

PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT (ANNUAL) TEMPLATE

January - December 2025

Project Summary Information	
Project Title	Enhancing adaptive capacities of coastal communities, especially women, to cope with climate-induced salinity (GCA)
Quantum Project ID	00110816
Project Duration	12-10-2018 to 30-06-2026
Gender Marker	Gen-3
Total Budget	USD 24.98 million
Donors (funding sources)	Green Climate Fund and Government of Bangladesh
Budget (annual budget)	USD 5.01 million
Expenditure recorded for the reporting period	USD 2.92 million
Expenditure recorded for the total project	USD 22.95 million
Project Manager's Name	Md. Abdul Hannan

1. Executive Summary (1000 characters maximum)

In 2025, the project made substantial progress toward its goal of increasing resilience and enhancing livelihoods of the most vulnerable people, communities, and regions in climate-exposed coastal areas. A total of **6,83,470 people** (3,43,102 women and 3,40,368 men) benefitted directly and indirectly from project interventions, representing **14.2% of the total population** in the project area. While this is slightly below the end-of-project population coverage target, the scale of outreach demonstrates strong progress in reaching climate-vulnerable households, with gender parity consistently maintained. At the **outcome level**, the project significantly strengthened adaptive capacity and reduced exposure to climate risks. **2,04,931 direct beneficiaries** (50.2% women) actively used project-supported tools, strategies, and services to respond to climate variability, contributing to livelihood, and water security. Adoption of diversified, climate-resilient livelihood options reached **24825 households**, benefitting **1,09,230 people**, of whom nearly **55,000 were women**, reflecting strong alignment with the project's gender and resilience objectives.

2. Progress Review

a) Key results achieved (2000 characters maximum)

Progress at the **output level** was notable, particularly in livelihoods.

Under **Output 1**, **24,825 women** out of the targeted 25,425 improved their assets and incomes through climate-resilient livelihood activities, achieving **97.6%** of the target. Gender-responsive early warning information reached all the direct beneficiaries, and social audit mechanisms were successfully established and operational in **all 39** project unions, strengthening accountability and participatory monitoring.

Under **Output 2**, access to year-round safe drinking water was expanded to **64,420 people**, supported by **9,577** operational climate-resilient water systems. Although infrastructure targets were not fully met by 2025, the operational systems are already delivering tangible resilience benefits.

Under **Output 3**, adaptive learning initiatives successfully reached **2962 children (98.7%)**, close to the target. However, planned capacity-building for government staff and policy integration activities were not implemented in 2025, representing areas for accelerated action going forward.

b) Output progress

Output statement	Baselines Value type	Indicators	Annual Targets	End of the project target	Progress	Means of verifications and comments to substantiate the selected response
Output 1: Climate-resilient livelihoods, focusing on women, for enhanced adaptive capacities of coastal agricultural communities.	0	Number of women in targeted wards with improved assets and income from climate resilient livelihoods	25,425	25,425	24,825	Annual census of all 1020 women livelihood groups
	49,103	Number of males and females with access to timely, gender-responsive early warning information	245,516	245,516	204,931	Annual sample survey
	0	Social audit protocols established and operation	39	39	39	Project Monitoring System, Social Audit Report

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		across 39 Unions for participatory monitoring of resilient livelihoods				
Output 2: Gender-responsive access to year-round, safe and reliable climate-resilient drinking water solutions.	57,737	Number of males and females with year-round access to reliable and safe drinking water	136,110	136,110	64,420	Annual census of all the rainwater harvesting systems
	0	Total Number of project-established climate-resilient drinking water systems operational	13,460	13,460	9,584	Annual census of all the rainwater harvesting systems
Output 3: Strengthened institutional capacities, knowledge and learning for climate-risk informed management of livelihoods and drinking water security.	0	Number of government staff across MoWCA and DPHE who effectively apply skills in climate-risk informed planning and management for livelihoods and water (disaggregated by gender).	298	525	0	Training for 227 Officials completed within 2023. Remaining will be completed by March 2026
	0	Evidence of policy/programs in other sectors	0	2	0	This is end of project target

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		integrating gender and climate change				
	0	Number of girls and boys with increased awareness through 'adaptive learning' training through school and community-based communications	0	3,000	0	Training completed with 2,962 adolescents in 2023

Data sources and references (can be prepared as an annex with details)

3. Communications, visibility, and partnerships (1000 characters maximum)

2025 was a prolific year as far as visibility is concerned. Some of the links are given below:

RBAP Director Office (30 Dec 2025)

December 30, 2025: <rbap.director.office@undp.org,

UNDP web: [Top 5 water crises coastal women face due to climate change | United Nations Development Programme](#)

Snapshots of UNDP's Work (Dec 23, 2025): ["Snapshots from UNDP's Work in 2025."](#)

Audio-Visual Product Produced-2025

Story of Sarawasti Mondal: [Story of Saraswati Mondol | UNDP Bangladesh](#)

N.B.: The video featuring the story of Saraswati Mondal secured a position among the top five in the Adaptation Award 2025

Story of Azmira: [GCA: Supporting Rural Women to Become Successful Entrepreneurs](#)

Sotry of Rafeza Begum: [Rafeza Begum White Logo.mp4 - Google Drive](#)

FB link Rafeza: [Video | Facebook](#)

There are some more and added in the annex.

