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A world where everyone has a decent place to live

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Our Journey

Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) is a global non-profit organization committed to eradicating inadequate housing and homelessness across the globe. Established in 1976 by the late Millard Fuller, its operational headquarters are situated in Americus, Georgia, while the administrative headquarters are based in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. HFHI conducts its activities in over 70 countries around the world.

Habitat for Humanity International – Bangladesh (HFHI-B) commenced its activities in the country in 1999 and has successfully executed more than 86 projects, benefiting over 45,000 families across 19 districts. Presently, the organization is active in the districts of Dhaka, Cox's Bazar, Noakhali, and Satkhira. HFHIB aspires to create a Bangladesh where everyone has access to a decent living environment and is dedicated to providing adequate housing for all.

Our Vision

A world where everyone has a decent place to live.

Our Mission

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

Our Values

Humility
We are part of something bigger than ourselves.

Courage
We do what's right, even when it is difficult or unpopular.

Accountability
We take personal responsibility for Habitat's mission.

MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR



It is with deep gratitude and pride that I share this message as we reflect on Fiscal Year 2025 for Habitat for Humanity Bangladesh. Guided by our vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live, we stood alongside families and partners to build homes, strengthen communities, and bring hope across Bangladesh.

Throughout FY 2025, we strengthened our commitment to ensuring that vulnerable families are not left behind. From building and repairing homes to improving access to clean water and sanitation, from preparing disaster-prone communities with resilience tools to supporting urban slum dwellers through advocacy and service linkage—we remained present where the need is greatest.

We are proud to report that in this fiscal year alone:

- Enabled hundreds of families to access safe, decent, and affordable housing.
- Reached thousands with improved WASH facilities, training, and hygiene awareness.
- Expanded disaster risk reduction work in coastal and flood-prone areas.
- Continued serving Rohingya camps and host communities with shelter and WASH solutions.
- Deepened partnerships with government, donors, private sector, and grassroots allies to multiply our impact.

These achievements were possible thanks to the dedication of our staff, partners, and supporters—locally and globally. I am especially grateful to the Government of Bangladesh, NGO Affairs Bureau, and local administrations for their unwavering support.

Looking ahead, we recognize that the housing crisis remains urgent, intensified by climate change and urbanization. Yet, with collective strength and God's grace, we will continue to be a catalyst for change, a partner in resilience, and a voice for housing justice.

Together, we will build forward better, ensuring every family has a place to call home.

Thank you for standing up for us. In service and solidarity,

Muhammad Mahfuzur Rahman
Interim National Director
Habitat for Humanity Bangladesh

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS



TOTAL PEOPLE REACHED
58,875



TOTAL MALE
16,775



CHILDREN
22,105



TOTAL FEMALE
19,995



TOTAL HOUSEHOLD REACHED
9,874



WASH
5,268
HOUSEHOLDS



NEW HOUSE CONSTRUCTED
35



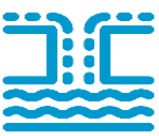
HOUSE REPAIRED
1,770



TRAINING RECEIVED
5,180



DEEP TUBEWELL INSTALLED
45



DRAINAGE WITH WALKWAY REPAIRED
475FT



HOUSEHOLD LEVEL TOILET CONSTRUCTED
208

Support in Cox's Bazar at a glance:

For Host Community



TOTAL HOUSEHOLD REACHED
158



TOTAL PEOPLE REACHED
984



SOLAR LIGHT DISTRIBUTION
150 HOUSEHOLDS



NEW HOUSE CONSTRUCTED
8



HOUSEHOLD LEVEL TOILET CONSTRUCTED
39

For FDMN Camp



TOTAL HOUSEHOLD REACHED
3,800 (APPROX.)



TOTAL PEOPLE REACHED
36,385



SHELTER REPAIR ASSISTANCE RECEIVED
350 HOUSEHOLDS



SHELTER REPAIR MATERIALS RECEIVED
950 HOUSEHOLDS



EXISTING TOILET REPAIRED
157

Habitat for Humanity International Bangladesh's Contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Habitat for Humanity International Bangladesh (HFHI-B) actively advances the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through its commitment to ensuring access to decent, affordable housing and promoting sustainable, resilient communities. Through its integrated programming, HFHI-B fosters equitable growth, improves health and well-being, and strengthens the foundations for a more inclusive and sustainable future for all. The section below highlights how HFHI-B contributes to the achievement of each of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).





- Affordable housing reduces financial vulnerability.
- Builds family assets, stability, and long-term economic resilience.





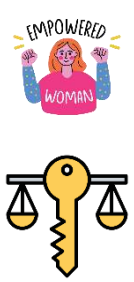
- Safe homes ensure access to clean water and sanitation.
- Improved living conditions enhance both physical and mental health.





- Secure, stable housing provides an environment conducive to learning.
- Better living conditions support higher attendance and academic achievement.





- Women empowered as homeowners or co-owners.
- Promotes equitable access to resources and economic inclusion.

