



ICCCAD

International Centre for
Climate Change and
Development



Khulna Divisional Platform Launch of Locally Led Adaptation

ICCCAD'S LOCALLY-LED ADAPTATION (LLA) PROGRAMME

February 28, 2023

Hotel Castle Salam, Khulna

This publication briefly includes the discussion from The National Platform on Locally-led Adaptation, launched in the Khulna division to collate information on the existing knowledge level of key stakeholders (NGOs, INGOs, academicians, practitioners, think tanks, youth organizations, implementing organizations) on locally-led adaptation. The publication was compiled based on the notes taken by designated rapporteurs highlighting the summary of the event from the organizer's point of view and does not necessarily express the views of any individual participant.

Copyright ©2023 International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD).

All rights reserved. ICCCAD encourages fair use of this material for non-commercial purposes, with proper citation.

Published by: International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD)

Website: www.icccad.net

Venue of the Event: Hotel Castle Salam, Khulna, Bangladesh

Edited by: Savio Rousseau Rozario, Afsara Binte Mirza, Chowdhury Abrar Zahin




Designed by: Chowdhury Abrar Zahin

Publishing date: 02 April, 2023

About Locally-Led Adaptation

Local people and communities affected directly by the impacts of climate change often are the most active and innovative in creating adaptation solutions. However, their limited access to resources, technology, capacity-building opportunities, and funding undermines their ability to effectively implement innovative, and local solutions. When local communities, community-based organizations, local businesses, community members, citizen groups, local governments, and local institutions at the lowest administrative level, are consulted and included as decision-makers in the climate adaptation interventions that affect them, it is considered as locally led adaptation (LLA).

In pursuing LLA, local actors' leadership, inclusivity, and agency are crucial factors and need to be actively supported, at several stages of an adaptation intervention's design and implementation. LLA is different from consultative, participatory, and community-based approaches to adaptation due to local actors having agency and power over their adaptation practices, rather than barely participating in leadership processes. Besides LLA also:

-  Addresses structural inequalities faced by women, youth, children, people living with disabilities, people who are displaced, Indigenous Peoples, and ethnic groups.
-  Aids to mobilize more climate finance by improving the quality of finance and adjusting governance and decision-making processes.
-  Acts as a catalyst to integrate social equity.

Bangladesh, a country known both for its vulnerability to climate change impact and innovative leadership in adapting to climate change's impacts should emphasize the attributes of LLA. To support the activities in tackling climate change impact, several policies had been formulated from 2005 to 2021 such as NAPA, BCCSAP, NDC, Bangladesh Delta Plan, the Five-Year plans, NAP, SDGs, Disaster Management Act, Mujib Climate Prosperity Plan, etc. However, there is an evident gap in translating national policies and programs into localized contexts alongside limited and clear financial mechanisms flow to the local actors. As LLA promotes transparency and accountability, it could be an effective tool in Bangladesh to ensure equal and timely distribution of resources through guided local leadership and the value of local and traditional knowledge.

ICCCAD's Locally-Led Adaptation (LLA) Program

The Locally Led Adaptation (LLA) program of the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) focuses on mainstreaming LLA by conducting ground-level research and capacity-building of different stakeholders; promoting the inclusion of the most vulnerable individuals; and facilitating knowledge sharing through national and international partnership and networking. The current work stream of the program includes three major components as action-based research and publications, scaling up the national platform on LLA, and communications and networking. The major goal of the program is to introduce good governance of an active community of practice at the local to the national level, peer-to-peer learning, and co-designing the long-term strategy of LLA by generating knowledge and evidence from the ground. Besides, ICCCAD as one of the endorsers of the eight principles of LLA is also working globally to unfold the effectiveness of LLA at the community level: enhancing local leadership and skills.





National Platform on LLA, Bangladesh (NPLLA, Bangladesh)

In May 2022, a two-day national consultation on locally-led adaptation was arranged by International Center for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD), in Dhaka to collate information on the existing knowledge level of key stakeholders (NGOs, INGOs, academicians, practitioners, think tanks, youth organizations, implementing organizations) on locally-led adaptation (LLA). This consultation helped to gather ideas and suggestions on how LLA can be operationalized and integrated in national development practices and policies. The consultations also aided to find a strategic way to take forward the LLA agenda at the local, and national levels. As a result, the National Platform on LLA was launched and established.

