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Disaster Risk Reduction



44 Disaster Management Committees



360 Disaster Response Groups



2,000 Youth Volunteers



11,818 Village Development Committee Members



134,506 Community members



NOBO JATRA - NEW BEGINNING

USAID'S Development Food Security Activity

INTRODUCTION

Nobo Jatra-New Beginning' is a five-year USAID Food for Peace Title II Development Food Security Activity implemented by World Vision Bangladesh, together with the World Food Programme and Winrock International, in partnership with the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR) of the Government of Bangladesh (GoB).



200,495

Households



856,116

Participants



Sub-districts

40

Unions



Years

NOBO JATRA'S GOAL AND PURPOSES



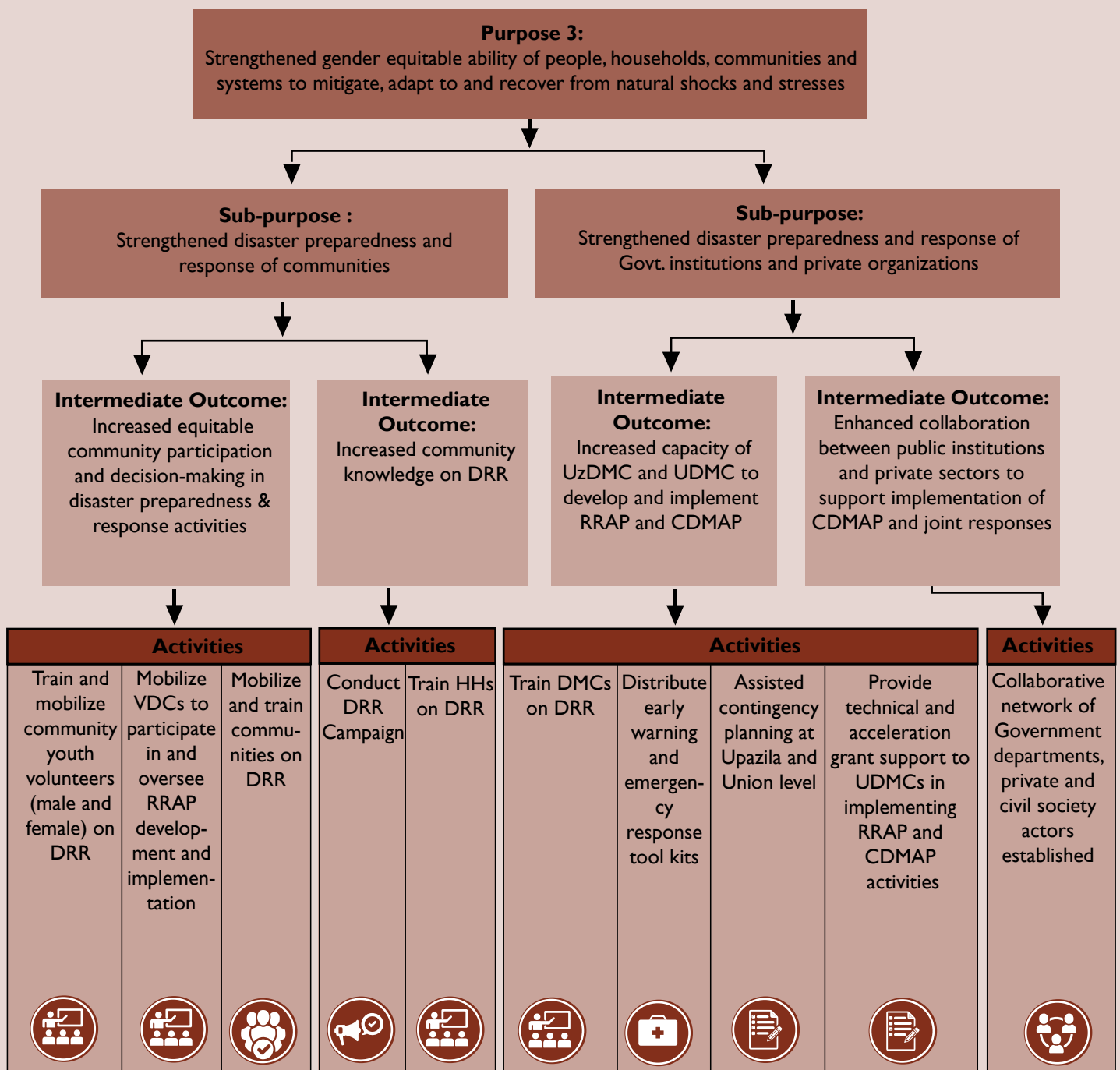
DISASTER RISK REDUCTION OVERVIEW IN SOUTHWEST BANGLADESH

Consistently ranked one of the most susceptible countries in the world to climate change, the context of risk in Bangladesh is shaped by unique geo-climatic conditions and frequent natural disasters. Situated in a low-lying delta with an average elevation of 4-5 metres above sea level, 70% of its land is exposed to flooding during heavy monsoons and together with India, Bangladesh accounts for 86% of all tropical cyclone induced fatalities.

The southwestern coastal region is frequently referred to as 'ground zero' where the consequences of climate change are severe compared to other parts of the country. Cyclones, tidal surges, floods and droughts are pervasive and climate change is expected to exacerbate the intensity and frequency with which these occur. Soil and water salinity levels are critically high and this has attendant implications on agricultural productivity, food security and nutrition.



NOBO JATRA'S DRR STRATEGY



NOBO JATRA'S INTERVENTIONS



Youth Mobilization

Youth volunteers trained on disaster preparedness, risk reduction, Community Risk Assessments (CRAs) and the development of Risk Reduction Action Plans (RRAPs) enabling them to provide disaster preparedness training to Village Development Committees (VDCs) and Ward Disaster Management Committees (WDMCs) and orient local communities on preparedness and responses.



Community Mobilization and Training

Nobo Jatra developed guidelines to formulate household level preparedness plans and ensuring their implementation. Regular international day observances and simulation exercises increasing community knowledge on DRR.



Disaster Management Committee Training