We build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter

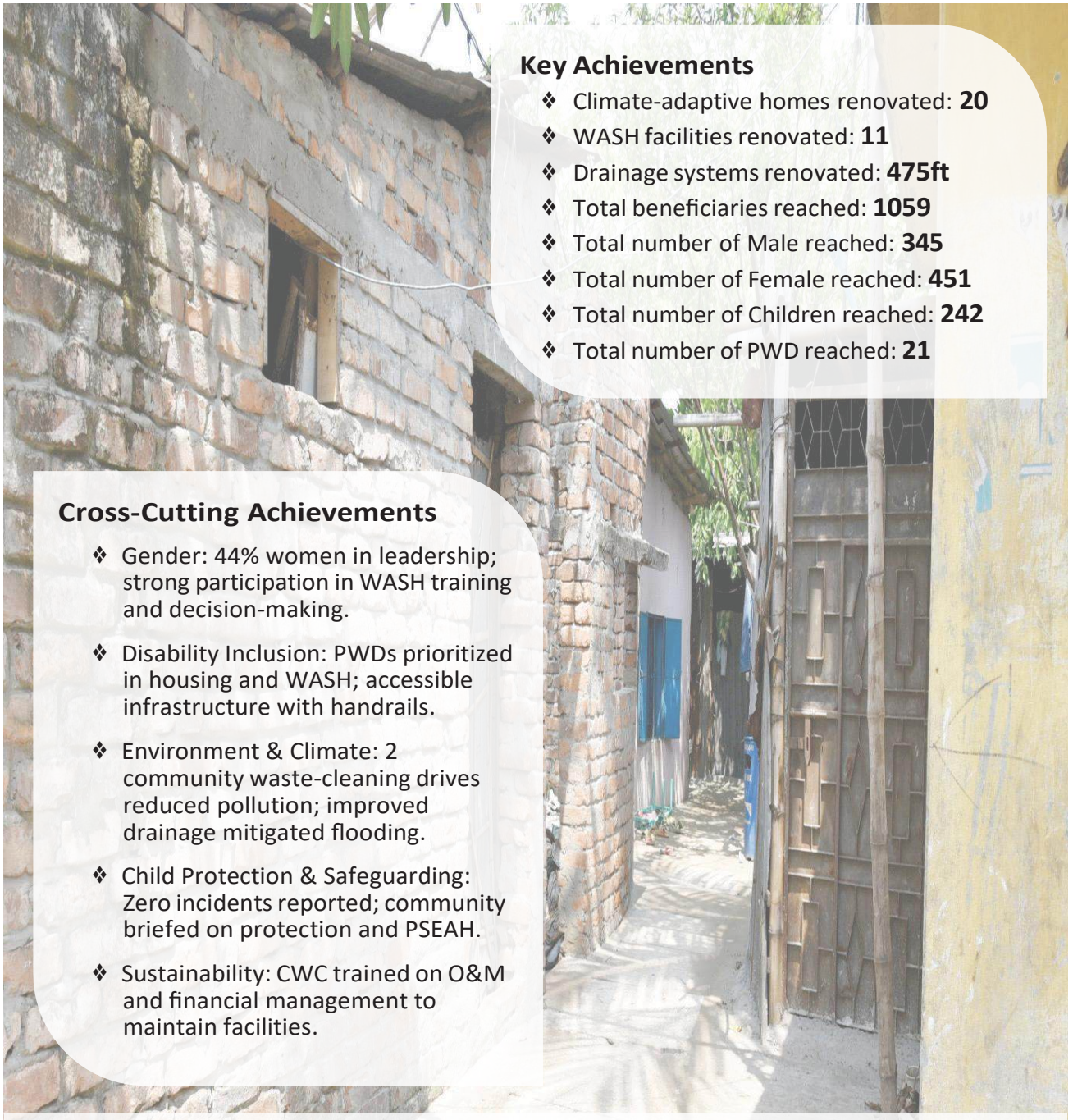


Outcome

HFHI-B's housing initiatives go beyond shelter — empowering families, improving health, fostering gender equality, and accelerating Bangladesh's progress toward achieving the SDGs by 2030.

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Building Resilient and Inclusive Urban Communities in Dhaka's Informal Settlements



Key Achievements

- Climate-adaptive homes renovated: **20**
- WASH facilities renovated: **11**
- Drainage systems renovated: **475ft**
- Total beneficiaries reached: **1059**
- Total number of Male reached: **345**
- Total number of Female reached: **451**
- Total number of Children reached: **242**
- Total number of PWD reached: **21**

Cross-Cutting Achievements

- Gender: 44% women in leadership; strong participation in WASH training and decision-making.
- Disability Inclusion: PWDs prioritized in housing and WASH; accessible infrastructure with handrails.
- Environment & Climate: 2 community waste-cleaning drives reduced pollution; improved drainage mitigated flooding.
- Child Protection & Safeguarding: Zero incidents reported; community briefed on protection and PSEAH.
- Sustainability: CWC trained on O&M and financial management to maintain facilities.

