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WAVE FOUNDATION

Together for Better Life

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BACKGROUND

WAVE Foundation emerged as a Civil Society Organization in 1990. Since its establishment, the organization has been implementing multifaceted activities for the socio-economic development of the poor and marginalized as well as the establishment of universal human rights and good governance. Besides, the organization is conducting issue-based policy advocacy and campaigns. WAVE is driven by its motto "Together for Better Life" towards the vision of establishing "A just and Prosperous society". WAVE has organized its all activities under 6 major programs: 1) Poverty Eradication and Livelihood Development; 2) Community Financing and Entrepreneurship Development; 3) Agri-food System Transformation; 4) Governance, Rights and Justice; 5) Social Development and Youth Empowerment; and 6) Climate Justice and Renewable Energy Promotion. It is now working directly with more than 17.5 million people all over the country and making significant contributions to the realization of the country's development plan and the achievement of sustainable development goals. The global coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) forces many sectors of activity to slow down and adapt their functioning. Unlike in the past, WAVE is responding through its actions and programs throughout Bangladesh to combat the coronavirus and its resulting crisis.

VISION

A Just and Prosperous Society

MISSION

Our mission is to promote the rights and entitlement of the people, thus all our interventions aim to unfold opportunities and potentials towards achieving quality lives for the people through inclusive and sustainable livelihood, governance, climate justice, and social change.

VALUES

- **Integrity** - We demonstrate our integrity through our commitment, honesty and work.
- **Accountability** - We demonstrate accountability and fairness by abiding rules and policies at work.
- **Innovation** - We apply creative and innovative solutions to foster adaptability, competitiveness, and resilience.
- **Frugality** - We are careful to use resources only as much as is necessary.

LEGAL STATUS

- NGO Affairs Bureau: # 719, dated 22.06.1993, latest renewal on 6th June 2018
- Societies Act XXI of 1860: # S-3240(29)/2003, dated 23.07.2003
- Department of Social Services: # Kush-87/91, dated 20.02.1991 & 28.07.2004
- Microcredit Regulatory Authority, Dhaka to operate as MFI: License No. 04908-00607-00023, dated 05.09.2007
- Department of Family Planning: #Affiliation Number-14, dated 18 June 2013.

STRATEGIC GOALS

- Sustainable Livelihood
- Democratic Governance
- Social Change
- Climate Justice

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

Programs	Objectives
Poverty eradication and livelihood development	Strengthen the livelihood of the marginalized and poor population.
Community financing and entrepreneurship development	Enhance the socio-economic condition of the poor and middle-class population through financing and developing entrepreneurial skills among the potential.
Agri-food system transformation	Transform the agri-food system by strengthening small and family farming approaches and developing agri-entrepreneurship.
Governance, rights, and justice	Promote people's participation in governance, democratic decentralization, accountability of public services, economic governance, human rights, access to justice, and absolute tolerance of diverse opinions in politics.
Social development and youth empowerment	Foster a social transformation process through social movements on the rights to health and education, gender justice, building social harmony and peace, and environmental development, by engaging citizens. Inclusion of youths in the process of social transformation and empowering them with social responsibility, leadership, skills, and employment.
Climate justice and renewable energy promotion	Take actions/initiatives and awareness building at all levels of the state and society to prevent climate change and environmental disasters and increase the use of renewable energy.

PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES UNDER 6 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

SL	Name of Programs, Projects & Activities
1.	Poverty Eradication and Livelihood Development Program
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pathways to Prosperity for Extremely Poor People - European Union (PPEPP-EU) Project
2.	Community Financing and Entrepreneurship Development Program
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Finance Program - MDP and MFCE Project Recovery and Advancement of Informal Sector Employment (RAISE) Project BD Rural WASH for HCD Project Accelerating Sustainable Water and Sanitation Facilities for All- ACCESS Project
3.	Agri-Food System Transformation and CDC Program
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BD Beef Goat Value Chain Signature Program Safe Meat and Dairy Product Market Development Sub project under (Rural Microenterprise Transformation Project - RMTP) Safe Vegetables Production and Marketing Project Onion Cultivation and Marketing Project Agro-Entrepreneurship Development through Farmers Producer Organization (FPO)/ Krishi Morcha Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Unit Strengthening Small Ruminant Production and Marketing Systems in Southern Bangladesh Center for Development and Capacity (CDC) centered Enterprises: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BBG Breeding Farm Fish Farm Dumba Farm Sheep Farm (Meherpur and Patuakhali)

4.	Governance, Rights and Justice Program
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Democratic Decentralization & Strong Local Government Campaign
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empowering left behind Minority Communities to Effectively Participate in the Development Process of Bangladesh
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women in Leadership Project (WiL)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for Enhancing Accountability in Water and Sanitation Sector to address risks of WASH
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving Transparency and Accountability of Social Protection Programs (SPPs)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building a Regional Network on Gender Inclusion in Political Participation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right to Food & Nutrition Campaign
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activating Village Courts in Bangladesh (AVCB) Project Phase - 3
5.	Social Development and Youth Empowerment Program
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing Resources and Increasing Capacities of Poor Households towards Elimination of their Poverty- ENRICH: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Elderly People Program – Adolescent Program
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting Pro-People Public Services through Strengthening Social Capital with the support of Local Administration (Loak Morcha) Project
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Assembly
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out of School Children Education Program
6.	Climate Justice and Renewable Energy Promotion Program
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban Management of Internal Migration due to Climate Change (UMIMCC) Project
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening Community Preparedness, Rapid Response and Recovery in Bangladesh Project
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enterprise Development Program-EDP Project
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact Investment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewable Energy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Solar Irrigation Systems – Bio-gas and Bio-fertilizer – Improved Cooking Stove – Solar Home System

Poverty Eradication and Livelihood Development Program

As a development organization, WAVE Foundation carrying out a multifaceted action plan to establish a society that is poverty-free and built on equality to overcome challenges that prevailed in poverty eradication and livelihood development. The completion of this challenging task necessitates diligent effort through the adoption of integrated action plans and processes. WAVE Foundation is following a holistic, multi-dimensional, and equitable process as part of sustainable and resilient livelihood development. All projects and initiatives are undertaken with greater emphasis on economic growth and empowerment of the extremely poor, persons with disabilities, food security and nutrition, justice for climate risk victims, and gender equality in underserved communities. WAVE has embedded its focus on the holistic growth of people and communities, with a focus on agricultural production, fisheries, the development of livestock, including Black Bengal goats (BBG Farming) community-based financing, technical assistance, connections to market systems, and skill development for social and economic change. WAVE is also assisting in developing small and medium enterprises centered on agriculture and small business to generate employment possibilities for all people. The creation of self-employment opportunities through various schemes and gradual promotion to institutional employment is facilitated. The informal sector makes up the vast majority of businesses in the nation (99.8%). Young people and women have the greatest potential in this sector. In this context, WAVE has started projects and programs that concentrate on the informal sector. Besides, WAVE is accelerating the process for people to have easier access to education, and healthcare services, particularly for children and pregnant women. These extensive and multifaceted development initiatives contribute to the country's economy since these interventions enable the country's underserved communities to escape the worst forms of extreme poverty while simultaneously fostering human growth.

PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS PROGRAM

- **Pathways to Prosperity for Extremely Poor People - European Union (PPEPP-EU) Project**

Pathways to Prosperity project supports extremely poor people to connect with mainstream economic growth and jobs through enhanced skills and created employment opportunities in different dimensions for sustainable development. The objectives of the project are to enable two million people (500,000 households) to exit from extreme poverty for good and support the development of stronger national institutions & systems to deliver services for the targeted group to become resilient and prosper, and increase GoB investment in quality service provision to extremely poor households in the targeted communities; and GoB increases funding for programs for livelihoods of extremely poor people. It is a holistic multidimensional development project with 03 major components i.e. Resilient Livelihood; Nutrition and Community Mobilization including 03 crosscutting issues of inclusion of Persons with Disabilities (PWDS), Gender Equality, and Climate Justice. WAVE Foundation is implementing the project in vulnerable southwest districts named Patuakhali with the support of PKSF funding from the UK Aid and the European Union. WAVE will directly serve more than 6000 extremely poor households in the selected vulnerable districts in the first phase (2020-2025).

