary education, nutrition, and social inclusion. Interventions included meals, co-curricular support, digital boards, and drawing materials to improve learning outcomes and ensure children's holistic development.

**Key Achievements**

Improved Learning Engagement: Manta children show greater attentiveness in lessons and proactive participation in classroom activities.

Nutrition Support: Families no longer worry about lunch provisions, ensuring better health and concentration among students.

Enhanced Creative Skills: Students demonstrate improved artistic abilities through structured drawing and co-curricular activities.

Digital Learning Tools: Use of digital boards and educational materials has enhanced pronunciation and overall learning outcomes.

Safe Access to Education: Provision of boat support for school-going children ensures safe transport and sustained attendance, earning positive community feedback.

**Photo Gallery of Education:**



Last Mile Education



ECD

## Health & Nutrition

Total Budget: 88468980

Direct Reach: 9300

**Project Name:** Institutionalizing Accountability in Health Systems to Improve Access to Services.

**Background (Brief):**

Bangladesh Health Watch (BHW), established in 2006, is a multi-stakeholder civil society initiative focused on improving Bangladesh’s healthcare system through evidence-based policy review and advocacy. Originally known for its biennial BHW Reports, the organization identifies critical health sector challenges and provides practical, evidence-based recommendations. Since 2019, BHW has intensified its advocacy efforts to strengthen health service delivery and responsiveness. The current project operates in Burirchar Union, aiming to make healthcare systems more responsive to the needs and demands of the population. The project is supported by BRAC University.

**Key Achievements**

Strengthened Healthcare System: Enhanced responsiveness and inclusiveness of local and national health services.

Child and Maternal Health: Contributed to the reduction of child and maternal mortality rates through targeted interventions and advocacy.

Evidence-Based Advocacy: Utilized research and data to inform policymakers, planners, and implementers, improving decision-making and health service delivery.

Community Engagement: Increased awareness and participation of local communities in advocating for better health services.

**Project Name: Right Here, Right Now (RHRN)-2.**

**Background:**

The Right Here Right Now (RHRN) initiative in Bangladesh aims to improve youth and adolescent access to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) services through multi-level advocacy and policy engagement. The project targets Gourichanna, Phuljuri, Burirchar & Dhalua FWC, Barguna Sadar Hospital, and MCWC, directly reaching 8,300 adolescents. Supported by NariPakho, the initiative seeks to ensure adolescent-friendly healthcare services and enhance meaningful youth participation in SRHR programs.

**Key Achievements**

Strengthened Information and Counseling: Enhanced services for adolescents on STIs, nutrition, tetanus vaccination, and referral procedures.

Adolescent-Friendly Health Services: Improved accessibility and responsiveness of healthcare centers for youth and adolescents.

Youth Capacity Building: Strengthened the advocacy, leadership, and gender-transformative skills of young people, enabling them to participate effectively in SRHR interventions.

Policy and Community Engagement: Promoted meaningful youth engagement in advocacy, fostering a supportive environment for adolescent health and rights.

**Photo Gallery of Health & Nutrition:**



RHRN



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**Food Security & Livelihood**

Total budget: 564689

Direct Reach: 2252

## Project Name: Vulnerable Women Benefit (VWB)

### Background:

The Vulnerable Women Benefit (VWB) Program is a major social safety net initiative by the Government of Bangladesh, targeting ultra-poor households. In Barguna Sadar (2 unions) and Taltali Upazila (7 unions), 2,252 women directly benefited from monthly food rations, as well as life skills and income-generating activities (IGA) training, savings support, and access to credit. The program emphasizes sustainability, with participants expected to be integrated into regular NGO development programs after completing the cycle to further strengthen livelihoods and socio-economic resilience.

### Key Achievements

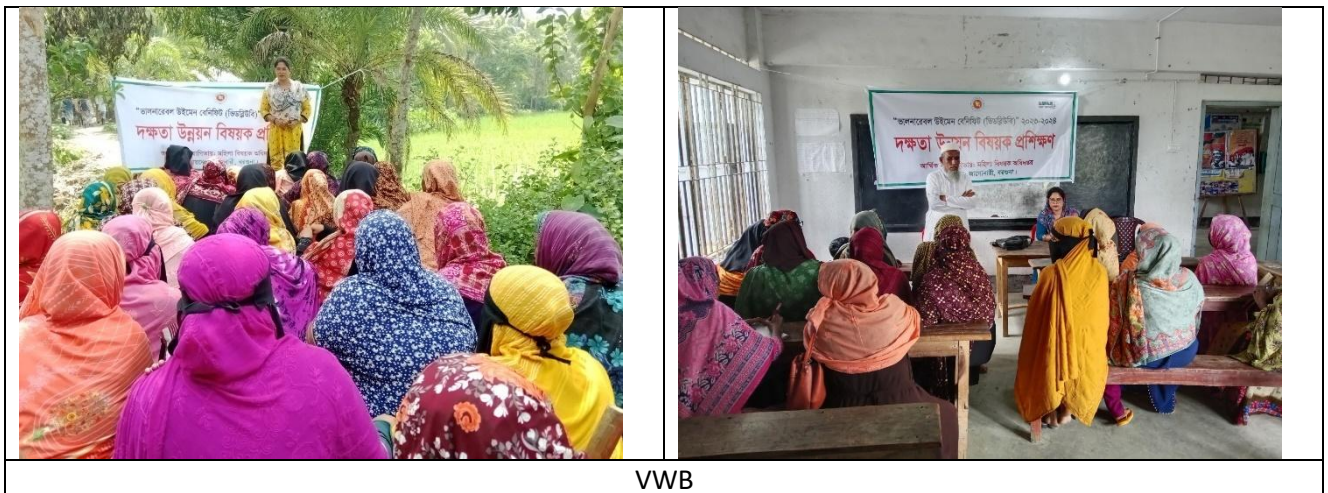
**Income-Generating Skills (IGA) Training:** Provided women with skills development to enhance livelihood opportunities and financial independence.

