



## Climate Resilience and Livelihood Enhancement Project (CRALEP), Bangladesh

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# KEY ASPECTS CRALEP OVERVIEW

## Project Overview

<b>Duration</b>	2025 – 2031 (proposed)
<b>Location</b>	Haor Region (wetlands) and High Barind Region (High Barind districts of Barind Tract)
<b>Project Financing</b>	Total project cost US\$ 103.25 million, including an IFAD financing of US\$ 70 million
<b>Financing Partners</b>	IFAD and Government of Bangladesh
<b>Implementing Agency</b>	Local Government Engineering Department (LGED)
<b>Project Type</b>	Rural Infrastructure / Livelihood Development / Climate Adaptation



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# KEY ASPECTS

## PROGRAM FINANCING



SOURCE	AMOUNT (US\$ MILLION)
IFAD 13	70
Government of Bangladesh	31.75
Financing Gap*	1.5
<b>Total Financing</b>	<b>103.25</b>

*\*IFAD has engaged discussion with the Kingdom of Denmark to mobilize an additional US\$10 million in grant funding to cover the US\$1.5 million financing gap in component 4 and to scale up activities in components 2 and 3 as from 2026.*

- IFAD13 PBAS allocation (blend terms)
- Includes US\$ 54.95 million climate finance (78.5%)
- Mainstreamed for
  - Youth
  - Adaptive Capacity
- Support 311,820 households, accounting for around 1.34 million individuals.
- 34% internal rate of return, a benefit-cost ratio of 1.8, and a net present value of US\$292 million

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## PROJECT OBJECTIVE / THEORY OF CHANGE

CRALEP's objective is to **strengthen community resilience and well-being through climate-resilient infrastructure and diversified livelihoods that integrate Nature based Solutions and climate information services.**

CRALEP aims to reduce poverty significantly and increase climate resilience by mitigating climate impacts in the flood-prone Haor Region and the drought-prone High Barind Region.

### Key Challenge

CRALEP addresses the growing climate vulnerability of rural communities in Bangladesh's Haor and High Barind regions. These areas face recurrent flooding, drought, and heat stress, threatening livelihoods and food security.

### Project Activities

**Comp. 1: Climate-proofed village road connectivity and market improvement**

- Village road connectivity
- Rural market development
- Boat landing ghat

**Comp. 2: Village services for resilient communities**

- Village internal services (walkways, water & sanitation)
- Killa for temporary storage of harvests
- Nature based Solution

**Comp. 3: Livelihood diversification and resilience**

- Vocational training
- Entrepreneurship training
- Sustainable livelihood for LCS members

**Comp. 4: Capacity development, climate information services and innovation**

- Capacity building of LGED
- Early warning systems
- Innovation in construction
- Policy and dissemination

### Long-term Outcomes



**Enhanced Climate Resilience of Rural Communities**



**Sustainable Improvements in Livelihoods and Food Security**



**Institutional Strengthening for Localized Climate Action**

# Key Features

## Innovative features:

- CRALEP introduces an integrated climate resilience approach tailored to two contrasting agro-ecological zones
- Combines nature-based solutions with inclusive livelihood development for long-term resilience.
- Embeds youth and women empowerment in climate adaptation and market systems development.

## Strategic Importance

- Directly contributes to Bangladesh's Prosperity Plan 2041, Delta Plan 2100, and National Adaptation Plan (NAP)
- Supports GoB's priorities on resilient infrastructure, food security, and pro-poor rural transformation.
- Builds on success and lessons from IFAD-financed projects like HILIP-CALIP, CCRIP and PROVATi3 to scale up effective models

## IFAD's Comparative Advantage

- Strong experience working in climate-vulnerable regions and reaching the last mile beneficiaries, particularly in the Haor and Barind.
- Deep, long-standing partnership with the Government of Bangladesh and Local Government Engineering Department (LGED).



# Thank You