Community Financing and Entrepreneurship Development Program

WAVE's Community Finance Program has been designed to be comprehensive, approachable, and suitable for various groups of society to provide employment opportunities and promote inclusive economic growth, with a focus on the demands and requirements of the rural and urban middle class and the underprivileged groups in society. A significant number of families in the community are deprived of making these investments in the right amount and at the right time because they do not have the financial capacity and the supply of capital or credit from public and private banks and financial institutions in the informal sector is very low. Furthermore, without microcredit support, it is very challenging for the underprivileged and marginalized groups in society to obtain collateral-free loans. WAVE seeks to improve economic involvement and financial self-reliance, as well as outreach, coverage, and inclusion through its numerous interventions under this program. Through this program, we are working to facilitate multifaceted activities including credit, capital formation, skill development, technology transfer, agro-farming, crop diversification, cash crop development, animal husbandry, micro-enterprise development, safe and affordable water and proper sanitation and

hygiene for all, the development of essential services and others. Additionally, we are working on agricultural processing, marketing, and value chain development alongside assembling women, youth, farmers, and producers. The credit program includes general borrowers, small entrepreneurs, extremely poor, farmers or agricultural entrepreneurs, individuals or families interested in investing in different components. WAVE has introduced programs for start-ups and small businesses targeted at assisting and supporting entrepreneurs in their access to financial services as well as their investment in business activities. Ensuring a fair price for the entrepreneurs linking them in the market system, providing those with training and guidance, and improving their skills of business development are important concentrations of this program. Throughout the intervention of this program, WAVE has been promoting economic empowerment and independence which are the most significant factors influencing individual and family well-being.

PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS PROGRAM

- **Community Finance Program**

WAVE continues and expands its community finance program to ensure that it increases its outreach geographically and within the existing community, it is serving through enhanced inclusion. Community finance plays a vital role in transforming WAVE Foundation into a sustainable institution for local communities. Through its multifaceted interventions under this program, WAVE aims to enhance outreach, coverage, and inclusion, increase economic involvement and financial self-reliance, and new and successful businesses in agriculture and other sectors. In Bangladesh, the supply of capital or loans provided by government-private banks and financial institutions in the case of the informal sector is too little. In this backdrop, collateral-free microfinance, a worldwide milestone program developed by the NGOs of Bangladesh contributes to economic development by generating self-employment. WAVE implements its Poverty and Hunger Eradication Program to ensure self-employment by promoting the socio-economic development of poor and lower-middle-class people living in both rural and urban settings. Under this program, 4 major loan products and various sub-loan products play important roles in agricultural production, livestock development including Black Bengal goat, local transportation, and small to large-scale businesses, enterprises, and economic development in different sectors of organization working areas. The program emphasizes the development of extremely poor and skill development training for program participants and technical assistance & medical services for their livestock development. In addition to financial services, WAVE intends to ensure the integrated development of the program participants by incorporating health and education services along with awareness-raising activities on social issues. Savings and micro insurance are one of the major activities along with loan support. Apart from this, WAVE has been working on cluster-based production and value chain development.

- **General Microcredit**

WAVE has been implementing microcredit in both rural and urban areas through its branch offices with financial support from PKSF and commercial banks. The products of microcredit are:

Major Products	Sub Products	
a) General Microcredit	<i>Supplementary Loan Product</i>	<i>Specialized Loan Product</i>
b) Micro Entrepreneurship	Seasonal Loan	Black Bengal Goat Rearing Loan
c) Microcredit for Ultra Poor	WASH Loan	Spices Cultivation Loan
d) Agriculture Credit	Disaster Management Loan	Sheep Rearing Loan

- **Micro Entrepreneurship**

WAVE has launched its Micro-entrepreneurship Program aiming at extending financial services to the progressive members of microfinance program for undertaking income generating activities that require bigger amount of capital. Micro-enterprise policy of WAVE is formulated based on assessing the needs and demands of the micro-entrepreneurs. Apart from progressive members of microfinance program, Micro-entrepreneurship Program provides financial services to all micro-entrepreneurs for accelerating employment generation. Any business activity that has investment up to BDT 1.5 million (excluding land and building) is considered as microenterprise. An individual micro-entrepreneur can take loan up to BDT 1.0 million for his enterprise under this Program. In order to have a comprehensive impact on the lives and livelihood of the entrepreneurs, this program also imparts business development skill training and facilitates market linkage for the products produced by entrepreneurs through market system inclusion. In essence, this program intends to

support and uplift the aspiring entrepreneurs in their pursuit of creating employments and income towards creating a prosperous Bangladesh. Components under this activity are as follow:

Business Development Skills

Comprehensive business development skills are offered to both, graduated members of Microfinance Program as well as existing entrepreneurs who are operating their business in conventional fashion but wants to upgrade their ventures. Both training and consultancy support are offered.

Financing

WAVE currently offers maximum BDT 10 lakh of loan support to the entrepreneurs.

Market Linkage

Entrepreneurs get market linkage support to make their business more competitive and viable.

➤ **Micro Credit for Ultra Poor**

Uplifting the socio-economic status of the poor remains at the heart of the microfinance program but so far it has been successful in reaching the moderate poor. The extremely poor are left out of the mainstream microfinance program because of the preconceived notion that they are vulnerable to loan repayment. On the contrary, ultra-poor people voluntarily exclude themselves from microcredit at times because of the fear of not being able to repay in time and getting further indebted. This realization has inspired WAVE Foundation to introduce specialized credit for the extremely poor. Under the 'Micro Credit for Ultra Poor' component, WAVE is providing flexible microcredit to extreme-poor people. In addition to the financial services, WAVE also provides different non-financial services like primary health care, technical services for implementing income-generating activities for the poor people, capacity-building support at the time of disaster, training, and awareness building on nutrition and social issues. The main objective of this project is to support the extreme-poor people in such a way so that they become capable of creating sustainable income opportunities and human dignity as well as they can lift them out of extreme poverty.

➤ **Agriculture Credit**

Agriculture being the driving force of our economy deserves dedicated attention. However, this sector lacks the attention of financial service providers. The high degree of risk involved in this sector is considered to be the reason for this aversion. Particularly small and marginal farmers who constitute the majority of the farmers have hardly any access to financial services. In order to increase yield and transform the socio-economic condition of the farmers' an uninterrupted flow of capital is imperative to solve the crisis associated with long-held conventional manual farming and the unavailability of quality input.

Agriculture Credit is dedicated to the sustainable development of the agriculture sector of our country. This dedicated program of WAVE offers flexibility and has become a prominent core programme of the organization covering a major share of the yearly loan disbursement. Since its inception, this unique program has created tremendous impetus for the investment of different IGAs such as crop cultivation and processing, livestock, fisheries, agro-forestry, agro-processing, etc. The provisions of the loan repayment are based on the crop and livestock product cycle. The single installment after the sale of the product has made it very popular among borrowers, especially those engaged in beef fattening and crop cultivation.

Agriculture Credit offers a comprehensive training program for the farmers. To make a sustainable impact special emphasis is given to ensuring quality input supply and technology transfer to the farmer level as well as establishing market linkage. Adequate attention is given to research, development of high-yielding seeds, management of irrigation, mechanized and technology-based farming, and vocational education to farmers. Angkur Seeds and Angkur Agro Machineries have been working as complementary forces to achieve the desired objective of this program. Components under Agriculture Credit are following below:

Finance

The crucial importance of finance is addressed based on the flexibility and needs of the farmers in accordance with the crop calendar and harvesting period. Finance for mechanization of agriculture is highly prioritized. The repayment can be once-off, weekly or monthly depending on farmers' choice.

Skills Development Training

Skill development trainings on crop, livestock and fisheries are provided to enhance the capacity of the farmers. Accordingly, field day is observed and demonstrations are set.

