Scaling up Inclusive Resilience Amongst Water Logged Communities in South Western Bangladesh

Coastal districts of the South West Bangladesh have been experiencing problems of water-logging at least for the past three decades. Among the affected areas, Satkhira and Jessore are the worst affected and some areas experience severe and year-round water logging. It is estimated that millions of people of Jessore and Satkhira district have been affected by water logging during the last 35 years. The prolonged water-logging causes significant displacement presenting development and humanitarian challenges in agriculture, livestock, fisheries, nutrition, safe water supply, sanitation, food security employment opportunity etc.

Given the above consideration National Alliance for Risk Reduction and Response Initiatives (NARRI) has been implementing a project in South West Bangladesh’s waterlogged areas to anticipate, reduce the risk of, respond to and ensure effective early recovery from incidences of water logging and disasters. The project is being implemented based on the following results:

1. CBDR model scaled up across water logged communities, unions and upazillas to support inclusive risk-informed planning and budgeting
2. School Safety Plans (SSP) in line with SBDP model are promoted amongst relevant stakeholders at district and sub-district levels
3. Resilient livelihood approach promoted and institutionalised amongst relevant unions, sub-district and district service providers
4. Policy makers and key stakeholders are more responsive to needs and demands of water-logged communities
5. Rapid humanitarian assistance mobilized and delivered when needed by NARRI

PRINCIPLE OBJECTIVE
To enhance inclusive resilience of the most waterlogged affected communities in South Western Bangladesh.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE
To scale-up and institutionalise inclusive community, school and livelihood resilience amongst water logged communities and government service providers in the districts of Jessore & Satkhira.

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