

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

January – March 2021

Name of Project: Local Government Initiative on Climate Change (LoGIC)

Atlas Project ID: 00093426

List of Acronyms

ATM	Adaptation Tracking & Measuring	LoGIC	Local Government Initiative on Climate change
AWP	Annual Work Plan	M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
CCA	Climate Change Adaptation	MIS	Management Information System
CFF	Climate Fiscal Framework	MoDMR	Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief
CRA	Community Risk Assessment	MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
CRF	Community Resilience Fund	MPTF	Multi Partner Trust Fund
CSO	Civil Society Organization	NIM	National Implementation Modality
DEM	Digital Elevation Model	NPD	National Project Director
DMC	Disaster Management Committee	PBCRG	Performance Based Climate Resilience Grants
DPP	Development Project Proforma	PIC	Project Implementation Committee
DRR	Disaster Risk Reduction	PMU	Project Management Unit
EU	European Union	PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
FYP	Five Year Plan	PSC	Project Steering Committee
GCF	Green Climate Fund	RRAP	Risk Reduction Action Plan
GED	General Economics Division	SIDA	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
GoB	Government of Bangladesh	TBD	To Be Determined
HHRRAP	Household Risk Reduction Action Plan	ToR	Terms of Reference
LCFF	Local Climate Fiscal Framework	UNCDF	United Nations Capital Development Fund
LDP	Local Development Plan	UNDAF	United Nations Development Assistance Framework
LGD	Local Government Division	UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
LGI	Local Government Institution	UP	Union Parishad
LGSP	Local Government Strengthening Project		



Project Information:

Funded by:	EU and Sida		
Bangladesh National Counterparts:	Local Government Division, MoLGRD		
Partnerships:			
Project Locations:	07 Districts : Khulna, Bagerhat, Patuakhali, Barguna, Bhola, Kurigram & Sunamganj		
CPD Output:	<p>CPD Outcome 3: Enhance effective management of the natural and manmade environment focusing on improved sustainability and increased resilience of vulnerable individuals and groups</p> <p>CPD Output 3.1: Government institutions have improved capacities, and institutional and legal frameworks to respond to and ensure resilient recovery from earthquakes, weather extremes, and environmental emergencies. (Indicators: 3.1.3, 3.1.4)</p> <p>CPD Output 3.2: The Government has the capacity to set up regulatory and to implement a range of pro-poor, resilience-focused green economic initiatives. (Indicators: 3.2.1, 3.2.2)</p>		
SP Output:	<p>SP Outcome 1: Advance Poverty Eradication in all its forms and dimensions</p> <p>SP Output 1.4.1 (Sustainable Planet): Solutions scaled up for sustainable management of natural resources, including sustainable commodities and green and inclusive value chains (Indicator: 1.4.1.1)</p> <p>SP Outcome 2: Accelerate structural transformations for sustainable development</p> <p>SP Output 2.1.1 (Poverty): Low emission and climate resilient objectives addressed in national, sub-national and sectoral development plans and policies to promote economic diversification and green growth (Indicator: 2.1.1.1)</p> <p>SP Outcome 3: Strengthen resilience to shocks and crisis</p> <p>SP Output 3.3.1 (Resilience): Evidence-based assessment and planning tools and mechanisms applied to enable implementation of gender-sensitive and risk-informed prevention and preparedness to limit the impact of natural hazards and pandemics and promote peaceful, just and inclusive societies (Indicator: 3.3.1.1)</p>		
SDG Target:	<p>SDG Goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts</p> <p>SDG Target 13.1: Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters in all countries (Indicators: 13.1.1, 13.1.3)</p> <p>SDG Target 13.3: Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning. (Indicators: 13.3.2)</p>		
Project Starting Date (DD/MM/YYYY):	1 st July 2017		
Original Completion Date (DD/MM/YYYY):	30 th June 2021	Expected Completion Date (DD/MM/YYYY):	30 th June 2023
Project Budget (USD):	37.52 million	Fund Received (USD):	20.82 million

Narratives

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Key Results achieved

Please highlight results you have achieved during the reporting period. Narrative should be written using results-based language. 300 words at max.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic affecting project implementation, the project made some progress in climate adaptive livelihood at household level and climate resilient schemes at community level during the reporting period (Jan-Mar 2021).