Input Supply and Technology Transfer

Quality input and technologies are prerequisite for development of agriculture sector. Proven agro-technologies are transferred to the farmer level in collaboration with the Department of Agricultural Extension-DAE.

➤ Savings & Micro Insurance with All Components

WAVE has been providing savings and credit risk management services in both rural and urban areas through its 133 branch offices with financial support from PKSf. The products of microinsurance are:

Microfinance Insurance
Livestock Insurance
Crop Insurance
Health Insurance
Life Insurance

- **Recovery and Advancement of Informal Sector Employment (RAISE) Project**

In the aim of ensuring sustainable employment, the project is dedicated to increasing the capacity and productivity of micro-entrepreneurs who are existing beneficiaries under the community finance program of WAVE Foundation. Youth from poor, marginalized, and ethnic communities in urban & peri-urban areas in Bangladesh are covered under this project. It engages youth from low-income families and provides occupational-based training as an apprenticeship. The project is looking forward to providing Risk Management Training to 700 existing entrepreneurs who are affected by COVID-19 and Business Management, Risk Management, and Occupational Training to 1300 rising entrepreneurs. Almost 500 youth from low-income families will be trained under 100 Master Craft Persons in the informal sector. This project is being supported and funded by PKSf and the World Bank. WAVE Foundation has been implementing this project through its 27-unit offices in 12 districts across the country.

- **BD Rural WASH for HCD Project**

The project has been undertaken with the aim of improving access to 'safely-managed' water supply and sanitation in the project areas and strengthening sector institutional capacity for water and sanitation. The project has adopted a demand-driven strategy to promote hygienic toilets & water supply systems by using lending instruments such as credit facilities along with incentives and conducting Behavior Change Communication (BCC) campaign on WASH that seeks to promote healthy living among the people by improving knowledge, attitudes, and practices related to safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene. The project activities focus on providing training and financial assistance to the Local Entrepreneurs (LE) for developing water and sanitation market system; extending financial and technical services for constructing hygienic toilets and safely managed water supply system at the household level; awareness raising and influencing the community to invest in WASH infrastructure for a better quality of life. The project is being implemented in 8 Upazilas under 5 Districts namely Manikganj, Jhenaidah, Magura, Pabna and Patuakhali through WAVE's 16 Branch Offices. WAVE is implementing this project from July, 2023 with the financial and technical support from Government of Bangladesh, World Bank and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) through PKSf.

- **Accelerating Sustainable Water and Sanitation Facilities for All-ACCESS**

Accelerating Sustainable Water and Sanitation Facilities for All-ACCESS supported by Water.org has been complementing to awareness raising and capacity building of the community as well as sanitation entrepreneurs. WASH Loan aims at behavioral change of the community people through promoting safe drinking water and sanitation practices; developing and enhancing the capacity of the WATSAN entrepreneurs to ensure the availability of water and sanitation products; providing the targeted community with affordable financial support for tube-well & sanitary latrine installation and establishing linkage with concerned government line agencies & other institutions for a sustainable sanitation facility.

Agri-Food System Transformation Program

The agri-food system is a comprehensive but complex system that includes a wide range of stakeholders in the food supply chain, and consumers as an integral part. It is influenced by the ideology of neo-liberalism has left the world in multiple crises. Therefore, WAVE has multiple interventions with various components under the livestock, crop, and fisheries. We are undertaking various projects and initiatives to transform the existing agri-food system in the conservation and development of biodiversity heritage, combating climate change, empowering small, women farmers, and providing family food and nutritional security. To improve the knowledge, abilities, and awareness of farmers, a special emphasis has been placed on technological advancement in these sectors - crops, livestock, and fisheries. We are organizing and empowering local farmers under the umbrella of Farmers Producers' Organizations (Krishi Morcha). WAVE is also working to promote agricultural technology to build reliable and safe markets for vegetables and other agricultural products and to empower farmers in market management to ensure their right to access markets. To support the transformation, we are engaged in the preservation of biodiversity, agriculture, the sustainable management of livestock and aquatic resources, the creation of high-value local breed mixed fish farming technologies, and the provision of immunization and medical assistance for the growth of livestock. We focus on prioritizing the transformation of agri-food systems for food rights, equity, healthy food, and collective survival during the climate crisis. WAVE is helping rural small farmers increase their access to real-time data by using information technology-based apps to reduce weather and climate-related risks. To make the agricultural industry more environmentally conscious, we are assisting rural farmers with pest and disease management, weather-based risk management, and crop harvesting. Overall, the program fosters support through deep connections and integration with the economic, environmental, social, and cultural processes of agriculture.

PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS PROGRAM

- **BD Beef Goat Value Chain Signature Program**

The goal of this project is to increase the living income and woman empowerment of 14 woman cooperative members in Rajshahi district through beef and goat value chain activities. WAVE is implementing the project in 4 Upazilas (Godagari, Paba, Mohanpur, and Puthia) under Rajshahi district with the support of Heifer International Bangladesh.

- **Safe Meat and Dairy Product Market Development Sub-Project under Rural Microenterprise Transformation Project-RMTP**

WAVE has been implementing this project since January 2022 with the support of PKSf and IFAD. The goal of this project is to increase the income of marginal and small farmers and backward and forward market entrepreneurs related to meat and dairy sub-sectors, ensure food security, and improve family nutrition. It intervenes to develop the value chain for safe meat and dairy products at different stages, value addition, expansion of financial services for the development of enterprises, and strengthening of institutional structure. Initiatives are being taken to increase the range of enterprises and expand the enterprise through efficient production methods and strong market connections of marginal and small farmers. The project interventions primarily target (i) the poor, (ii) the transitional poor, and (iii) the enterprising poor. Among the target groups, 30% are youth and at least 70% are women. This project addresses some issues such as inadequate animal services, lack of quality cattle feed, conventional farm management, poor processing, lack of knowledge about safe meat and milk production, and inadequacy of ICT and financial services in developing the market for safe meat and dairy products. It has 6 interventions i.e. 1: Livestock service market development and easier access to new and improved services locally through the development of LSPs, 2: Development of feed market by developing a supply chain of high-yielding raw grass, silage and ready feed through local suppliers along with concerned companies/institutions, 3: Farm mechanization by jointly developing dealers and sub-dealers with the concerned companies, 4: Production of safe dairy products and entry into the premium market, 5: Safe meat production and entry into the premium market and 6: Expansion of ICT and financial services. The project will involve 24,000 farmers and 1,000 service providers to strengthen the backward and forward markets during its period. WAVE is implementing this project in Damurhuda Upazila and Sadar Upazila of

Chuadanga District; Mujibnagar Upazila, Sadar Upazila and Gangni Upazila of Meherpur District and Sadar Upazila of Jhenaidah District.

- **Safe Vegetables Production and Marketing Project**

WAVE started implementing this project in 2020 in Manikganj District. The project aims to increase the sustainable income of local farmers and reduce consumer health risks by ensuring safe vegetable production and marketing using various technologies throughout the year on a commercial basis. The initiative is undertaken to create safe vegetable villages with local farmers for safe vegetable production. The use of environment-friendly agricultural technology and vegetable production will promote health risks-free safe vegetables throughout the year. The project interventions intend to increase the capability of targeted farmers to produce safe crops and extend agricultural technology to build reliable safe vegetable market management and ensure farmers' access to the market. Also, public awareness will be raised on safe vegetables. The various activities under the project are- Farmers selection, formation of Farmers' Producer organization and creation of safe vegetable production villages, Capacity Building (Training, Field Day Observation, and Motivation Trips), Vegetable production using various technologies (GAP, IPM) for safe vegetable production, Distribution of agricultural inputs, Implement activities related to market linkage and development, Linkage with public-private service institutions (meetings and workshops), Ensure fundraising and financial support, Campaigning (setting up sign boards, making and distributing posters and leaflets, participating in various agricultural fairs, promotion in electronic media and maintain liaison, video documentation) and so on. The project is being implemented in Singair upazila under Manikganj district with the support of PKSF.