This platform aims:

To communicate local messages from the local to the national level

Identify the good practices of LLA in Bangladesh

Enhance the technical, and leadership capacities of the local communities

Enable government, NGOs, INGOs, private sectors, CSOs, and individuals to brainstorm the next steps of LLA advocacy, research, knowledge management, capacity building, co-production of the knowledge, and implementations

To facilitate and turn these aims of the National Platform on LLA into reality, a bottom-up approach is being taken by ICCCAD's LLA Program. This approach will be undertaken by setting up 8 "Divisional Platforms" to cover all the districts of Bangladesh and enable the incorporation of the Divisional Platform into the National Platform of LLA.

On the 28th of February 2023, the first "Divisional Platform" on Locally led Adaptation was launched in Khulna, the southwestern division of Bangladesh.



Envisions of the Divisional Platform



Conduct capacity building activities of the local actors, and local government institutions in terms of climate change adaptation



Identify good practices and promoting local leadership to mobilize funding for local actors



Stimulate collaboration between stakeholders such as local government entities, local NGOs, community-based organizations, local community representatives, educational institutions, and youth organizations



Enhance inter-sectoral cooperation and transparency between all levels- division, district, sub-district, unions

Event Summary

The event started with a round of introduction where the participants introduced themselves followed by opening remarks by Dr. Saleemul Huq on the evolution of locally-led adaptation (LLA) and the establishment of the Khulna Divisional Platform on LLA. Dr. Huq focused on the importance of capacity-building and the necessity to identify local leaders amongst their networks who are working on mobilizing their own community for climate change adaptation interventions.



Event Summary



A brief presentation on the LLA program of ICCCAD was delivered by Mr. Savio Rousseau Rozario, Program Coordinator, LLA Program, ICCCAD. Later, Mr. Sarder Shafiqul Alam, Program Coordinator, Urban Program, ICCCAD presented on the on-going projects of ICCCAD in Khulna Division. During the last two hours of the session, reflections and expectation about the Divisional Platform was heard from all the participants in a cohesive manner to make it interactive and participatory.

Participants' Area of Interest

The representation of a diverse cohort of participants such as NGOs, INGOs, universities, youth-led organizations, community-based organizations, local government officials, and media journalists made the event fruitful. The participants represented their organization but showed interest to work on these areas to take forward the vision of the Khulna Divisional Platform on LLA:

Capacity-building of the local communities and organizations for making climate adaptation more inclusive; upgrading different adaptation interventions and technologies, and proper utilizing of resources.

Conduct research on making the local communities more resilient by focusing on their lives and livelihood. For instance, ways to grow saline-tolerant crop varieties.

Conduct training and workshops at the local level by involving local leaders, elites, adolescent clubs, youth groups, women-led organizations, religious leaders, etc.

Promote knowledge management by collecting the local adaptation strategies and disseminating them accordingly.

Raise awareness within the local community on different climate change issues that are impacting their lives through cultural events and courtyard sessions, and also ensure the participation of local government representatives.

Monitoring and documentation of success and failures of LLA practices and community-led approaches

Work on Nature-based Solutions (NbS) to focus on eco-friendly products and practices; agro-ecosystem improvement; ecological services valuation; ecological restoration and biodiversity conservation through ecosystem-based adaptation and NbS.

Identify the aspects of Loss and Damage both economic and non-economic from a local perspective.



Gender Equality and women's empowerment

supporting women in coastal areas by working on their health, safety, and economic issues; strengthening and capacitating existing women's network; increasing women participation at the local level; highlighting the life stories of inspiring women who are taking leadership for adaptation actions; Support and re-skill women entrepreneurs who have been suffering to establish the small-scale businesses. Besides, the platform should also ensure the inclusion of LGBTQI groups and PwDs (People with Disabilities).



Supporting alternative/sustainable livelihood options by brainstorming to create more job diversification opportunities for the local communities; research on providing localized job diversification options is crucial (Currently, the only income-earning sources include- fishing, agriculture, honey collection, crab hunting from Sundarbans but this is vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. The brick kiln is the only other job sector).

