

## Resilient Homestead and Livelihood Support to the Vulnerable Coastal People of Bangladesh (RHL) project

### Creating Resilient Livelihoods through Ginger Cultivation

In the coastal areas of Bangladesh, high soil salinity makes it difficult to grow regular vegetables, and in many places, there is also a shortage of suitable land. For many families, this means limited income and constant uncertainty about meeting daily needs.

To address this challenge, the RHL project introduced Ginger cultivation in sacks in March 2025. Instead of relying on saline soil, farmers could grow ginger in controlled conditions using sacks, even in small spaces around their homes. A total of 6,188 beneficiaries took part in this initiative. On average, each person used 30 sacks, producing about 1.6 kilograms of ginger per sack. By the end of the cultivation cycle, the total production reached 166,785 kilograms. The harvest was sold during January and February 2026, generating a total income of 35,956,196 BDT.

Each beneficiary earned around 5,877 BDT from this effort. For many families, this income came at a crucial time and helped cover essential household expenses. Beyond the financial benefit, the method also brought confidence. People realized that even with limited land and challenging soil conditions, they could still grow valuable crops.

### A Harvest of Hope: How Ginger Cultivation Transformed Sathi's Life

“ I never imagined that ginger cultivation could change my life. It has given me income and new confidence to support my family. Now people in my community come to me to learn and I feel truly respected. ”

Sathi Mondal, a 30-year-old woman from Assasuni upazila, Satkhira. Although she completed her graduation in 2011 after marriage, she had no clear opportunity to contribute financially despite her willingness and education. Her husband works as a marginal farmer and daily wage laborer, and the family often struggled to meet basic needs.

Her life began to change when she was selected as a beneficiary of the RHL project and introduced to ginger cultivation using the sack method. In March 2025, she received grant support along



Sathi at her ginger garden

with training and technical guidance from the project. Encouraged by this support, she invested an additional money and prepared 180 sacks for cultivation on 3 decimal homestead land.

With proper care, follow-up support, and strong determination, Sathi cultivated ginger



Harvesting ginger

when harvest time arrived, her effort paid off. she harvested 43 kilograms of ginger from 28 sacks. She kept 5 kilograms for home use and future planting, and sold 38 kilograms at BDT 180 per kilogram, earning BDT 6,840. The total value of her production reached BDT 7,740.

This income brought a remarkable change in her



Neighbors visit Sathi's ginger garden

household. She ensured better nutrition and education for her daughter, supported family expenses, and saved part of the earnings for her child's future security.

Today, she is not only a successful entrepreneur but also a local source of knowledge. Neighbors regularly visit her to learn ginger cultivation techniques, and she confidently guides them. Sathi Mondal now stands as a symbol of women's empowerment, dignity, and resilience.

To reduce the climate-induced vulnerability of the most vulnerable coastal communities and to enhance their resilience, PKSF is implementing the RHL project in seven coastal districts in Bangladesh. The adaptation practices include climate-resilient homesteads, saline-resilient livelihood practices, e.g. integrated fruit-fish-fibre (crab farming) farming, slatted houses for goats or sheep rearing, saline-tolerant vegetable cultivation, and storm-resilient tree plantations.

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