

# Project Progress Report

Shyamnagar Climate Justice Lab Project  
YouthNet Satkhira Unit

**Organisation Logo**

### Project info

The Shyamnagar Climate Justice Lab aims to empower youth activists in coastal Bangladesh with knowledge, skills, and networks to address climate change challenges. Through interactive training, a Climate Justice camp, and community engagement, participants will gain practical tools for resilience-building and advocacy. By fostering leadership and promoting human rights, the project seeks to drive transformative change towards a sustainable and equitable future in vulnerable coastal communities. With a total budget of 5 Lacs, the project will implement diverse activities including training sessions, field visits, and advocacy campaigns to achieve its objectives.

### Objectives of the Project

*Here are the project objectives presented in bullet points:*

- Empower youth activists in coastal Bangladesh with knowledge, skills, and networks to address climate change challenges.
- Provide interactive training sessions aimed at equipping participants with practical tools for resilience-building and advocacy.
- Organize a Climate Justice camp to provide immersive learning experiences in nature.
- Engage with local communities through community engagement initiatives.
- Foster leadership among participants to drive transformative change towards a sustainable and equitable future.
- Promote human rights within the context of climate change adaptation and mitigation efforts.

**The CAP-RES project has three objectives as follows:**

*Objective 1: Create enabling environment and foster individuals to enhance their knowledge of climate change issues and develop their problem-solving skills*

*Objective 2: Generate factual evidence from local practices to scale up at the global level.*

*Objective 3: Improve institutional efficiency and effectiveness in decision-making and putting into practice in climate intervention*

**Based on these above objectives which one is more relevant to your project? How your project activities achieved this objective? (Maximum 200 words)**

**Objective 1: Create enabling environment and foster individuals to enhance their knowledge of climate change issues and develop their problem-solving skills.**

This objective is highly relevant to the Shyamnagar Climate Justice Lab project. Through interactive training sessions, workshops, and a Climate Justice camp, our project aims to empower youth activists with comprehensive knowledge of climate change issues. By providing practical tools and resources for resilience-building and advocacy, participants will enhance their problem-solving skills to address climate challenges effectively. The project fosters an enabling environment for learning and collaboration, encouraging participants to engage with climate change issues critically and develop innovative solutions tailored to their communities' needs. Through peer-to-peer learning, mentorship, and community engagement initiatives, the project facilitates the development of leadership and problem-solving skills essential for driving

**transformative change towards a sustainable future**

**Team Composition**

*SM Shahin Alom, Lead  
MD Hafiz , Deputy lead  
MD Imam Hossain, District Coordinator*

**Location**

*Shyamnagar, Satkhira*

**Reached people (Direct and indirect)**

*Direct Reached people: Total numbers including Male and Female segregation*

*Male: 500, Female: 3000*

*Indirect Reached people: Total numbers influence through social media, in-person influence or any other medium with the numbers in which social media platform ,.  
10k+*

**Summary findings**

*The Shyamnagar Climate Justice Lab project successfully empowered youth activists in coastal Bangladesh with knowledge, skills, and networks to address climate change challenges. Through interactive training sessions, workshops, and a Climate Justice camp, participants gained practical tools for resilience-building and advocacy. The project fostered an enabling environment for learning and collaboration, emphasizing problem-solving skills development. Feedback from participants highlighted increased awareness of climate change issues and enhanced leadership abilities. Follow-up activities such as field visits and real-world climate action projects further reinforced learning and community engagement. Partnerships with local organizations and stakeholders strengthened institutional efficiency and effectiveness in climate intervention decision-making and implementation. Overall, the project contributed to*

*building a sustainable and equitable future in vulnerable coastal communities by promoting human rights, fostering leadership, and driving transformative change towards climate resilience.*

### **Describing findings of the project**

*Describe the progress/findings of your project*

The progress and findings of the Shyamnagar Climate Justice Lab project have been substantial and promising:

1. **Increased Knowledge and Skills :** Participants have significantly enhanced their understanding of climate change issues, including its science, impacts, and adaptation strategies. They have developed practical skills for resilience-building and advocacy, empowering them to address climate challenges effectively.
2. **Empowered Youth Activists:** The project has successfully empowered youth activists with leadership skills and confidence to drive transformative change in their communities. Participants have emerged as influential advocates for climate justice, actively engaging with local stakeholders and decision-makers.
3. **Community Engagement:** Through various activities such as workshops, field visits, and real-world climate action projects, the project has fostered strong community engagement. Participants have collaborated with local communities to develop context-specific solutions for climate resilience, promoting inclusivity and ownership of initiatives.
4. **Institutional Strengthening:** Partnerships with local organizations, stakeholders, and government entities have strengthened institutional efficiency and effectiveness in climate intervention decision-making and implementation. This collaboration has facilitated the scaling up of successful practices at the local level to contribute to global climate action efforts.
5. **Impact and Sustainability:** The project has made a tangible impact on vulnerable coastal communities, promoting human rights, resilience, and sustainability. It has laid the foundation for long-term resilience-building efforts, creating lasting change towards a more equitable and sustainable future for Shyamnagar and Satkhira.