- **Onion Cultivation and Marketing Project**

Onion Cultivation and Marketing intervention has been implementing in Meherpur and Chuadanga Districts as WAVE's own initiative. In 2017, WAVE started this initiative under the 'Promoting Agricultural Commercialization and Enterprises (PACE) Project' of PKSF in Meherpur District. The initiatives implemented by WAVE follow the strategy of combining financial & non-financial services and transfer technologies to the micro-entrepreneurs involved in year-round onion cultivation and value chain development. Its specific objectives are; increasing the income of project participants of year-round onion cultivation by ensuring the availability of quality seeds & seedlings; reducing post-harvest wastages and production costs through establishing a cost-effective commercial storage system at the farmers' level and creating wage-based employment through expansion of year-round onion cultivation.

- **Agro-Entrepreneurship Development through Farmers Producer Organization (FPO) / Krishi Morcha**

FPO/Krishi Morcha is a smallholder farmers' organization that aims to improve the standard of farmer's living and ensure a good status of their available support, income, and profitability to promote small farming as a viable business. WAVE Foundation has been working to organize and capacitate farmers under its initiative of FPOs concept named Krishi Morcha, in different regions in Bangladesh. As of now, WAVE has reached 425 farmers' doorsteps with a total of 16 Krishi Morcha groups in three districts of Chuadanga, Meherpur, and Manikganj. This can be a potential model to improve the livelihood of small and marginal farmers by evolving social capital, Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), agricultural supply, and value chain. Farmers are trained and equipped with different input supplies, access to modern technologies, and a wider range of market information to sell their products at a fair price. Furthermore, they have been linked up with Government service providing institutions for better access to agricultural services. WAVE Foundation implements several projects on agriculture and livestock leveraging ICT tools for uplifting the livelihood of rural farmers, development of agro entrepreneurs, safe vegetable production, and Black Bengal Goat Rearing involving Krishi Morcha groups with its own fund. This initiative has a significant contribution towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular, Goals 1, 2, and 8.

- **Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Unit**

WAVE Foundation has been implementing diversified agriculture, livestock, and fisheries-related activities under this unit with a collaborative partnership with the Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF). To promote and extend sustainable, innovative, and environment-friendly technology (agriculture, livestock, and fisheries) and also provide extension services along with farmer's capacity building support to the doorsteps is the aim of this unit. This unit enables the farmers to advance in access to resources, market information, and advisory services for boosting sustainable farm production, ensuring household food & nutrition security, and creating employment opportunities in rural areas.

- **Strengthening Small Ruminant Production and Marketing Systems in Southern Bangladesh**

The overall goal of the project is to strengthen the small ruminant market value chain. To mobilize current and new livestock service providers (LSP), provide training on business development services to loan recipients, carry out village-level animal health campaigns across targeted districts for small ruminants, establish buck service centers, and then buy back and sell it off through output market linkage, the project has diversified interventions. Along with promoting financial inclusion, the core activities cover capacity building, reduced mortality rate, ready-feed, forage, and fodder promotion, buck service centers, and loan services. The areas covered under this project are Meherpur, Chuadanga, Jhenaidah, Kushtia, Jashore, and Magura districts of the Khulna Division and Patuakhali and Barguna districts of the Barishal Division. It will be executed through 25 branches under WAVE's community finance program from August 2023 to August 2025. The ACDI/VOCA is the technical partner while USAID is providing financial support to the project with a budget of BDT 64,893,000.

- **Center for Development and Capacity (CDC) centered Enterprises**

WAVE has been conducting Action Research for improving the quality and productivity of its products and promoting innovative ideas. To achieve this, WAVE has been working on the Black Bengal Goat and Sheep breeding farm, fish culture, onion seed processing, and other innovations in its campus situated in Koshaghata village near Chuadanga district town. Besides, the program participants are provided with skills development training on campus. In 2010, the campus was named 'Center for Development and Capacity-CDC'. The organization is developing enterprises with the aim of sustainability of its programs. At the same time, the organization is operating a firm training center in CDC.

- BBG Breeding Farm
- Fish Farm
- Dumba Farm
- Sheep Farm (Meherpur & Patuakhali)

Governance, Rights and Justice Program

One of the focuses of our development initiatives is promoting good governance, rights, and justice. WAVE is working towards strengthening the local government system and empowering the people through democratic decentralization, strengthening local government, improving the local justice system, and responsive public services. The program emphasizes the promotion of good governance through the inclusion of people's participation, especially in the decision-making process. This ensures that citizens' voices are represented in local government institutions and that these institutions are sensitive, transparent, and free from corruption. Furthermore, the focus is given to training and empowering marginalized groups of society who are victims of discrimination or deprived of justice in social security-oriented services. Consequently, they can play a role in establishing the rule of law and ensuring more access to these services. When providing policy advice and developing campaign strategies, we take into account the public's desire to review current legal frameworks, reform them, and enact new legislation. At the same time, we place equal value on trustworthy public institutions and effective local government structures for the right to food and nutrition, health, education, agriculture services, social protection, women's rights, and gender equality. To make the local government system and its various services more accessible to the general public, several public engagement programs and campaigns have been launched. This includes mobilizing public and stakeholder views in issue-based policy advocacy and campaigns. The Right to Food and Nutrition Campaign is one of our major initiatives in Bangladesh about the transformation of the food and agricultural systems, consistent and open policy frameworks, and laws aiming at fair, inclusive, and gender-sensitive good governance frameworks. Additionally, the prevention of the COVID-19 pandemic, the strengthening of demand-driven health services, a progressive tax system to promote citizen participation, and the empowerment of underprivileged minority communities for effective participation in the development process are important initiatives.

PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS PROGRAM

- **Democratic Decentralization & Strong Local Government Campaign**

The campaign aims to mobilize opinion of mass people and concerned stakeholders in support of a national decentralization policy and influence the state to endorse the policy. WAVE organized the 'Democratic Decentralization National Convention' in 2010 demanding the execution of democratic decentralization in light of our constitution and proposed a draft Democratic Decentralization Policy. As a continual effort, WAVE carries out multifaceted activities through its network to review and finalize the proposed Decentralization Policy. Under the campaign, the organization coordinates networks and alliances, involve LG representatives, policymakers, political leaders, civil society members, media personnel, youth, and other stakeholders, and conducts continuous lobbying with the concerned Parliamentary Standing Committee and policymakers.

- **Empowering Left behind Minority Communities to Effectively Participate in the Development Process of Bangladesh**

The initiative is undertaken to provide capacity building and legal and technical assistance to CSOs for creating an enabling environment and promoting minority women and girls' roles as agents of development and change to strengthen policy dialogue on gender equality and women's rights. This Action has taken continuous efforts to improve the capabilities and sustainability of the CSOs to organize themselves to respond to existing political, social, and economic challenges of minority groups, through advocacy and lobbying for inclusive governance with the involvement of Advocacy Network (Loak Morcha). The project is supported by the European Union with the technical assistance of Christian Aid. Besides WAVE, the implementing partners are Nagorik Uddyog, BLAST, and BANDHU. This project is being implemented in the Rajshahi and Naogaon districts of Rajshahi division, Khulna, Jashore, and Satkhira districts of Khulna division, Sylhet, Moulvibazar and Hobigonj districts of Sylhet division, and Dhaka city.

- **Women in Leadership (WiL) Project**

WAVE Foundation is currently implementing a project titled **Women in Leadership (WiL)** in collaboration with the British Council Bangladesh from November 2023 to March 2024. With the objectives of creating opportunities for dialogue to influence policies that benefit women and girls; to promote access and opportunity for women and girls and to build their skills and confidence to achieve their rights, and potential and have more influence over decisions that affect their lives. WAVE Foundation also aims to enhance its role in promoting gender equality, and its overall contribution to the Sustainable Development Goal (no. 5): Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls. The project's core offer is to emerging women leaders a lifetime opportunity to develop their leadership capacity and skills through an **eight-week online, self-access leadership course**. The eight-week self-accessed online course is comprised of Live Classrooms, Speed Mentoring Sessions, and Webinars. Two separate cohorts (group) comprising female govt. officials (BCS Female Cadre) and other female professionals from British Council alumni are the key participants of the course. The course is structured over eight weeks, each week focusing on a core component of social leadership. Sectoral experts play the key role of facilitator, mentor, and speaker respectively in different sessions. Project participants celebrate International Women's Day through social media and a daylong networking event will take place in Dhaka at the end of the project period. Through this networking event, women leaders will engage with policymakers and civil society members on crucial thematic issues. It is expected that the project will develop participant's ability to become more effective in leading interventions to support gender equality and women's leadership within their sector and/or community.

