

Climate Bridge Fund Newsletter

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The Climate Bridge Fund (CBF) is a trust fund established by BRAC in November 2019 with the support from the Government of Germany through KfW. It is an innovative finance mechanism to support small-scale projects implemented by registered NGOs to increase the resilience of people who are displaced or at the risk of being displaced due to impacts of climate change in Bangladesh.

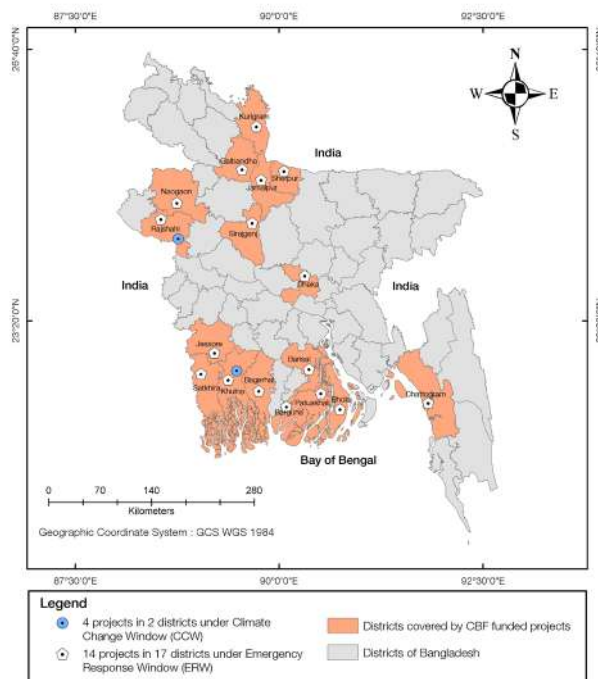
CBF has two separate windows to support different types of adaptation and risk reduction measures. The Climate Change Window (CCW) supports the climate-induced migrants of five priority areas (Barishal, Khulna, Rajshahi, Satkhira, and Sirajganj), and expanding the coverage, the Emergency Response Window (ERW) supports the climate-induced migrants living in the Covid-19 hotspots of the country.

What kind of projects CBF is financing?

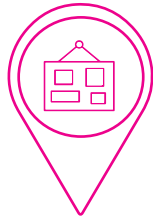
CBF finances the projects which intervene the areas mentioned below having a focus on urban areas, particularly slums with a high share of climate-induced migrants.



Current CBF Project Locations in Bangladesh



Update on CBF Calls under CCW and ERW



	Call announcement	NGO briefing session	Concept notes and proposals received	Projects awarded
CCW 2020 Call	Call for Concept Note of CCW was announced on 16 February 2020	Six NGO briefing sessions were organized to aware and attract the potential applicants within 12 March 2020	102 concept notes were received	Four projects were awarded from the fund through recommendation from Advisory Committee of Climate Bridge Fund (ACCF), no objection from KfW and approval from the Trustee Board
CCW 2021 Call	Call for Concept Note of CCW was announced on 23 February 2021	One NGO briefing session was organized online on 16 March 2021	67 concept notes were received	Evaluation ongoing
ERW 2021 Call	Call for Proposal of ERW was announced on 24 January 2021	Two NGO briefing sessions were organized online on 17 February 2021	52 proposals were received	14 projects were awarded from the fund through recommendation from Advisory Committee of Climate Bridge Fund (ACCF), no objection from KfW and approval from the Trustee Board

Update on CBF awarded projects

The Climate Bridge Fund (CBF) awarded four projects in 2020 which are being implemented in Khulna and Rajshahi City Corporations. Amidst the global pandemic, overcoming diverse challenges, the projects have started operations in the field. The followings are the update on the projects.

Four awarded projects are in field

All the four projects awarded in 2020 have set up their offices and recruited the project staff. The projects have also arranged orientation among the appointed staff. The beneficiary selection process and baseline survey are ongoing for all the projects.

- ▶ BRAC's Health Nutrition and Population Programme (HNPP) is implementing the project titled "Strengthening Community Resilience to Climate Sensitive Diseases in City Corporations of Bangladesh" in 63 slums in Khulna City Corporation and 94 slums in Rajshahi City Corporation to improve capacity of 50,000 people to respond to climate sensitive disease management. The project will end in August, 2023.

