

○ **PROJECT TIMELINE:**

36 MONTHS (JANUARY, 23- DECEMBER, 25)

○ **PROJECT BUDGET:**

2,500,000 CAD (1,475,000 GBP)

○ **DONOR ISLAMIC RELIEF CANADA**


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**Sustainable Livelihoods
development of the extreme
poor communities in
northern Bangladesh
(SUPPORT)**



PROJECT OVERVIEW

With the funding of Islamic Relief Canada, IR Bangladesh has been implementing a 36-month long "Sustainable Livelihoods development of the extreme poor communities in northern Bangladesh (SUPPORT)" project aims to enhance economic sustainability and reduce vulnerabilities in Nawabganj, Dinajpur. The project targets extreme poor families and marginalized ethnic minority households, 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 SUPPORT project envisions transforming the socio-economic landscape of northern Bangladesh, making communities economically self-reliant and socially dignified.



IMPACT:

Targeted households have improved socio-economic conditions.

OUTCOMES:

- Enhanced engagement to climate adaptive livelihoods practices.
- Increased access of targeted HHs to community-led interest-free financial services.
- Enhanced capacity of climate vulnerable poor communities to claim basic rights and engaged more in community activities.

PROJECT RIGHTSHOLDERS: 3,000 EXTREME POOR HOUSEHOLDS.

PROJECT ALIGNMENT WITH SDG STRATEGIC:

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

PROJECT LOCATION:

Nawabganj sub-district, Dinajpur 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 SHGs development training on leadership, financial management.
- Strengthened community-led self-help groups (SHGs) and apex body
- 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 and Health, WASH & Nutrition.
- Enhanced and strengthened social safety net support for all rights holders by government
- Developed and distributed IEC and BCC materials