

SDC Partner Day 2025

HEKS/EPER's 'Thriving through Equity, Economic Empowerment and Climate Resilience – THRIVE' Project

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Climate Action at Local Level (CALL) Programme

Thriving through Equity, Economic Empowerment and Climate Resilience (THRIVE)

Problem on ground



HEKS/EPER's Approach



Achievement and Takeaways from Inception Phase



- ❑ Detailed individual household-level data for decision making
- ❑ Dissemination of findings of the study on '**Climate Budget Dynamics and Potential Entry points for an Equitable Allocation**' for upholding climate justice
- ❑ Study on '**Access to land and natural resources**'
- ❑ Training of Community Volunteers to enhance community ownership and localisation
- ❑ Knowledge and experience sharing events with consortium partners for shared learning opportunities

Value Addition and Expectations from Consortium

What HEKS/EPER Brings to the Table

- ❑ Longstanding experience of working with plainland ethnic minorities thus being the **‘Voice of the Voiceless’**
- ❑ **Evidence generation** for targeted advocacy
- ❑ Collaboration opportunities for **addressing systemic barriers**
- ❑ Innovative approaches in climate resilience and governance

Expectations

Learning and Innovation

Increased Outreach

Capacity Strengthening

Resource Pooling

Policy Advocacy

Sustainability of Action



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Sports for Protection, Resilience, and Transformation (SPIRiT)

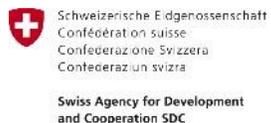
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SPIRiT – Sports For Protection, Resilience and Transformation ([Video](#))



SPIRiT

Sports For Protection, Resilience and Transformation



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Confédération suisse
Confederazione Svizzera
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Swiss Agency for Development
and Cooperation SDC



Opportunities working in CALL consortium

Tdh has been working in Bangladesh since 1974

- Additional funding amplifies and scales our climate action by pooling resources and expertise
- Cross-learning drives innovative climate solutions, strengthens adaptive practices, and enables communities to effectively tackle climate challenges, while ensuring solutions are rooted in both local needs and global insights.
- The consortium centres climate justice by addressing the disproportionate impacts of climate change on vulnerable communities, promoting inclusive solutions, and advocating for rights-based approaches.
- Localization strengthens our climate action by empowering local organizations and communities

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SDC Partner Day Celebration 2025

CALL in GAIN

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GAIN - WHO WE ARE?

The Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) is a Swiss-based foundation launched at the UN in 2002 to tackle the human suffering caused by malnutrition.

Working with governments, businesses and civil society, we aim to transform food systems so that they deliver more nutritious foods for all people, especially the most vulnerable.

GAIN VISION

Healthier diets for all people, especially the most vulnerable, from more sustainable food systems.

