



Economic Empowerment & Governance Programme (EEGP)

Islamic Relief Worldwide

Islamic Relief Worldwide is an independent humanitarian and development organisation. Founded in 1984, with headquarters based in Birmingham, UK, we have a presence in around 50 countries. We support the world's most vulnerable people in the fight against poverty and sufferings.

Islamic Relief Bangladesh

Islamic Relief (IR) 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.

WHAT WE DO

Our innovative integrated approach sees us work closely with the vulnerable communities that we serve. We identify the problems and provide practical solutions. As a result, our programmes often encompass many interlinked areas.

These include Economic Empowerment and Governance, Child Rights and Protection, Water and Sanitation, Education, Humanitarian Response, Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation.

Economic Empowerment and Governance

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

OUR BENEFICIARIES

Direct

- Female headed households (widow, divorced, separated, abandoned)
- Households having person with disability (PWD)
- Aged or chronically ill member
- Minority
- DALIT
- Child labour depended households
- Seasonal labourers,
- Day labourers,
- Fishermen
- Landless family
- Socio-economic excluded/marginalised/destitute family

Indirect

- Wider people of the targeted communities
- Local Govt. Institution,
- Educational institutions,
- School Management Committee
- Ward/Upazila Disaster Management Committee
- Market actors
- Religious leaders
- Teachers
- Civil Society members
- Sub-districts and district level administration etc.

GOOD PRACTICES

- Provide productive asset/ cash transfer for livelihood support
- Created job opportunities through market linkages
- Created employment opportunities through IGA and skill development trainings
- Easy access to community led Islamic Shariah based financial services and Takaful system.
- Inclusive Targeting & Participatory Beneficiary Selection process.
- Group Led Approach to independent savings mobilisation & interest free Small Loan provision.
- Group/community-led Food bank management for ensuring food security round the year.
- Entrepreneurship development through forming women producer group on Garments/handicrafts production
- Value chain and Market linkage initiatives for pro-poor producers and community
- Household-led and Household-determined IGA Selection & Business Planning.
- IGA Diversification and Multiplication process.
- Easy Access to Group-led interest free Financial Services for Managing IGA.
- Risk Fund / Takaful process for Coping up with Major Shocks and Damages.
- No Age Limit for Beneficiary which has enabled elderly to include as beneficiary
- Nominee provision has given an added advantage for the PWD/Aged vulnerable beneficiaries to include in the programmes.
- Formation of Self-Help Group-SHG/Rights & Protection group-RPG
- Women Entrepreneur Group-WEG and Cooperative approach.
- Skill and technology transfer/vocational training on income generating activities
- A contingency reserve budget (2-5% on total) is considered for productive asset lost/replacement for maximizing graduation rate.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS

- 61,880 vulnerable and disadvantages families have been graduated from poverty to sustainability
- Benefited 248,000 household members
- Covered close to 650,000 indirect beneficiaries.
- Significantly increased their income and socio-economic status.
- 29 different integrated sustainable livelihoods projects have been implemented
- Elimination of Extreme Poverty in Rural Bangladesh (EEP) model has been developed for reducing poverty.
- Livelihood interventions are a cross cutting approach in all of IRB programmes
- Expanded & promoted group-led approach and interest-free Islamic financial practice (Qard Al Hasana/Islamic financial system)
- Practicing revolving fund management system which subsequently helped in building solidarity among the SHGs;
- Almost 100% Women Entrepreneur Group-WEG/Rights & Protection Group-RPG/Rights & Economic Group-REG/Self Help Groups-SHG are running independently
- Established almost 2,480 community based self-functional organization
- Established and ensured cooperative approach among the entire groups with the legal entity from government cooperative department.
- Knowledge and consciousness both have increased among the targeted community on various social, health and protection issues

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People-Centered



Participation and
Ownership



SHG/Community-
led operation



Social Inclusion



Partnership



Women Empowerment
& Leadership

PROGRAMMATIC APPROACHES



Group-led Sustainable
Islamic Microfinance
(IMF) Services

IMPACTFUL CHANGES of EEGP PROJECT BENEFICIARIES

100% households have received skill development training. Average monthly income of hh's has increased up to 450% from baseline.

Poverty alleviation through Increasing HH income and expenditure by different Income Generation Activities.

Ensured long term sustainable food security and nutrition status purchasing power.

Increased social capital, women empowerment, mobility & community participation

Targeted women and community are aware of their rights and entitlement and other social protection issues.



Introduced QuardHasana and food banking through SGH. 100% SHG are operating independently.



Involved in different IGA & targeted hh's established IGA.; As a result HHs monthly income has been increased significantly.



WASH and hygiene practice are improved which has reduced disease and sufferings



Skill and capacity development and women empowerment



Raised awareness on DRR, CC and rights issues and social awareness issues on GBV, dowry, early marriage etc

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