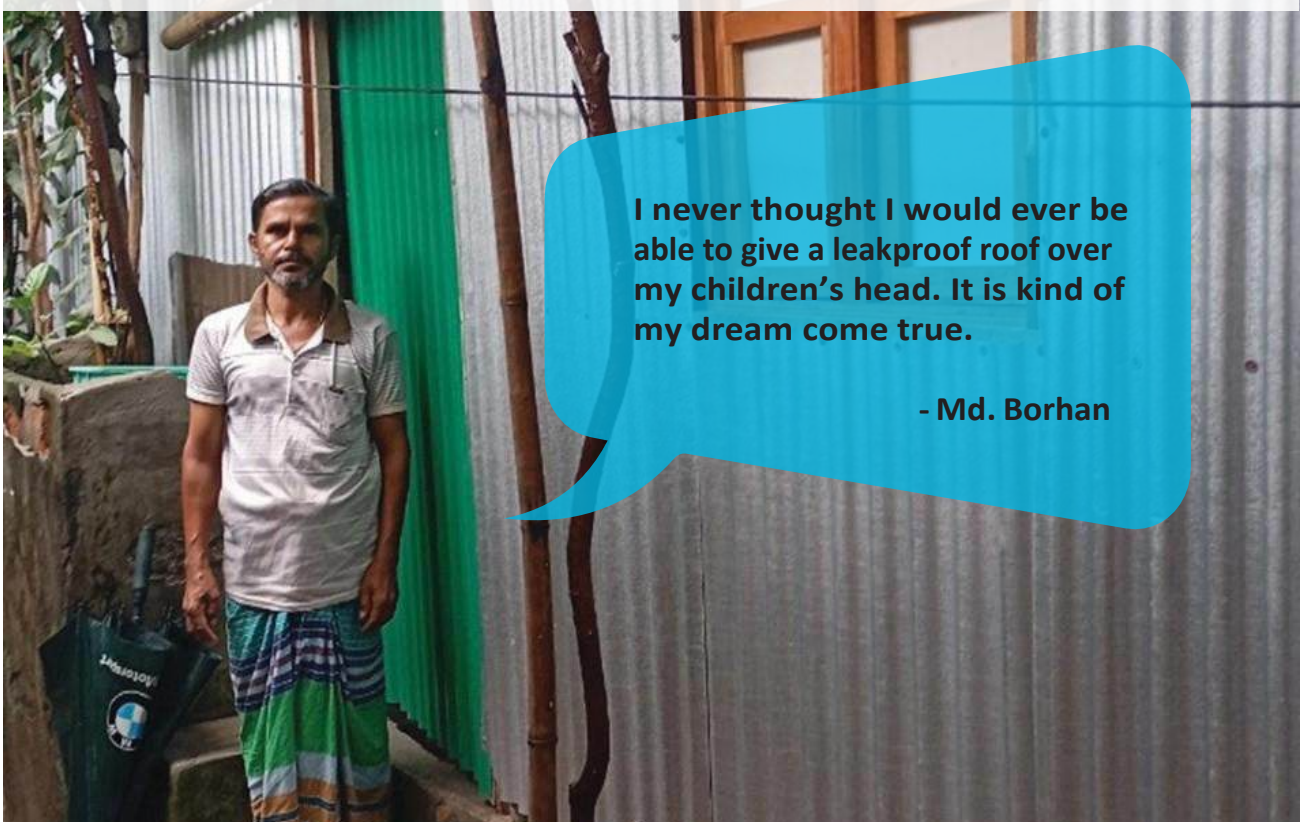
Long-Term Impact

- 20 families now live in safe, durable, climate-resilient homes.
- Community enjoys improved sanitation, mobility, and hygiene through upgraded WASH systems.
- Empowered community structures (CWC) ensure ongoing maintenance and local leadership.

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Md. Borhan's journey to HOPE

Deep within Beguntila Slum, where survival and resilience form the rhythm of daily life, resides Md. Borhan—a 40-year-old vendor of vegetables and a father of four children. Every day, Borhan takes his van street by street in the scorching sun, selling freshly cut vegetables to just earn enough to take care of his kids. Since his wife's passing, he has carried the whole burden of parenthood alone, driven by one point: to lead a better life for his children. Borhan and his children lived in a house that did not even slightly shield them for over ten years. The tin roof was perforated, the walls were weak, and the house had no windows. During the summer, their home would be a furnace, the heat unbearable. During the monsoons, water would pour in through the roof, soaking everyone in its path. The children could not sleep, study or even stay indoors during the day. The physical discomfort was relentless, the psychological toll, worse. But all that changed when Md. Borhan was selected as a beneficiary of a community support program under Habitat for Humanity International–Bangladesh's mission to improve the living conditions of vulnerable families like his.