- ▶ BRAC Humanitarian Programme (BHP) and Ultra-Poor Graduation Programme (UPGP) are jointly working in three slums in Khulna City Corporation and two slums in Rajshahi City Corporation to support 600 women in vulnerable conditions through the project titled "Strengthening Resilience of Climate-induced Migrants in Vulnerable Urban Communities in Khulna and Rajshahi" within March, 2024.
- ▶ WaterAid Bangladesh in partnership with Village Education Resource Center (VERC) is implementing "Composite Actions for Climate Migrants in Urban Slums (CACMUS)" project. The project aims to cover 10,000 people in 10 slums of Rajshahi City Corporation within January, 2024.
- ▶ Caritas Bangladesh is implementing the project titled "Strengthening Resilient Life and Livelihoods for Climate Migrants (SRLCM) in Urban Slums in Khulna City Corporation (KCC)" to support 10,076 people in three slums of Khulna City Corporation within January, 2024.

CBF projects meet city authorities



Inception meeting with Khulna City Corporation (KCC) organized by BRAC Humanitarian Programme and Ultra-poor Graduation Programme. Photo: BRAC

All four projects organized inception meetings with the city authorities to ensure a better coordination between implementing partners and local government institutions (LGIs). In those inception meetings, implementing partners shared about the project, its objective, and planned activities. They also considered the valuable observations of the city authorities and sought their cooperation.

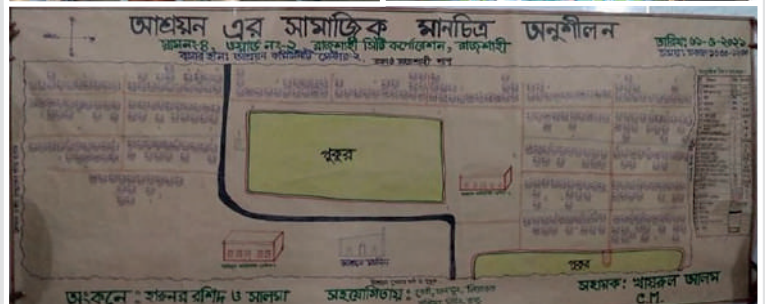
The honorable Mayor of Khulna City Corporation, Talukder Abdul Khaleque and Rajshahi City Corporation, A.H.M. Khairuzzaman (Liton) were the chief guests in the location specific inception meetings organized by all four implementing partners and committed their full support to the projects. Senior officials of city authorities were also present in the meetings.

Community participation in community risk analysis

CACMUS project implemented by WaterAid Bangladesh in partnership with VERC started participatory community risk analysis with *Asrain* slum in Ward - 02, Rajshahi City Corporation to assess hazards, vulnerabilities, risks, ability to cope, and prepare adaptation strategies by the local community.

To conduct the assessment, the project team visited the slum, built rapport with community, conducted social mapping exercise involving local inhabitants, completed well-being ranking of the community people, and assessed faecal-oral disease transmission routes.

The project facilitated selection of community development committee (CDC) to ensure active community participation in all project activities including risk assessment. A community action plan was also developed after the assessment by the CDC.



Upper left: The project team is visiting *Asrain* slum. Upper right: Community participated in social mapping exercise. Lower middle: The social map of *Asrain* slum. Photo: WaterAid Bangladesh

Update on Climate Bridge Fund (CBF) Secretariat

CBF hosted a session on climate financing in the 15th International Conference on Community Based-adaptation to Climate Change



In the 15th International Conference on Community Based-adaptation to Climate Change, Climate Bridge Fund (CBF) Secretariat hosted a session on climate financing titled “A Better Way: how climate finance can meet the needs of the vulnerable in urban areas” on 16 June, 2021. In this virtual conference, representatives from different national and international development organizations were present.

The session included presentation on CBF projects where the project focal persons talked about their project learning. Mr. S M Mehedi Ahsan from KfW shared about donor perspective on climate financing and experience of establishing CBF. The session was moderated by Dr. Golam Rabbani, Head of CBF Secretariat.

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