

Krishok Card

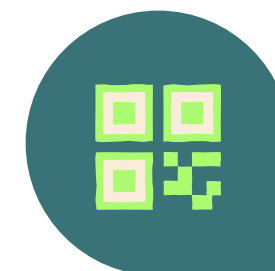
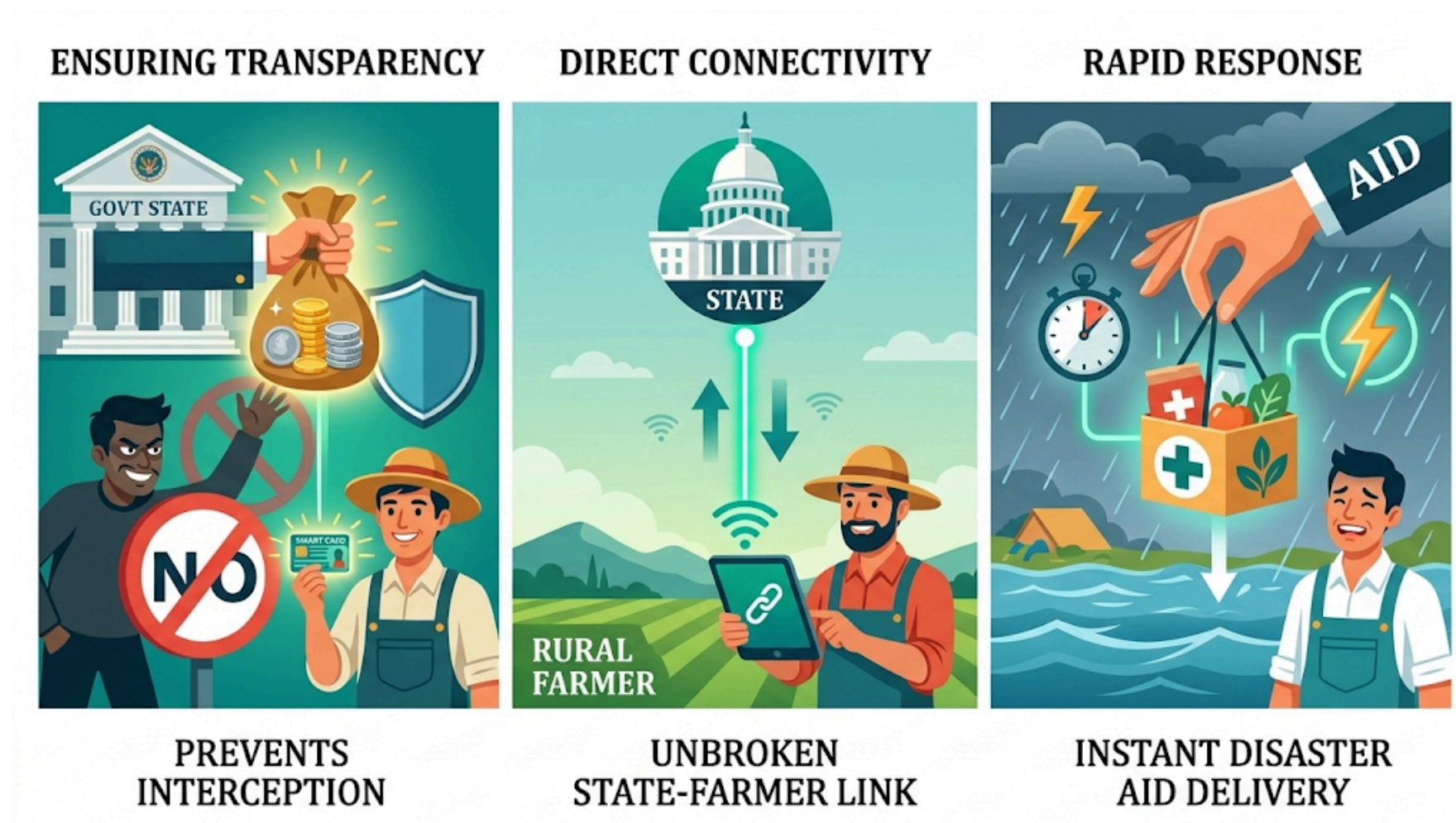
An overview of program objectives, farmer benefits,
and pre-pilot phase



What is the Krishak Card?

