





# Transformation from Relief to Development



Life Savings: National Relief Works Programme  
Vulnerable Group Feeding,  
and Vulnerable Group Development

1974-2015



**Reform VGD as ICVGD**, by adding:

- Fortified rice,
- BDT 15000 cash grant,
- Improved development & IGA skills training for **8000 women** in 8 upazila

2016-2018



**Scaleup** of ICVGD in 64 district by adding:

- Enterprise support to **empower 100,000** poor and vulnerable women
- BDT 20000 cash grant
- Intensive Life Skill Training Modules

2019-2025



**Consolidate all programmes** (VGD, ICVGD, and **rebrand** as VWB for rural and Urban as **directed in NSSS** with suitable components:

- Human development and Enterprise support,
- Financial inclusion etc.
- Economic and social empowerment of **3.2 million women** and move out of extreme poverty.

2025----

# Key Facts of ICSVGD

## Objectives:

To support 100,000 ultra-poor women and their families under the 2021–22 VGD cycle in achieving food security through the establishment of sustainable livelihoods.

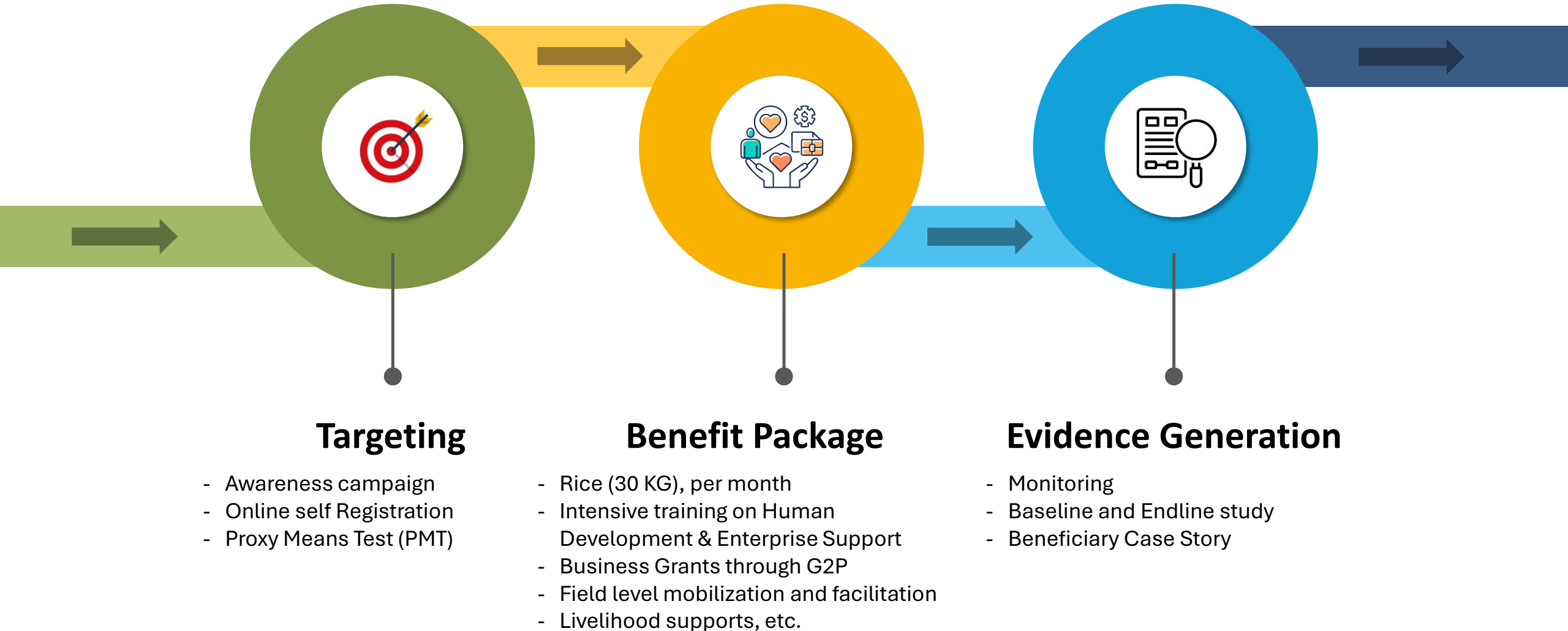
To create and enhance assets that enable economic empowerment opportunities for 100,000 selected ultra-poor women and their families.