### **Measuring Progress**

*How many project activities you have done? (These might be workshops, focus groups, or performances, etc). Please list all of these*

Throughout the implementation of the Shyamnagar Climate Justice Lab project, several activities were conducted to achieve its objectives. Here is a comprehensive list of the project activities:

1. Development and design of the context-specific course curriculum and training materials.
2. Recruitment of experienced facilitators, experts, and local practitioners.
3. Conducting a 3-day Lab Training covering climate science, climate justice, human rights, resilience-building, and community engagement.
4. Organizing a 2-day Climate Justice camp for an immersive nature experience.
5. Implementing follow-up activities including meetings, field visits, case studies, and

- real-world climate action projects in collaboration with local communities.
6. Hosting a youth dialogue session with local administration.
  7. Collecting feedback and conducting evaluations for continuous improvement.
  8. Monitoring and tracking participants' progress and community initiatives.
  9. Establishing partnerships with local organizations, stakeholders, and government entities to strengthen climate resilience efforts.
  10. Conducting advocacy and communication campaigns to raise awareness and drive positive change at local and national levels.

These activities were designed to provide comprehensive learning opportunities, foster community engagement, and empower youth activists to address climate change challenges effectively.

### Identifying new skills and where to learn more

*What are the most useful skills or practices that you learned? Which do you use most often?*

Through the Shyamnagar Climate Justice Lab project, several useful skills and practices were acquired, with some being more frequently utilized than others:

1. **Community Engagement** : Learning how to effectively engage with local communities, build trust, and foster collaboration was crucial. This skill is frequently used in various project activities, including workshops, field visits, and community-led initiatives.
2. **Leadership Development** : Developing leadership skills, including communication, decision-making, and teamwork, has been invaluable. These skills are frequently utilized when coordinating project activities, facilitating discussions, and empowering youth activists.
3. **Problem-Solving** : Acquiring problem-solving skills, particularly in the context of climate change adaptation and resilience-building, has been essential. These skills are frequently applied when addressing challenges faced during project implementation and finding innovative solutions.
4. **Project Management** : Learning project management techniques, such as planning, budgeting, and monitoring, has been instrumental in ensuring smooth project implementation. These skills are frequently used to coordinate activities, track progress, and manage resources effectively.
5. **Advocacy and Communication** : Enhancing advocacy and communication skills, including public speaking, storytelling, and networking, has been beneficial. These skills are frequently employed when advocating for climate justice, raising awareness, and mobilizing support for the project.

Overall, while all these skills and practices are important, community engagement and leadership development are the most frequently utilized in the project. Effective engagement with local communities and empowering youth activists are central to achieving project objectives and driving transformative change towards climate resilience and justice in vulnerable coastal communities.

### What knowledge or skills do you think would have improved your project?

Several additional knowledge and skills could have potentially enhanced the effectiveness and impact of the Shyamnagar Climate Justice Lab project:

1. **Technical Expertise** : Enhanced technical knowledge in areas such as climate modeling, disaster risk reduction, and ecosystem management could have provided participants with a more comprehensive understanding of climate change dynamics and adaptation strategies.
2. **Social Science Research Skills** : Stronger capabilities in conducting social science research, including qualitative data collection and analysis, could have facilitated a deeper exploration of community perspectives and socio-economic dynamics influencing climate resilience efforts.
3. **Project Management** : Improved project management skills, including budgeting, monitoring, and evaluation techniques, could have enhanced the efficiency and effectiveness of project implementation, ensuring resources are utilized optimally and objectives are achieved within specified timelines.
4. **Policy Advocacy** : Enhanced skills in policy analysis and advocacy could have empowered participants to more effectively engage with policymakers and advocate for evidence-based policies that support climate resilience and justice at local and national levels.
5. **Cross-Cultural Communication** : Improved cross-cultural communication skills could have facilitated more effective collaboration and understanding between project participants and local communities, particularly in navigating diverse cultural contexts and perspectives.
6. **Conflict Resolution** : Enhanced skills in conflict resolution and negotiation could have helped address potential conflicts or disagreements within project teams or between stakeholders, promoting smoother collaboration and consensus-building towards shared goals.

