

Service Provisioning Model - SHOUHARDO III's Local Service Providers

SHOUHARDO III, funded by USAID, is a five-year program which started its implementation in 2015. The program aims for improved gender-equitable food and nutrition security and resilience of the vulnerable people living in the char and haor regions in northern Bangladesh by 2020. SHOUHARDO III is currently implementing a two-year extension phase until December 2022.

SHOUHARDO III extension focuses on two key principles:

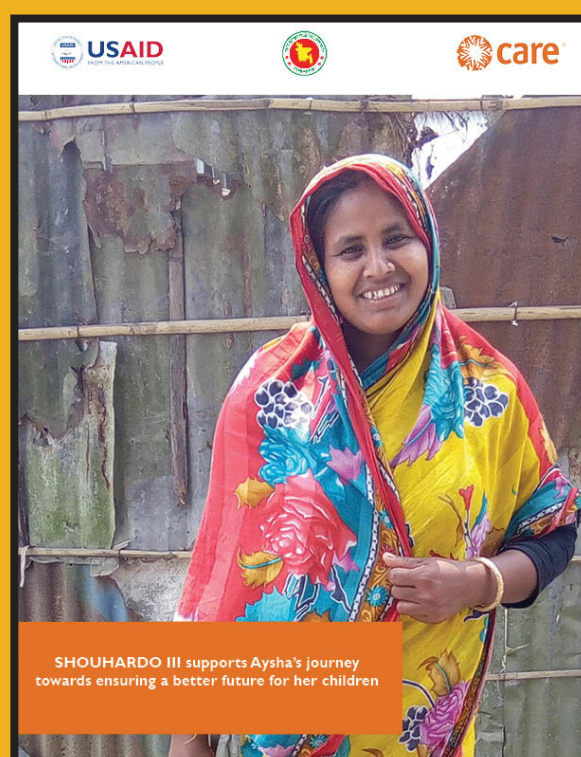
- Testing, identifying, and promoting service provision models by public, private, and community-based organizations and service providers
- Mobilizing communities to engage with these service providers to ensure sustained benefit

With the aim that the program can leave behind a system that functions on its own without program interventions, SHOUHARDO III prioritized the Local Service Provider (LSP) model to ensure sustainability. The LSP model is a decentralized extension model whereby local actors are trained to provide extension services such as knowledge, technology transfer, and training, especially for the poor and extreme poor (PEP) population, in return for a service fee. The program developed LSPs by building their skills, providing them with resources, and establishing linkage with the GoB and private sectors to ensure service delivery. Moreover, LSPs are motivated as this is an income-earning opportunity which could mean an improvement in their livelihood.

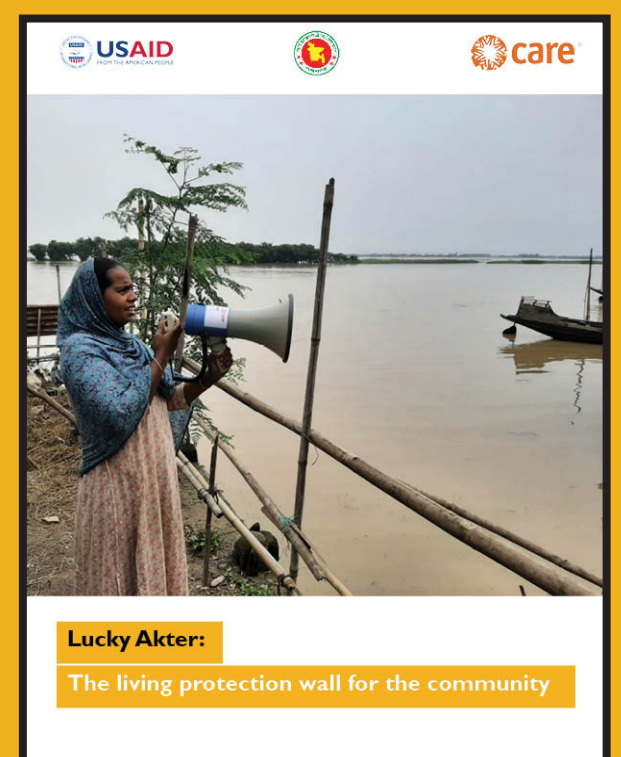
SHOUHARDO III program has featured the LSPs through a series of six stories. The following stories showcase the impact of the LSP model and how the lives of the service providers and communities have changed as a result.



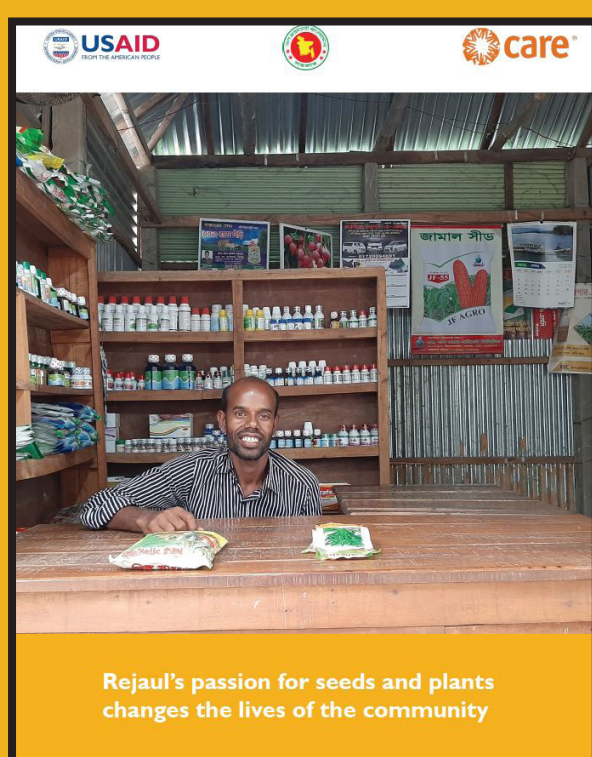
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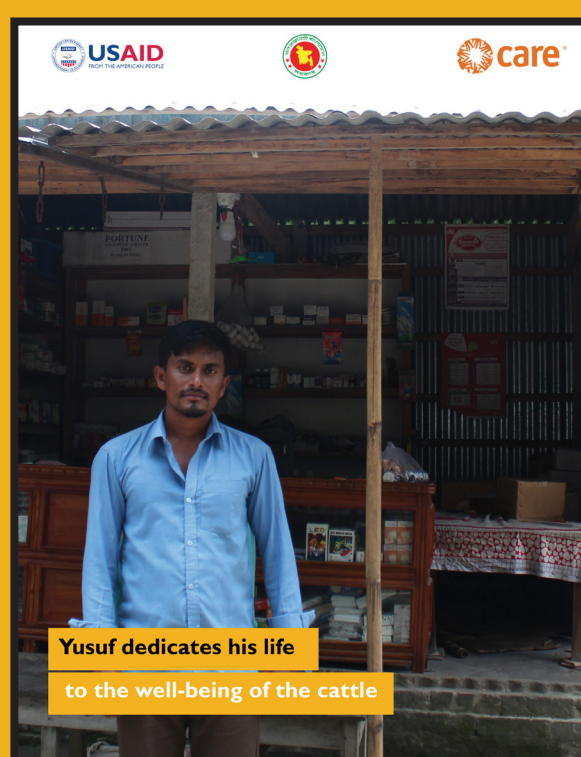
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