To improve the nutritional practices of 100,000 ultra-poor VGD women and their families.

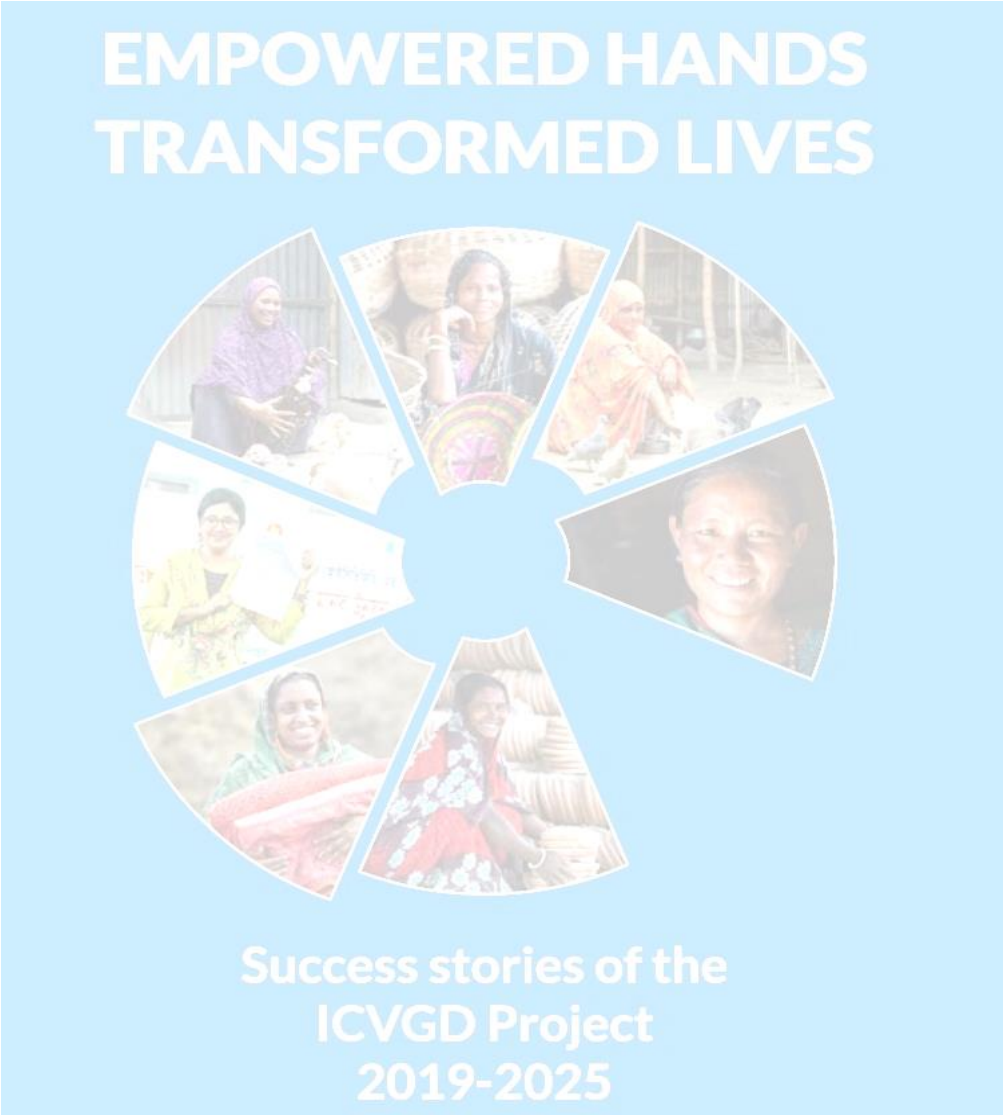
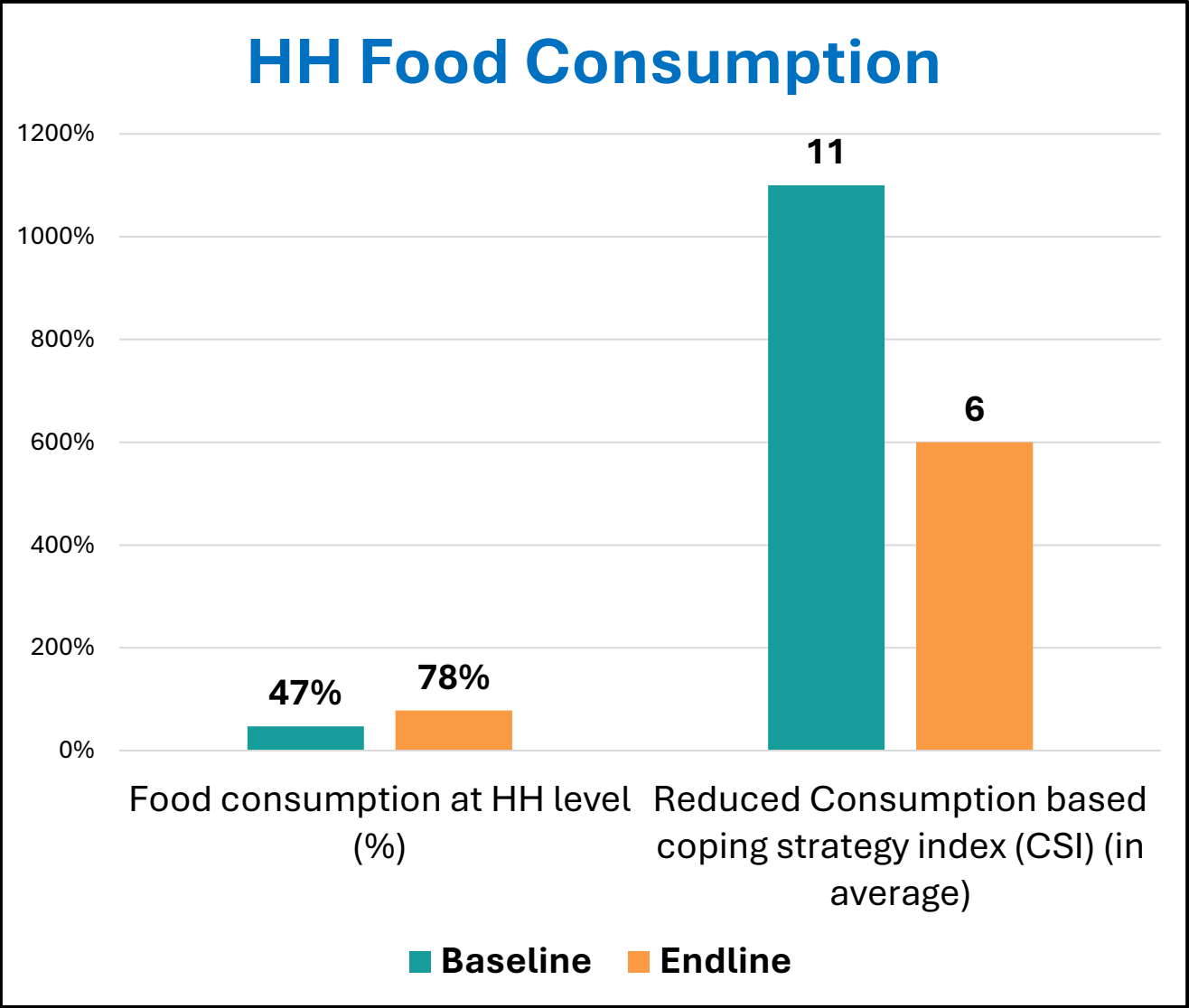
To strengthen the managerial efficiency and effectiveness of the VGD programme, and to consolidate experience and knowledge in transforming it into an effective social safety net programme for rural ultra-poor women and their families.

