



# Char Development and Settlement Project Phase IV

## At a Glance

Fast Facts of CDSP IV	
USD 89.2 million	Total project cost, co-financed by the Government of Bangladesh, the Government of the Netherlands, and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
155,000 people	To benefit (or 28,000 households)
30,000 hectares	Char land to be developed
6 implementing agencies	1. Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB), 2. Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), 3. Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE), 4. Ministry of Land (MoL), 5. Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE), and 6. the Forest Department (FD)
6 years	Project duration from 2011 – 2017
6 components	1. Protection from Climate Change, 2. Climate-resilient Infrastructure, 3. Land Settlement and Titling, 4. Livelihood Support, 5. Field Level Institutions, and 6. Surveys and Studies, Operation and Maintenance
1 objective	'To reduce poverty and hunger among poor people living on newly accreted chars'

### Project activities overview

#### 1. Protection from climate change

The protection from climate change on the chars is enhanced by building embankments, drainage sluices, channels, and closures. Water Management Groups are formed to operate and maintain the developed infrastructure. In addition, protective plantations of trees are established on mud flats, foreshores and embankments, which also provide income generation possibilities for Social Forestry Groups.

#### 2. Climate-resilient infrastructure

The project builds roads, bridges, culverts, cyclone shelters / schools, killas (cyclone refuges for livestock), markets, boat landing ghats, bus stands, and Upazilla offices. This infrastructure will improve the communication both inside the area and with the surrounding areas. This allows settlers access to outside markets to sell their products and to buy necessary goods. Furthermore deep tube wells and hygienic latrines are established to improve the living conditions of the settlers.

#### 3. Land settlement and titling

Following an extensive plot-to-plot survey to identify pieces of land and their current occupants, CDSP IV leads the administrative process for the official registration of the land titles. Successful innovations (good practice) made during previous phases of the project are continued. These include public hearings to confirm the landless households, registering the title in both wife's and husband's name, and the digital land record management system.

#### 4. Livelihood support

The agricultural support subcomponent aims at enabling farmers to make better use of their land resources. Farmer Forums are established, and a programme to promote agricultural technologies is implemented. These technologies

are specifically adapted to saline conditions and for resilience to climate change. Under the social and livelihood support subcomponent four NGOs provide micro-finance services, training on income-generating activities and disaster management, raise awareness for legal rights, and extend health and family planning services.

#### 5. Field level institutions

To ensure people's participation in the project's interventions, community based groups, such as Water Management -, Social Forestry -, Micro Finance - and Tube Well User Groups are formed. They are closely involved in planning and implementing the project as well as in operation and maintenance upon the completion of interventions. While forming these field level institutions, female participation is promoted.

#### 6. Surveys and studies, operation and maintenance

The project continues its support in CDSP I, II and III areas for operation and maintenance activities and land settlement (in particular in Boyer Char). Feasibility studies are undertaken to identify and preliminarily formulate programmes for future interventions in the coastal char areas.



#### Institutional set-up

As with the previous phase, CDSP IV draws on the experience and expertise of six implementing agencies as described in the 'Fast Facts of CDSP IV' table on the left.

A technical advisory team (TA Team) supports the work of the implementing agencies and coordinates the involved Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs). An Inter Ministerial Steering Committee and a Project Management Committee ensure an effective coordination among all implementing partners.

#### Latest information and contact details

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