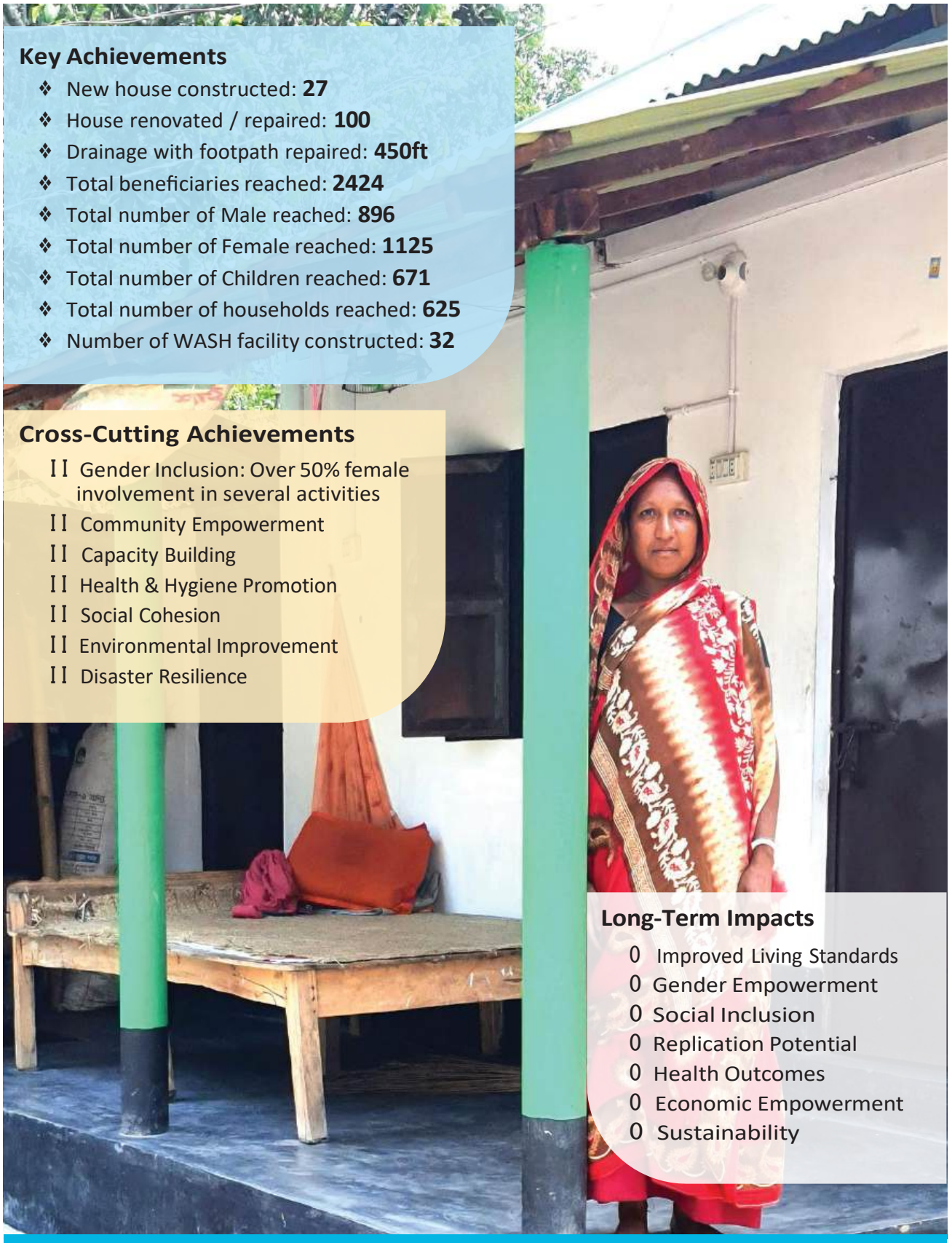


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We build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter

Sustainable Housing Solutions for Informal Settlements in Shatkhira and Khulna Cities



Key Achievements

- New house constructed: **27**
- House renovated / repaired: **100**
- Drainage with footpath repaired: **450ft**
- Total beneficiaries reached: **2424**
- Total number of Male reached: **896**
- Total number of Female reached: **1125**
- Total number of Children reached: **671**
- Total number of households reached: **625**
- Number of WASH facility constructed: **32**

Cross-Cutting Achievements

- Gender Inclusion: Over 50% female involvement in several activities
- Community Empowerment
- Capacity Building
- Health & Hygiene Promotion
- Social Cohesion
- Environmental Improvement
- Disaster Resilience

Long-Term Impacts

- Improved Living Standards
- Gender Empowerment
- Social Inclusion
- Replication Potential
- Health Outcomes
- Economic Empowerment
- Sustainability

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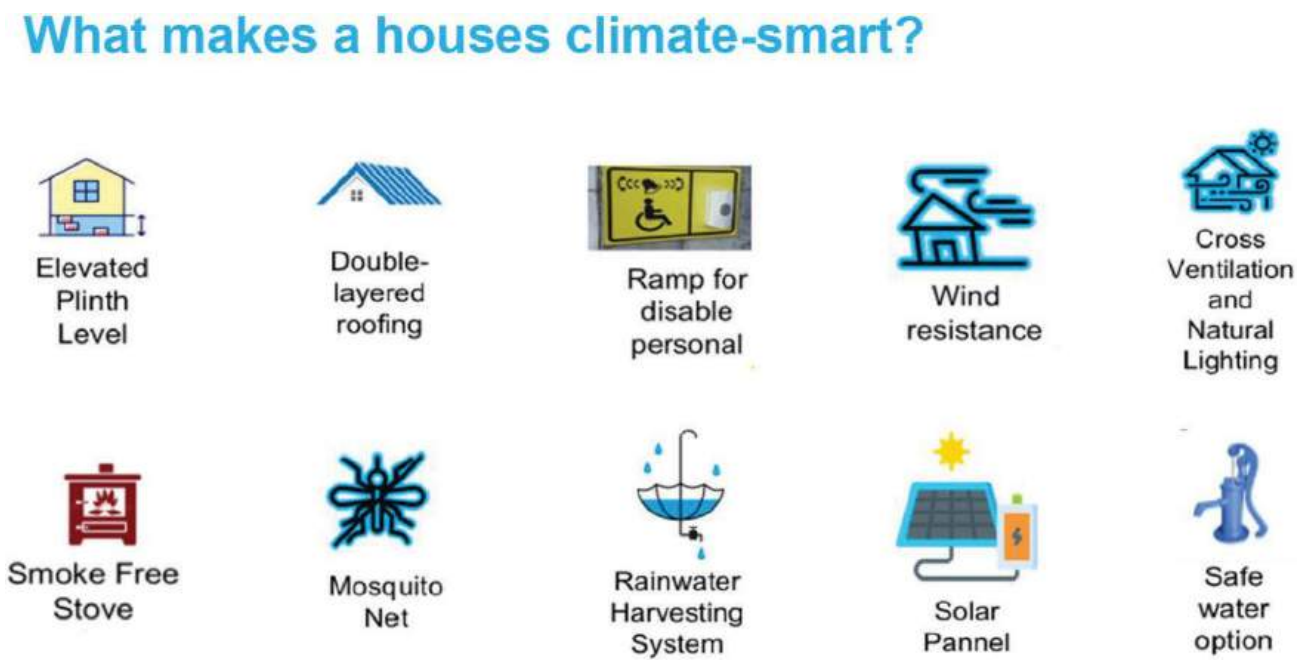
Climate-Resilient Housing for Shatkhira

