

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE ON CLIMATE CHANGE (LOGIC)

# »»» NEXTGEN VOICES «««

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bridging ideas, action and impact





## THE LOGIC YOUTH PLATFORM


### »»» INCEPTION

LoGIC project empowers rural youth in climate-vulnerable areas, forming 291 ward-level platforms with young adults aged 16–29. With a potential reach of 28,678 youth, the project fosters their role in local adaptation planning, climate risk assessment, and monitoring—preparing them to build resilience and fight against climate change. The youth members are increasingly aware of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the importance to achieve them.

### OBJECTIVE «««

 **Amplify Youth Voices** – Strengthen youth's voice in policy advocacy to influence decisions that matter

 **Boost Climate Resilient Funds (CRF)** – Engage youth at local and national levels, endorsing their innovative ideas for climate resilience and green business

 **Empower Change Makers** – Position youth as leaders in driving social behavior change and climate change adaptation initiatives

**A REACH OF  
28,678 YOUTH  
IN 9 DISTRICTS**

# UNDP'S VISION FOR CLIMATE RESILIENT YOUTH

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## SONALI DAYARATNE

Deputy Resident Representative

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Bangladesh



Panelists call for smart policies and inclusive financing to boost youth entrepreneurship in Bangladesh at the national workshop on “Youth Entrepreneurship: Investment, Policy and Ecosystem” jointly organized by the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).




## SONALI DAYARATNE SHARES

“UNDP calls for a Youth Advisory Council, smoothen financial access, and decentralized innovation hubs to ensure inclusive, youth-driven entrepreneurship.”


# LOGIC YOUTH PLATFORM HIGHLIGHTS


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 **Youth Mapping & Engagement:** Mapped **28,678** youth across intervention areas and developed profiles for **3,083** actively engaged youth


 **Youth Platform Formation:**


- **291** ward-level platforms (9 districts)
- **94** union-level platforms
- **9** district-level platforms

 **Training of Trainers (ToT):** Trained **186** vulnerable youth on climate change, cooperatives, and green business; they raised awareness among **1,300+** more youth in the communities

 **Linkages for Youth:** Networked with **6** national-level youth platforms; built capacity of **73** vulnerable youth

 **Green Enterprises:** **400** youth engaged in **55** green enterprises via Climate Resilient Cooperatives

 **Collaboration & Advocacy:** Youth platforms working closely with local governments, development partners, and government agencies

 **Capacity Development:** **1,124** youth trained in climate change, cooperative management, leadership, and advocacy

 **Networking:** Building ties with national and international youth organizations



Formation & celebration of LoGIC Youth Platform across project intervention areas in Bangladesh



# FROM COASTAL STRUGGLES TO NATIONAL STAGE

## ANTU RANI'S JOURNEY

Antu Rani hails from Charmontaz Union in Rangabali Upazila, Patuakhali — a coastal area on the Bay of Bengal. Growing up amid financial hardship, she pursued her Honours degree while dreaming of contributing to her community. Opportunities came when her mother joined the Local Government Initiative on Climate Change (LoGIC) project, introducing Antu to the LoGIC Youth Platform.

### THE RISING LOGIC YOUTH PLATFORM MEMBER

*Antu shares she is grateful for the platform LoGIC provided, she reflects, "It was a proud moment of my life. I dream of becoming a successful entrepreneur and serving my community with integrity."*

In 2023, she and other local youth formed the LoGIC Youth Platform, engaging in climate protection, social initiatives, and green enterprises. She became involved with "Sagorkonna Pure Dry Fish," a women-led shutki (dry fish) business, managing accounts, promoting products, and liaising with local government offices.

Her dedication led to an invitation to the Youth Entrepreneurship Expo 2025 at the Bangladesh Investment Summit in Dhaka — her first visit to the capital. There, she proudly presented the cooperative's green business to domestic and international investors, including the Honorable Chief Advisor of Bangladesh.



