



JNUS INTERVENTIONS  
FOR BUILDING CLIMATE  
RESILIENCE:  
**EMPOWERING  
COMMUNITIES TO ADAPT  
TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN  
COX'S BAZAR,  
BANGLADESH**



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## BACKGROUND

- Climate change continues to threaten the livelihoods and safety of coastal and border communities in Cox's Bazar.
- Vulnerabilities are particularly high among **women, ethnic minorities, and fishing communities.**
- JNUS integrates **gender-responsive, rights-based, and community-driven** approaches to strengthen resilience and adaptation capacity.



## Building Resilience of Coastal Inhabitants/Communities in Vulnerable Regions of Bangladesh through a Participatory and Gender Transformative Approach



**Chowfaldandi**



**Shilkhali**



**Darianagar**



**Chattogram**

The project aims to strengthen the resilience of vulnerable coastal communities in Bangladesh - particularly women, Indigenous peoples, and persons with disabilities - by addressing the multidimensional impacts of climate change through a participatory and gender-transformative approach. It seeks to understand the key environmental, social, and economic risks affecting human health, livelihoods, and well-being in the Chittagong and Cox's Bazar regions. Using feminist, community-led, and intersectional research methods, the initiative engages local populations in co-creating and testing sustainable adaptation and mitigation strategies. The goal is to build community capacity, enhance gender equity, and foster inclusive decision-making for climate-resilient development. Ultimately, the research contributes to climate justice, social transformation, and sustainable livelihoods in Bangladesh's coastal zones.



## NAME OF PROJECT: EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN IN FISHING COMMUNITY IN COX'S BAZAR, BANGLADESH FOR INCREASING THEIR RIGHTS IN LIVELIHOOD



### Outcomes:

200 women, 100 bengali and 100 Rakhaine, in Chaufoldandi Union of Cox's Bazar Sadar strengthened their rights in livelihood against the impact of climate change.

Supported by: Canada Fund for  
Local Initiatives (CFLI), DFATD

Duration: 6 September 2023 - 28  
February 2024

### Learnings:

- Capacity building alone is insufficient; an **intersectional and gender-responsive** approach is essential.
- When women are empowered and supported, they can raise their voices and claim their rights.





## IMPROVING LEGAL SERVICES AND LITERACY WITH WOMEN TOWARD TENURE AND LAND RIGHTS IN CLIMATE RESILIENCE IN COX'S BAZAR, BANGLADESH

### Context:

- More Fishing communities live on government (Khas) land and face constant eviction threats.
- They endure discrimination, low wages, and lack of livelihood security.

### Differentiated Impacts:

- **Rakhaine Women:** Engage in *nappi* (fermented shrimp paste) production; face discrimination in **market access, pricing, and resource control**.
- **Bengali Women:** Work mainly as **day laborers** in dry-fish production; face **wage inequality, poor working conditions, and limited bargaining power**.

Supported by: Turning Tide

Duration: October 2023 - August 2025

Location: Cox's Bazar





Supported by: UN Women and MJF

Location: Teknaf, Cox's Bazar

Duration: 2024-2026

# WOMEN FOR CLIMATE RESILIENT SOCIETIES

Focuses on **women-led climate adaptation** and **community-based planning**; Promotes **coordination** among local government, CSOs, and women's groups, and Ensures **integration of gender equality, social inclusion, and climate justice** in local development planning.

## Learnings:

- Women can take leadership in developing **Local Adaptation Plans of Action (LAPA)** through participatory approaches.
- With access to **networks, resources, and recognition**, women can effectively advocate for climate resilience in vulnerable areas.



# THANK YOU!

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