The emphasis on climate-resilient housing is a direct response to Bangladesh's extreme vulnerability to climate change. The country faces a multitude of climate-induced challenges, including rising sea levels, increased frequency and intensity of cyclones, erratic rainfall patterns leading to floods and droughts, and river erosion. HFHB's strategy aligns



Pic: Climate Resilient House, Shatkhira

with national and international frameworks for disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation, such as the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and the Paris Agreement. HFHB actively participates in advocacy efforts to promote climate-resilient development policies and practices at various levels. The organization's long-term vision includes scaling up climate-resilient housing solutions across the country, integrating innovative technologies, and fostering stronger partnerships to address the growing housing needs in the face of a changing climate. HFHB's work serves as a model for sustainable and resilient community development in highly vulnerable regions.



Pic: The basic quality of a Climate Resilient House

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Rebuilding Lives Through Dignified Shelter: Ekadoshi's Story



Pic: Ekadoshi's House before, Shatkhira

There had been years of misery following Ekadoshi. Her husband, Dinobandhu, made a meager taka 200–250 a day pulling in other people's fishing nets—hardly sufficient to keep them going, never mind set aside for their two children's future. After childbirth complications left Ekadoshi disabled in one leg, their unstable existence started to disintegrate. With rising medical expenses and no hope of additional income, the family was pushed to desperate action. The children were taken out of school, and in a poignant act, Ekadoshi was forced to marry off her daughter prematurely in a bid to reduce financial burdens.

Through this project, Ekadoshi's family was provided with a Climate Smart House—a transformative shelter elevated on firm ground and built with disaster-resilient materials, secure roofing, strong walls, and accessibility features like ramps and handrails. The house included a hygienic cooking area, an attached toilet, and proximity to a deep tube well, eliminating the need for exhausting trips to fetch water. It was greater than a family home: the building was constructed so that it could accommodate 15–20 occupants in the event of climatic disaster and serve as a shelter for the rest of society.



Pic: Ekadoshi's House after, Shatkhira



We are so poor that we couldn't even imagine that we can have a house we can call ours. Not even think that we can use a sanitary toilet ever..

- Ekadoshi Mondal

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Rebuilding Lives: Housing and Disaster Resilience for Rohingya Population and Host Communities in Cox's Bazar

Key Achievements – Host Community (Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar)

- New houses constructed: **08** (climate-resilient houses)
- Houses renovated/repaired: **150 HH**
- Drainage with footpath repaired: **63.41m**
- Total beneficiaries reached: **984**
- Total males reached: **282**
- Total females reached: **275**
- Total children reached: **427**
- Total households reached: **158 HH**
- Number of WASH facilities constructed: **39**

Key Achievements – FDNM (Camps 13, 19, 8E)

- New houses constructed: Not applicable
- Houses renovated/repaired: **950 HH**
- Drainage system constructed: **1**
- Slope stabilization: **2**
- Total beneficiaries reached: **36,385**
- Total males reached: **10,519**
- Total females reached: **11,064**
- Total children reached: **14,802**
- Total households reached: **3800 (approx.)**
- Number of WASH facilities constructed: **39**
- Number of WASH facilities repaired:
  - 15 sanitation facilities upgraded
  - 157 sanitation units repaired
  - 160 tube wells repaired

Cross-Cutting Achievements

- Gender Inclusion: Over **40%** of participants were women
- Capacity Building
- Disability and Vulnerability Focus
- Environmental Sustainability
- Community Engagement
- Disaster Risk Reduction
- Health and Hygiene Promotion

Long-Term Impacts

- Improved living standards
- Health improvements
- Community empowerment
- Gender equality
- Sustainability and ownership
- Climate resilience
- Replication potential



Pic: Solar Light Installation at FDNM, Cox's Bazar

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Climate-Resilient House for Host Community Cox's Bazar

Under the ongoing initiatives aimed at improving living conditions and building resilience for the disaster-prone communities in Cox's Bazar, a pilot project of climate-resilient housing construction was implemented for the host community.



Pic: Climate Resilient House for beneficiaries in host community, Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar

The intervention focused on households located in the high-risk zones subject to monsoons, cyclones, floods, and landslides. Under this pilot phase, 8 permanent climate-resilient homes were constructed with adaptive features to enhance safety, durability, and sustainability.