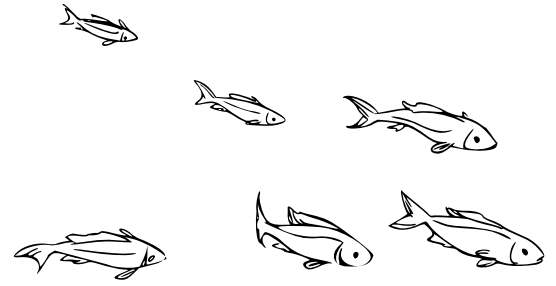
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Antu showcasing Sagorkonna's journey & investment details at Bangladesh Investment Summit 2025

Antu showcased Sagorkonna's journey, investment details, challenges, and future plans, earning wide praise. Grateful for the platform LoGIC provided, she reflects, "It was a proud moment of my life. I dream of becoming a successful entrepreneur and serving my community with integrity."



Sagorkonna Pure Dry Fish processing by LoGIC beneficiaries in the remote island of Char Montaz, Rangabali, Patuakhali



Antu Rani shared the stage with other innovative businesses at Bangladesh Investment Summit's - Youth Entrepreneurship Expo 2025

# YOUTH LEADING CLIMATE ACTION FROM THE RIVERINES OF KURIGRAM

## THE STORY OF FARID - A CLIMATE ACTIVIST



Md. Faridul Islam, a young climate activist from the riverine char of Rajibpur, Kurigram, is driving change in one of Bangladesh's most climate-vulnerable regions. His journey began in 2020 when he joined the Local Government Initiative on Climate Change (LoGIC) youth platform. Once a beneficiary, Farid emerged as a community leader after receiving LoGIC training, conducting courtyard sessions, and raising awareness on climate change while strengthening local cooperatives.

Determined to go further, he founded **YouthNet for Climate Justice**, a youth-led organization advancing sustainable agriculture, disaster preparedness, and climate education in char areas. LoGIC has empowered 420 youths across three upazilas in Kurigram—including Farid—by providing skills, opportunities, and confidence to engage climate-affected communities.



Chief Advisor of Bangladesh and GrameenPhone CEO visit the organic quinoa and chia booth at the Bangladesh Business Summit - Youth Entrepreneurship Expo 2025

Under Farid's leadership, YouthNet has mobilized youth for tree planting, supported women entrepreneurs in poultry, handicrafts, and farming, and showcased quinoa and chia seeds grown by climate-affected women at the 2025 Bangladesh Business Summit – Youth Expo, earning national and international praise.

Farid's work is turning climate challenges into opportunities. With continued support, he envisions YouthNet as a nationwide movement for a sustainable and resilient charland society.



### THE RISING LOGIC YOUTH PLATFORM MEMBER

*Farid wants this small organization to grow into a big movement that will build a tolerant, sustainable society involving the children, women, farmers, youth of the riverine Char region.*

# FROM STREAMS TO CLEAN TAPS

## SOBIN LEADS TRANSFORMATION IN RANGAMATI

In the remote hill village of Deppochari Para, home to 92 families, access to safe drinking water was once a daily struggle. Women and children walked long distances to fetch water from unsafe sources that dried up in summer and became muddy during the monsoon, increasing the risk of waterborne diseases.

Change came through a youth-led initiative under the Local Government Initiative on Climate Change (LoGIC) project, led by Sobin Chakma of the Sapchhari LoGIC Youth Group. Sobin and his peers worked with the LoGIC team and Union Parishad to introduce a solar-powered water purification and supply system.



*Sobin Chakma and Upazila Facilitator (UF) in front of the water scheme board*



They identified a suitable spring for a ring-well system, gained community approval, and stayed actively engaged throughout implementation—monitoring quality, coordinating with contractors, transporting materials, and even digging trenches.

Despite severe floods, Sobin's updates and problem-solving kept the project on track. Today, clean water flows through pipelines to public taps, benefiting around 360 people. A youth-inclusive O&M Committee now manages the system sustainably, collecting fees and ensuring upkeep.