Partnership: As part of co-financing Government of Bangladesh transferred over BDT 29 crore to more than 41,000 beneficiaries. In 2025, more than 36,000 beneficiaries withdrawn above 25 crore taka to invest in livelihood interventions.

4. Project risks and mitigation measures (1000 characters maximum)

The overall Project risk rating remains Moderate.

Of the 21 risks identified in the Funding Proposal, the risk "Inadequate biosafety protocols in crab hatcheries" is no longer applicable. The related activity- upgrading of an existing crab hatchery of Bangladesh Fisheries Research Institute (BFRI)- has been dropped since the BFRI is not operating its hatchery due to several technical challenges, such as the high cost of brine water collection from deep-sea areas, low survivability rates, and high operational costs.

The impact of the risk "Vulnerability of both water provision solutions (RWH tanks and pond-based systems) as well as livelihood options (aqua geaponics, hydroponics, plantations, crab farms) to storm surges, extreme winds and cyclones" has been reduced from Medium to Low due to the effective implementation of mitigation measures. These include- the Project has taken initiatives to replace bamboo pillars with RCC pillars for the Household-based Rainwater Harvesting Systems and raised the embankment considering highest recorded flood level for the pond-based water solutions, and the ponds for aqua geaponics and crab farms.

GCA project is updating all these risks offline and in quantum.

5. Lessons Learned (800 characters maximum)

- Homestead gardening and aqua-geoponics emerge as promising climate-resilient livelihoods, while sesame cultivation, hydroponics, and plant nurseries face challenges such as heavy rainfall and poor germination.
- Timely provision of input support and land leases significantly impacts outcomes in livelihood activities like homestead gardening and fish farming.
- Implementation challenges include delays in input support, inadequate staffing, and environmental factors like water scarcity and salinity.
- Water availability issues during the dry season affect household productivity, but time-saving benefits enable women to engage in income-generating activities.
- The Water Management Committee plays a vital role in overseeing water options, ensuring proper management, and fostering community engagement for long-term sustainability.

6. **Way Forward** (800 characters maximum)

This project is going to end on 30 June 2026. There are some pending activities that must be completed within this timeline. These are:

01. Installation and handover of 658 community-based rainwater harvesting systems (10 HHs), 2,000 household-based rainwater harvesting systems.
02. Replacement of bamboo pillars with concrete pillars for 13,308 HHbRWHSs.
03. Repair the non-functional RWHSs.
04. Organize the remaining training for MoWCA and DPHE Officials.
05. Conduct two evaluations (final and end-of-project).
06. Policy dialogue and negotiation for integrating gender and climate issue.
07. Produce and publication of knowledge and comms print materials (Book, study, policy brief, EWS manual case study etc.).
08. Implementation of community-based and three-tier system for water availability and quality monitoring and operations & maintenance.
09. Exit meeting with beneficiaries and other stakeholders.
10. Preparation for OAI Audit of GCF Funded Project-Bangladesh had been kept stand by Country.

Priority actions for the project and other teams before the next reporting cycle.

Issue/observation	Action to be taken	Responsible	Timeline
Final Evaluation	Quality assurance	M&E Specialist & NPM	May 2026
Rainwater harvesting systems	Installation, Repair and handover	O&M Associate & NPM	May 2026
Capacity building of Government Officials	Organized training	Gender Analyst & NPM	March-May 2026
Handover	Meeting with WLGs and all other stakeholders	Safeguard Specialist, ALA & NPM	May-June 2026
Documentation	Printing, Video	KMA & NPM	March-June 2026
GCF OAI Audit	Preparation for the audit	Project/Cluster/CO	Feb-june 2026

7. Annexures

Provide links to the sources of evidence (based on entries described in Q2 and 3)

Other relevant information

7a. Evidence for Communication and Visibility

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1CemymDF23/>

Early Warning Materials Distribution:

Mass media:

The Editors: <https://theeditors.net/?p=73835>

Amar Songbad: <https://share.google/gGT5rjRvdlldydsIni>

Dainik Banglar Khobor: [দাকোপে জিসিএ প্রকল্পের উদ্যোগে উপকরণ বিতরণ](https://share.google/gGT5rjRvdlldydsIni)

Dainik Ajker Sarabela: https://dainikajkersarabela.blogspot.com/2025/11/blog-post_19.html

Daily Bijoyer Alo: [পাইকগাছায় নারী স্বচ্ছসেবকদের মাঝে দুর্যোগ প্রতিরোধক সরঞ্জাম বিতরণ](https://share.google/gGT5rjRvdlldydsIni)

