

Project Period
November 2022, October 2026

Equitable and Sustainable WASH Services in Bangladesh Delta plan Hotspots 2022-2026

Knowledge partner

IRC Netherlands

Project Goal

To promote and deliver safe water and sanitation services by increasing access to finance (repayable finance and grants), stronger local institutions, introducing (climate resilient) technologies and service delivery models including more sustainable operation & maintenance mechanisms in 4 climate hotspots of Bangladesh.

Project Objectives

1. Develop and implement a contextualised microcredit model for safely managed water and sanitation (basic minimum) services to adapt to extreme climate events in Climate hotspots
2. Strengthen WASH supply chains and develop an entrepreneur-based operation & maintenance model for drinking water and sanitation services in Climate hotspots engaging entrepreneurs (and technologies); working in similar context to introduce and market appropriate drinking water treatment technologies
3. Support local government institutions to roll out the WASH pro-poor strategy and to strengthen the local subsidy mechanisms for those without access to safe water and sanitation (selected Union Parishads)

Project Approaches

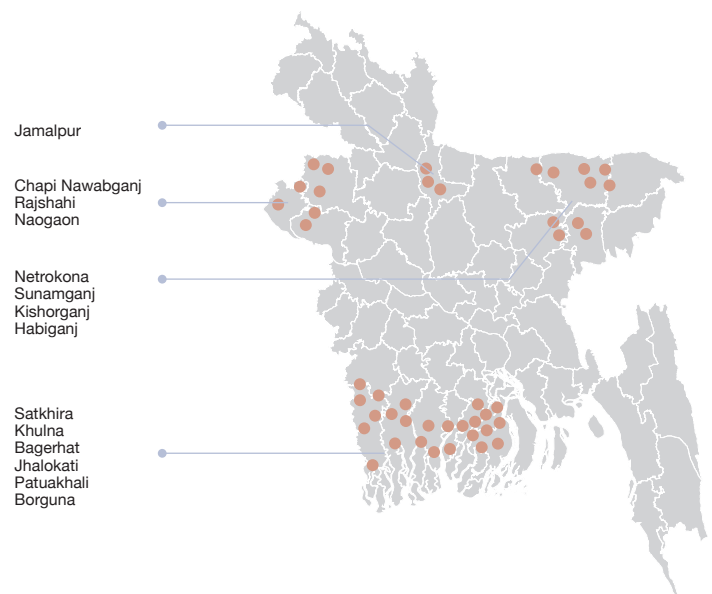
1. Strengthening financial services for HHs and entrepreneurs through MFIs
2. Grants support for hard core poor people in extreme need from project fund
3. Strengthening WASH Services and hygiene education in schools
4. Strengthening WASH services through Entrepreneurs
5. Private sector engagement through formal Banks and MFS
6. Climate resilient technology innovation
7. Capacity strengthening of LGI for strengthening WASH services
8. Piloting of the capacity strengthening programme with NILG in close collaboration with DPHE

Project Area

The project works through a sub-district approach with a focus on the 4 climate hotspots that covers 45 Upazila of 14 districts. These are often hard-to-reach areas and the targeted locations are mainly rural in nature.

● Project location (sub-districts)

25 Coastal
10 Haor
7 Barind
3 Floodplain



Project Outputs



79,410 Households (HH) receive increased access to finance for safe water & sanitation services



890 WASH entrepreneurs receive increased access to finance



Introduce user friendly and climate specific technology to WASH entrepreneurs



166,400 Students received improved gender friendly WASH service in schools



5 targeted Union Parishad members have increased capacity to roll out pro-poor strategy



Increased knowledge and WASH coverage among the community through integrating/enhancing WASH services into other BRAC programme



Sector stakeholders are aware of the experiences and evidences generated by the project

Project Outcome

1. HH received increase access to finance for safe water & sanitation services
2. WASH entrepreneurs receive increased access to finance for promoting user friendly and climate specific technologies
3. Students received improved gender friendly WASH service in schools
4. UPs plan, allocate and spend resources for gender responsive WASH services following the pro-poor strategy and gender strategy
5. Sector stakeholders are aware of the experiences and evidences generated by the project

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