

FSS joint field visit
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Livestock

Organization | Implementing partners:
BRAC



Programme/Project title : Ultra-Poor Graduation Programme
Livelihood Support and Women's Empowerment in Cox's Bazar

Visited location: Cattle rearing and management for the host community, Middle Tukur Bill, Rajapalong, Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar

Overview: BRAC's Graduation approach is a comprehensive, time-bound, integrated and sequenced set of interventions that aim to enable ultra-poor households to achieve key milestones towards sustainable livelihoods and socioeconomic resilience, in order to progress along a pathway out of extreme poverty.

Project duration: April 2019 - March 2023
Each cohort is 24 months long.

Number of Beneficiaries and selection criteria: Total of 3,600 beneficiaries (HHs, 2 cohorts): Selection criteria is based on vulnerability (e.g., HHs headed by PWDs).

There are some prerequisites and specific criteria. The prerequisites are:

- Per-capita monthly income is maximum BDT 1,900
- Minimum one active female member in a family
- Household member(s) are not a current borrower of a formal financial or microfinance institutions

Livestock: Cow, Goat, Poultry, Pigeons. **Markets:** Village markets including Union and Upazila markets.

Good practices:

- Following Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) tools.
- Continued monitoring after project phase out.
- 13 criteria followed to identify graduate participants.
- 1:1 saving practice by the beneficiary and organization. Organization contributes BDT 100 max per month based on participants' own savings in individual accounts.
- Village Social Solidarity Committee (VSSC) conducts monthly meetings for transparency of activities and inclusion in the Government's social safety net program.
- Targeting - Meticulous targeting using poverty maps and village level participatory rural appraisals to identify the most vulnerable members of that community.
- Asset transfer – A high value asset package or capital to start small businesses through grants
- Savings - Participants' savings are matched by the programme to promote savings behaviour, enhance financial security and resilience, and enable future investments.

Phase out:

- A specific guideline followed during phase out.
- BRAC monitors the progress of the participants through the BRAC MF programme & gets linkage support by the VSS committee.

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Organization | Implementing partners:
CWW/SARPV



Project title: Delivering Health, Nutrition and Livelihood, Protection services for Rohingya Refugees and vulnerable host communities in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh

Visited location: Livestock Intervention: Goat Rearing, Ratna Palong Union, Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar.

Overview: Providing technical training to female beneficiaries on goat rearing of local goat breeds.

Project duration: September 1st 2020 - 31 August 2023.

Number of Beneficiaries and selection criteria: Total of 8,500 beneficiaries in different livelihood interventions (agriculture, business and livestock support)

Selection criteria: PLW, PwDs and over 60 years old, community engagement with Union Parishad and Upazila Parishad. Beneficiaries list has been endorsed by Union chairman.

Livestock: Local breed: Black Bengal goats.

Markets: Local markets including Union and village.

Good practices:

- Provide technical training to related staff by Upazila Livestock Officer (ULO) before livestock handover to the beneficiaries.
- Providing technical training to beneficiaries before input distributions, by the staff and Union Livestock Officer
- Following 14 days quarantine procedure at beneficiary's home.
- Develop linkage between beneficiaries, Union Livestock Officer and related staff.
- Following climate resilient livestock shelter model by the beneficiaries.
- Regular follow up by the assign staff.
- Following SOP

Phase out:

- Ensuring beneficiaries' skills on livestock rearing.
- Supporting access to markets to sell livestock products.
- Encouraging self-savings to expand their business.

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Organization | Implementing partners:
UNDP/Practical Action



Project title: SHARIP Project

Visited location: Cattle shed and fodder cultivation in Rajapalong Union, Ukhiya.

Overview: SHARIP project focuses on improving knowledge and skills on Agriculture, Agroforestry, Livestock and Aquaculture. It is conducted under close concern of Govt. Line Departments (DAE, DLS and DoF). The Govt. Line Departments help the project by monitoring visit in each Integrated Farm Management-Farmer Field School (IFM-FFS) every month. Union Parishad (UP) and Upazila Parishad also monitor the project activities. BNFs initiate their businesses as per their knowledge and skill received from trainings.

Project duration: August, 2021 to December, 2022

Number of Beneficiaries and selection criteria: Total of 13,230 beneficiaries. Community and Beneficiaries were selected under close concern of Govt. line departments and Local representative maintaining inclusion and exclusion criteria provided by UNDP (e.g., local community, marginal farmer, excluding members of similar project, small farm land less than 200 decimal, ultra-poor).

Livestock: Cattle, Goat, Poultry, Pigeon, Pig, Vermi-compost, Farm Yard Manure (FYM) and Green Fodder for large animal

Markets: Village markets including Union and Upazila markets.

Good practices:

- Entrepreneurial knowledge and skill development.
- IGA skills development trainings (technical).
- 49 Farmer Facilitators are responsible to conduct IFM-FFS. They receive 30 days training. They are model farmers and were selected from community.
- 441 Farmer Field Schools in total
- There are three cycle IFM-FFS with few weeks' interval. Each IFM-FFS consists of 30 farmers for 7 months training session along with 2 months follow up. 4 or 5 sessions conducted every month by FF.

Phase out:

- Beneficiaries will receive BDT 2000 each to launch an individual business.
- Integration with govt. line departments

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Organization | Implementing partners:
World Vision



Project title: Emergency Food Security Program (EFSP), funded by BHA USAID.

Visited location: EFSP Livestock Intervention: Indigenous Chicken rearing, Lambagona, Rajapalong, Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar.

Overview: The primary focus of this project is to create livelihood opportunities for host community women by developing skills in agriculture and livestock production while considering climate change impacts.

Project duration: September 2019 – May 2022.

Number of Beneficiaries and selection criteria: Total of 4,706 beneficiaries. Beneficiaries are selected across 5 Unions in Ukhiya and Teknaf Upazila. Selection criteria: low family income, female headed HHs, PwDs, basic experience in related work, and family vulnerability.

Livestock: Poultry, goat, pigeons, turkey.

Markets: Village markets including Union and Upazila markets.

Good practices:

- Multi dimensional activity including agriculture and livestock.
- Providing skills development training on homestead gardening, livestock rearing, and disease control.
- Creating income generation opportunities for vulnerable women in host community.

Phase out: End of May, 2022. The project already achieved the target.

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Recommendations



- Purchase local goats from local market or area
- Maintain quarantine period
- Ensure vaccination
- Involve Department of Livestock Services into the project for technical support (orientation, vaccination)
- Reduce overlapping
- Refresher trainings for staff, beneficiaries, and volunteers

Acronyms:

BDT – Bangladesh Taka

CWW – Concern Worldwide

DRM – Disaster Risk Management

DRR – Disaster Risk Reduction

FFS – Farmers Field School

FYM - Farm Yard Manure

HHs – Households

IFM-FFS – Integrated Farm Management-Farmer Field School

IGA – Income Generating Activity

PLW – Pregnant and Lactating

PRA – Participatory Rural Appraisal

PWDs – People with Disabilities

SARPV – Social Assistance and Rehabilitation for the Physically Vulnerable

SOP – Standard Operating Procedure

SHARIP - Support to Host Community Affected by Rohingya Influx Project

UPG - Ultra-Poor Graduation

VSSC - Village Social Solidarity Committee.

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