It is a state-of-the-art digital initiative by the Ministry of Agriculture. Much like a Smart NID or TCB Family Card, it serves as a specialized, electronic identity card linked to a comprehensive national database of genuine farmers, designed to fully digitize agricultural services.

Core Objectives



Digital Identity (QR Code): Contains the farmer's name, land size, crop type, and soil quality data in a scannable format.



Direct Subsidies: Ensures government-provided fertilizers, seeds, and cash incentives reach the farmer directly, bypassing all intermediaries.



Agricultural Loan Access: Streamlines the banking process, enabling fast and easy access to agricultural credit on favorable terms.



Soil Health Integration: Acts as a digital "Soil Health Card," informing the farmer exactly what type and quantity of fertilizer their specific land requires.

The Krishok Card Approach

Moving towards targeted, transparent, and digitized social protection for farmers

Who & How

Target: All genuine farmers (marginal, tenant, small, large).



Requirements: NID, Photo, Mobile, Land Details.



Process: Register via Sub-Assistant Agriculture Officer or Online Portal.

The Core Initiative

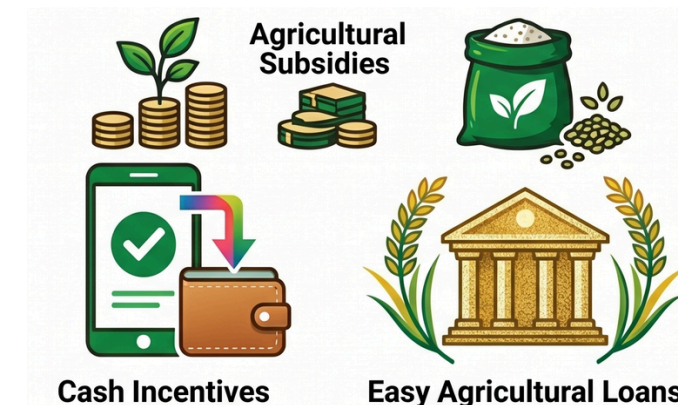


The Catalyst: Digital Database & Direct Banking.

Key Feature: Eliminating middlemen to ensure direct delivery.

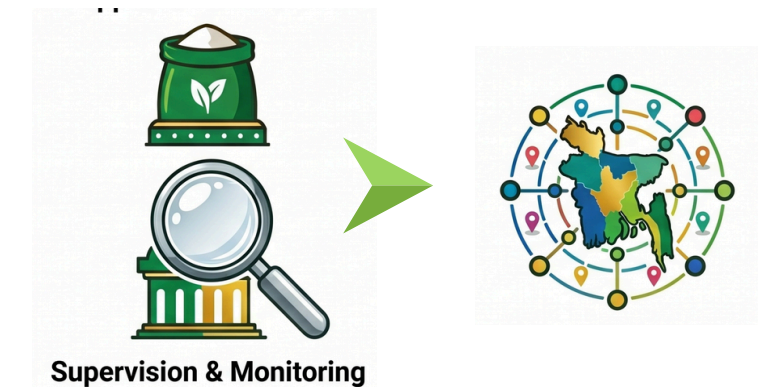
Direct Benefits

Ensuring the social security net encompasses all tiers of the agricultural economy.



From landless sharecroppers to established medium-scale farmers.

Governance & Expansion



Supervision: High-level monitoring by the Prime Minister & Ministry of Agriculture utilizing the collected metrics (land data, crop types, soil health).

Rollout: Pilot phase evolving into nationwide coverage.

At a Glance

Initiative Name	Krishak Card or Smart Krishak Card
Main Objective	To bring all farmers of the country under a digital database and deliver benefits directly.
Initial Step	Starting as a 'Pilot Project' in specific regions and later launching nationwide.
Beneficiaries	All genuine farmers of the country, including small, marginal, square-cultivators, and large farmers
Main Benefits of the Card	Receiving agricultural subsidies, access to fertilizers and seeds, agricultural loans, and cash incentives directly.
Application Process	Registration through the Sub-Assistant Agriculture Officer or the designated online portal.
Required Information	NID Card, photograph, mobile number, and land details.
Special Features	Stopping the dominance of middlemen and ensuring direct banking services.
Supervision	High-level monitoring by the Prime Minister and the Ministry of Agriculture.