*People of Deppochari Rangamati previously used to collect water for drinking and cooking from open streams which were distant and unhygienic, posing severe threat to community health*

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SOBIN LEADS TRANSFORMATION IN RANGAMATI



**YOUTH MEMBERS ALSO LED VARIOUS HYGIENE CAMPAIGNS, REDUCING WATERBORNE DISEASES BY 60%. THIS SUCCESS PROVES THAT WHEN EMPOWERED, RURAL YOUTH LIKE SOBIN CAN DELIVER LASTING, CLIMATE-RESILIENT SOLUTIONS FOR THEIR COMMUNITIES.**



*The burden on women to carry water over long distances has been significantly reduced, communities have access to safe drinking water and waterborne diseases have reduced across Rangamati and other intervention areas in CHT*

# WINDS OF HOPE

## RAHID'S GREEN LEADERSHIP

Amid Rangamati's scenic hills and waters, climate-vulnerable youth are leading change through the LoGIC project. The district now has 41 youth groups with over 600 members, alongside 156 Climate Resilience Fund (CRF) beneficiary groups representing 3,500 people. Trained in green entrepreneurship and climate resilience, youth members support CRF groups with market research, business planning, and eco-friendly initiatives.

Rangamati District Youth President Rahid Hossain, inspired by the 2025 Youth Entrepreneurship Expo, initiated two ventures in his youth community - handmade fans and dried fish from local *Chabila* fish. The handmade fans, inspired by Nakshikatha Cooperaive in Sunamganj, fans cost only Tk 50 to make and it is sold for Tk 150–200, meeting demand in off-grid villages and markets. Dry fish production, inspired by Sagorkonna Pure Dry Fish in Patuakhali, offers strong business potential for both youth and CRF members. Rahid envisions expanding these products nationwide and online, creating income opportunities while strengthening climate resilience in the hills.



*Rahid and members of Rangamati youth group display their handmade fans - a great hit during the summer heat!*

# SWEET LIVELIHOOD

## YOUTH AND WOMEN DRIVING CHANGE IN KHULNA

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In the climate-vulnerable coastal region of Maheshwaripur Union, Koyra, Khulna, a group of 165 women and 12 youth facilitators have turned a small idea into a thriving business. With Tk 120,000 loan from their cooperative, the Maheshwaripur Union Ward 2 Climate Livelihood Development Cooperative began a honey venture including collection and marketing efforts. Starting with 60–70 kg of honey, they sold in both local and online markets and surprisingly earning Tk 200–300 profit per kg.

The Youth Platform Members played a crucial role—creating an online page, training women on digital marketing, managing orders, improving packaging, and sourcing premium honey varieties like Khalisha, Goran, and Keora. Monthly sales have now reached Tk 80–120 per kg, generating six figures in revenue.

The impact has been transformative. Among the beneficiaries, Kavita Rani bought a sewing machine with her earnings, Asma Khatun regained her confidence, and youth member Pinku Mandal now feels proud of being self-employed. With 155–160 kg of honey in stock worth up to Tk 200,000, the cooperative plans to expand and even permanently hire a youth member as staff.



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74 likes • 781 followers

Snapshot of the social media page on Facebook

**IN KHULNA “HONEY” HAS BECOME MORE THAN A PRODUCT—IT’S A SYMBOL OF COLLECTIVE EMPOWERMENT, EMPLOYMENT, AND CLIMATE-RESILIENT ENTREPRENEURSHIP. TOGETHER, THEY’RE BUILDING A SWEETER, STRONGER FUTURE.**



# BUILDING RESILIENCE FROM THE GROUND UP

## BAGERHAT'S BOLD YOUTH



*LoGIC Youth Platform Members at the SIDA HQ Mission, Morrelganj, Bagerhat*

Bagerhat, a district highly vulnerable to cyclones, salinity, river erosion, and waterlogging, has found new hope through its youth. Once unaware of climate change issues, local young people gained knowledge and skills through the LoGIC Project.

Inspired and organized, they formed the Bagerhat Youth Platform - now a 600-member network. Out of these, 37 received direct training and 177 were trained indirectly, building partnerships with organizations like the **British Council**, **ActionNet Bangladesh**, **Global Platform Bangladesh**, **Youth Net Global**, **UNDP Future Nation**, and the **Red Crescent Society**.

These youth lead awareness campaigns on climate-tolerant agriculture, eco-friendly lifestyles, and adaptation strategies. They collaborate with local government departments, promote access to safe water, prevent plastic pollution, plant trees, and provide agricultural and reproductive health training. They also help climate-affected families form cooperatives and start green businesses.

Actively engaged in Morelganj Upazila's civic network, they are shaping climate resilience while driving local development. The Bagerhat Youth Platform stands as a model of how empowered youth can transform vulnerable communities into resilient, sustainable societies.