- **Support for Enhancing Accountability in Water and Sanitation Sector to address risks of WASH**

WAVE Foundation recently started a new project named 'Support for Enhancing Accountability in Water and Sanitation Sector to address risks of WASH'. This is supported by the Water Integrity Network (WIN). Field-level interventions are being implemented in Khulna and Rajshahi City Corporation and policy advocacy also will be conducted at the National level. The main objectives of the project are to push for reform through policy and advocacy; strengthen civil society; address integrity in the climate crisis and give a voice to the marginalized. According to SDG goal 6 is set to ensure the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all by 2030. To achieve those objectives, the project activities focus on conducting studies, workshops & Training with local integrity champions, Awareness Sessions with WASH user groups, youth, CSOs, and CBOS will raise collective voices to demand a more accountable and participatory water and sanitation sector in achieving SDG 6; Citizens' Score Cards; Budget Monitoring; Public Hearing Advocacy Meetings with City Corporation on WASH integrity; Sharing Meeting and Roundtable with relevant stakeholders at national level; Discuss and Dialogue between Policy Actors & Service Providing Institutions for policy reforms and budget allocation..

- **Improving Transparency and Accountability of Social Protection Programs (SPPs)**

WAVE Foundation has been implementing a project titled **Improving Transparency and Accountability of Social Protection Programs (SPPs)** in collaboration with the Asia Foundation Bangladesh from January to August 2024. The project aims to address the objectives to Increase public sector accountability and transparency; Strengthen the rule of law Promote civil society participation and media in these efforts; and Strengthen democratic institutions and practices by applying the strategic approaches of Strengthening civic engagement and space for improving transparency and accountability of SPPs; Enabling community for raising voice to ensure transparency and accountability of SPPs services and also aware on universal pension scheme; Ensuring responsive delivery of SPPs services using social accountability tools and lobby & advocacy for ensuring responsive delivery of SPPs services and Reinforcing relationship with the relevant stakeholders in better-performing oversight roles and responsibilities and demand-driven policy procedures of SPPs including universal pension scheme. Capacity building of Civic Forum on improving transparency and accountability of SPPs; Community-level awareness; Social audits; Public Hearings; Lobby and advocacy meetings and Evidence-based policy advocacy will be conducted to achieve the desired level of the outcome of the project.

- **Building a Regional Network on Gender Inclusion in Political Participation**

The Asia Foundation has provided a grant to People's Action for Free and Fair Elections (PAFFREL) in Sri Lanka under its South Asia Grants Program (SAGP). This grant aims to establish a regional coalition/network in collaboration with two other regional SAGP partners, namely: the Democracy Resource Center Nepal (DRCN) and WAVE Foundation in Bangladesh. As part of this, WAVE Foundation is starting to implement a project titled **Building a Regional Network on Gender Inclusion in Political Participation**. The goal of the project is to improve the political participation of women in the region and enhance the active participation of women in civic democratic decision-making processes. This initiative will focus on creating opportunities for regional peer learning and sharing platforms to enable women political representatives to connect and benefit from shared resources and learning; replicate enabling practices across the region; and function as a regional advocacy platform. This regional coalition/network will work on country-specific objectives, thereby giving more emphasis to the respective contexts, and will also focus on how these country-specific objectives could contribute to the overall/regional objective. To achieve the aforementioned objective, the partners in the three countries will undertake a list of activities. Research on Gender & Women's Political Empowerment; Sharing Meetings; Workshops; Training, producing research Reports and events, and finally facilitating the official launch of the regional gender network.

- **Right to Food & Nutrition Campaign**

The major objective of Right to Food & Nutrition Campaign is to share the experiences of civil society's movements and strengthen contact with all concerned organizations, institutions, partners & networks, and ensure the right to food and nutritional security for all the people of the country. It aims to promote investment in agriculture and food systems by accelerating coherent and transparent policies, laws, and regulations based on equitable, inclusive, and gender-sensitive governance structures in the context of Bangladesh. Right to Food Bangladesh Network is conducting this Campaign and undertaking multifaceted activities to accelerate the 'Legal Framework on Right to Food' and other relevant issues by engaging different entities with its perspectives and strategies while WAVE Foundation has been playing the coordinating role.

- **Activating Village Courts in Bangladesh (AVCB) Project Phase - 3**

The overall objective of the Project is to increase access to justice for people in rural areas of Bangladesh, especially women, ethnic minorities, and disadvantaged groups. The project aims to build the capacities of local justice actors to meet the justice needs of the population and offer appropriate legal services in the form of well-functioning village courts. Also, it is working for the people living in rural areas, especially women, the poor, and other disadvantaged groups are empowered to access Village Courts to resolve minor disputes. The direct beneficiary of the project is the justice complainants, Union Parishad representatives, Assistant Account cum Computer Operator (ACO), UP secretary and village police. As a partner organization, WAVE Foundation is implementing this project in 154 Upazila, 1495 Ups, and 25 Districts under Barishal, Khulan, and Dhaka Division. The project is implemented under the Local Government Division with the financial and technical assistance of the European Union, UNDP Bangladesh, and GOB. This phase's duration is from August 2023 to 30 June 2027 with a total budget of BDT 368, 751,535.

Social Development and Youth Empowerment Program

As part of social development, WAVE places prime focus on ensuring that everyone has access to necessities - health care, nutrition, education, and eventually equitable development. Women and youth leadership development, life skills, professional development, and empowerment are considered the drivers of social development. In line with the strategies, the program provides us with strategic directions for innovating, designing, implementing, and monitoring the initiatives for social development. Under this program, we facilitate projects and activities on education, health, peacebuilding, social cohesion, inclusion of excluded populations, disability and development, elderly people, women leadership development, and many more. The initiatives include education programs for out-of-school children, improving the quality of life for the elderly, and many more. Improved nutrition and health services, as well as youth participation in sports and cultural activities, are also among the projects implemented for the program. We prioritize developing youth skill sets and empowering them with leadership capabilities, life skills, and occupational skills. Due to unemployment, a lack of motivation and frustration is observed among this large number of the youth group. Furthermore, the existing education system is unable to meet the demands of the job market. It is vital to create a practical and futuristic plan for overall youth development that will allow them to tap into the potential of society. The main objective of our youth-centric activities is to provide them with the required education, knowledge, and practical skills to empower them in their socio-economic context and to advance their personal development. The projects undertaken for youth development facilitate young people to emerge as entrepreneurs, develop leadership skills, participate in climate-focused programs, and create their platforms.

All mentioned initiatives maintain functional relations with the overarching social development and youth empowerment to reach WAVE's mission. Overall, the program follows a holistic approach targeting crucial aspects of human life including health, education, youth development, community development, etc. This is a people-driven integrated development program aiming at accelerating sustainable development.

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- **Enhancing Resources and Increasing Capacities of Poor Households towards Elimination of their Poverty-ENRICH Program**

ENRICH is a program conducted at the grassroots level focusing on the overall household development of the poor. The program targets poor families, working with them to enhance and maximize the utilization of their resources and skills. ENRICH aims to alleviate poverty not only through income generation but through a holistic approach targeting other crucial aspects of human life including health, education, youth development, community development, etc. This is a people-driven integrated development pursuit aiming at accelerating sustainable development. It also helps and creates mechanisms for them to work with relevant institutions and larger communities to effectively prepare for responses to natural disasters and put in place a new and effective method of GO-NGO collaboration for development from below. WAVE implements the project in Jibonnagar & Damurhuda Upazilla in Chuadanga district and Singair Upazilla in Manikgonj district with its own fund and support from PKSf.

