

## Strengthening Household Ability to Respond to Development Opportunities

Strengthening Household Ability to Respond to Development Opportunities (SHOUHARDO) III is a five-year program which aims to achieve improved gender equitable food and nutrition security and resilience for **168,521** Poor and Extreme Poor (PEP) households living in the eight districts of Northern *Char* and *Haor* wetland areas of Bangladesh. The program is funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Government of Bangladesh (GoB) and implemented by six Partner Non-Government Organizations (PNGOs).



| Funding source                                       | Commodity (MT) | Cash value (Estimate USD) |
|--|----------------|---------------------------|
| Monetization   | 110,910        | \$ 41,654,010             |
| Direct distribution                                  | 13,190         | \$ 8,330,100              |
| Internal Transportation, Storage and Handling (ITSH) |                | \$ 5,343,000              |
| Section 202e   |                | \$ 24,674,690             |
| <b>Total cash value</b>                              |                | <b>\$ 80,001,800</b>      |

**Government of Bangladesh Contribution:**

**\$ 8,000,000**



### 1 Agriculture and Livelihoods Promotions

**Increased equitable access to income for both women and men, and nutritious food for men** | SHOUHARDO III provides technical assistance to implementing partners for the PEP to achieve **increased agricultural production, access to agricultural markets, off-farm income and utilization of financial services**. In numbers, the program has provided training and input support for:

As of March 2018: **28,335** Field Crops participants | **27,892** homestead participants | **5,508** fisheries participants | **66,068** income-generating activities participants | **77,896** livestock participants | Formed Farmer Field Business Schools with **2,625** Farmer Leaders trained | **947** village savings and loan associations formed | **1,993** youths trained on employability skills

As of March 2018: **947** villages reached with growth monitoring and promotion (GMP) sessions | **37,645** children below two years old reached with GMP | **71,514** children under five received vitamin A supplements | **42,274** pregnant and lactating women reached with supplementary food ration

### 2 Health, Hygiene and Nutrition

**Improved nutritional status of children under five years of age, pregnant and lactating women and adolescent girls** | SHOUHARDO III focuses on strengthening the social and behavior change activities that promote adoption of optimal health, hygiene and nutrition practices at the household level by targeted participants.

### 3 Resilience - Disaster and Community Risk Management

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

SHOUHARDO III aims to build the resilience of people, households, communities and local level institutions to mitigate, adapt to and recover from man-made and natural shocks.

As of March 2018: **947** villages conducted community risk assessment (CRA) and developed community-level contingency plan | **378** disaster preparedness and awareness-raising events organized by local government institutions | **8,404** participants trained on disaster preparedness | **779** households received latrines | **148** community resource centers (CRC) constructed

As of March 2018: **32,717** women and girls reached with Empowerment, Knowledge and Transformative Action (EKATA) sessions | Approximately **4,240** participants reached with couple's dialogue sessions | **562** community empowerment volunteers trained on basic EKATA and women empowerment

### 4 Women's Empowerment & Youth engagement

**Increased women's empowerment and gender equity at family and community level** | SHOUHARDO III has given special attention to women's empowerment in terms of access to and control over household resources, assets and opportunities.

### 5 Responsive Governance

**Provision and utilization of public services (Local Elected Bodies & Nation Building Departments) for communities especially for Poor and Extreme Poor (PEP) women increased** | SHOUHARDO III continuously exerts efforts to increase the responsiveness and accountability of government to the needs of PEP households, particularly of women.

As of March 2018: **138** field visits conducted by government officials to program sites | **909** civil society organizations engaged in program advocacy interventions | **9,647** village development committee (VDC) members received training on organization development and good governance | **947** VDCs implementing community action plans in villages