



Green Voices

Empowering Women and Youth
for Climate Action in Bangladesh

Why are women and youth crucial to climate action in Bangladesh?

Bangladesh, one of the most climate-vulnerable countries, faces threats such as rising sea levels, cyclones, and erratic weather, with women and youth disproportionately impacted. Women, especially in rural areas, struggle with limited access to education, financial services, and decision-making roles, while youth are often excluded from key climate decisions. Despite being at the forefront of climate change, their involvement in adaptation and mitigation is often overlooked.

Studies show that empowering women and youth leads to more effective and sustainable outcomes, yet gender inequality and systemic exclusion remain major barriers, limiting the impact of climate action.

What is Green Voices all about?

Green Voices, funded by the Embassy of the Kingdom of The Netherlands and managed by The Asia Foundation, empowers women, youth, and marginalized communities in Bangladesh's climate-vulnerable areas.

In collaboration with Bonhishikha and The Earth, the project integrates these groups into climate adaptation and mitigation strategies through policy advocacy, capacity building, and green innovation.

Over the course of two years, it aims to create an inclusive and resilient climate action strategy, empowering these communities to become key drivers of change in Bangladesh's fight against climate change.

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Who are the program participants?



Women, youth and socially excluded groups in climate-vulnerable communities



Youth leaders and innovators shaping climate solutions

What impact do we expect?



Increased participation and collaboration among relevant stakeholders (including private sector actors) for gender-focused climate initiatives



Increased participation of women, youth, and other socially excluded voices in climate change programming and policies



Greater representation of the needs of women, youth and other socially excluded communities leading to more gender focused or gender sensitive initiatives

What are the key activities?



Capacity Development

Skill development of women, youth, and other socially excluded communities in climate change programming and policies



Policy Advocacy

National and local level dialogues to promote more gender-focused or gender-sensitive initiatives



Green Innovation

Incubation and support for early-stage sustainable business ideas to grow and collaborate

About us

For 70 years, The Asia Foundation (the Foundation) has worked with government, civil society, community, and religious leaders, and the private sector in Bangladesh. Together with its partners, the Foundation continuously work to tackle community challenges, build leadership capacity that reflects the country's diversity, and facilitate broad-based participation in the country's development. The Foundation's programs currently focus on strengthening governance, empowering women, and expanding economic opportunities.

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