

## COMMUNITY CLIMATE CHANGE PROJECT (CCCP)

**Background of the Project:** Climate change is a central development challenge for Bangladesh. The Government of Bangladesh prepared the Bangladesh Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan (BCCSAP) in 2009. The preparation of the Strategy underwent extensive consultation with stakeholders including government, sector ministries, academia, civil society representatives, and development partners (DP). A multi-donor trust fund entitled “Bangladesh Climate Change Resilience Fund (BCCRF)” was established for implementing the BCCSAP. The BCCRF will be managed and implemented by the Government of Bangladesh through the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MOEF). The BCCRF was designed to have **two windows**: an on-budget window for funding public sector projects; and, an off-budget window for funding projects from NGO and the private sector. To support the off-budget window, MOEF identified Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) as the preferred institution for implementing the Community Climate Change Project (CCCP). PKSF will be responsible for the call for proposals, review, monitoring, supervision, and compliance with fiduciary requirements.

The CCCP is a funding mechanism that will finance community based adaptation sub-projects. The possible sub-project activities are community-based adaptations focusing on food security, social protection and health, comprehensive disaster management, infrastructure, knowledge management etc. from the NGOs. Adaptation to climate change pertains to the adjustment of peoples’ lives and livelihoods to changing climate scenarios in the short, medium and long-term timeframes. Community adaptation mechanisms would need to address changes to physical and ecosystems functions and socio-economic dimensions, be locally driven, and also capture the emerging opportunities from climate change. Similarly, enhancing the capacity to make community-based climate resilient planning would require developing necessary planning tools and addressing the present knowledge gap areas through policy/applied research.

The technical criteria for the selection of proposals will be developed based with both global and sectoral criteria including adaptation of communities, ecosystems, and enterprises. The key focus will be that the proposals are: (1) Community-based and community-driven with local partnership; (2) Connected with local development or risk reduction plans and programs; (3) Focused on adaptation to climate change and long-term sustainability; and (4) Globally, sectorally, and intellectually rigorous with the proper tools developed to ensure that the project is truly an adaptation project addressing climate change risk.