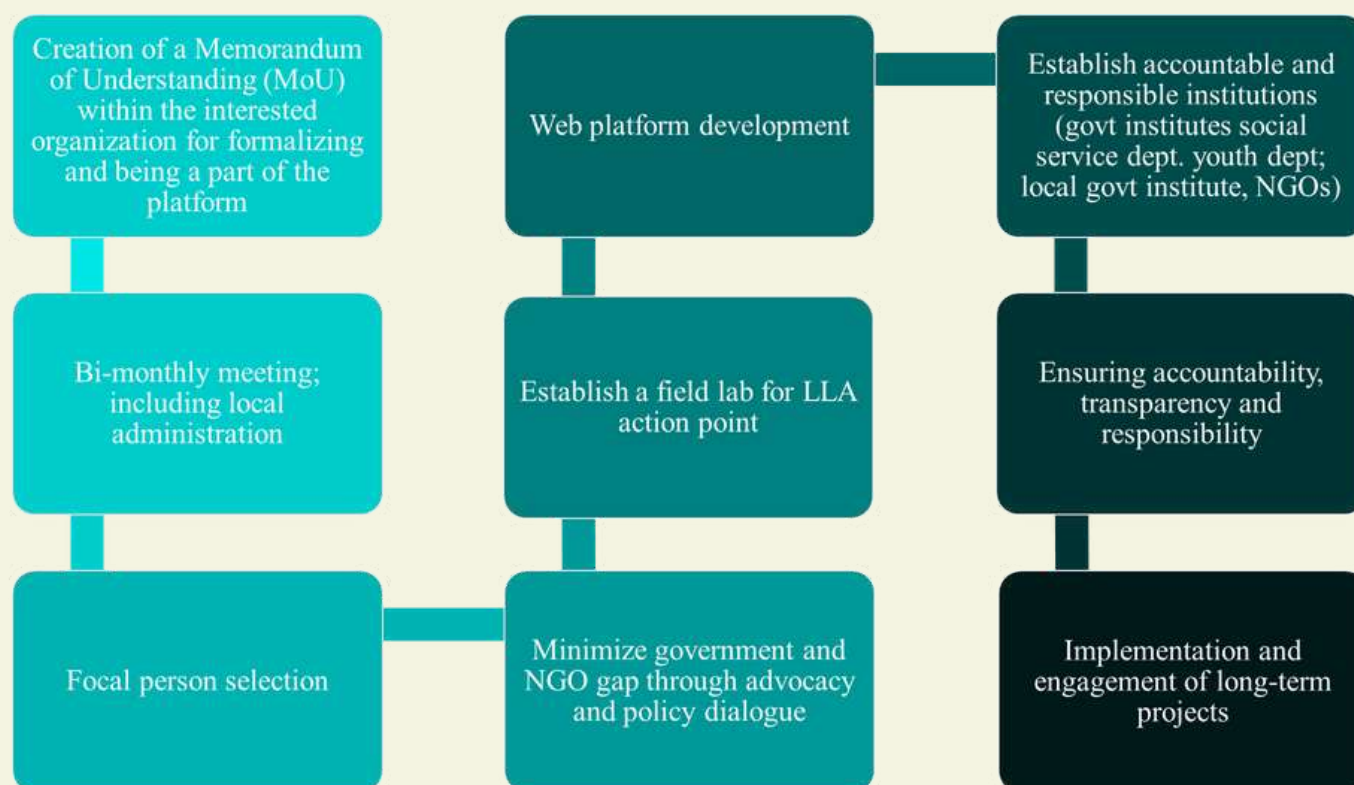
Youth's capabilities should be utilized and harnessed by focusing on their capabilities; arranging research scholarships for students to explore their context-specific local climate change issues; starting national-level youth-led plastic campaigns; advocacy for creating a platform to take forward the youth leadership practice at local government standing committee.

Form effective community-based groups to implement LLA successfully; effectively engaging community-based institutions is key for identifying local problems and solutions; increase the capacities of community-based organizations.

Incorporating the aspects of public and mental health in LLA actions and emphasizing on behavioural changes.

Involving local and national government bodies to solve local challenges through local-level service provision; engaging the government ministries; making local government (Union Parishad) active and increasing their participation in tackling climate change.

