

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



Celebrating life in Climate-resilient Houses

The coastal region of Bangladesh is among the most climate-vulnerable areas in the world. In low-lying coastal zones, most poor families build their houses with mud, bamboo, and Golpata leaves (leaves of an indigenous coastal plant), which are highly vulnerable to natural disasters. Due to low income, lack of land, and ongoing uncertainty, families are forced to repair or rebuild the same risky houses year after year, trapping them in a vicious cycle of poverty and debt.

To break this cycle, the RHL project is supporting 3,000 poor and extremely poor families with climate-resilient homesteads. These homesteads are designed to meet essential household needs and include raised plinths, durable housing structures, sanitary latrines, rainwater harvesting systems, solar electricity, and improved cooking stoves. These interventions not only reduce disaster risks from cyclones and storm surges but also lower long-term repair and maintenance costs.

So far, more than 1,500 families have moved into their new resilient homes. For these families, this year's Eid celebration in March 2026 was truly special. Celebrating Eid in a safe and secure home brought them a renewed sense of dignity, joy, and hope for a brighter future.

Celebrating Eid on a Safer Ground



Eid celebration of Ibrahim's family

Md. Ibrahim, a 30-year-old day laborer from Ahmadpur village in Charfesson upazila, Bhola, lives with his wife, his father, one son, and one daughter. For a day laborer, it was always difficult to balance family needs with house repairs. Their old home, made from fragile materials, could not withstand strong winds, heavy rain, or tidal surges. A major change came when Ibrahim's family received support through the RHL project.



Ibrahim and his wife at of their old fragile home

In December 2025, their new climate-resilient home was handed over. For the first time, the family has a home that is safe and dependable.

Eid-ul-Fitr 2026 was unlike any they had experienced before. Instead of worrying about water entering their home, the family welcomed guests on a dry, elevated courtyard. The improved cooking stove made the kitchen healthier and more comfortable for Ibrahim's wife. Ibrahim shared, "This year, my heart is full because for the first time, we are celebrating Eid on high ground without worrying, under our own solar light."

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.

Advisors:

Md. Fazlul Kader

Managing Director (CEO), PKSf

Dr. AKM Nuruzzaman

Senior General Manager, PKSf

Editorial Panel:

Md. Abu Nashir Khan

Md. Shamim Iftekhhar

Contact:

Project Management Unit (PMU),

RHL Project, PKSf



PALLI KARMA-SAHAYAK FOUNDATION (PKSF)

PKSF Bhaban-1, Plot: E-4/B,
Agargaon Administrative Area,
Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh

Tel: +88-02-222218331-33

Fax: +88-02-222218341

E-mail: pkssf@pkssf.org.bd

Website: www.pkssf.org.bd

Facebook: www.facebook.com/pkssf.org