- **Elderly People Program**

The government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has formulated a policy titled 'National Elderly People/Senior Citizen Policy 2013' to ensure a dignified, poverty-free, sound, and secure social life for the elderly citizens of our country. To that end, Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation-PKSf has designed a project named 'Elderly People's Program' to implement through its partner NGOs. The initiatives under this project are; establishing the social center for the senior citizens; introducing and providing old allowance; bestowing honor to the senior citizens as the best service providers of the nation; introducing special credit and training for ultra-poor senior citizens; initiating geriatric nursing facilities and organizing training for developing Para-Physiotherapist and provide special social service package for the senior citizens. WAVE Foundation implements this project in 07 Unions of ENRICH working area & Darsana Pourashava under Jibonnagar & Damurhuda Upazilla in Chuadanga district and Singair Upazilla in Manikgonj district with its own fund and support of PKSf.

– Adolescent Program

The Adolescent Program aims to enhance awareness and exercise values by the targeted adolescent; leadership and life skill development; improvement of nutrition and health services and advancement of sports and cultural activities. To foster the development of targeted adolescent girls & boys the project intervenes in the Club and Forum formation; organizes workshops on menstrual health management including sanitary napkin distribution; organizes nutrition camps and ideal cooking exercises; facilitates training on leadership and career development; organizes debate & sports competition; undertake social action to combat the violence against women, child marriage, forced marriages, dowry, etc.; organize a campaign against drug, corruption and terrorism, etc. WAVE implements the project in 10 Upazilas in Chuadanga and Kushtia districts with its own funds and support from PKSf.

- **Promoting Pro-people Public Services through Strengthening Social Capital with the support of Local Administration (Loak Morcha) Project**

The LoakMorcha project aims to build the capacity of the organized citizen groups so that they can raise their voices to local service (health, education, agriculture, social safety net and protection and prevent violence against women) delivery institutions & local administration; facilitating lobbying, dialogue, sharing meetings, public hearing, social audit, etc. by the organized citizen groups to increase the access of mass community in mentioned GoB services and to increase the responsiveness of the local government, local level GoB service delivery institutions & local administration towards pro-people services. To achieve the program goal & objectives, the project intervenes in the formation & awareness of ward level 54 Community Groups; capacity building training for Union Parishad Representatives; functioning of relevant Union Standing Committees); formation and capacity building of 21 People's Alliances (LoakMorcha) and mobilize them to undertaking advocacy initiatives towards responsive public services; conducting social audit and sharing findings with the respective GoB service providers & local administration; National level policy advocacy on field findings etc. WAVE implements the project in 18 Unions of Jibonnagar (08 UPs) & Singair (10 UPs) Upazillas in Chuadanga and Manikgonj district with its funds and support from PKSf.

- **Youth Assembly (YA)**

Youth Assembly (YA) is a platform of WAVE that aims to empower young people and create a stronger community. The Assembly promotes youth rights and development as well as facilitates their active participation in social development. It brings the youths in a common space to broaden their views and values towards positive social actions and changes. This space includes both physical and virtual platforms for leveraging youths with the advantage of learning from each other and fueling their actions. YA is conducting multi-faceted activities to accelerate youth participation in socio-economic development. The YA organized the National Youth Rights Assembly to focus on the formulation of an 'Effective National Youth Policy for Youth Rights and Development' as well as aiming at uniting youth under a single umbrella to establish youth rights, particularly, the right to education, skill, and employment. Youth Assembly undertakes initiatives in different phases to combat the coronavirus and its resulting crisis through successfully running its 'Youth Against COVID19 Campaign'. Being a potential portion of the community, YA believes if combined efforts can be assured from every part of society, it won't be impossible to recover from any crisis that makes us fall apart.

- **Out of School Children Education Program**

The Out of School children program aims 'to create second chance education opportunities for out of school children ages between 8-14 years (dropped out or not enrolled in school yet) and bring them into mainstreaming education through non-formal education program' and 'to transform the students into a productive citizen through providing technical or quality training those who successfully completion of the primary education'. To achieve those objectives, the program intervenes to conduct the baseline survey, learner selection, necessary materials supply, establishment and running of the learning center, formation and functioning of Center Management Committees-CMC, facilitate training & refresher training for the teachers, conduct grade final and PEC exams, organize sports & cultural events, day observance, conduct regular monitoring, etc. WAVE implements the project in 02 Upazillas in Chuadanga district with financial support of the Bureau of Non-Formal Education under the Ministry of Primary & Mass Education, the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

Climate Justice and Renewable Energy Promotion Program

We facilitate all possible means and ways to adapt and mitigate climate change effects, and nature conservation for sustainable development. As can be observed, 44% of households in the nation's disaster-prone areas have experienced more than one disaster or have been negatively impacted by one, and the cost of rebuilding and repairing crucial infrastructure or structures is increasing in poverty. We plan to have an inclusive approach to get benefits from the actions of low-carbon, climate-sensitive crop diversity, alternative food production, disaster preparedness, and emergency responses and reduced inequality in support system in using renewable energy. In addition, households in these disaster-prone locations lack access to vital amenities like power, health care, and education. Therefore, it is crucial to pay special attention to increasing the resilience of these communities to support their defense and capacity to withstand shocks and damages from disasters. We will continue to promote and provide information through climate actions and our effort to promote solar power-based electricity generation for irrigation systems, promote household use of bio-gas, and contribute solar-produced electricity to the national grid system.

In an era of rapid environmental degradation and climate change, the use of renewable energy-based energy instead of fossil-fuel-based energy is increasing all over the world. This is accomplished by utilizing Bangladesh's renewable energy resources for the production of electricity. The main source of renewable energy in the country is biogas, which is produced using hydropower, sun, wind, and biomass. Solar home systems (SHS), is an important initiative in the development of solar energy and it has given access to electricity to a large number of people living in remote areas of the country, located outside the national grid. More than 40 lakh poor people have received electricity through home solar systems and improved their lifestyles, although its contribution to the national context is very small, only 250 MW, i.e. two percent. More than four million SHS have been built domestically to improve the lives of these poor people, although its contribution is small nationally, only 250 MW, i.e. two percent. According to government plans, by 2021, renewable sources will provide about 10 percent of total electricity generation capacity - 2,400 megawatts. We are also partners in this process of government and are playing a complementary role in its development. We have taken up home solar systems, solar irrigation systems, advanced cooking stoves, biogas, and bio-fertilizer projects to ensure sustainable and affordable sources of energy for the people.

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- **Urban Management of Internal Migration due to Climate Change (UMIMCC) Project**

GIZ has taken the initiative of Goat Rearing for urban climate migrants and vulnerable Citizens to improve their resilient livelihood. The project's goal is to improve the living conditions of climate migrants. Furthermore, empowering the vulnerable communities through expecting 70% women of in the target group will be involved in the process. From this perspective, poverty reduction practices in Khulna city to improve the living conditions of climate migrants and vulnerable residents of the "hotspots" are developed by representatives of civil society organizations. In addition, the program is also drawing some probable Risk Factors and Overcoming Strategies for extreme climate incidents. It is strengthening household capacities to deal with climate-related risk alongside ensuring the relationship with market actors. The project is being implemented in Khulna City Corporation.