- Out of 17,000 selected CRF beneficiaries, 243 beneficiaries started 1st cycle of climate adaptive livelihood actions in group approach in this period. 12,752 beneficiaries already completed 1st cycle of livelihood and 3,546 beneficiaries completed 2nd cycle of livelihood options.
- LoGIC completed the implementation of PBCRG (Performance Based Climate Resilience Grant) funded 78 climate adaptive schemes at Union level to reduce climate change risk at community level.
- A total of 20 external auditors and 7 project staff were trained on UP performance assessment tool to conduct the Annual UP performance audit in 72 Unions.
- LoGIC organized Annual Planning Meeting on 13 January 2021. The project staff, local government division officials, UNCDF representatives, Resident Representative of UNDP, Deputy Project Director and National Project Director of LoGIC attended the meeting and developed an integrated work plan for 2021 considering the existing Covid-19 pandemic. The planning was also focused on project's two-year extension till 2023 for promoting local-led adaptation in Bangladesh.
- LoGIC organized strategy development and readiness workshop considering the expectation of EU and SIDA and the new dimensions in the top-up phase. UNDP Deputy Resident Representative, Climate Change Specialist, UNCDF Country Focal, Acclab representative, NRP project coordinator and PMU staff attended the meeting to develop the implementation plan and strategy for next 2 Years.
- The Honorable Minister of Sweden for International Development Cooperation Mr. Per Olsson Fridh visited nature-based climate change adaptation (saline resistant drinking water solutions, gender responsive climate adaptive livelihoods) and disaster risk reduction activities of LoGIC project in Khulna district.
- The new 72 wards from 63 UPs have been selected based on field demand, climate science data and advance information from secondary sources to provide Community Resilience Fund (CRF) to additional 18,000 new beneficiaries. The trainings on new beneficiary selection methodology and Ward Census were organized for 125 community volunteers and 14 project staff.
- To help Union Parishads and community people understand the nature of climate change, forecast future situations, and alert about the possible climate change risks, LoGIC prepared Risk Atlas for 6 Upazilas of the working areas.

<p>Gender/ Leaving No One Behind (if any) <i>LNOB should cover ethnic/ religious minorities, PWDs, youth, people in hard to reach areas, and so on. It can also cover an overall framework of LNOB. If any, please highlight Gender and/or LNOB-related results which your project has achieved during the reporting period. DO NOT add information before the reporting period. Please add a sub-category e.g. gender, disability. If the results have not been achieved yet, please highlight the progress. 400 words at max. If your project did not achieve any Gender/ LNOB-related results during the reporting period, please add 'N/A' here.</i></p>			
<p>LoGIC provided support to women beneficiaries for initiation of climate adaptive livelihood. The following progress was made during the reporting period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 243 CRF beneficiaries are supported to start climate adaptive livelihood actions. 240 (99%) of the beneficiaries are women. 			
<p>COVID-19 Responses (if any) <i>If applicable, please highlight results achieved through the COVID-19 response-related activities during the reporting period (Q2-2020). If results have not been achieved yet, please describe the progress. 300 words at max. If your project did not work on COVID-19 response during the reporting period, please add 'N/A' here.</i></p>			
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<p>Innovation (if any) <i>If any, please highlight innovation which your project has adopted during the reporting period, including how you have applied innovation and how it has contributed to the project interventions/results. DO NOT add innovation you have brought before the reporting period. 300 words at max. If your project did not adopt innovation during the reporting period, please add 'N/A' here.</i></p>			
N/A			
<p>Monitoring <i>This is mandatory. Please describe monitoring activities your project has carried out during the reporting period. 300 words at max.</i></p>			
<p>Field staff were guided over phone and online meetings in messenger/WhatsApp group for better understanding of data collection. Tabs are being used for data collection including photos. These helped the project to continue monitoring of regular project activities during the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>			
<p>Project Risks & Mitigation Measures</p>			
Sl.	Project Risk <i>This is mandatory. Please add project risks which your project has identified during the reporting period.</i>	Likelihood (High/ Moderate/Low)	Mitigation Measure <i>Each mitigation measure should respond to the project risk in the left column.</i>
1	Fiduciary risks: Fiduciary risks of re-purposing the CRF by the project beneficiaries to meet COVID-19 risks.	High	Safeguarding climate adaptive livelihood options were implemented through close monitoring.
2	Non-transformative resilience: Risk of non-transformative resilience of CRF beneficiaries.	Moderate	Regular follow up discussion and monitoring to the CRF beneficiaries was ensured.
3	Long-term impact of COVID-19: Risk of continuation and M&E of project interventions under the current COVID-19 situation.	Moderate	The project is considering alternative ways of data collection to assess the project progress in the pandemic situation.