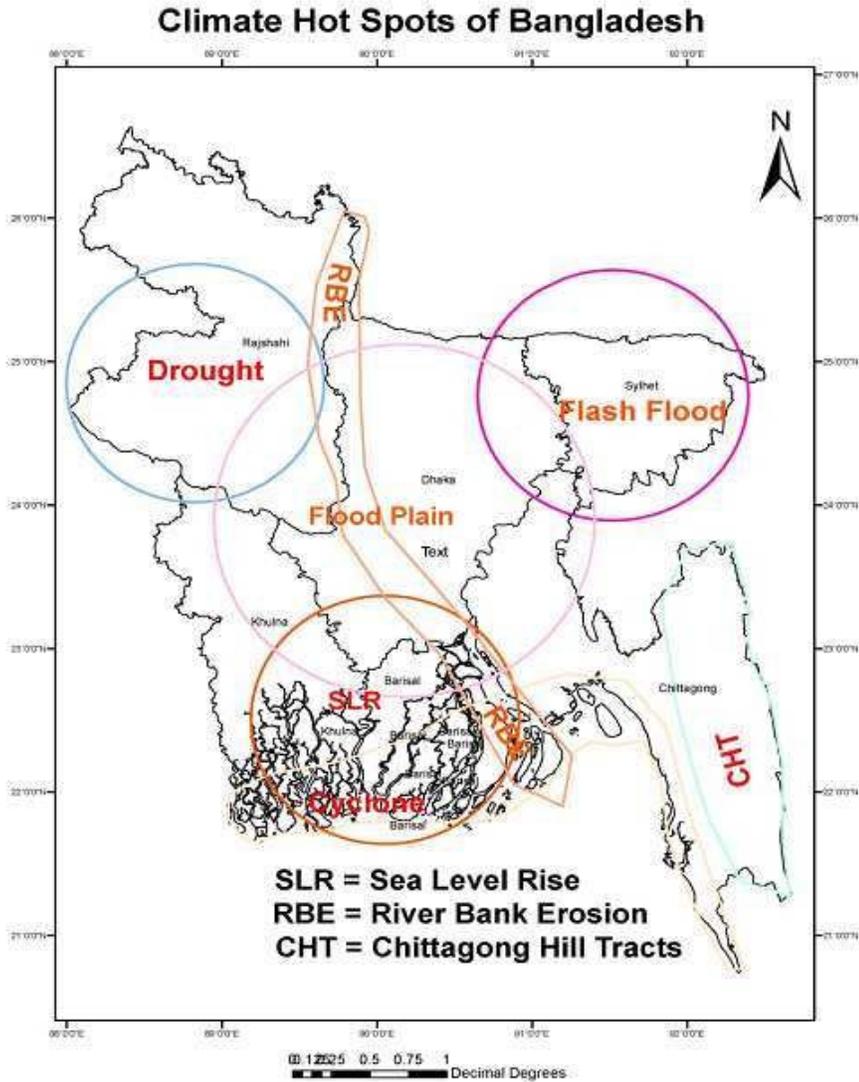
GAIN MISSION

Improve the consumption of healthier diets for all, especially the most vulnerable, by improving the availability, affordability, desirability, and sustainability of nutritious and safe foods, and reducing the consumption of unhealthy and unsafe foods.



Major needs

Meeting Bangladesh's Commitments at Country and Global Level



Nourish all people



Boost Nature-based Solutions



Advance Equitable Livelihoods, Decent Work and Empowered Communities



Build Resilience to Vulnerabilities, Shocks and Stresses



Accelerating the Means of Implementation



Mitigation



Adaptation



Finance



Collaboration

CALL in GAIN

- **CALL**
- **Local climate actions led by communities and system actors – facilitated by Swiss NGOs and local partners – contribute to a climate-smart and disaster-resilient Bangladesh as a model of local climate action for broader uptake**



2024 – 2026

- Coastal, Barind, Riverine & Char region District: 6, Upazila: 36, Union: 200
- 50,000 HHs (approx.)
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food, Fisheries & Livestock, Health & Family Welfare, Environment, Forest & Climate Change.
- SME Foundation, SMC
- SUN Youth Network, I-CAN, TSF

Partner at Local Level: Towards Sustainability Foundation

Who we are?

- A youth-led organization.
- Dedicated to meaningful impact on sustainable development.
- Vision to create a more sustainable and equitable world,
- Strive to address pressing global challenges - climate change, environmental degradation.



What we do in CALL?

- Food system youth leadership and community action
- Promote climate volunteerism
- Elevating youth voice
- Refuse cleanup drive
- Climate education: Learn, Lead, Engage
- Promote resilient climate change adaptation in agri-food production
- Climate advocacy at local, subnational and national level

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Why We Joined the Consortium



- **Shared Vision**
- **Collaborative Impact**
- **Sustainability and Resilience**
- **Advocacy and Joint Activities**
- **Our Added Value to the Consortium**
 - Longstanding experience in health promotion in Bangladesh and globally
 - Partnership with local partner in Climate-affected areas
 - Providing contextualized information, and adaptation strategies for climate-related health issues among community women, adolescents, and their male partners
 - Strengthening public health workers' capacity to address climate-induced diseases