Nobo Jatra works directly with the Union Disaster Management Committees and Ward Disaster Response Groups to enhance their capacity in disaster risk assessment and RRAP formulation. Selected members trained on participatory rural appraisal tools and techniques, community risk assessments, RRAPs and Comprehensive Disaster Management Action Plan (CDMAP) preparations so that they can facilitate these processes along with the youth volunteers groups beyond Nobo Jatra.



Village Development Committee Mobilization

Nobo Jatra has established 622 VDCs in its intervention areas to play a critical role in community development, including DRR activities. Linkages with Union Disaster Management Committees (UDMCs) Ward Disaster Response Groups, with VDCs serving as key informants conducting oversight of RRAP development processes.

CROSS-CUTTING

Gender Integration

Recognizing gender as a critical factor impacting household food security, nutrition and resilience, Nobo Jatra has taken measures and established processes and benchmarks across all DRR interventions to promote inclusion and participation of women. These include ensuring at least 50% representation from women when mobilizing communities and selecting youth volunteers for participatory risk assessment, good governance and gender sensitivity trainings and empowering women to be part of local level institutions such as UzDMCs and UDMCs.

Governance and Social Accountability

With support from local government institutions such as DMCs and VDCs, the project is helping vulnerable populations reduce risk and build resilience. VDCs are raising awareness among wider audiences on sectoral government policies and standards and empowering rural populations to utilize processes from the Citizen Voice and Action (CVA) model. Meetings and dialogues are organized with district and sub-district level government stakeholders to promote collaboration between different committees, community-based organizations (CBOs) and NGOs.

NOBO JATRA'S CONTRIBUTION TO SDGs

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CLIMATE ACTION



Goal 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts





A village Development Committee meets to orientate members on DRR activities including household level disaster preparedness plans.

OUR IMPACT

67,000 people using climate information to improve climate resiliency



2,000 trained youth volunteers acting as change agents to orient communities on DRR issues



67 DRR schemes implemented by UDMCs with acceleration grant



80,044 (f: 45,222; m: 34,822) community people trained and have developed their household level disaster preparedness action plan



42 types of Risk Reduction Action Plan activities both structural and non-structural implemented

3,910 (m: 3,105; f: 805) Govt. DMC members trained on DRR



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