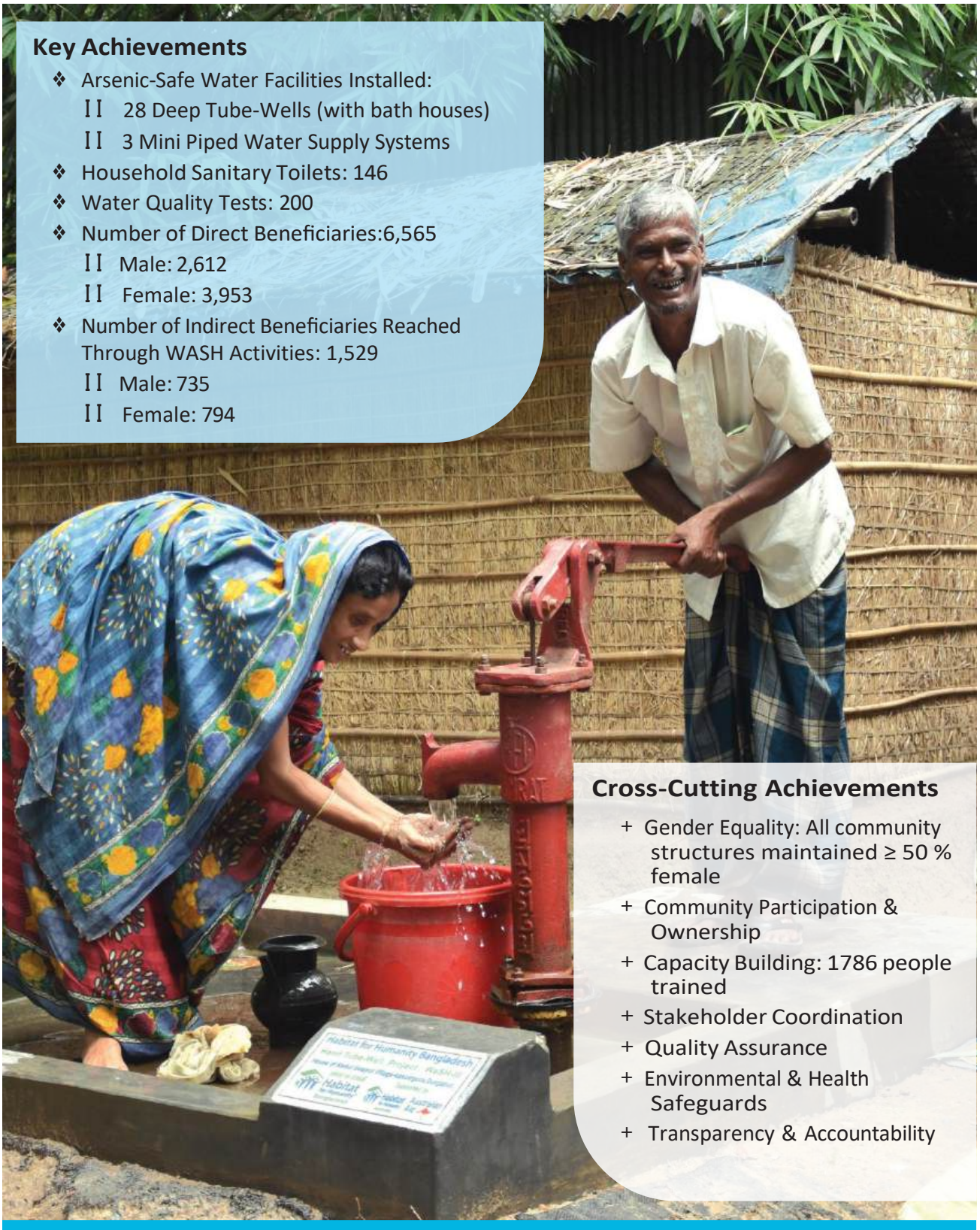
Pic: Climate resilient house for Cox's bazar

The community-based approach was a highlight of this project, with the identification of beneficiaries done according to a rigorous vulnerability assessment and the community engaged in the design process. It introduced low-cost, climate-smart technologies that were relevant to local hazards and offered a replicable model for future interventions. It gave training to young individuals and local masons in climate-resilient construction, which facilitated skill generation and livelihood creation.

The project was also inclusive, with specific design features catering to the requirements of female-headed households, persons with disabilities, and elderly citizens. This pilot not only improved living conditions for 8 extremely vulnerable families but also reduced disaster risk, built local construction capacity, and improved relations between host communities and humanitarian actors.

