

# **REVIEW OF SOCIAL SECURITY INITIATIVES OF NGOS IN THE LIGHT OF NSSS**

**The case of  
ActionAid Bangladesh**

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# Introducing the Programme

## **POVERTY ALLEVIATION THROUGH SUSTAINABLE APPROACH**

- An umbrella programme envisioned to contribute to the overarching goal of ending poverty by reducing poverty of the Hard Core Poor

### **PRIME OBJECTIVE**

**Food Security and Resilience of Urban and Rural Community**

### **KEY CONSTITUENCY FOCUS**

**Women & Young People**

## **Geographical Coverage**

**23** Districts, **8** Agro-ecological Zones

## **Programme Components**

- Climate Resilient Sustainable Agriculture (CRSA)**
- Establishment of pro-farmer market value chain**
- Livelihood promotion of poor during emergency**
- Poor people's access to and control over land and other productive resources**
- Adoption and promotion of innovative technology for optimum use of natural resource**
- Community Based Disaster Preparedness (CBDP)**
- Economic alternatives for women**

## Lifecycle stage and thematic clusters

<b>Gender by Age Category</b>	<b>Children (0-14)</b>	<b>Youth (15-30)</b>	<b>Adult (31+)</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Male</b>	<b>81696</b>	<b>572252</b>	<b>467807</b>	<b>1125077</b>
<b>Female</b>	<b>119175</b>	<b>1235300</b>	<b>695047</b>	<b>2055027</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>200871</b>	<b>1807552</b>	<b>1162854</b>	<b>3180104</b>

## **CONTRIBUTION TO HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC GROWTH, POVERTY REDUCTION ETC.**

- ❑ 1,22,000 farmers got access to new technology and natural resources which has increased their practical skills and productivity**
- ❑ 800,000 agriculture dependent population became aware about relevant public services and capable of accessing those services**
- ❑ 400,000 people at risk developed skills around Community Based Disaster Preparedness (CBDP)**
- ❑ 91% farmers particularly women engaged in CRSA practices improved their food security.**
- ❑ Crop production increased from 7% to 10% in programme areas.**

## CHALLENGES IN DELIVERY OF BENEFITS

- ❑ Conventional market system based on middleman
- ❑ Absence of quality control mechanism
- ❑ Inadequate investment in innovation for adaptation
- ❑ Lack of access to and control over productive resources
- ❑ Absence pro-poor policy and investment framework.

## **SUCCESS STORIES (INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY ETC)**

- ❑ A model of Climate Resilient Sustainable Agriculture developed**
- ❑ CBDP model evolved out of experience with community-based disaster risk reduction initiatives**
- ❑ Women Resilience Index (WRI) intended to address disaster risk reduction solution having poverty reducing implications on women**

## LESSONS LEARNT

- ❑ **CRSA practice creates conducive environment for promoting indigenous knowledge**
- ❑ **Empowering women to lead in emergencies creates space for influencing decision making and bringing about lasting changes in their communities**
- ❑ **Market system or value chain plays a vital role in ensuring food security of the poor people.**



## RECOMMENDATIONS

- ❑ **Pro-poor policy and investment framework.**
- ❑ **National standard for quality control mechanism for agricultural products.**
- ❑ **Adequate investment for innovation and promotion of people's alternatives.**