



# Life on Boats: A Fight for Survival

## **Project Summary**

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Bangladesh is one of the most climate-vulnerable nations, and in 2024, devastating flash floods submerged vast regions in the South, including Feni, Comilla, Noakhali, and Lakshmipur. This project was launched to provide a lifeline to the millions displaced. Our mission is two-fold: providing immediate lifesaving relief (food, water, and medicine) and implementing long-term rehabilitation to help survivors rebuild their homes and livelihoods.

## **Challenge**

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The 2024 floods impacted over 5.13 million people, including 1.5 million children. Many families lost everything homes, livestock, and crops in a matter of hours. Damaged infrastructure and poor embankment maintenance have left these communities isolated, facing severe food insecurity, lack of clean drinking water, and the high risk of waterborne diseases.

## **Solution**

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PATHWAY mobilized a multi-phase response. We deployed local volunteer teams to distribute "Dignity Kits," dry food packages, and water purification tablets. Beyond the emergency phase, we are providing rehabilitation support, including repairing community water sources and providing tools, seeds, and microfinance support to restore income-generating activities for the most vulnerable families.

## **Long-Term Impact**

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By integrating disaster responses with sustainable recovery, this project strengthens community resilience. Repairing infrastructure and restoring livelihoods ensures that families do not remain dependent on aid but can achieve self-reliance. Our local volunteer teams are also receiving specialized training to act as first responders for future climate-related disasters.

# **Report Summary**

## **(January 2026 – March 2026)**

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## Story of works

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The project successfully transitioned from emergency rescue to active rehabilitation. Our primary focus was on the most isolated areas of Feni and Noakhali, where the destruction was most severe.

### Key Activities:

- **Immediate Relief Distribution:** Distributed 1,500 dry food packages to families in high-priority zones.
- **Sanitation & Hygiene:** Distributed 900 Hygiene Packs containing soap, detergent, sanitary napkins, and hand sanitizer to mitigate disease outbreaks in flood shelters.
- **Safe Water Kit Distribution:** A total of 850 Safe Water Kits were provided. Each kit included a high-grade storage container, 100 water purification tablets (WPT), and a hygiene manual.
- **Volunteer Mobilization:** Recruited and trained 80 local volunteers to streamline logistics and facilitate 10 initial health awareness sessions.

**Total Beneficiaries:** This initial phase has directly reached an estimated **8,500 individuals**, including **3,400 children** and **2,200 women**.

### Distribution & Impact Data

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01.	Immediate Relief Distribution	1,500
02.	Sanitation Hygiene	900
03.	Safe Water Kit Distribution	850
04.	Volunteer Mobilization	80
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,330</b>

### Cost Statement

A total of **USD 2,850** (approximately **BDT 347,968**) has been utilized during this 3-month period. These funds were primarily allocated to the urgent procurement of relief supplies, emergency transportation to inaccessible flooded zones, and the setup of volunteer coordination hubs.



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