



USAID Accelerating Resilience and Transformation Activity

Bangladesh faces extraordinary climate change challenges, exacerbated by its low-lying geography and dense population. Rising sea levels threaten to submerge coastal areas, displacing millions and jeopardizing agriculture and livelihoods. Erratic and extreme weather poses immediate humanitarian and infrastructure risk, and freshwater resources are imperiled by saltwater intrusion, impacting drinking water and agriculture. Urban centers are grappling with heatwaves and flooding, straining resources, and public health. Addressing these challenges requires robust collaboration with government and deep engagement with communities, local and international stakeholders to develop adaptation strategies to safeguard Bangladesh's vulnerable populations, help drive climate action, and support long-term resilience.

The USAID Accelerating Resilience and Transformation Activity will catalyze local and global expertise, while leveraging on-the-ground networks to generate systemic and transformative change for Bangladesh's transition to net-zero, climate-resilient development. In partnership with the Ministry of Environment, Forestry, and Climate Change, the project will

strengthen the existing effective cooperation between USAID and the government of Bangladesh. Aligned with USAID's Climate Strategy and Bangladesh's climate commitments (Nationally Determined Contributions and National Adaptation Plan), the project will partner with local actors across the government, private sector, and civil society to achieve systemic changes that increase meaningful participation and the active leadership of underrepresented groups in climate action.

Our Approach:

USAID Accelerating Resilience and Transformation Activity aims to transform key systems in Bangladesh's agriculture, energy, and disaster risk management sectors and shift market signals that result in climate-resilient, net-zero outcomes.

This approach is centered on principles of gender equality, social inclusion of historically marginalized groups and the self-empowerment of women and youth, all of which are critical to achieving sustainable low carbon and climate-resilient development. Localized activities will be designed and implemented in partnership with Bangladeshi civil society and the private sector and include the use of strategic grants to catalyze locally led change, build capacity, and amplify impact.

The USAID Accelerating Resilience and Transformation Activity will:

Catalyze climate-positive shifts in the policy landscape through enhanced frameworks for locally led adaptation planning, institutional capacity strengthening, and robust climate research and data for science-based policy development, decision-making, monitoring, and reporting.

Transform economic and financial systems through deployment of climate finance products and carbon pricing instruments, private capital mobilization, and de-risking and investment incentives to spur technology innovation and transfer in key sectors including agriculture, disaster risk management and energy.

Enhance governance and citizen engagement through inclusive and gender-transformative governance processes for improved participation, coordination, transparency, and accountability in climate efforts.

The project is working to achieve the following results:



Strengthened institutional capacity for climate planning



Advanced systems for climate change monitoring, tracking, and reporting



Increased access to public and private sources of climate finance



Institutional and technical arrangements for a robust domestic carbon market



Inclusive and participatory processes for climate action

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