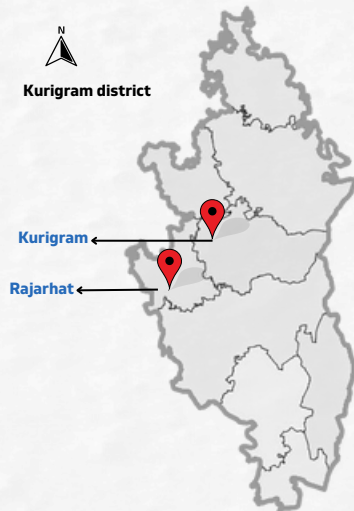




Elimination of Extreme Poverty in Bangladesh (EEP)

- **Project Timeline:** January 2024- December 2027
- **Project Budget:** 408396634 BDT (3000000 GBP)
- **Funded By:** Islamic Relief UK
- **Implemented By:** Islamic Relief Bangladesh

PROJECT LOCATION



About Elimination of Extreme Poverty in Bangladesh (EEP)

Islamic Relief Bangladesh has been implementing the Elimination of Extreme Poverty in Bangladesh (EEP) project at Rajarhat and Kurigram Sadar sub-districts, in Kurigram, the most poverty-stricken district in Bangladesh with the funding of Islamic Relief UK. EEP is an integrated model which includes various essential components for an impactful development aiming at eliminating extreme poverty. The scaling-up EEP project will support 6,000 extreme poor and marginalized households (25,113 household members) through 240 SHGs and 40,000 wider community people through various socio-economic actions in the context of extreme poverty and vulnerability, food and livelihood insecurity, and socio-economic exclusion.

Direct Rightsholders - 6000

- Households average per capita income per day per person <69 BDT
- Ownership of cultivable lands <33 decimals
- Significant productive assets <40000 BDT
- Female headed households
- Child labour depended households
- Households with PWD
- Day labourers & Marginalised families

Wider Community - 40000

- Sub-districts and district administration
- Local Government Institutions
- Educational institutions
- Market actors
- Faith leaders
- Teachers
- Civil society members
- Cooperatives



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Islamic Relief Bangladesh

Islamic Relief Bangladesh has been working in Bangladesh since 1991, when we provided emergency relief and supported communities to rebuild in the wake of a devastating cyclone. Since then, we have expanded our programmes focusing on both humanitarian and development challenges.

Economic Empowerment and Governance Programme

Making decent life with dignity and honour - Economic Empowerment and Governance Programme (EEGP) is committed to work in poverty stricken and most remote areas of Bangladesh by targeting devastating, disadvantaged, minorities, marginalised & extreme poor households. With the aim of empowered and resilient community, the EEG Programme started its opera in 1995 focusing on integrated sustainable development actions through economic empowerment and social protection & governance.

Impact:

Improved socio-economic condition of the targeted families and communities, and their rights and entitlement issues are protected and supported.



PROJECT OUTCOMES

<p>Outcome 1: Targeted 6000 Households have been lifted out of multi-dimensional extreme poverty with increased income and food security through implementation of EEP model.</p>	<p>1.1: Targeted 6000 Households have improved knowledge and capacity on diversified income generating activities (IGAs), health, hygiene, food & nutrition security and social issues.</p> <p>1.2: Enhanced engagement of targeted 6000 HHs in sustainable income generating activities.</p> <p>1.3: Targeted Households are aware of rights & entitlements, social safety net and other government and non-government services.</p>
<p>Outcome 2: Enhanced sustainable financial inclusion and social empowerment of the targeted families and communities through community led collective action</p>	<p>2.1: 240 Self-Help Groups established and capacitated to support economic and social empowerment initiatives.</p> <p>2.2: Community based interest free sustainable financial services generated, managed & mobilized by Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and Apex bodies.</p> <p>2.3: Apex bodies and NCN (National Cooperative Network - federation of Apex bodies) are capacitated to continue the EEP model.</p>
<p>Outcome 3: Relevant government departments and national & international development partners are sensitized and capacitated for replication of EEP model.</p>	<p>3.1: Development practitioners from wider national and international organizations are capacitated to replicate EEP model.</p> <p>3.2: Relevant government departments and national & international development partners are sensitized on EEP model.</p>



MAJOR ACTIVITIES

Increased income and Food Security

- Selection of 6000 extreme poor and destitute families
- Analyze livelihood choice options & opportunities and skills & capacities of the HHs extreme poor and destitute families
- Prepare business plan
- Facilitate IGA training and Hands-on training
- Provide cash for productive means
- Establish Community based food bank
- Distribute vegetable seeds and climate friendly fruit sapling support
- Provide subsistence allowance for most vulnerable households
- Anticipatory action for DRR fund for any emergency

Financial inclusion and Social empowerment

- Form 240 SHGs comprising of the selected 6000 households
- Form Apex body of the SHGs
- Capacity building training of SHGs and Apex body leaders
- Provide intensive training to women groups on Islamic Financial System
- Initiate group-led savings mobilization
- Establish group-led revolving fund management systems
- Introduce Islamic Shariah-based Qard-al-Hasana/ Financing
- Linkage build up with National Cooperative Network (NCN)

Sensitized and Capacitated of national and international partners on EEP model

- National level sharing Advocacy workshop and study Research on EEP model
- Organize workshop and seminar and coordination meeting on EEP
- Organize training for development practitioners on EEP Model
- Organize EEP model sharing workshop
- MOU between IRB & Begom Rokeya University for internship/small research on SHG & EEP activities/Internship Programme/Create an online based digital learning sharing platform (resources materials) for replicating EEP model and practice to national & global level. And other development initiatives like this.