

Chattogram Divisional Platform Launch of Locally Led Adaptation



WHAT IS LOCALLY LED ADAPTATION (LLA)?

Locally Led Adaptation (LLA) is different from consultative, participatory, and community-based approaches to adaptation as it is defined by local actors having agency over adaptation practices rather than allowing them to barely participate in adaptation processes to tackle the climate crisis.

Local people and communities affected directly by the impacts of climate change often are the most active and innovative in creating adaptation solutions that are context specific. However, their limited access to resources, technology, capacity-building opportunities, and funding undermines their capability to implement those innovative and local solutions effectively. This vast potential and the creativity of the local people and communities can be explored and supported through a locally led adaptation (LLA) approach. LLA supports local actors' leadership, and inclusion, and establishes a network of different stakeholders and agencies to support the planning and execution of any adaptation intervention from the local to national level.

THE EIGHT PRINCIPLES OF LOCALLY LED ADAPTATION (LLA)



Devolving decision making to the lowest appropriate level



Addressing structural inequalities faced by women, youth, children, people with disabilities, people who are displaced, Indigenous Peoples and marginalized ethnic groups



Providing patient and predictable funding that can be accessed more easily



Investing in local capabilities to leave an institutional legacy



Building a robust understanding of climate risk and uncertainty



Flexible programming and learning



Ensuring transparency and accountability



Collaborative action and investment



ICCCAD's Locally Led Adaptation (LLA) Program

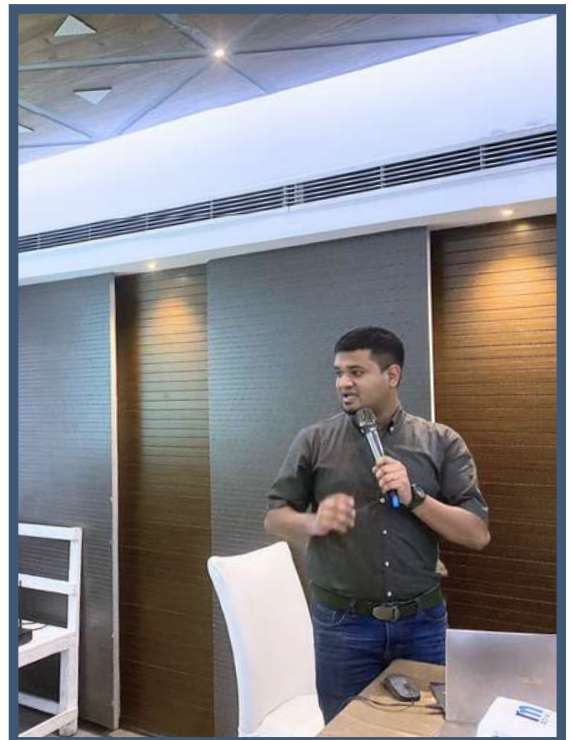
The Locally Led Adaptation (LLA) program of the International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD) is focusing on mainstreaming the concept of LLA. The current work stream of the program includes three major components: action-based research and publications, scaling up the national platform on LLA, and communications and networking. Besides, ICCCAD is one of the endorsers of the eight principles of LLA and is also working globally to unfold the effectiveness of LLA and is the community level by enhancing local leadership and skills.

Link to Programme Website:

<https://www.icccad.net/programmes/lla-programme/>

National Platform of Locally Led Adaptation (NPLLA)

In May 2022, a two-day national consultation was arranged to collate information on the LLA knowledge level of potential stakeholders, gather ideas and suggestions on how to integrate LLA at the practice and policy level, and find a strategic way to take forward the LLA agenda at the local, and national level. From the consultation, a National Platform on Locally Led Adaptation (NPLLA, Bangladesh) was initiated.





