

❖ PROJECT TIMELINE:

24 MONTHS (DECEMBER, 2022-
NOVEMBER, 2024)

❖ PROJECT BUDGET:

1, 20,000 EUR (102,508 GBP)

❖ DONOR ISLAMIC RELIEF BELGIUM

❖ IMPLEMENTED BY ISLAMIC RELIEF BANGLADESH



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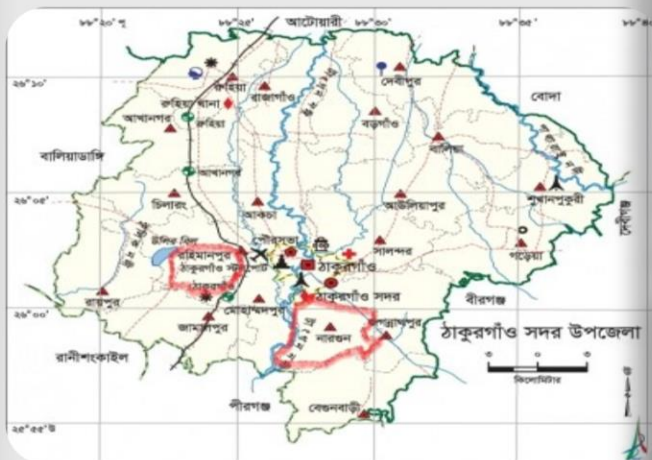
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Strengthening Ultra-Poor Women's capacity and increasing incomes for Food and Livelihood Security (SUFOL)



PROJECT OVERVIEW

With the funding of Islamic Relief Belgium, IR Bangladesh has been implementing a 24-months long "Strengthening Ultra-Poor Women's capacity and increasing incomes for Food and Livelihood Security (SUFOL)" project aims to enhance economic sustainability and reduce vulnerabilities in Thakurgaon Sadar, Thakurgaon. The project targets extreme poor, women & men agricultural daily labourer, female-headed HHs, widow, divorced, abandoned women, HHs having disabled person, child labour-dependent HHs and socio-economically excluded persons will be given priority & focusing on economic, social, and skill development to build resilience and elevate social dignity. It promotes community-led, women-group based interest-free financial services to foster financial inclusion and empowerment. Additionally, the project seeks to establish linkages with various service providers to enhance access to essential services. Ultimately, the SUFOL project envisions transforming the socio-economic landscape of northern Bangladesh, making communities economically self-reliant and socially dignified.



IMPACT:

Targeted 300 households have improved socio-economic conditions.

OUTCOMES:

- Targeted households have increased productive resources, food security and income by the end of project period.
- Strengthened unity among the poorest households through established community led Women Rights & Economic Group (WREG), and improved social development.
- Enhanced support and engagement of the government departments and local representatives towards extreme poor and marginalised people in getting social safety net and other socio-economic facilities.

PROJECT RIGHTS HOLDERS: 300 EXTREME POOR & POOR HOUSEHOLDS.

PROJECT ALIGNMENT WITH SDG STRATEGIC:

- ❖ **SDG GOAL-1** (No Poverty)
- ❖ **SDG GOAL-2** (Zero Hunger)
- ❖ **SDG GOAL-5** (Gender Equality)

PROJECT LOCATION:

Thakurgaon sub-district, Thakurgaon district, in the north-western part of Bangladesh.



SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES:

CLIMATE ADAPTIVE LIVELIHOODS PRACTICES:

- Improved understanding and capabilities of targeted households for climate-resilient livelihood activities.
- Expanded Access to Income-Generating Activities (IGAs) and Establishment of Profitable, Sustainable IGAs for their families.
- Facilitated production processes and strengthened market linkages.

COMMUNITY-LED INTEREST FREE FINANCIAL SERVICES PRACTICES

- Enhanced knowledge and skills on Islamic financial system and REGs development training on leadership, financial management.
- Strengthened community-led Right & Economic groups (REGs).
- Established group-led revolving fund management system, savings and Islamic Shariah-based Qard-al-Hasana.

COMMUNITY-BASED AWARENESS AND CLAIM BASIC RIGHTS

- Organized community-based awareness sessions on child/women rights including GBV, DRR CCA and Health, WASH & Nutrition.
- Enhanced and strengthened social safety net support for all rights holders by government
- Developed and distributed IEC and BCC materials

