



SOLVING CLIMATE DISPLACEMENT IN BANGLADESH

ONE HOUSE, ONE FAMILY AT A TIME

Photo: Bainpara, Bangladesh

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE THAT WOULD HAVE A REAL IMPACT BUT DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO?

NOW YOU CAN.

YOUR CONTRIBUTION CAN DIRECTLY HELP ACQUIRE A NEW HOME FOR PEOPLE IN BANGLADESH WHO HAVE LOST THEIR OWN DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE, ONE HOUSE AND ONE FAMILY AT A TIME.

Bangladesh is one of the countries hardest hit by climate change. Every year tens of thousands of people across the country are already losing their homes to rising sea levels, violent tropical cyclones, devastating floods and other effects of climate change. Most have nowhere else to go.

The solution to this problem starts with land.

Displacement Solutions has worked on this problem in Bangladesh for seven years with our local partner Young Power in Social Action (YPSA). We have discovered that many people are remaining in their homes despite increasingly unliveable conditions - such as a lack of clean drinking water or unsanitary conditions due to regular flooding of their houses - but are unable to leave as they have no viable alternative.

As a result, we have identified ten land parcels that persons living in unsafe conditions could potentially move to. The plots of land are all in Sitakund, near Chittagong in the South-East of Bangladesh, an area where there are large numbers who have been hard-hit by the effects of climate change. Our initial aim is to secure sufficient land to relocate at least ten climate-displaced families (approximately 60 people) under a pilot project, which we hope will serve as a model for other regions of the country, and ultimately the world.

The initial group of people who will move to the land parcels will be families threatened with climate displacement from Sandwip Island. Sandwip Island is at the forefront of climate change in Bangladesh, suffering from rising sea levels, coastal erosion, persistent flooding, the constant threat of cyclones and storm surges and increasing food and water insecurity year by year.

Whilst many have already left Sandwip Island, the most impoverished and vulnerable have nowhere else to go and have been forced to remain behind. It is these people who will make up the initial families to move to the land parcels in Sitakund.




Photo: Sandwip Island, Bangladesh

WHAT YOU CAN DO

For **USD 8,400** you can personally help one family to rebuild their life with dignity. Your contribution will cover the construction of a three room house with kitchen and washing facilities at the relocation sites, a deep tube well to provide safe drinking water and a solar heating and energy system for the house. YPSA and other partners will provide ongoing support for livelihood opportunities, healthcare and education.

100% of your contribution will be spent on the construction of the house and local administrative land registration and related fees. We have already succeeded in raising funds for the first two houses under this project. We can do this only with your help - and start solving climate change displacement, one house, and one family at a time.



 *The location of the initial plot of land in Sitakund, Bangladesh*

Displacement Solutions will carry out full legal and regulatory oversight of this project and will ensure full accountability and transparency of activities undertaken with your donations. This will include the publication of regular updates, reports and photographs.

If you would like to join our efforts to help solve climate displacement in Bangladesh or would like any additional information about the One Family, One House at a Time project, please contact Scott Leckie, the Director of Displacement Solutions: scott@displacementsolutions.org and he will answer any questions you may have about the project.