The Divisional Platforms of Locally Led Adaptation (DPLLA)

To scale up the activities of the national platform (NPLLA) in a 'bottom-up approach' manner, divisional platforms are to be established. The divisional platforms will:

- Support the National Platform (NPLLA) activities
- Stimulate collaboration and investments between stakeholders such as local government entities, local NGOs, local community-based organizations, local community representatives, and educational institutions
- Minimize knowledge gaps on climate change and LLA by enhancing inter-sectoral cooperation and transparency at all levels- division, district, sub-district, union, and the lowest appropriate level
- Enhance the capacity of the local actors, and local government institutes in terms of climate change and community development
- Identify good practices, and promote local leadership



In February 2023, the first divisional platform was launched in the Khulna Division (DPLLA, Khulna), followed by the Chattogram divisional launch (DPLLA, Chattogram) in September 2023.



Event Summary: DPLLA, Chattogram




The DPLLA, Chattogram launch event took place on the 25th of September at Chattogram where more than thirty-five representatives from different local organizations hailing from seven districts of Chattogram division participated. The event began with opening remarks by Dr. Saleemul Huq, Director, ICCCAD. Dr. Huq talked about the evolution of locally led adaptation (LLA), its relevance in the climate change arena, and the way forward to curate and support capacity-building efforts of local leaders who want to pioneer climate change adaptation.

A brief presentation was given by Mr. Sarder Shafiqul Alam, Program Coordinator, Urban Program, ICCCAD's work on climate change in general and past and ongoing projects of ICCCAD in the Chattogram Division. Another presentation was delivered by Mr. Savio Rousseau Rozario, Program Coordinator, LLA, ICCCAD, on the past and ongoing LLA activities of ICCCAD. During the last two hours of the session, each participant of the event introduced themselves and their organizations and shared their gusto to join and work collaboratively on the platform.



Open Discussion and Reflection

Sector	On-Going Activities	Organization and Institution
 <p>Forest Resource Conservation and Natural Resource Management</p>	Establishment of VCF (Village Common Forest) network	Zabarang
	Community-based Forest management, Forest landscape restoration, Youth engagement in forest conservation	Tahzingdong
	Working on Village Common Forest Management, capacitating youth on climate change issues, and forest management.	Taungya
	Developed a biodiversity assessment and a monitoring tool to enhance biodiversity	Chittagong University
	The University has a forestry and environment department dedicated to doing extensive research on forest resource conservation and climate change adaptation such as watershed management, wood quality control, water scarcity etc	
 <p>Biodiversity Conservation</p>	Awareness building and protection of endangered species	Society Development Agency (SDA)
	A network of peacemakers raising awareness on biodiversity restoration and Halda river management	Atisha Dipankar Peace Trust Bangladesh (ADPT)



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 <p>Waterlogging, waste management and upcycling</p>	<p>Promoting upcycling practices (utilizing cigarette bud to make pillows, usage of jute bags, turning plastic into ornaments); Encouraging behavioral changes on disposing plastic waste to the right places to reduce waste logging and conduct waste management</p>	<p>Integrated Social Development Effort (ISDE)</p>
	<p>Integrating advocacy to reduce the usage of single-use plastic, pushing for behavioral change. Mantra is “how they can convert waste into wealth”</p>	<p>Noakhali Science and Technology University</p>
	<p>Worked with Waste Concern on solid waste management</p>	<p>Chittagong University of Engineering & Technology</p>
 <p>Indigenous Communities Rights and Inclusion</p>	<p>Indigenous knowledge utilization for tackling the climate crisis; they have an indigenous emergency response team; improving water sanitation at Thanchi and raising voices against growing eucalyptus to conserve their biodiversity through utilization of local knowledge</p>	<p>Community Resource Development Center</p>
 <p>Climate Resilience Financing</p>	<p>LoGIC is an innovative model climate finance model for Bangladesh, functioning through climate-resilient fund giving access to vulnerable women. Creating climate resilient infrastructures. In the next extension phase, UNDP is revising the climate adaptive livelihood option (CALO) list by putting community at the center of it</p>	<p>LoGIC, UNDP</p>