Who is Eligible?

Target Occupations: Crop Cultivators, Livestock Rearers, Dairy Farmers, & Salt Farmers.

Categories (By Land Ownership):

1. **Landless:** Under 5 decimals
2. **Marginal:** 5 to 49 decimals
3. **Small:** 50 to 249 decimals
4. **Medium:** 250 to 749 decimals
5. **Large:** Over 750 decimals

Includes crop cultivators, fishermen, livestock farmers & salt farmers.

Demographic / Metric	Farmer Count
Total Farmers Assessed	22,065
Landless Farmers	2,246
Marginal Farmers	9,458
Small Farmers	8,967
Selected for Incentive	20,671



Rollout Strategy & Timeline



Phase 1: Pre-Pilot (Current)

11 blocks across **11 Upazilas** in **10 districts** across **8 divisions** (Tangail Sadar, Goalanda, Shibganj, Panchagarh Sadar, Boda, Adarsha Sadar, Teknaf, Shailkupa, Nesarabad, Juri, and Islampur).



Phase 2: Pilot Expansion

Expanding to **15 Upazilas** by August 2026 following a 45-day comprehensive data collection drive.



Phase 3: Nationwide Rollout

Complete integration across **all Upazilas** in Bangladesh within the next 4 years.



The Core Benefits from Krishok Card



Fair Price Inputs

Access to fertilizer, seeds, and agricultural inputs at fair prices



Direct Subsidies

Government subsidies deposited directly into the linked Sonali Bank account



Financial Incentives

Annual direct cash transfers (BDT 2,500 for targeted vulnerable farmers)



Subsidized Irrigation

Access to irrigation facilities at lower, subsidized costs



Accessible Credit

Easy-condition agricultural loans (**Note:** BDT 10,000 loan waiver already implemented for 12 lakh farmers)

The Core Benefits from Krishok Card (Cont.)