By incorporating these additional knowledge and skills, the project could have further strengthened its capacity to empower youth activists and drive transformative change towards climate resilience and justice in vulnerable coastal communities.

### What are the challenges/Risks you faced during the project activities? How you overcome/minimize those challenges?

During the implementation of the Shyamnagar Climate Justice Lab project, several challenges and risks were encountered, including:

1. **Community Engagement** : Engaging with local communities and gaining their trust proved challenging due to cultural differences, language barriers, and varying levels of understanding about climate change issues.
2. **Weather and Environmental Factors** : Unpredictable weather conditions, particularly during outdoor activities such as field visits and the Climate Justice camp, posed risks to participant safety and program implementation.

3. **Political and Social Instability** : Political tensions and social unrest in the region occasionally disrupted project activities and posed risks to participant safety.

To overcome or minimize these challenges, several strategies were employed:

1. **Community Outreach and Sensitization** : Extensive community outreach and sensitization efforts were conducted to build trust, foster dialogue, and ensure meaningful participation of local communities in project activities.
2. **Contingency Planning** : Robust contingency plans were developed to address potential weather-related disruptions, including alternative indoor venues for activities and flexible scheduling.
3. **Security Measures** : Close coordination with local authorities and security personnel helped mitigate risks associated with political instability, while proactive communication with participants ensured their safety and well-being.

Despite these challenges, proactive planning, stakeholder engagement, and adaptability to changing circumstances enabled the project to overcome obstacles and achieve its objectives effectively. Ongoing monitoring and evaluation were also crucial for identifying and addressing emerging challenges in a timely manner.

#### Write down the “lesson-learn” of your project

The “lessons learned” from the Shyamnagar Climate Justice Lab project include:

1. **Importance of Community Engagement** : Meaningful engagement with local communities is essential for the success of climate resilience initiatives. Building trust, fostering dialogue, and incorporating community perspectives are critical for developing context-specific solutions and ensuring sustainability.
2. **Flexibility and Adaptability** : Projects in dynamic environments such as climate change adaptation require flexibility and adaptability to navigate unexpected challenges and changes. Being open to adjustments in plans and strategies is crucial for maintaining project momentum and achieving desired outcomes.
3. **Holistic Approach** : Addressing climate change challenges requires a holistic approach that integrates environmental, social, economic, and cultural dimensions. Taking into account the interconnectedness of these factors enhances the effectiveness and sustainability of interventions.
4. **Capacity Building and Empowerment** : Investing in capacity building and empowerment of local stakeholders, particularly youth activists, is key to driving transformative change. Equipping individuals with knowledge, skills, and resources empowers them to become agents of change in their communities.
5. **Partnerships and Collaboration** : Building strong partnerships and collaborating with diverse stakeholders, including government agencies, NGOs, and local organizations, enhances project impact and sustainability. Leveraging complementary expertise and resources strengthens intervention efforts and facilitates scaling up successful practices.
6. **Continuous Learning and Adaptation** : Embracing a culture of continuous learning and adaptation is essential for maximizing project effectiveness. Regular monitoring, evaluation, and feedback mechanisms help identify lessons learned, refine approaches,

and improve outcomes over time.

7. Resilience and Persistence : Overcoming challenges and setbacks requires resilience and persistence. Maintaining a positive outlook, remaining committed to project goals, and persevering through obstacles are crucial for achieving long-term impact in complex environments.

By reflecting on these lessons learned, future climate resilience initiatives can enhance their effectiveness and contribute more effectively to sustainable development and climate justice goals.

Add most relevant photos of your activities with captions (not more than 4).



Write a feedback on this innovation fund. (Write a paragraph within 400 words)

- How you know about this
- How you benefited from this
- What are lacking you faced
- How can we make the initiative better for the next year?





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We are to know about the innovation fund through an announcement shared on social media platforms and email newsletters from relevant organizations in the climate resilience sector. Participating in this fund proved immensely beneficial for our project, the Shyamnagar Climate Justice Lab. The financial support provided by the fund enabled us to implement crucial activities such as training sessions, workshops, and the Climate Justice camp, which empowered youth activists and fostered community resilience to climate change. Additionally, the recognition and visibility gained through the fund helped amplify our project's impact and attract further support from other stakeholders.