Proposed Action Plans



Participants List of the Event

SL.	Name	Designation	Organization
1	Sudeb Kumar	Program Associate of Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Program	Centre for Development and Peace
2	Shaikh Siya-Uddin	Field Officer	Practical Action
3	Abul Kalam Azad	Upazila Coordinator	CCDB
4	Dr. Md. Hasibur Rahman	Assistant Professor Department of Environmental Science and Technology, Jashore University	Jashore University of Science and Technology
5	Md. Mostafijur Rahman	M&E Coordinator, Disaster Management and Climate Change Adaptation	Rupantor
6	Kaushik Kumar Das	Divisional Coordinator	Youth Net for Climate Justice
7	Shahina Parveen	Inspirator Climate Resilience Livelihood	ActionAid Bangladesh
8	M.A. Halim	Information Officer	Rupantor
9	Rubena Akhter	Senior Program Officer	The Hunger Project
10	Shamim Ara Nipa	Adaptation Innovation Expert	UNDP

11	Shaikh Faisal	DCC, UNDP LoGIC	UNDP
12	Saief Manzoor	Manager, CR Programme	WaterAid Bangladesh
13	Md. Mydul Islam	Team Lead CCDM Program	Sajida Foundation
14	Md. Shaiful Islam	Poura Nirbahi Officer	Nowapara Pourashava
15	Ashim Kr. Shome	Executive Engineer	Nowapara Pourashava, Jeshore
16	Md. Ferdous Alam	Program Manager, PRODRIPTA	CARE
17	Mohammad Mahmudul Hasan	Manager- Resilient & Climate Justice	ActionAid Bangladesh
18	Sohanur Rahman	Executive Director	Youth Net
19	Md. Ikram Hossain Bhuiyan	Assistant Program Officer	Islamic Relief Bangladesh
20	Faruk Hosen	M&D Officer	Shushilan
21	Prof. Kazi Saiful Islam	Professor, Urban Planning Discipline	Khulna University
22	Md. Reyadhul Kanim	Coordinator M&E	Nabolok
23	Md. Afyalar Rashid Palash	Technical Director	Jagorani Chakro Foundation (JCF)
24	Md. Hossain Billah	Manager Information	CSS
25	Mahabubur Rahman	Coordinator Program	AOSED
26	Daud Jibon Das	Regional Director	Caritas Bangladesh
27	Sumon Ahmed	Editor	Daily Khulna Times
28	Khan Motaher Hossain	Deputy Director	Department of Social Science
29	Md. Tahsinur Rahman	Inspirator, Protection and Milestones	ActionAid Bangladesh
30	Mostafa Nuruzzaman	CE	Shushilan
31	Kazi Jahangir Hossain	Deputy Director	Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE)
32	Jannatul Maowa	Executive Director	Bindu
33	Nilufar Akhter Eaty	CEO	WADA
34	Md. Raju Khan	Journalist	The Daily Khulna Times
35	Prof. Saleemul Huq	Director	ICCCAD
36	Sarder Shafiqul Alam	Program Coordinator, Urban	ICCCAD
37	Savio Rousseau Rozario	Program Coordinator, LLA	ICCCAD
38	Afsara Binte Mirza	Research Officer, LLA	ICCCAD
39	Mowdudur Rahman	Director	CCEC
40	Md. Zakir Hossain	Professor, URP	Khulna University
41	Mizanur Rahman Raja	Program Coordinator	ADAMS
42	S.M. Ali Aslam	Program Coordinator	ADAMS
43	Mohon Kumar Mondal	Executive Director	LEDARS
44	Dr. Salma Begum	Professor, Environmental Science	Khulna University

Acknowledgment



Prof. Dr. Saleemul Huq

Director,
International Centre for Climate Change and Development
(ICCCAD)



Sarder Shafiqul Alam

Senior Research Coordinator,
International Centre for Climate Change and Development
(ICCCAD)

Sincere appreciation to the individuals and organization's focals for their presence and essential support in the success of the "Divisional Launch of the National Platform on Locally-Led Adaptation: Khulna Division"

Contact Information

Savio Rousseau Rozario
Programme Coordinator
Email: savio.rozario@icccad.org

Afsara Binte Mirza
Research Officer
Email: afsara.mirza@icccad.org

Secretariate and Research Office:

House no-27 (5th Floor), Road 1,
Block A,
Bashundhara R/A, Dhaka
1229, Bangladesh
Email: contact@icccad.org

IUB Office:

Independent University, Bangladesh
Plot 16, Block B,
Aftabuddin Ahmed Road, Boshundhara R/A,
Dhaka, Bangladesh
Email: contact@icccad.org