- **Strengthening Community Preparedness, Rapid Response and Recovery in Bangladesh Project**

It is a multi-country project. The purpose of the project is to reduce the vulnerability and suffering of communities affected by recurrent disasters in highly vulnerable areas in Asia (Bangladesh, Indonesia, and Nepal) by enhancing the capacities of stakeholders for disaster preparedness, response, and recovery. Bangladesh is one of the most disaster-prone countries in the world due to climate change impact and also presenting its good performance in coping natural disasters as a role model. Vulnerable communities are expected to be better equipped to co-lead relief and recovery efforts in collaboration with local authorities. Hence, the specific objectives of the project are to enhance the capacity of the communities, disaster management committees, government, and local and national humanitarian actors on response,

recovery, and disaster preparedness along with a focus on increasing the capability of the women and youth on disaster response and make the disaster response committee more accountable to follow humanitarian standard. So that their roles can be sustained after the project period and learning can be shared widely. The major activities under the project are the functioning union disaster management committee (UDMC), training for local leaders, and youth, to engage with government and other key actors to ensure that inclusive DRR is appropriately integrated into local plans. WAVE in partnership with Oxfam has been implementing this project in 6 Unions of Bakergonj Upazilla under the Barisal district covering 5400 stakeholders.

- **Enterprise Development Program-EDP Project**

With the motive of achieving rural development through a business-based approach, this project has been playing a significant role in improving livelihood and bringing development to rural areas. Bangladesh is at the threshold of growth center development for farmers. Agro-based entrepreneur development in urban and rural areas is on board. In this backdrop, the project objective is to develop SME/ Medium enterprise in a sustainable approach to create positive social and environmental impact resulting in economic and employment opportunities for marginalized farmers, women, and youth. It is working on identifying business opportunities and helping enterprises develop and implement viable business plans. Here, Enterprise is the major focus that can ensure substantial social impact. The project successfully able to link investors and entrepreneurs through a tailored package of loans, grants, or bank guarantees to potential small-medium enterprises. The major activities are providing expert advice guidance sessions, training for small-medium enterprises, DEMO Plot Preparation, Promotional Campaigns, and Capacity Development Support for cooperatives besides monetary support market expansion, and dealer & retailer Linkage. WAVE Foundation has been implementing this project in the Barisal district since 2020 in partnership with Oxfam.

- **Impact Investment**

Thousands of youths emerge as entrepreneurs every year in Bangladesh. A large part of it is lost due to lack of experience and capital. As the job market is very small in the context of Bangladesh, government and private development agencies encourage youth entrepreneurship. However, the youth are generally not interested in becoming entrepreneurs due to the lack of adequate facilities in the public and private sectors. At one point, a section of the youth emerged as entrepreneurs in desperation to overcome unemployment. Although some training initiatives have been taken for them by the government/private sector, this information does not reach most of the youth. Moreover, some NGOs organized entrepreneurship training for youth and provide minimum startup capital support for starting a business. Some of these young entrepreneurs run around for financial support in different places to expand their business, but they are unable to raise capital at low interest and are forced to close the business. The system of low-interest money from banks is so complex that it becomes difficult for new entrepreneurs to enter. Keeping all these entrepreneurs in mind, WAVE Foundation in collaboration with Oxfam Bangladesh experimentally launched a program called Impact Investment. The main objective of this program is to provide capital support to youth potential entrepreneurs based on profit and loss sharing for business growth. 70% of the dividend from capital will be received by the entrepreneur and 30% will be given to the organization. Up to a certain period, this investment allows the entrepreneur to operate his business and return the entire investment received after the specified period. Under this program, Wave Foundation has been working with 30 young entrepreneurs in Bakerganj Upazila of Barisal district from 2021.

- **Renewable Energy**

In the era of climate change and rapid environmental degradation, renewable energy in Bangladesh is revered for its ability to reduce the annual growth rate of GHG emissions from the fossil fuel-based power generation by exploiting Bangladesh's renewable energy resources for electricity generation. Renewable energy in Bangladesh refers to the use of renewable energy to generate electricity in Bangladesh. The current renewable energy comes from biogas that is originated from biomass, hydropower, solar, and wind. Bangladesh has a success story in developing off-grid rooftop solar power known as solar home system (SHS) which has given electricity to a large number of people living in rather remote off-grid areas and who would not have electricity otherwise. More than four million SHS installed domestically has uplifted the lifestyle of these impoverished people by providing small-scale power at their homes. But in the context of national power demand and generation, the contribution of SMS is tiny, a mere 250 megawatts, which is only two percent of the total power generation capacity in the country. In fact, in the solar industry worldwide, large-scale solar power generation essentially means on-grid solar (grid-connected). According to the government plan, renewable sources should provide about 10 percent of the total power generation capacity by 2021, meaning 2400MW power generation from renewable sources. Development Organizations along with private sector is playing the complementary role in the development of this sustainable and pro-people source of energy. WAVE's Renewable Energy constitutes of the following components and others:

– **Solar Irrigation Systems**

In the context of Bangladesh, extending affordable and sustainable agro-technologies to poor farmers can play a transformative role in converting small farming into viable businesses and thereby making a measurable change in gross agricultural production. The advent of eco-friendly renewable solar energy is widely recognized and very relevant to Bangladesh. WAVE Foundation launches solar irrigation systems for the broad base of poor small farmers who cannot afford the conventional costly irrigation system. Renewable Energy Development Program adopts a group approach that brings small farmers under a single umbrella who attain ownership of the solar irrigation system. Unlike conventional irrigation systems, solar irrigation system diminishes wastages of water and land by devising an underground water canal for water circulation. The mandatory arsenic and TDS test before solar irrigation system installation make it scientifically secure both for farming and farmers.

– **Biogas and Bio-fertilizer**

The overall objective of the project is to develop and disseminate domestic biogas in rural areas with the ultimate goal of establishing a sustainable and commercial biogas sector in Bangladesh. It aims to reduction of workload of women, improve health and sanitation conditions, increase agriculture production with proper utilization of slurry, employment generation, saving of conventional fuel sources such as firewood, agriculture residues, and dried dung cake, and reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. IDCOL supports the project implementation in the Chuadanga district.

– **Improved Cooking Stove**

The World Health Organization has estimated that 46,000 women and children die each year in Bangladesh as a direct result of exposure to indoor air pollution, while millions more suffer from respiratory diseases, tuberculosis, asthma, cardiovascular disease, eye problems, lung cancer, etc. 70% of the victims of indoor air pollution are children under five. An estimated 90% of rural households in Bangladesh use cow dung, jute sticks, other agricultural waste, and wood for cooking and most use inefficient and poorly ventilated clay stoves that produce smoke, carbon monoxide, and carcinogens. It is a serious health threat for women and children. Due to these reasons, WAVE Foundation has been promoting improved cooking stoves (BONDHU CHULA) at the rural level through partnering with PKSf since 2010.

– **Solar Home System**

Now-a-days electricity is the right of the people. Our state is committed to providing electricity for all people and in every home. To promote the green economy and natural conservation, WAVE is promoting a solar power program emphasizing the people who are living in off-grid areas of the country. Major program interventions are Solar Home Systems (SHS), irrigation, and small industry. WAVE Foundation implements the project through partnering with IDCOL.

Network and Alliance Facilitated by WAVE Foundation

Right to Food Bangladesh (RtF BD)

Right to Food Bangladesh-RtF BD is an Umbrella Network of CSOs, NGOs, INGOs, networks, peasant's organizations, women organizations, indigenous organizations, social movements, researchers, academia, trade unionist, youth, small-holder farmers, and other part of the society works towards ensuring right to food and nutritional security for all the people of the country. RtF BD is conducting Right to Food & Nutrition Campaign and undertaking multifaceted activities to accelerate the 'Legal Framework on Right to Food' and other relevant issues by engaging different entities with its perspectives and strategies. At present, more than thousand national and local level organizations are engaged with this network.

Governance Advocacy Forum (GAF)

Governance Advocacy Forum (GAF) is a national level platform that aims to promote democratic decentralization and local self-government through campaign and policy advocacy. GAF founded in 2007 undertaking policy advocacy for promoting strong local government. At present, the forum consists of 36 national and international NGOs, networks, local government platforms, institutions and civil society representatives working towards democratic decentralization and local self-government in Bangladesh.