Initiating ministry	Implementing department	Project Duration	Project Funding	Project Locations	Total Budget (BDT in Lac)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ministry of Women and Children Affairs (MoWCA)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Department of Women Affairs (DWA)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>July, 2019 – June 2025 (6 years with no cost extension)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>GoB and World Food Programme (WFP) Grants</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>64 Upazila of 64 Districts</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>GoB- 30998.69 and WFP Grants- 1775.19</li></ul>

# Key interventions- a holistic Empowerment package

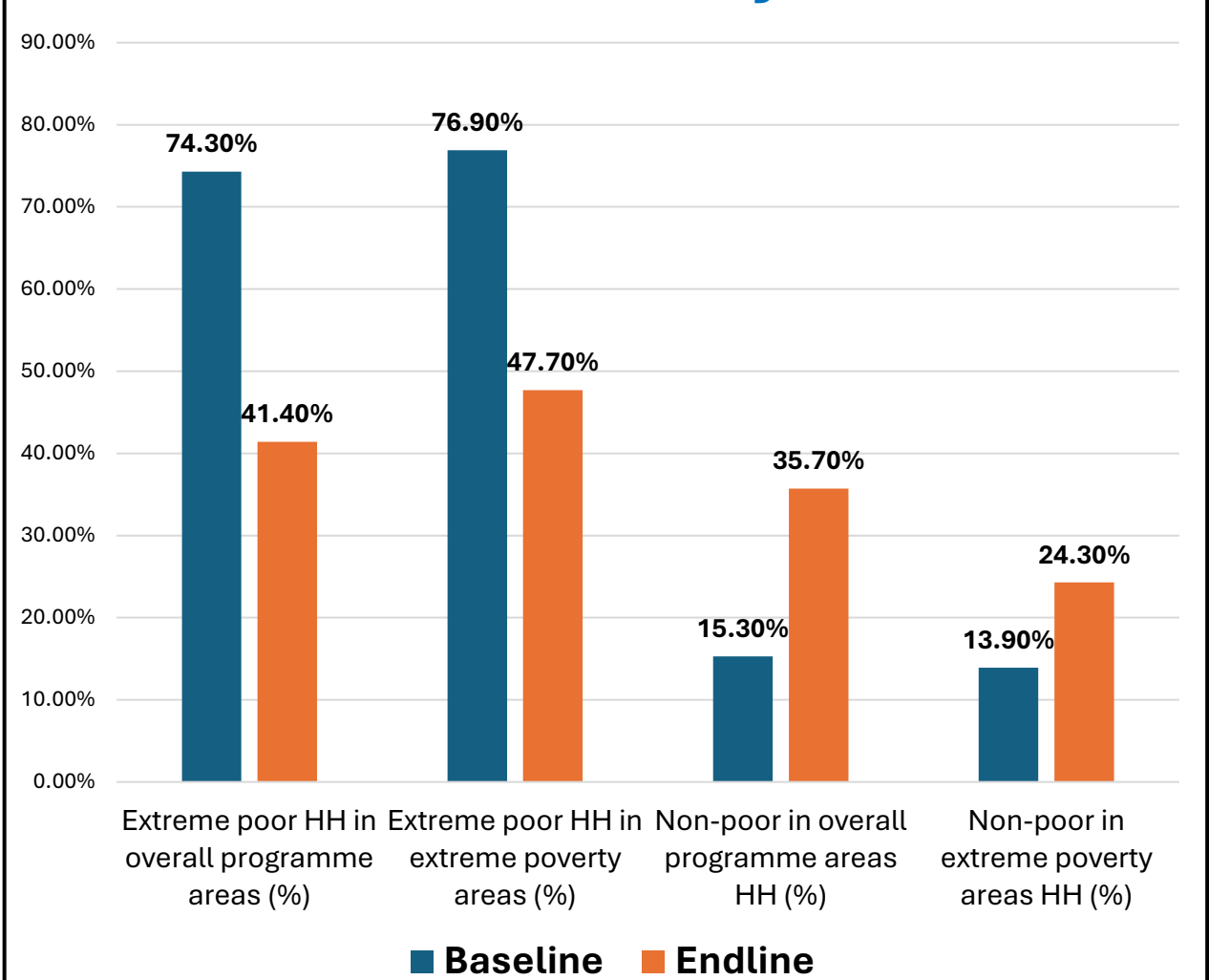


# ICVGD Key Outcomes on Food Security

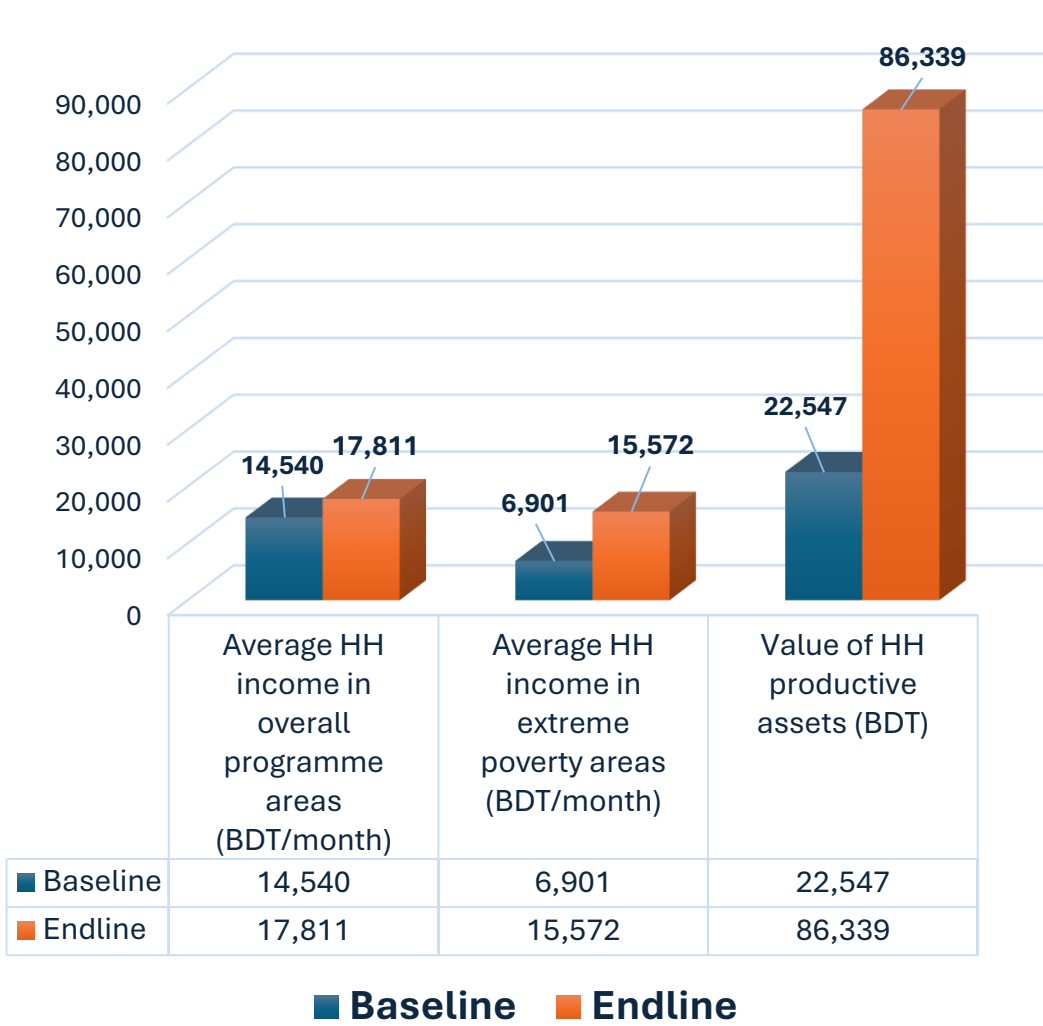


# ICVGD Key Outcomes on Building Resilience

## HH Poverty

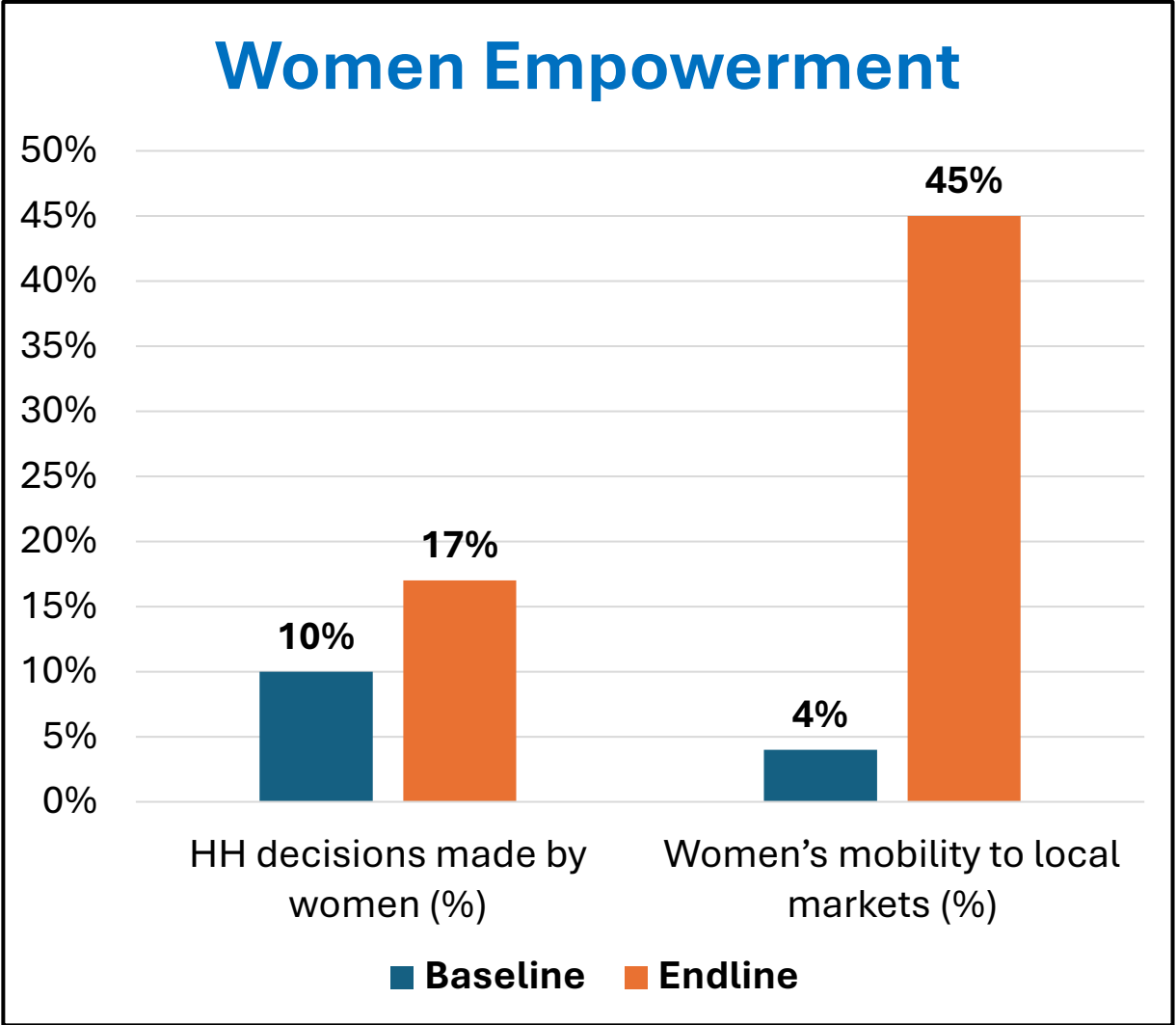
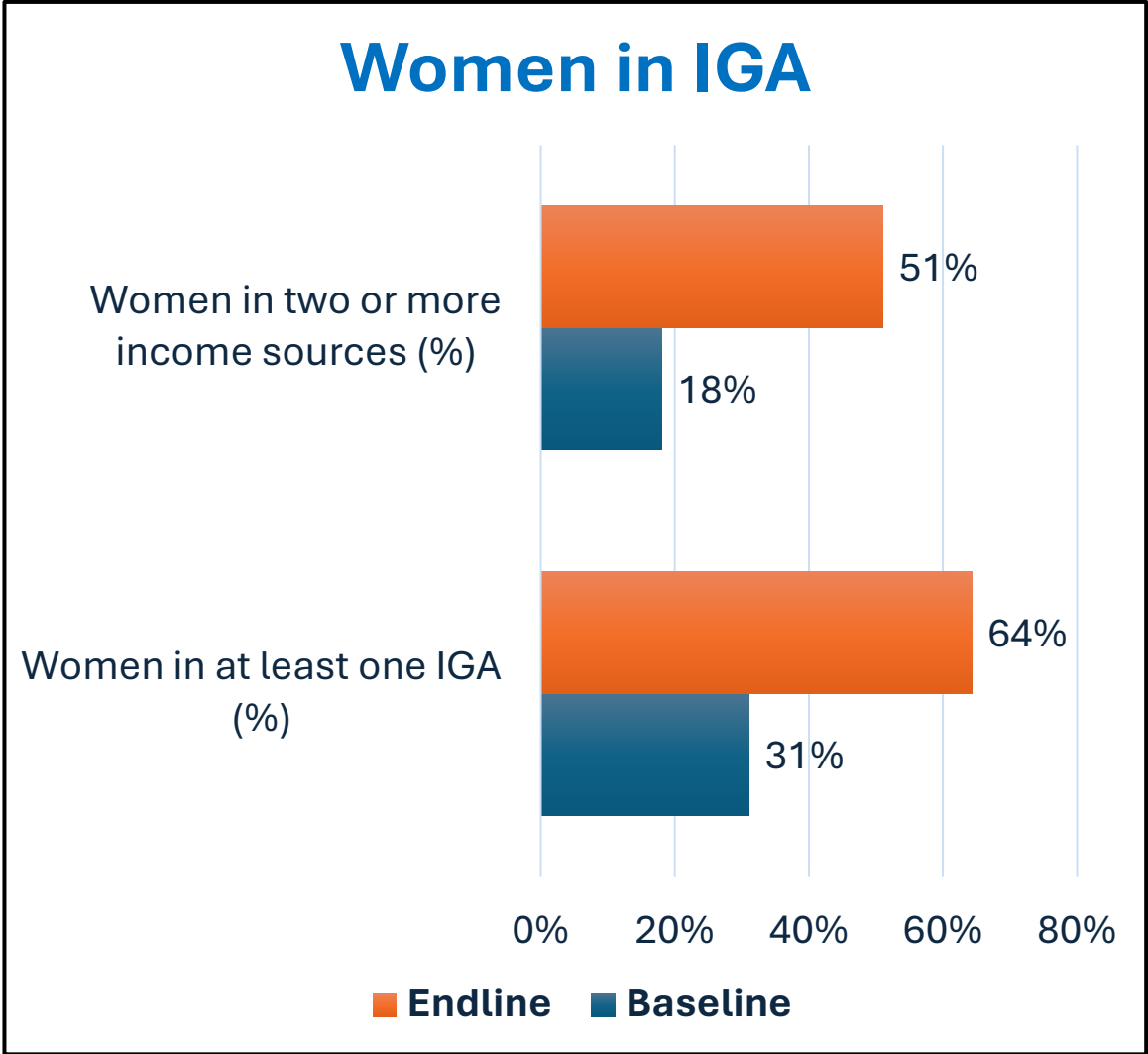


## HH Income & Asset value



Reference: ICVGD Baseline and Endline Study Report

# ICVGD Key Outcomes on Empowerment



# Way forward-

## (Scaling a resilience and gender-responsive model)



### Consolidation, Scale-Up and Policy Alignment

- Merge ICVGD learnings into VWB; align with Widow Allowance Programme, and VWB Urban
- Ensure VWB coherence with NSSS Phase II and broader reforms.

### Investment for Human development

- Skill development through tailored training focus on sectors with demand
- Provide digital skills training so women can access services, markets, and transfers
- Training on leadership and women empowerment
- Promote women self help group activities through CBO platform

### Economic Diversification and Financial Inclusion

- Access to finance for investment.
- Strong Savings component
- Digital Financial Literacy
- Access to Affordable Credit or Asset Transfers
- Promote higher-value, market-linked income opportunities.

### Coordination and Private Sector Engagement

- Integrate value chains and employment pathways
- Connect to microfinance, mentoring and market
- Engage with different line ministries to create access for skill development activities
- Build MoWCA's programme management and coordination capabilities.



**EMPOWERED HANDS  
TRANSFORMED LIVES**

# The Story of Transformation





Thank You