



Agriculture & Homestead Gardening

Project Overview

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The "Agriculture and Homestead Gardening" project aims to empower Rohingya communities through household-level agriculture, specifically homestead gardening. Its goals include enhancing self-reliance, improving food security, promoting dietary diversity, and increasing access to fresh and nutritious foods for the Rohingya community.

This project offers training and support to refugees in various aspects of climate-smart agriculture, covering soil preparation, seed collection, organic farming techniques, pest control, and post-harvest management.

Furthermore, it facilitates the distribution of essential gardening supplies like seeds, tools, and organic fertiliser to ensure refugees have the necessary resources for starting and maintaining their gardens.

The project's core mission is to enable refugee households to grow a variety of vegetables for their own consumption, reducing their reliance on external aid while improving access to fresh food.

The organisation, ActionAid Bangladesh, is working with 10,000 households across ten camps in the Ukhiya and Teknaf areas of Cox's Bazar. A key focus of this initiative is providing training to women within these households, empowering them to take on leadership roles and make decisions related to food security and nutrition within their families, communities, and societies.



“When I work in my garden, it reminds me of the days when we had extensive vegetable gardens in Barma. We cultivated many different varieties of vegetables with my family. Gardening helps me recall happy memories, and I enjoy spending time in my garden.”



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Khurshida Begum



“ Now I can easily eat vegetables from my garden instead of buying them from the market when I lack money for household items.”

Nooru Taaz



“I was idling away my time and was weary of being unproductive. After getting involved in home gardening initiatives, I found my peace and spent quality time doing meaningful work.”



“ We can't buy all the things we need from the market because we don't have enough money. However, the veg grown around my shelter provides us with plenty of nutritional support.”



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“Last week, one of my neighbours approached me and said that their family was struggling to afford food. I gave them some veg and leafy greens to help them, and it brought me immense satisfaction to support them during their difficult times.”

Kawser Fatema



“During my time in Myanmar, I sowed the seeds of hope by seeking assistance from others. However, since my connection with ActionAid Bangladesh, they have generously provided me with seeds, compost, and many resources that have brought immense joy into my life. Moreover, having a purpose to occupy my free moments has filled my heart with happiness.”



“A lot of vegetables are growing in my garden, and it makes me feel really serene inside.”

Somuda



“With the reduction in the value of the food bank card, affording leafy veg became a challenge. In the past, I could only buy them for 20 Takas, which was insufficient for my entire family. However, now, I harvest leafy veg from my own garden, providing an abundance that fulfils the needs of my loved ones.”



“ I sent a bountiful harvest of homegrown veg to my daughters-in-law in a neighbouring camp through the caring hands of my son, and their faces lit up with happiness.”



“ I used the financial support received from ActionAid Bangladesh to buy new clothes for my children. This not only provided them with fresh and stylish clothes but also filled both my heart and theirs with immense happiness.”

Rohima Khatun



“ Although my husband's income isn't always stable, I contribute by selling vegetables and using the proceeds for our family's needs. This not only grants me a profound sense of self-reliance but also boosts my confidence, knowing that I am a contributing member of our family's well-being. ”



“With the reduction in the food bank card amount, by the end of the month, we often found ourselves with insufficient funds to purchase veg. However, today, we no longer depend on the market for our vegetable needs. I cultivate the veg we require and happily share the excess with our neighbours.”



“ I diligently save the proceeds from my vegetable sales, and when my husband faces financial difficulties, I offer him a helping hand. Seeing his pleasantly surprised expression makes me feel good, reminding me of the strength of our partnership.”



“Gathering here, cooking, and dining together feels like a picnic. We used to do this back in Myanmar, and these cooking sessions bring back cherished memories from the past.”

Sufiya Khatun



“I was pottering about and feeling unproductive, but after getting involved in home gardening initiatives, I found my inner peace and spent some quality time doing something”



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