

Bangladesh: Climate Resilient Livelihoods Improvement and Watershed Management in Chittagong Hill Tracts Sector Project (SARD)



Sustainable Livelihoods Approach (SLA)

Proposed Approval: June 2021
Commitment Date: Oct 2021
Modality: Sector Loan
ADB Funding: \$100 Million
Other Potential Funding: \$30 Million (GCF)
OP Tagging: OP1, OP2, OP3, OP5, OP6

CONTEXT AND CHALLENGES

Chittagong Hill Tracts – a geographically and ethno-culturally distinct region of Bangladesh

- Population made up of 11 different indigenous communities, some of the poorest districts of Bangladesh
- Ranks highest amongst the most deprived districts of the country in terms of access to basic services (water supply, sanitation, etc.)
- Lacks economic opportunities due to remoteness and hilly terrain, vulnerable due to climate induced natural disasters



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

To enhance sustainable livelihood opportunities and access to basic services for the rural population in the CHT including women and vulnerable groups. Interventions will be delivered under four outputs:

- (i) Rural roads rehabilitated by central and local government
- (ii) Community infrastructure (e.g. water supply, sanitation, irrigation canals) decided and constructed by beneficiaries
- (iii) Watershed management (e.g. agro-forestry and gully protection on degraded slopes) undertaken by beneficiaries
- (iv) Capacities for agribusiness and non-farm income generating skills (e.g. primary processing of produce, mechanics a) improved

INNOVATION/ FINDINGS

The project will undertake an in-depth Poverty and Social Assessment including qualitative aspects of poverty such as vulnerability and lack of opportunities.

The **Sustainable Livelihood Approach** will be adopted. The project will support improving all **five forms of capital, Physical, Human, Social, Financial, and Natural**, necessary to sustain livelihoods and improve overall human well-being.

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