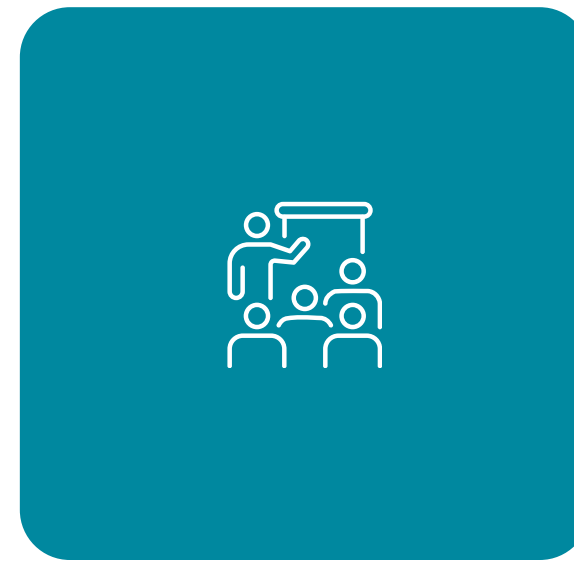
Crop & Agri-Insurance

Enhanced security against natural and climate-related disasters



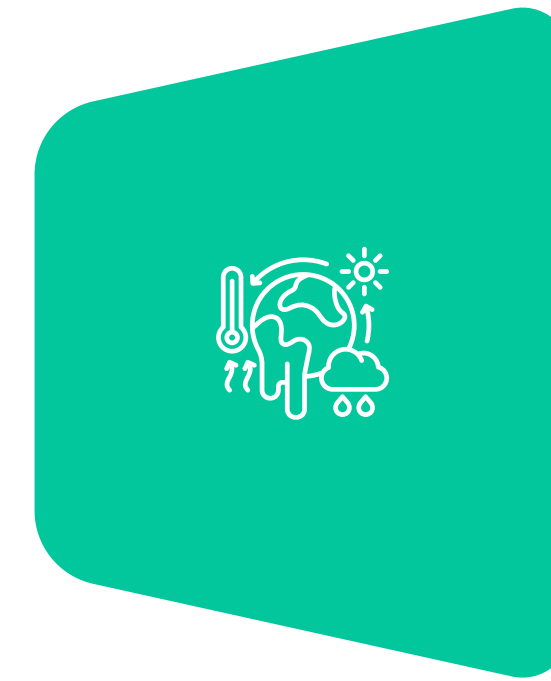
Direct Market Access

Ability to sell produce directly to government warehouses at fair prices



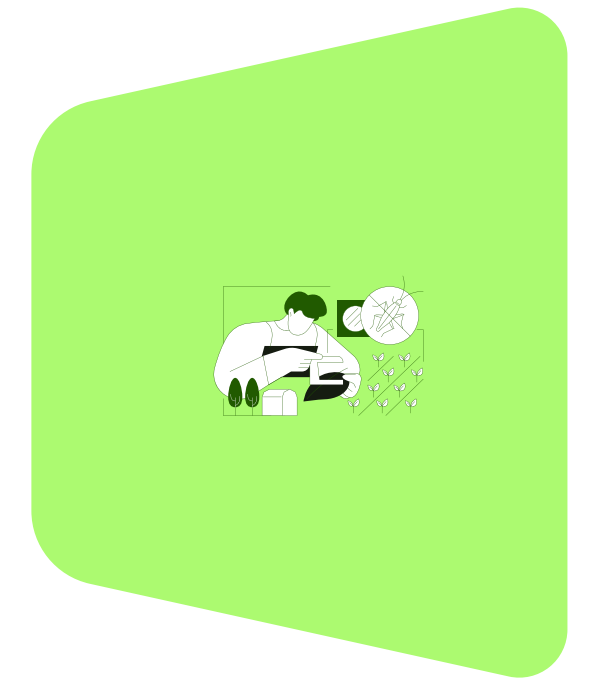
Capacity Building

Access to modern agricultural training programs



Climate Intelligence

Mobile-based weather forecasts and market price updates



Expert Consultancy

Specialist advice for pest management and crop diseases

Opening of the "Krishak Card" Program

Prime Minister Tarique Rahman launched this program on Pahela Baishakh (April 12, 2026) to fulfill the government's promise to empower farmers



Distribution

The Prime Minister personally handed over the "Krishak Card" and tree saplings to 15 local farmers



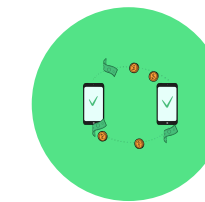
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Marginal Farmers Reached



Digital Transfer

BDT 2,500 was instantly transferred to the mobile accounts of 22,065 marginal farmers across 11 upazilas



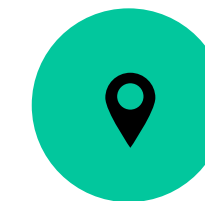
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Initial Upazilas Covered



Nationwide Roadmap

Expansion has already begun in 9 additional upazilas on the same day, with a phased plan for full nationwide rollout.



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Additional Upazilas Expanding Now







Selected Upazilas for Krishok Card

Pre-Pilot Phase

The government has allocated **Tk 8.34 crore** for the **pre-pilot phase**. If successful, the programme will expand to 15 upazilas in the pilot stage, with plans to roll it out nationwide over the next four years alongside the development of a digital farmer database. Officials said the initial rollout covers selected districts, with cards to be distributed in nine out of **10 designated blocks on launch day** (April 12, 2026). Distribution for the block in **Cumilla** is scheduled for **April 17, 2026**.





Tangail & Rajbari

Sadar (Suruj Block) & Goalanda (Tenapacha Block)



Bogura & Panchagarh

Shibganj (Uthali) & Sadar (Kamalapur) / Boda (Panchpir)



Jhenaidah & Pirojpur

Shailkupa (Kripalpur) & Nesarabad (Rajabari)



Moulvibazar & Jamalpur

Juri (Fultola) & Islampur (Gaibandha)



Cumilla & Cox's Bazar

Adarsha Sadar (Aranyapur) & Teknaf (Rajarchhara)

Thank You

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