4	Administrative process: Risk of further project delay due to slow administrative processes in approval of revised DPP and other related documents	Moderate	The project started the revision of DPP and ProDoc.
Project Issues & Remedial Actions			
Sl.	Project Issue <i>This is mandatory. Please add project issues which your project has faced during the reporting period</i>	Remedial Action <i>Each remedial action should respond to project issue in the left column.</i>	
1	Covid-19 Pandemic: Due to COVID-19 crisis, all field level activities (e.g. Ward census for beneficiary selection, follow up support to CRF beneficiaries, field monitoring etc.) have currently been suspended, which will have a negative impact on project delivery as well as achievement of targets of the logical framework.	The project activities are re-scheduled and e-learning materials/online sessions are being followed to continue the capacity development activities.	

Lessons Learned	
<i>This is mandatory. Please highlight lessons learned you have obtained during the reporting period. 5 lessons learned at max.</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="197 743 1894 846">• Livelihood initiatives of CRF beneficiaries were affected differently by both the climatic hazards and non-climatic hazards (Covid-19). This experience clicked the beneficiaries' thinking, and they were more cautious and prudent to update their existing business plan. The project developed seasonal calendar which was very helpful to them. <li data-bbox="197 850 1894 912">• Due to the COVID-19 when physical movement is restricted and field activities are suspended, digital transformation i.e. use of internet-based communication and e-learning materials is very effective to continue the project operations. 	

Indicator Progress

Please report progress of output indicators (not outcome indicators) in line with approved results framework in Prodoc. Please add all output indicators in this part, even if there is no progress.

Output 1				
<i>Strengthened capacity of local governments, households and other local stakeholders to develop local plans that integrate climate change adaptation measures and disaster risk management.</i>				
Indicator	Baseline	EOP Target (2021)	Annual Target (2020)	Cumulative Progress (Q1-2021)
1.1. % of women, poor and marginalized people that participate in the formulation of climate risk integrated LDPs	1.3% (LoGIC Baseline Study 2018)	52%	40%	Household level risk reduction action plan (RRAP) was updated with the participation of 99% of the 17,000 CRF beneficiaries (98% women, 1% representative of marginal group, 2% Persons with Disability-PWD representatives, 1% indigenous people and 29% marginal groups).
1.2. % of target UPs that integrate CCA solutions into LDPs to support the most vulnerable households.	31.9% (2018)	99%	99%	100% of targeted 72 UPs integrated climate change adaptation (CCA) solutions into the local development plans (LDP).
Output 2				
<i>Established financing mechanism to fund local governments and communities for implementing climate change adaptation measures.</i>				
Indicator	Baseline	EOP Target (2021)	Annual Target (2020)	Cumulative Progress (Q1-2021)
2.1 % of 17000 vulnerable households (women, poor and marginalized) who are benefitted by CCA finance.	10% (National) (2016)	60%	50%	16% of CRF beneficiary households gained benefit from implementation of their climate adaptive livelihood options (CALO).
2.2. % of 72 UPs that secure funding to support CCA linked schemes based on their performance	0% (2018)	100%	80%	100% of 72 UPs have secured PBCRG funding to support CCA linked schemes based on their performance.
2.3 % of Open Budget sessions in 72 UPs that discussed CCA linked expenditure	6.9% (2018)	100%	100%	78% of Open Budget sessions in 72 UPs that discussed CCA linked expenditure.

Output 3				
<i>Experience and evidence inform and contribute to further improvements in policies and practices for UPs and national systems in relation to climate change adaptation</i>				
Indicator	Baseline	EOP Target (2021)	Annual Target (2020)	Cumulative Progress (Q1-2021)
3.1. The extent to which National Adaptation Plan (NAP) and 7th Five Year Plan (7FYP) integrate financing for local adaptation.	0 (No) (2018)	Yes (Scale ¹ 4)	Yes (Scale 3)	Progress was not measured in the reporting period.
3.2. The extent to which local climate fiscal framework is integrated into the national Climate Fiscal Framework.	0 (No) (2018)	Yes (Scale 4)	Yes (Scale 3)	Local Climate Financing Framework (LCFF) draft is developed based on LoGIC experience. In partnership with IBFCR (UNDP funded project implemented by Finance Ministry) working on to develop a Climate Financing Framework model. LoGIC has taken effort to ensure a policy provision for LCFF in the revised Climate Financing Framework (CFF). Once the LCFF model is recognized National Climate Financing Framework and tested, LGD with enhanced capacity will be able to scale up it to all vulnerable UPs.