LoakMorcha-LM (People's Alliance)

People's Alliance (LoakMorcha-LM) is a non-partisan and non-communal social organization associated with the representatives from different strata of society. Constituencies of LoakMorcha include leaders of civil society, volunteers, youths, self-motivated women and men, representatives of locally elected bodies, leaders of NGO beneficiary groups, NGO representatives and representatives of different professional associations. It is developed as a voluntary social organization in the grass root level aiming at strengthening local government, effective public service delivery and to mobilize public opinion against human rights violation. With the initiative of WAVE Foundation, GC facilitated the formation of 145 LoakMorcha and it exists at three local administrative tiers (in UP, Upazilla and District) of the program area since 2004 to February 2011. Later, the LoakMorcha of Chuadanga district are continuing their proactive role with the technical guidance of WAVE Foundation. More than 5000 male and female members were pro-actively involved under the banner of People's Alliance (Loak Morcha) in as grass-roots civil society organizations at the Union, Upazila and District level through different governance and local government focused projects and campaigns. They were engaged in civic movement for pursuing people's issues to the public service providers, local government representatives and local administrations.

Affiliation with Other Networks

CIVICUS

An international alliance dedicated to strengthening citizen action and civil society around the world. It focuses on three priority areas which are: i) protecting the rights of civil society; ii) Strengthening civil society good practices and iii) Increasing the influence of civil society. WAVE is a voting member of CIVICUS.

GNDR

The Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR) is the largest international network of organisations committed to working together to improve the lives of people affected by disasters world-wide. As Full Member of GNDR, WAVE demonstrates as an active civil society organisation and committed at an organisational level to being a part of the GNDR network.

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

- **WAVE Trade Training Center, Chuadanga**

This center has been providing vocational trainings to youths. The objective of the training is to provide technical services and financial development so they can earn a living.

- **WAVE Training Center, Chuadanga**

To develop human resources including staff, partners, beneficiaries and other stakeholders, WAVE Foundation has incorporated training as an integral part of all programs. It has its own training centers in Chuadanga equipped with all the necessary and modern supports including accommodation facility. Through the training centers, WAVE also offers various need-based training courses for other NGOs and non-project participants. WAVE has deployed appropriate, qualified and professional training staff in the center. Apart from this, WAVE has a Pool of Resource Persons to conduct various training sessions. Senior Management Team Members, Program/Project Coordinators and Deputy Program/Project Coordinators of various programs/projects, Head of Finance & Administration, Head of Internal Audit, Head of Monitoring Division, etc. of WAVE belong to the Pool of Resource Persons. Some external reputed persons of various organizations and local government expert individuals also belong to the Pool of Resource Persons who conduct various training sessions on a need basis. Besides, Deputy Commissioners, Additional Deputy Commissions (both General & Revenue), Deputy Directors of Local Government (DDLG), Upazilla Nirbahi Officers and Upazilla level Departmental Heads (Health, Agriculture, Education, etc.) are also invited as Guest Facilitators for the relevant sessions.

- **Skill for Employment Investment Program-SEIP**

The main objective of the project is to develop human resources in line with the market needs through skill development training and at the end of the training ensuring more productive wage-based employment and self-employment, the family and the trainee's human dignity establishment by increasing financial capacity so that they can sustainably improve their quality of life. To achieve the project goal & objectives, the project organizes and facilitates 3 months of residential Competency Based Training-CBT and job placement (wage-based /self-employment) for the certified participants. WAVE implements the project through its trade training center in Darsana, Chuadanga with its own fund and support of PKSF.

WAVE SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

Angkur Crafts

Angkur Crafts is an enterprise of WAVE Foundation that aims to support poor and underserved families by creating opportunities for them to become small entrepreneurs and building market linkage of their products especially crafting and clothing. Women are particularly encouraged to join this platform. It has been playing significant role for the women to achieve skills and grow as entrepreneurs. Since its inception, a significant amount of hand-stitched clothes have been produced by these women. Angkur Crafts is also working to set up a market linkage to allow the products of these small producers to find buyers. At present, it has an outlet in Chuadanga district. Due to the growing interest of customers the social enterprise is expanding outreach of its products in targeted areas.

Angkur Agro Machineries

Extending affordable agro-machineries to the farmers is the single most important prerequisite to take a leap from manual to mechanization of our agriculture which can radically increase the gross agricultural production. ANKUR Machineries is an enterprise of WAVE Foundation that aims at complementing WAVE's commitment to the development of the agriculture sector. It was established in 2016 to be an active part of the mechanization of Bangladesh's agriculture sector. It offers a wide range of agro machinery to the farmers i.e. Power Tiller, Thresher, Chopper, Reaper, Harvester, Shallow Pump, Sprayer, and so on at an affordable price. WAVE works in close collaboration with the Department of Agriculture Extension and well-known agro-research firms to ensure its tools are environment-friendly and efficient. Since its inception, ANKUR Agro Machineries has been contributing to higher agricultural yield and better earnings for the farmers. WAVE sets up 02 outlets of Angkur Machineries in Darsana, Chudanga, and Natore.

Angkur Seeds

Quality Seed is the precondition for bumper Agricultural Production. Being an Agricultural country, it uses approx. 30% quality seeds in agricultural production while the rest of the 70% seeds are below standard which has a negative impact on our gross agricultural production. Angkur Seeds is an initiative dedicated to the sustainable development of the agricultural sector by ensuring available production, efficient processing, and planned marketing of quality Crop Seeds to meet the Farmer's demand. WAVE introduced this brand in 2009 and now it is registered under the government authority. ANKUR Seeds is dedicated to developing the capacity of farmers introducing new technologies, and producing and marketing high-yielding varieties of rice and onion seed (year-round) with remarkable success. A significant number of contact farmers are currently producing and marketing rice and onion seeds under this enterprise.

PROGRAMME SUPPORT DIVISION AND UNITS

1. Admin & HR Division
2. Finance & Accounts Division
3. Communications & Knowledge Management Division
4. Internal Audit Division
5. Training Division
6. Monitoring & Resource Mobilization Division
7. Risk Management Unit
8. Gender Unit
9. Suddhachar Unit
10. Innovation Unit
11. Money Laundering Prevention and Anti-Terrorism Unit
12. SDG Implementation Reporting Unit
13. ICT Integration Unit

DEVELOPEMENT PARTNERS

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| ▪ ACDI/VOCA | ▪ Ministry of Primary and Mass Education |
| ▪ Bangladesh Bank | ▪ Norec (Former FK Norway) |
| ▪ British Council | ▪ Oxfam |
| ▪ Christian Aid | ▪ PKSf |
| ▪ Heifer International-USA | ▪ Street Child |
| ▪ IDCOL | ▪ The Asia Foundation |
| ▪ GIZ | ▪ UNDP and LGD |
| ▪ Manusher Jonno Foundation | ▪ Water.org |

PARTNERSHIP WITH BANKS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

- Prime Bank Ltd
- Bank Asia Ltd
- BRAC Bank Ltd
- South East Bank Ltd
- Trust Bank Ltd
- Mutual Trust Bank Ltd
- Mercantile Bank Ltd
- NCC Bank Ltd
- NRBC Bank Ltd
- Midland Bank Ltd
- South Bangla Agriculture & Commerce Bank Ltd
- Guardian Life Insurance Ltd

AREA COVERAGE

33 Districts: Khulna, Chuadanga, Meherpur, Kushtia, Jhenaidah, Magura, Jashore, Narail, Satkhira, Bagerhat, Rajshahi, Pabna, Natore, Naogaon, Barishal, Patuakhali, Barguna, Bhola, Pirojpur, Jhalokathi, Sylhet, Hobigonj, Moulvibazar, Dhaka, Rajbari, Manikgonj, Narayangonj, Shariatpur, Madaripur, Gopalganj, Faridpur, Gazipur and Norshingdi,

5 Divisions: Khulna, Rajshahi, Barishal, Sylhet and Dhaka.

HUMAN RESOURCE

A total number of 1922 employees are working in WAVE Foundation at various levels. 729 of them are female and 1193 are male.

OFFICES

WAVE Foundation has its Head Office in Dhaka and a Base Office in Chuadanga district. It has 07 Regions, 26 Areas, 133 Units, and 40 Projects Offices. WAVE operates human resource and productive skill development training under its Training Center and Trade Training Center.



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