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Strengthened gender equitable ability of people, households, communities and systems to mitigate, adapt to and recover from man-made and natural



SHOUHARDO III purpose 3 aims to increase the resilience capacity of the participants and the communities in mitigating, adapting, and recovering from various shocks. The program provided the participants with early warning information, equipped communities with household and community level contingency planning, increased in diversified livelihood and income sources, and established linkage with the service providers.



Key achievements in FY20

Social capacity index



74.66%
increase¹
compared to
55%
in FY19

Coping strategy index



93.1%
increase²
compared to
67.3%
in FY19

Participation of communities



22.3%
increase³
compared to
6.18%
in FY19

Participant activities in FY20

During the year, the program participants

built bamboo bridges

constructed/repaired
small roads

arranged vaccination
camps

planted trees

raised demand to Union Parishad/ National Building Department, and helped each other to rescue and evacuate to shelters during floods.



A total of 256 villages initiated collective actions where both program and non-program participants took joint efforts. In addition, participants whose houses got a raised plinth during the FY19 as a sustainable mean for surviving the floods, helped neighbors and relatives during the flood. The raised plinths saved them from the hassle of moving, and saved their animals and property.



Under the partnership with RIMES, upazila-specific weather forecast products were customized and linked with the web platform of Upazila Weather Portal of BMD; this will continue even after the program's closure.



FY20 posed additional challenge due to COVID-19 pandemic. RMS data shows that the participants have managed to bounce back of their income levels six months after the COVID-19 and flash floods hit. This was attributable to stronger community group approach and increasing participation.



In FY20, SHOUHARDO III completed building three flood shelters in schools and three mound protection walls.



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UDMCs organized emergency meetings

for synchronized action in the villages and they arranged for security to protect livestock from being stolen during the peak of flooding and evacuation.



Future plan

Institutionalizing community level contingency plan and risk adaptation procedure, and enhancing service and information provision by the public and private actors in disaster preparedness, mitigation and response.

The UDV's actively participated in rescuing and evacuating flood-affected people and their assets, assisted UDMC to manage flood shelters and distributed relief in support of GoB assistance. The program enhanced the capacities of GoB-mandated Union Digital Center (UDC) entrepreneurs to collect early warning information from the GoB's BMD and FFWC websites, and disseminated to the community through microphone announcements, conducted emergency meetings, and displayed weather messages on notice boards

1. The PaBS survey indicating a social capacity index of 74.66 (survey respondents totaled 1,050)
 2. The coping strategy index increased from 67.3 in FY19, to 93.1 (survey respondents totaled 846) in FY20
 3. PaBS study