

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

Project ID:	10207
Project Name:	Building climate resilient livelihoods in vulnerable landscapes in Bangladesh (BCRL)
Countr(ies):	Bangladesh
Implementing Agency:	FAO

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I. Overview

A. Description

Project name

Building climate resilient livelihoods in vulnerable landscapes in Bangladesh (BCRL)

Country

Bangladesh

GEF ID

10207

Implementing Agency

FAO

Executing Entity

Department of Environment (DoE) and Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE)

Trust Fund

LDCF

Project Type

FSP

PIR Submission

9/15/2025

Fiscal Year , PIR Number

FY 2025 , 1st PIR

Objective

The overarching objective of this project is to improve the resilience of people, communities, and ecosystems to climate change, and improve livelihoods through increased value addition in the agricultural food systems of Bangladesh.

B. Ratings and Disbursements

Implementation Progress

Moderately Satisfactory

Development Objective

Moderately Satisfactory

Overall risk

Low Risk

Project Financing

9,781,000.00

Cumulative Disbursement

2,075,279.49

C. Key Dates

CEO Endorsement/Approval

6/3/2021

Agency Approval

11/30/2020

Implementation Start 7/1/2023	First Disbursement 12/31/2023
Expected MTR	Actual MTR
Expected Completion 6/30/2028	Actual Completion

II. PROGRESS STATUS AND ISSUES

A. Progress: Information on progress and outcomes of project implementation activities

The project was endorsed by GEF on 3 June 2021; however, implementation was delayed due to the late approval of the Technical Assistance Project Proposal (TAPP) on 10 May 2023. During the reporting period, the OP revised the TAPP in line with the Operational Partners Agreement (OPA) and introduced a new expenditure code to align with the Government’s IBAS++ system. The revised TAPP was subsequently approved by the Ministry in April 2025. While the project has initiated all planned activities, some tasks remain in progress as additional time was required to finalize the revised TAPP.

Although the project implementation has faced significant delays, the TAPP formally establishes the project start date as 1 July 2023 and the end date as 30 June 2028. Accordingly, the EoD and NTE have been updated to ensure coherence. FAO continues to provide full support to OPAs and is implementing activities in close collaboration with MoEFCC, DoE, and DAE.

B. Challenges: Information on challenges of project implementation activities

The average cumulative progress towards the project outcome stands at 54.43%. On the OP side, the Technical Assistance Project Proposal (TAPP) was initially approved on 10 May 2023. However, the expenditure codes did not align with government requirements, making it necessary to revise the TAPP. The revised TAPP was subsequently approved in April 2025.

The project was originally designed in 2018 through a series of consultation workshops, during which stakeholders selected dragon fruit, maize, and watermelon for cultivation in saline areas. However, farmers are now reluctant to grow dragon fruit and maize due to changing climatic conditions and limited market opportunities. Similar challenges are being faced with cashew nut cultivation in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT), as most cashew trees were cut down in recent years because of the absence of adequate processing and marketing facilities.

C. Stakeholder Engagement

Category	Yes/No	Briefly describe progress and results achieved during this reporting period.
a. Closing gender gaps in access to and control over natural resources	Yes	VRA and CBA assessment explicitly considered women's differential vulnerabilities and needs, and decisions on actions to be taken at the household or community level were gender-sensitive. Women's leadership and management of farmers field school was created or enhanced through the project, were promoted and supported.
b. Improving women's participation and decision making	Yes	3700 women farmers trained in the Farmer Field Schools, and same number of women adopted climate resilience innovations at plot level.
c. generating socio-economic benefits or services for women	Yes	3700 women farmers received high-quality wheat and watermelon seeds and engaged in stress-tolerant crop production
Any other good practices on gender	Yes	Women are empowered to market their agroproducts, especially for watermelon in saline areas and mango in CHT

E. Knowledge Management

Knowledge management and Learning (KML): Does the project have a KML strategy?	Yes
If YES, what is the implementation progress? In your answer, please describe how the project is fostering knowledge sharing and learning among stakeholders at national and sub-national level.	Updating all the information in the output level, incorporating the cost under a specific outcome. The PMU has easy access to it to monitor specific activities
If NO, how does the project identify, collect and document good practices?	
Please list good practices, including key-technical and/or institutional innovations, from the project thus far.	
Communication strategy: Does the project have a communication strategy?	No
Please provide a brief overview of the communications successes and challenges this fiscal year.	The detail communication strategy will be developed soon by the Communication Specialist to be recruited by the project.
Human-interest story: Please share a human-interest story from your project, focusing on how the project has helped to improve people's livelihoods while contributing to achieving the expected Global Environmental Benefits. Please indicate any Socio-economic Co-benefits that were generated by the project. Include at least one beneficiary quote and perspective, and please also include related photos and photo credits.	
Please provide links to related website, social media account	For knowledge management and monitoring the project progress: https://fao-kms-web-app-d9gpapgucqea8cs.westeurope-01.azurewebsites.net/ chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/ https://bcr1.dae.gov.bd/sites/default/files/files/bcr1.dae.gov.bd/page/05cf5a78_6cfd_4584_944f_582faa268804/2025-09-07-07-00-085b28844f148375346c7cc0a3f96b4d.pdf
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Please indicate the Communication and/or knowledge management focal point's name and contact details.	Ms. Naila Rasha; National Communication Specialist; FAO Bangladesh; Naila.Rasha@fao.org

III: Minor Amendments

CONTEXT	
Result Framework	
Components and Cost	
Institutional And Implementation Arrangements	
Financial Management	
Implementation Schedule	
Executing Entity	
Executing Entity Category	
Minor Project Objective Change	
Safeguards	
Risk Analysis	
Increase of GEF Financing up to 5%	
Co-Financing	
Location of Project Activity	
others	

IV: Geographic Coordinates of Project Activities

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Nachole	24.72619	88.39906	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Godagari	24.4826	88.41756	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Bholahat	24.89581	88.21197	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Paikgachha	22.58977	89.34298	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Dumuria	22.80486	89.40103	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Batiaghata	22.7263608	89.5025641	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Manikchhari	22.84879	91.83187	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Khagrachari Sadar	23.12783	91.9905	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Kawkhali	22.59346	91.99197	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

V. ANNEX

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