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 <p>Women's Rights and Livelihood Securities</p>	Provides and improves livelihood opportunities for women	Society Development Agency (SDA)
	Working on climate justice issues and with smallholder fisherwomen from coastal districts to improve their economic opportunities	Bright Bangladesh Forum
	Have been promoting community's leadership (mainly women) in designing their own houses in the face of climatic disasters; improving livelihood option; promoting children's education	Community Development Centre
 <p>Youth Leadership and Engagement</p>	Working with children and curating youth leader on climate change issues	Community Resource Development Center
	Supports youth engagement & leadership training on climate change adaptation	Integrated Social Development Effort (ISDE)
	Capacitating youth on climate change issues, and forest management	Taungya

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 <p>Sustainable Agricultural Practices; Climate Smart Agriculture and Technology</p>	<p>Promoting agroecology, social forestry and sustainable agriculture practices in the hill tracts to maintain their rich biodiversity</p>	<p>Caritas Chattogram</p>
	<p>Reducing usage of harmful fertilizer</p>	<p>Atisha Dipankar Peace Trust Bangladesh</p>
	<p>Working on promoting climate-smart agriculture (bio-degradable seedling bags)</p>	<p>Hellen Keller</p>
	<p>Disseminating knowledge on growing saline-tolerant crops</p>	<p>Integrated Social Development Effort (ISDE)</p>
 <p>Disaster Risk Reduction</p>	<p>Infrastructural development, livelihood enhancement, human-induced climate change, coordination among civil societies, NGOs, & practitioners</p>	<p>Jugantar Samaj Unnayan Sangstha (JSUS)</p>
	<p>Focusing on ensuring sustainability of climate-resilient infrastructure, however concerned about the risks of landslides</p>	<p>Chittagong University of Engineering & Technology</p>
	<p>Promoting disaster risk reduction practices</p>	<p>Community Development Centre</p>

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 <p>Local Leadership/ Community Engagement</p>	Address the hardships of climate migrants in CHT through community involvement	Unnayaner Pathe Manush (UPAMA)
	Following a learning by doing approach in their CLIMB project which focuses on enhancing local communities' leadership in innovating climate adaptive solutions. CARE believes locally led adaptation has the potential to solve the challenges of curating local leadership. Proper documentation is key	CARE Bangladesh
	Focusing on education and community development	Ghashful
	Does community-based action research	Asian University for Women
 <p>Capacity Building and Sustainability</p>	Capacity building on resolving water shortages, and promoting the usage of renewable energy	Integrated Social Development Effort (ISDE)
	Focuses on capacity building	Bangladesh Integrated Social Advancement Programme (BISAP)
	Educating the community on climate change and is a local knowledge sharing platform for climate change adaptation	Green Lead

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Climate Change Adaptation

Focuses on climate change adaptation in Rohingya camps	Caritas Chattogram
Focus area is on climate change adaptation	Taungya
Innovating water saving technology. Their future is to address water scarcity in Bandarban	Hellen Keller
Exploring urban climate change options	Bright Bangladesh Forum
Endorser of the 8 Principles of locally led adaptation and have 6 current projects on climate change	Young Power Social Aspiration
Works on climate change adaptation through a human rights lens	Unite Theatre for Social Action (UTSA)



Climate Change and Health

Research on jhum cultivation and rubber plantation's impact on health and environment.	ICCCAD Youth Fellow
In future wants to research on climate change and health	Asian University for Women

CLOSING REMARKS

At the end of the launching event, Dr. Saleemul Huq expressed that ICCCAD will work on the co-creation of knowledge with everyone to tackle climate change. He encouraged youth fellows to get engaged in further discussion. The leaders who are working at the grassroots level need to be identified and their capacity building needs to be ensured. He urged everyone to find concrete solutions to the problems and assured that ICCCAD will facilitate roundtable discussions and present the solution to government bodies in the future.



WAY FORWARD

- Focus on capacitating the participants of the platform on climate change issues.
- Support research and knowledge management on locally led adaptation.
- Create an elaborated map focusing on the active local actors (NGOs, INGOs, researchers, academic institutions, youth organizations, etc.) who are based in the Chattogram division, with their organization details and activities for better collaboration and co-creation within the division.





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