



National Wrap-Up Workshop 2025

Cooperative-Based Agriculture
Development: Charting
the Future Path

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Project Overview

Operated 19 districts and 13 agro-ecological zones

Supported 21 FOs under BFF, through BPs, market linkages, and governance

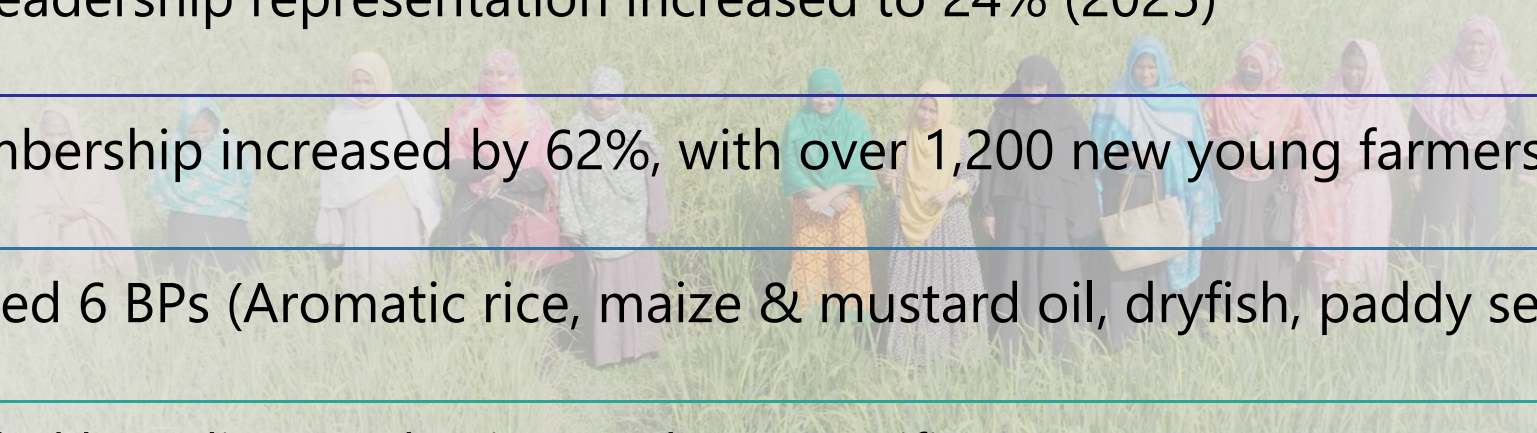
Delivered 25 training for FO leaders, women, and young farmers

Benefiting directly 4,800 farmers

FOs are supporting economic services for their members.



Key Outcomes



Increased income (30%) and market access of around 62,000 farmers reported

Women's leadership representation increased to 24% (2025)

Youth membership increased by 62%, with over 1,200 new young farmers

Implemented 6 BPs (Aromatic rice, maize & mustard oil, dryfish, paddy seeds, and black tea)

FOs upgraded branding, packaging, and BSTI certificate

EC meeting and AGM are organized for their cooperative governance

Understanding and practices on the significance of appropriate financial management by their own

Impacts on Farmers Through FO Membership

- Reduced transportation cost and time through FO consolidation
- Assurance of getting just price
- BDT. 2.8 crore revolving fund provided
- FO service centres ensured the timely supply of inputs, access to information





Business Plans Outcomes

Mustard oil (RIKKSSL) sales grew by 24%

Tea Cooperative secured a BDT. 5 crore Brac bank loan

Dry fish cooperative opened one new retail outlet

Paddy seeds produced 50-70 tons annually with purity and seasonal supply

Dighon CIG Club participated in the Agro Bangladesh International Expo 2025 in Bashundhara, Dhaka

Policy Engagement and Advocacy

- 16 youth committees were activated at the district and national level
- 6 business linkage meetings held across six districts, engaging more than 250 buyers, traders, and bankers
- Ensured FO voices aligned with frameworks: UNDFF, COP29, UNCBD
- FO leaders participated in 14 Upazila coordination meetings led by UNO
- Strengthening BFF as national FO apex body.





Influence & Stakeholder Partnerships

- Media outreach in more than 100 national and regional platforms
- Young farmers' farming competition
- Cooperative farming model introduced, enabling 6 FOs to implement.

Capacity Development: Women, Youth & Leaders

2,000 FO members trained on governance, marketing, agroecology, and business management

Youth trained in digital agriculture, innovation, and eco-friendly farming practices

Leadership training improved FO decision-making efficiency

Exposure visits strengthened inter-cooperative networks

Capacity building in climate-adaptive techniques



Significance of Cooperative-Based Farming Model

FO members have better access to credit for ensuring quality agri inputs

Free relevant training and technical assistance

Profit-sharing mechanism among the members

Facilitating collective value-chain development

Helping marginalized youth, women, smallholder farmers

Increasing climate resilience in livelihoods.

Charting the Future Path

Strengthen cooperative governance systems

Enhance access to finance for FOs

Expand cooperative-led enterprise growth/new BP

Accountability and transparency mechanism in financial flows

Young and women farmers' inclusion in BPs

Scale climate-smart cooperative production systems

Strengthen BFF mechanism including 30 agro-ecological zones

Thanks for your patience