Daily Shomoyer Khobor: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1JrQYZEgCn/>

Upokul Barta: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1DJK3VGvgg/>

UNDP FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1BQzsi8mYg/>

UNDP LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/posts/undpbangladesh_gca-climateaction-activity-7396188643322859520-9zZa?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAAU7mCIBV_pZbNhpciJvbZ5riV2UHWVL26U

Case story: Oshima Halder

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/100077551833720/posts/784230500838671/?mibextid=rS40aB7S9Ucbxw6v>

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/posts/undpbangladesh_climatechange-activity-7359242303099596800-VOOt?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAAU7mCIBV_pZbNhpciJvbZ5riV2UHWVL26U

VOOt?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAAU7mCIBV_pZbNhpciJvbZ5riV2UHWVL26U

Walk the Talk: [Walk The Talk](https://www.facebook.com/100077551833720/posts/784230500838671/?mibextid=rS40aB7S9Ucbxw6v)

Case story: Shapna Munda

UNDP website: [Shapna's Journey of Hope and Change for the Munda Community | United Nations Development Programme](https://www.facebook.com/100077551833720/posts/784230500838671/?mibextid=rS40aB7S9Ucbxw6v)

Workshop on Gender and climate Issue (25 May 2025):

Mass Media:

[Daily Star: National Workshop calls for gender-responsive climate action in Bangladesh](https://www.facebook.com/100077551833720/posts/784230500838671/?mibextid=rS40aB7S9Ucbxw6v)

[Daily Sun: National workshop highlights gender-responsive climate action in Bangladesh](https://www.facebook.com/100077551833720/posts/784230500838671/?mibextid=rS40aB7S9Ucbxw6v)

[Business Standard: National workshop highlights gender-responsive climate action in Bangladesh](https://www.facebook.com/100077551833720/posts/784230500838671/?mibextid=rS40aB7S9Ucbxw6v)

Amader Somoy: [জলবায়ু নীতিতে লিঙ্গ সংবেদনশীলতা অন্তর্ভুক্তির তাগিদে জাতীয় কর্মশালা](#)

[UNDP Web](#)

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World Water Day 2025

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UNDP: <https://www.facebook.com/100077551833720/posts/pfbid0fzqUciNZtuiMV8DkP3sCiAizd5aMm1FH2cU4dYpcyZHSdhjMnULgpxHsHCwct4SI/?sfnsn=wa>

X-post: https://x.com/UNDP_BD/status/1903381741177647447?t=5dktHFDEUbrGmQ3DDXm_TA&s=08

LinkedIn: [\(3\) UNDP Bangladesh: Posts | LinkedIn](#)

Walk the Talk (22 March 2025): [Walk The Talk](#)

International Women's Day 2025 Coverage

Web story: [Shapna's Journey of Hope and Change for the Munda Community | United Nations Development Programme](#)

Video of Success: <https://www.facebook.com/UNDPBD/videos/667650189050000/>

X-post: https://x.com/UNDP_BD/status/189832233908703443

Web-based photo Story

Women Driving Climate Resilience in Coastal Communities: <https://www.undp.org/bangladesh/stories/women-driving-climate-resilience-coastal-communities>

16 Days of Activism 2025: [Stronger Together: Coastal Communities Rethink Gender Roles During 16 Days of Activism | United Nations Development Programme](#)

Link of the Photo-based web story: "[Women: The Harbinger of Resilience in Coastal Areas.](#)"

X-post: https://x.com/UNDP_BD/status/1904028893767770420

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/posts/undpbangladesh_women-the-harbinger-of-resilience-in-coastal-activity-7309794877439909888-fUzv?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAAU7mCIBV_pZbNhpciJvbZ5riV2UHWVL26U

FB: [বাংলাদেশের... - United Nations Development Programme in Bangladesh | Facebook](#)

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RBAP: Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific (RBAP), UNDP has posted our GCA news. Please find the

link: <https://x.com/UNDPasiapac/status/1905480188596728305?t=zUHn2UDnU-THu0S7FT6IPg&s=08>

HQ Post: <https://x.com/UNDP/status/1907101052882567679?t=F6XgGmE2nPmu7kqpftCtug&s=08>

Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific (RBAP) Post: <https://x.com/UNDPasiapac/status/1905480188596728305?t=zUHn2UDnU-THu0S7FT6IPg&s=08>

RBAP DIGEST APRIL 2025: [RBAP DIGEST DECEMBER](#)

Global UNDP Climate Flickr Library:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/undpclimatechangeadaptation/albums/72157715464335106/with/54423513050>

7b. Evidence for output progress



Output 1 indicator progress.pdf



Output 2 indicator progress.pdf



Output 3 ALC Data till Dec 23.xlsx



Training info Gender.docx



SAC meeting and SA information 2025.doc