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Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) (Integrated to Housing)



Key Achievements

- Arsenic-Safe Water Facilities Installed:
  - 28 Deep Tube-Wells (with bath houses)
  - 3 Mini Piped Water Supply Systems
- Household Sanitary Toilets: 146
- Water Quality Tests: 200
- Number of Direct Beneficiaries:6,565
  - Male: 2,612
  - Female: 3,953
- Number of Indirect Beneficiaries Reached Through WASH Activities: 1,529
  - Male: 735
  - Female: 794

Cross-Cutting Achievements

+ Gender Equality: All community structures maintained ≥ 50 % female
+ Community Participation & Ownership
+ Capacity Building: 1786 people trained
+ Stakeholder Coordination
+ Quality Assurance
+ Environmental & Health Safeguards
+ Transparency & Accountability

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Story of Mini Piped Water Supply System

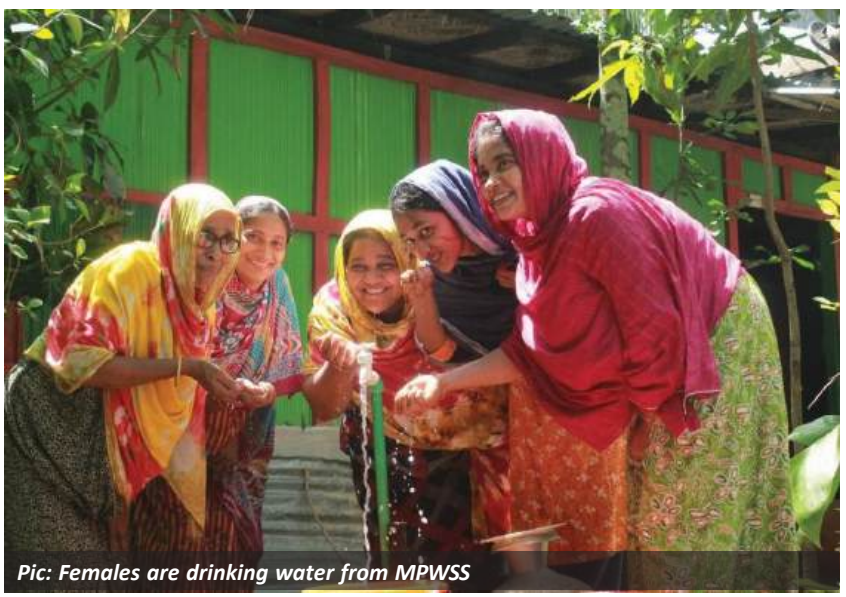


Pic: Mini Piped Water Supply System, Noakhali

In the remote village of Jaliyal, Binodpur Union, the villagers were deprived of clean drinking water for years. With limited resources, the vulnerable villagers depended mainly on shallow tube wells and pond water—both of which were contaminated, particularly with arsenic. Such an unsafe source of water has led to a variety of serious diseases - from skin diseases to persistent diarrhea. In almost every family has the impact, which was disastrous—health and financially.

In June 2024, there was hope in the shape of a visit to Jaliyal by the Arsenic Action Group members, accompanied by a community facilitator with HEED Bangladesh. Having witnessed the problem firsthand and verified the extent of the people's suffering, a sustainable plan was devised to create long-term change. The results have been nothing but life changing.

This project has not only freed people from water-borne illnesses but has also brought significant improvement in health within the community. Family members are now saving money that was previously used for medical treatment and instead using it to secure their future. There is now pride, dignity, and hope within the people. With clean water in their homes, residents no longer travel long distances in search of clean water.



Pic: Females are drinking water from MPWSS

At present, the residents of Jaliyal village are extremely grateful to Habitat for Humanity International Bangladesh and HEED Bangladesh for their continuous support. Their lives have changed—not just for improved health, but also for improved social and financial stability. They wish these organizations continued success so that other disadvantaged segments can also receive such effective, life-changing support.

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BUILD AND INFLUENCE

4th ICURP International Conference on Urban and Regional Planning



The 4th International Conference on Urban and Regional Planning (4th ICURP), held during 10-12 May 2025, brought together an elite team of urban planners, researchers, policymakers, and practitioners from across the globe. The conference theme was:

"Spatial Planning for Equitable Development of Urban, Regional and Rural Areas."

Within the span of three consecutive days, the event held its inaugural ceremony and all sessions at two prominent venues of Dhaka — the Senate Hall of Dhaka University and the CIRDAP Auditorium. The conference was effectively organized by the Bangladesh Institute of Planners (BIP). Inaugural ceremony featured exclusive speeches by the prominent personalities like Syeda Rizwana Hasan, Adviser, Ministry of Environment & Forest (Inaugurated the conference); Mr. Md. Nazrul Islam, Secretary, Ministry of Housing & Public Works; Professor Niaz Ahmed Khan, PhD, Vice- Chancellor, University of Dhaka; Ms. Anaclaudia Rossbach, Executive Director, UN-Habitat; and Mr. Adilur Rahman Khan, Honorable Adviser, Ministry of Housing & Public Works.

The session was followed by an engaging technical session by Gregg McDonald, National Director, Habitat for Humanity Bangladesh. He was joined by Maria Carrizosa, Associate Director, Global Housing Policy, Habitat for Humanity International, who was engaging and provided useful inputs.

Some thought-provoking and memorable statements during the session are:

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"Any urban agenda and sustainable development agenda that fails to put informal settlements first will be off target for an equitable and transformational future."

— Gregg McDonald, National Director, Habitat for Humanity Bangladesh

The conference included over 60 technical sessions, high-level discussions, and reform commission and leadership-level policy round tables with a focus on implementable strategies, shared governance, and smart urban planning.

"If governments seriously invested in slum upgradation, the world would be 4% healthier, children would remain at school 28% longer, and GDP would grow more than 10% in some locations!"

— Maria Carrizosa, Associate Director, Habitat for Humanity International, Global Housing Policy



The 4th ICURP was a symbol of collaborative thinking and revolutionary planning — with priority on equity, sustainability, and direction based on policy to guide the urban, regional, and rural future.

