

Gibika Livelihood Resilience: Turning Research into Action



The aims of the [Gibika](#) (Research to Action) project are to advance the scientific understanding of livelihood resilience in Bangladesh, and to apply conclusions towards community-led solutions that improve the living conditions of vulnerable people. When livelihood systems are not resilient, environmental shocks can have long-term impacts on human well-being and development goals. By implementing [community-led solutions](#), this project can promote livelihood resilience, and sustainable development. Gibika is a five-year research-to-action partnership between International Centre for Climate Change and Development ([ICCCAD](#)), United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security ([UNU-EHS](#)) and Munich Re-Foundation ([MRF](#)) with the aim of improving the living conditions of people in our seven sites in Bangladesh through scientific research and community-led action.

KEY GOALS

- Generate rigorous scientific knowledge about resilience in livelihood systems
- Empower communities in decision-making and implementation
- Transform livelihoods in the focus of communities in Bangladesh
- Disseminate findings, insights and experiences to influence national policy and facilitate wider use

ENVIRONMENTAL THREATS

- Cyclone related threats on the coast
- Riverbank erosion related threats in flood plains
- Drought related threats in the dry lands



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RESILIENCE ACADEMY

The annual Resilience Academy is meant to provide a platform for connecting communities of expertise (early phase practitioners, academics, and policy analysts), examining livelihood resilience in the face of local and regional environmental threats, and co-creating concepts to foster resilience. Papers and policy briefs produced in the context of the academy aim at influencing big policy milestones in the area of Climate Change Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction, Humanitarian Response and Development in 2015 and beyond.

The [first Resilience Academy](#) took place in Savar, Bangladesh in 2013 and explored livelihood resilience amidst global transitions. It brought together 25 researchers and practitioners from 15 countries as well as field facilitators from Bangladesh and two senior experts. The [second Resilience Academy](#) took place near Munich, Germany in August 2014. The third Resilience Academy is set to take place near Dhaka, Bangladesh from 6-12 September 2015 and the fourth Resilience Academy will be held near Munich, Germany from 4-10 September 2016.

The Resilience Academy builds on an already established partnership between MRF and UNU-EHS on the [Summer Academy](#) which ran for eight years and was developed under the aegis of the Chair on Social Vulnerability.

RESILIENCE ACADEMY THEMES

- Resilience Academy 2013: Exploring Livelihood Resilience amidst global transitions. Learn more about the [2013 RA](#).
- Resilience Academy 2014: transformations, forced- and managed transitions and abrupt changes of livelihoods. Learn more about the [2014 RA](#).
- Resilience Academy 2015: Enhancing Resilience to Minimize Loss and Damage - Providing Knowledge for the UNFCCC. Learn more about the upcoming [2015 RA](#).