The REACH Project



➤ Needs addressed by the project:

- Effects of climate change on people's health in Southern Bangladesh
- Women, adolescents and children particularly affected

➤ Project Strategy:

- Integrated Climate Health Education Curriculum and Tools for increasing women and girls' health literacy
- Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships
- Technology for Remote Health Access
- Youth-Led Climate Health Initiatives
- Health system strengthening through advocacy and capacity building

Expectations & Key Challenges



➤ Our Expectations:

- Impactful Outcomes for building climate change resilience
- Sharing knowledge, capacity and resources for quality, sustainability of the program within consortium.
- Leveraging the knowledge and experience of Consortium for local and national level advocacy.

➤ Key Challenges:

- Climate-Related Risks
- Funding Limitations for scaling up
- Inadequately equipped public systems



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CALL – Climate Action at Local Level

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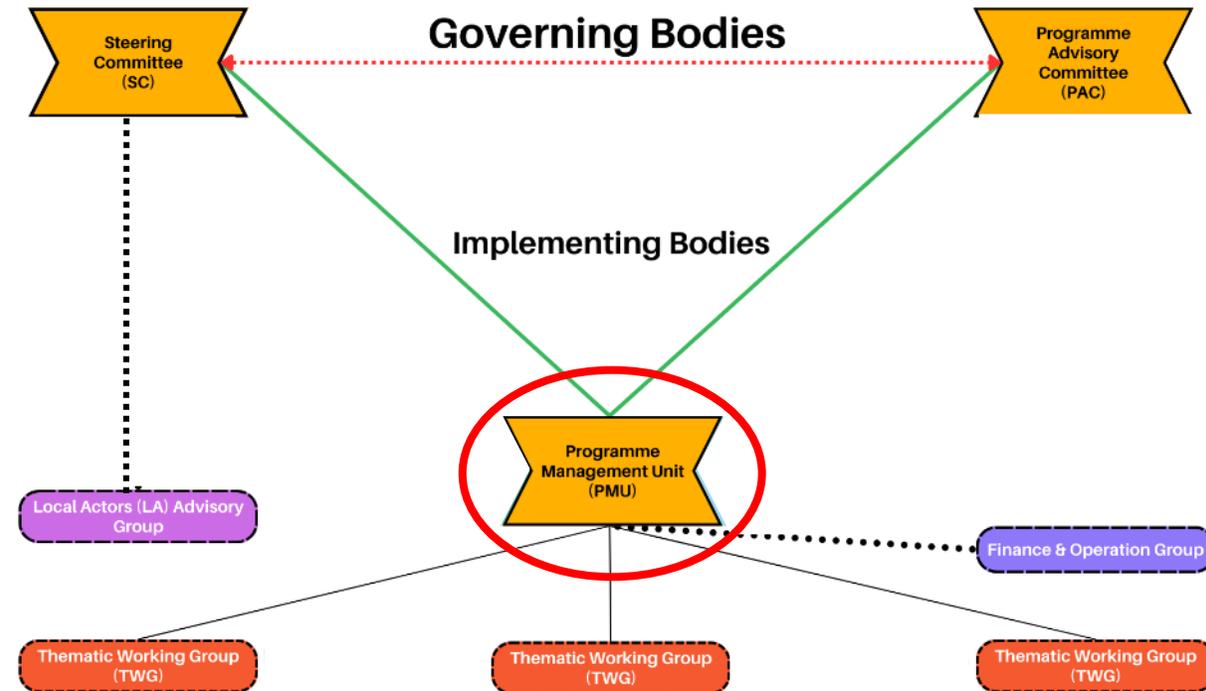
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Programme Management Unit

- Implemented by HELVETAS and Swisscontact

Role

- Lead communication with SDC and other donors;
- Facilitate communication between members;
- Provide strategic guidance;
- Facilitate thematic working groups;
- Compilation of operational and financial reports;
- Overall monitoring guidance and support;
- Knowledge management and learning.





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