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Our Supporters

The Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) has been a supporter of Habitat Bangladesh since 2011. Currently, Habitat Bangladesh is partnering with KOICA to implement a project to reduce arsenic contamination and water-borne diseases in Noakhali.

The Department of Foreign Affair and Trade (DFAT) has been supporting Habitat Bangladesh since 2010 to carry out urban development projects in Dhaka to increase resilience of urban slum settlements through improved access to basic services.

Australian Government
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Habitat Bangladesh has been partnering with Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW) and Climate Bridge Fund (CBF) since 2022 to implement projects in Khulna and Satkhira to support climate migrants and slum dwellers to strengthen resilience, response and recovery.

The New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) has been partnering with Habitat Bangladesh since 2024 to provide critical shelter assistance and WASH support to Rohingyas living in the camps of Cox's Bazar.

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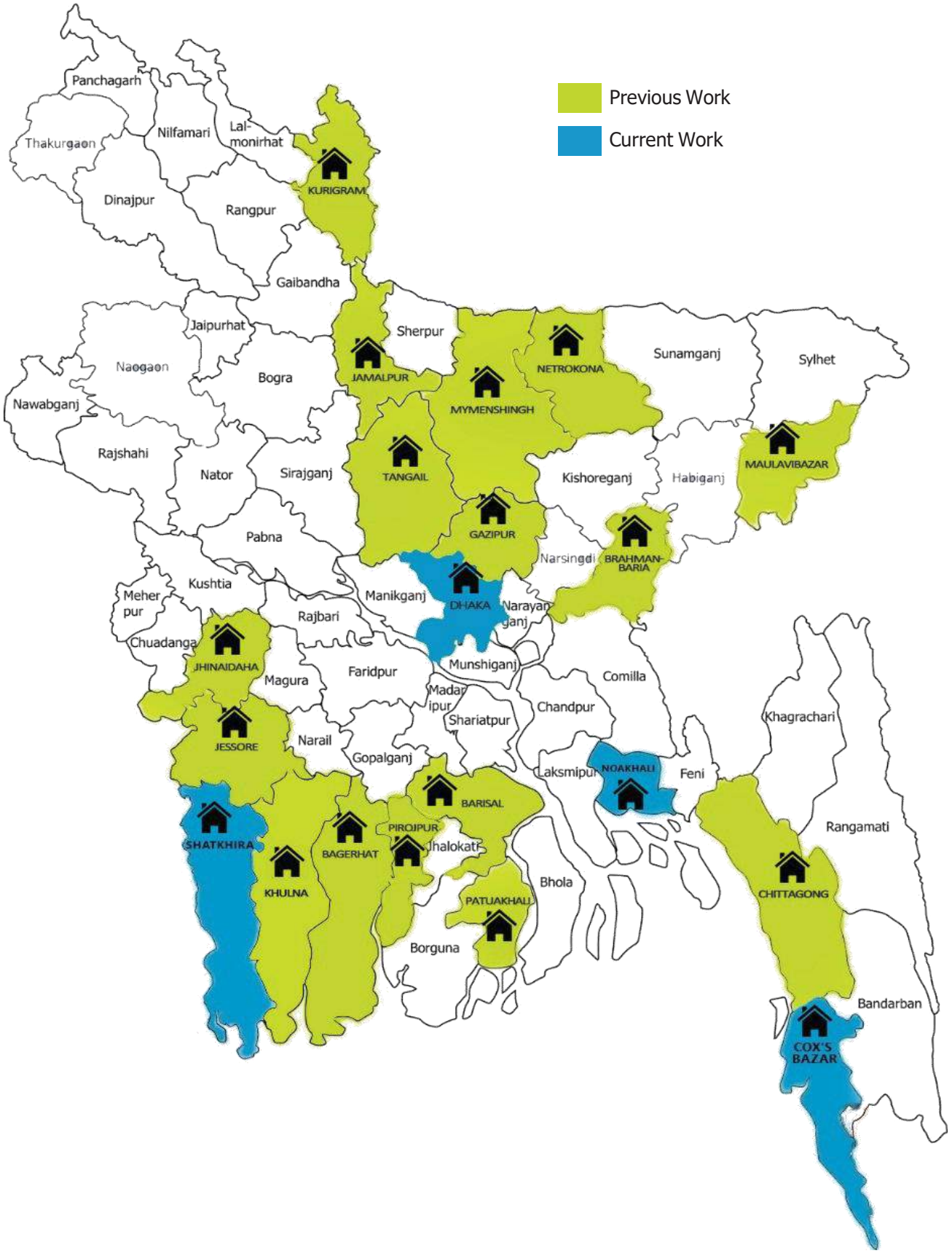
Since 2022, Jagrata Juba Shangha (JJS) has partnered with Habitat Bangladesh to carry out a project in Khulna, focusing on supporting climate migrants and slum dwellers.

Habitat Bangladesh has been partnering with HEED Bangladesh since 2023 to carry out a project in Noakhali aimed at reducing arsenic contamination and water-borne diseases.

HEED BANGLADESH

Habitat Bangladesh has been partnering with Rural Reconstruction Foundation (RRF) since 2011 and currently carrying out a project to support vulnerable climate migrants in Satkhira.

Our National Reach





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