¹ Scale: Excellent-4, Good-3, Moderate-2, Need to improve-1

Activity Progress

Output wise Progress against Activities			
Output 1			
Planned Activities (Three Months)	Progress Achieved	Challenges	Planned Activities (Next Three Months)
1.1. Support to CRF beneficiaries' group to implement climate adaptive livelihood actions	243 beneficiaries started 1st cycle of climate adaptive livelihood actions in group approach in this period. 12,752 beneficiaries already completed 1st cycle of livelihood and 3,546 beneficiaries completed 2nd cycle of livelihood options.	Due to COVID-19, the CRF beneficiaries could not start their livelihoods because input supply was not available and physical movement was severely restricted.	Support to CRF beneficiaries' group to implement climate adaptive livelihood actions. Conduct Ward census to select additional 28,000 CRF beneficiaries in 6 Districts.
1.2 Make linkage with the govt's extension departments (fisheries, agri, livestock, PIO) for ensuring support services to CRF beneficiaries	Initiated to make linkages with few departments in 7 Districts	LoGIC district staff contacted the govt officials over phone and ensured supports for the beneficiaries.	Make linkage with the govt's extension departments in all project districts.
1.3 Community awareness session on climate change at school, market/hat, samity/club, health center, religious place/center, recreation places, UP premises (1 camgn/UP)	No progress	Activity is suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic.	Community awareness session on climate change
1.4 Orientation meeting on CRA, RRAP, LDP process for Upazila Officer, NGO and project staff at District level	No progress	Activity is suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic.	N/A
1.5 Training for the UP body, relevant govt. officials, CSO and local institutions on the process of Climate Risk Informed LDP and RRAP development following the CRA findings	No progress	Activity is suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic.	Training for the UP body, relevant govt. officials, CSO and local institutions on the process of Climate Risk Informed LDP and RRAP development following the CRA findings
1.6 Tab Based ATM data collection on a regular basis (From each CRF HH once and PBCRG scheme twice in month)	Web based and android software development is under progress.		Tab Based ATM data collection on a regular basis
Output 2			

Planned Activities (Three Months)	Progress Achieved	Challenges	Planned Activities (Next Three Months)
2.1 Conduct Annual UP Performance Audit by external firm	Total of 20 external auditors and 7 project staff were trained on UP performance assessment tool to conduct the Annual UP performance audit in 72 Unions.		Complete audit on performance indicators in 72 Unions
2.2 Performance Based Climate Resilience Grants (PBCRGs) funded scheme implementation	Completed the implementation of PBCRG funded 78 climate adaptive schemes at Union level to reduce climate change risk at community level.		Complete implementation of all 245 PBCRG funded schemes of FY 2019-20.
Output 3			
Planned Activities (Three Months)	Progress Achieved	Challenges	Planned Activities (Next Three Months)
3.1 Organize policy discussion at district level to include the local dimension of climate change adaptation and DRR into the national policy and planning (7 districts -Daylong)	No progress	Activity is suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. - It was discussed in project management and decided to organize in next year	It will be conducted in 2021.
3.2 Organize Project Implementation Committee (PIC)/Board Meeting	No progress	N/A	It will be organized in the next quarter
3.3 Quarterly Coordination Meeting with UP Chairman, Secretary and with/without CMFs at District level; chaired by DDLG	No progress	Activity is suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic.	Quarterly Coordination Meeting will be organized in the next quarter

Financial Progress

Currency: USD

Output	Total Budget (2021)	Allocated Budget (Q1: 2021)	Expenditure (Q1: 2021)	Cumulative Expenditure (2021)	Annual Balance	Annual Delivery Rate
Output 1: Strengthened capacity of local governments, households and other local stakeholders to develop local plans that integrate climate change adaptation measures and disaster risk management.	610,178	45,982	55,489	55,489	554,689	9.09%
Output 2: Established financing mechanism to fund local governments and communities for implementing climate change adaptation measures.	7,896,657	488,560	123,428	123,428	7,773,230	1.56%
Output 3: Experience and evidence inform and contribute to further improvements in policies and practices for UPs and national systems in relation to climate change adaptation	564,620	40,234	22,219	22,219	542,401	3.94%
Grand Total	9,071,455	574,776	201,135	201,135	8,870,320	2.2%

Annex

Optional. Please add any other additional information, including case studies and success stories, if any. You can also insert photo.