**Sustainability of Development Outcomes:** Mainstreamed VWB participants into regular NGO development programs, ensuring continuation of benefits beyond the program cycle.

**Food Security Support:** Delivered monthly food rations to ultra-poor households, addressing immediate survival needs.

**Empowerment of Women:** Strengthened economic and social resilience of ultra-poor women through combined skill-building and support services.

### Photo Gallery of Food Security & Livelihood:



## Water Sanitation & Hygiene

Total Budget: 13343235

Direct Reach: 10080

**Project Name: Right to Grow**

**Background:**

Right2Grow (R2G) is a strategic partnership between Action Against Hunger, CEGAA, Max Foundation, Save the Children, The Hunger Project, World Vision, and local NGOs including JAGO NARI, funded by the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The consortium works across Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Mali, South Sudan, and Uganda to improve nutrition and WASH planning, budgeting, implementation, and accountability, particularly targeting under-five children. In Bangladesh, the project focuses on strengthening community systems and local governance to reduce undernutrition and enhance hygiene practices.

**Key Achievements**

**WASH and Nutrition Infrastructure:** Over 1,500 families installed hand-washing devices, 1,225 households built new latrines, 457 households renovated latrines, and 2,548 households started home gardens, leading to 58 communities declared healthy communities.

**Child Growth Monitoring and Referrals:** 4,963 children registered for growth monitoring, 5,863 children measured, and 16 malnourished children along with 157 pregnant women referred to higher-level facilities.

**School and Community Engagement:** Student cabinets in 33 schools and 421 families undertook concrete WASH and nutrition actions.

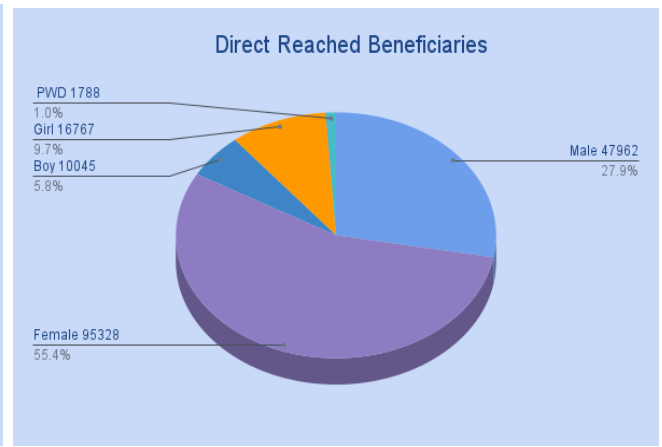
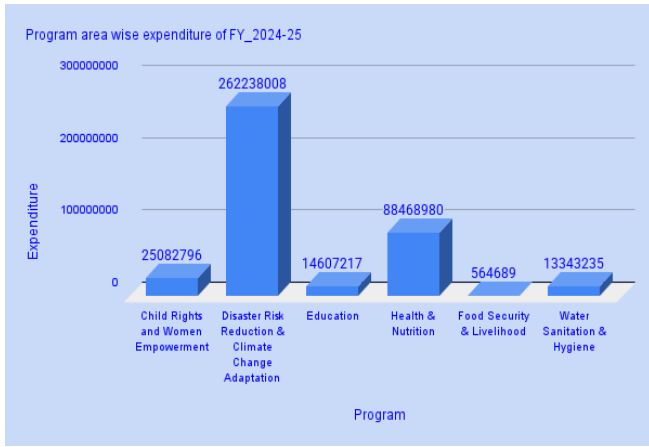
**Advocacy and Budget Mobilization:** Through CSO and journalist advocacy, Union Parishads in Taltali increased WASH and nutrition budgets to BDT 37.5 million for FY 2025–26.

**Local Governance Commitments:** Regular DNCC and UNCC meetings secured commitments for child malnutrition treatment, improved health service delivery, and six additional community clinics proposed in Taltali.

**Photo Gallery of Water Sanitation & Hygiene:**



**Program Area Wise Expenditure & Direct Reached Beneficiaries of the Financial Year 2024-25:**



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Total Expenditure: 404304925

Total Direct Reach: 172048

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