Water at the doorstep changing attitude to life

Story of Fozila Begum from Morelgonj, Nishanbaria, Bagerhat

“Weather was not this bad when I was married off and came into this village 27 years ago. There had been regular rainfall, summer was not as hot as I see now” said Fozila Begaum, a 42 year old woman and mother of two from ward 6, Nishanbaria Union, Morelgonj Upazila, Bagerhat. Because of heat, all water sources are almost left with no water except a few ponds. Managing water for drinking has become nightmare for the people especially women. Fozila’s daughter, who is married now and living at her husband’s used to help her collecting water for the ponds far away from home. Now Fozila is the only person responsible for collecting water from the distant pond for her family which is a troublesome job. There are more than 500 families like Fozila’s suffering from the same issue for years. Since all the people depend on a single pond, the water gets shorter and polluted over the years. They collect water, boil it, mixes Potassium /Alum with water for purification before use. “Cyclones, storm surge, salinity and tidal surge, these all are responsible for our ill fates”, Fozila also said.

Mandated local government institution (Nishanbaria Union Parishad) and community, realizing the severity of the crises conducted a participatory community risk assessment with support from LoGIC project and identified all the risks of the community. With these identified risks, the issue of water crises was most discussed about in the Ward Shava following immediate inclusion in the UP’s annual development plan and Risk Reduction Action Plan. Union Parishad made a funding proposal on “Integrated Water Management Plant to ensure safe drinking water for the saline stricken community” for immediate implementation.



Collecting water has been the curse for our lives. While Cyclones, storm surge, salinity and tidal surge are responsible for our ill fates, LoGIC supported us with water at our doorstep – Fozila, Morelgonj,

About funding this effort, Local Government Initiative on Climate Change (LoGIC) reviewed the proposal and confirmed its connection to the climate change impact and approved funding from its PBCRG component at the end of 2018-19 financial year. Union Parishad has implemented

the scheme following all the rules and conditions set by LoGIC. This is the only Water Treatment Plant for this community providing pure drinking water to the 500 families suffering for the last two decades. “We were engaged and provided voluntary work during the implementation of the water plant and we were very happy in doing that.”, said the women in their expression of gratitude. Water from the only pond source is treated and distributed among the households at their doorsteps. This doesn’t require any extra effort to collect pure drinking water as much as they need.

UP ward member of that community proudly declares that this pond will store rainwater without putting any pressure on the environment. He is



an active Union Parishad representative as he managed to implement such a noble initiative for his community, and he talks about this to others with huge ownership. “we are not worried at all for collection of drinking water and its quality, it comes to my doorstep”, Fozila mentioned. All the families that used to collect 5 to 6 pots of water for the whole week are not worried at all. Because of this integrated water treatment system women do not have to walk a filthy road, carry heavy water pots and purify them at home. Pure drinking water is now reaching door to door through the home service system. Thanks to the European Union (EU), Sida, UNDP and UNCDF for their support. The water plant has introduced smart card payment system for the households to track distribution and equity in the consumption. The income is spent for the maintenance of the water plant, under the joint ownership of the UP and community.

I have now more time to other work that supports my livelihood-Fozila

Visit of Mr. Per Olsson Fridh *Honorable Minister of Sweden for International Development Cooperation*

The Swedish Minister of International Development Cooperatives Mr. Per Olsson-Fridh visited nature-based climate change adaptation (saline resistant drinking water solutions, gender responsive climate adaptive livelihoods) and disaster risk reduction activities of LoGIC project in Khulna district. During the day-long visit, the minister observed initiatives of UNDP's Local Government Initiative on Climate Change (LoGIC), Gender-Responsive Climate Adaptation (GCA) for Women and Strengthening Women's Ability for Productive New Opportunities (SWAPNO) projects.

"Climate-adaptive livelihoods are reducing climate migration which will have long term positive impacts on the country. We are delighted to see that women in such remote place are benefitting from drinking water from a plant set up with Swedish support," the minister said. "This is a good example of climate change adaption support being used effectively," he said after visiting a water purification plant set up by the LoGIC project in Sutarkhali in Khulna's Dacope.

The minister was accompanied by Alexandra Berg von Linde, Swedish Ambassador to Bangladesh, along with Resident Representative Sudipto Mukerjee of UNDP Bangladesh, Joint Secretary of Local Government Division Saila Farzana, Country Focal Point Jesmul Hasan of UNCDF along with many other delegates.



Climate Resilient Actions supported by LoGIC Project

