

## Annual Report- 2020



**Environmental and Socio-Economic  
Development Organization**



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## Executive Summery

Since 2001, as a non-profit organization, TAHZINGDONG has been implementing the development projects in different Upazilas of Bandarban Hill District. 2020 is the most challenging year throughout the world due to the Covid-19 pandemic crisis. The world has mostly stagnant from any other means of development and millions of lives paid for that and suffered prolong infected diseases. Prevailing pandemic situation of the world has impacted on the lives of the population of Bandarban Hill District of CHT is also experiencing in pandemic suffered a lot and two times declared as red zone. In the time of the toughest situation, TAHZINGDONG has worked for the marginalized people in compliance with the government's gazette of health rules. The intervening areas are- Respond to covid-19, Livelihood, Nutrition, DRR, Natural forest conservation (VCF), Youth group development, SRHR and GBV, Social cohesion and peace development, Aquaculture etc. In the year of 2020, the set of planned activities have been achieved in most of the sectors. In response to the Covid-19 undertaken different initiatives like installation of hand washing station, soap, mask, IEC material distribution, awareness-raising session to the youth and community of the organization's working areas. Some disadvantaged community people of 107 households were provided rice in last year to mitigate the food scarcity.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to them who have immensely contributed to the marginalized community- particularly government line departments, public representatives, local stakeholders including staffs. Moreover, my heartfelt thanks go to the donors those who are continuously supporting the development aid to the poorest population of the district through TAHZINGDONG.

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**Introduction:**

**TAHZINGDONG** is a non-government voluntary organization working on environment and socio-economic development in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh. It emerged on 15<sup>th</sup> December 1999 with the collaboration of a group of youth students and energetic youth social workers through an informal consultation between them in Bandarban Hill District of Bangladesh. Bandarban is uniquely a home in the country in terms of language and cultural diversity where eleven different indigenous communities of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT's) and mainstream Bengali people have been living since time immemorial.

**TAHZINGDONG** is also well-known as an organization at home and abroad for promoting and conserving community managed natural forest in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT's) of Bangladesh. The organization is pioneer in Bandarban Hill District who has taken initiative to protect and preserve the Community Managed Mouza Forest/Village Common Forest (VCF) or Community Conserve Area (CCA) with the collaboration of forest dependent communities in Bandarban Hill District. The organization emphasizes on community empowerment and livelihood development initiatives for the local communities for improving their livelihood who mostly live in the remote areas. The organization has also been well experienced in the areas of DRR, Nutrition, Health and Hygiene, WATSAN, climate change, Food security and distribution, GFS, livelihood development, AIG and non-formal education since last ten years in CHT.

**Organizational Vision, Mission and Core Values****Vision:**

TAHZINGDONG envisions a society where all people may enjoy and live in peace and harmony, and free from poverty and injustice that everyone get involved in effective and sustainable socio-economic development process.

**Mission:**

The mission of TAHZINGDONG is to empower the most disadvantage and vulnerable people in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT's) of Bangladesh in order to bring them towards alternative development process for sustainable development.

## At a Glance on the Project Implemented in 2020

SL No	Project Title	Goal	Duration of the project	Funded by	Working Area
1	SOKKHOM OTA	Communities in Cox's Bazar and Bandarban district are less vulnerable to the natural and human induced hazards/shocks.	April 2019- April 2021	USAID and CRS through CARITAS Bangladesh	Baishari Union of Naikhyongchari Upazila, Bandarban
2	OUR LIVES OUR HEALTH OUR FUTURS	<p><b>Outcome 1:</b> Local CSOs have strengthened their technical, methodological, financial and administrative capacity to effectively respond to the SRHR needs of young women and adolescent girls and foster their rights to live free from violence, coercion and discrimination.</p> <p><b>Outcome 2:</b> Young women and adolescent girls from ethnic groups are empowered to make free and informed decisions about their SRHR (and are supported to do so), free of violence, coercion and discrimination.</p>	August 2019- December 2023	European Union through BNPS-SIMVI	Thanchi Upazila
3	Bandarban Agriculture and Nutrition Initiative (BANI).	<p>Increase sales and profitability from produced goods and services.</p> <p>Increase production of diverse, nutritious foods for consumption and surplus sales.</p> <p>Improve adequate and appropriate distribution and consumption of safe and nutrition foods.</p> <p>Improve health practices by pregnant and lactating women, adolescent girls, and children under five.</p>	August 2020 to August 2021	USAID through HKI Bangladesh	Bandarban Sadar and Lama
4	Strengthen Civil Society and Public Institutions to address Community Resilience to adapt Climate Change.	<p>To build capacity of Climate vulnerable communities, especially women, to deal with vulnerability of climate change related eco-social impacts</p> <p>2) To facilitate /strengthen the networks of partners and other CSO's and disseminate best practices of community based climate change adaptation models</p> <p>3) To promote context specific, eco-system friendly and climate adaptive agricultural practices for climate vulnerable communities in</p>	April 2017- September 2021	SIDA through Mannusher Jonno Foundation (MJF).	Bandarban Sadar and Rowangchari Upazila

		Bandarban Sadar& Rowangchari Upazila 4) To sensitize and make responsive LGIs and public service providers to respond appropriately to climate vulnerable.			
5	Enhancing Aquaculture & Nutrition Activity in Bandarban Hill District (EANA)	-To extend aquaculture technologies and nutrition practices among the poor fish farmers in the rural areas of Bandarban district. - To increase availability of fish seeds through facilitating fish nursery establishment - To enhance fish and vegetable production to address malnutrition of the beneficiaries. - To increase income of the rural people especially women and youth and promote livelihood option - Linkage establish among the hatchery owner, Nursery owner, fry traders, arotdar, fish retailer and farmers and ensuring the quality and availability of feed in the hard to reach area. - To promote rice fish culture in the low land area for increasing production.	October 2019- December 2020	USAID through WorldFish	Bandarban Pourasva, Lama & Alikadam
6	SAPLING	Purpose 1: Increased income and access to nutritious foods attained equitably by both women and men Purpose 2: Improved nutritional status of children under five years of age, pregnant and lactating women and adolescent girls Purpose 3: Sustained and gender equitable ability of people, households, communities, and systems to mitigate, adapt to and recover from human induced and natural shocks and stresses.	April 2017- February 2021	USAID through Caritas Bangladesh	Bandarban Sadar & Lama
7	Support to peaceful coexistence of diverse ethnic and religious communities.	Promoting advocacy through sensitizing community people on community cohesion, peaceful coexistence towards peaceful coexistence of different community.	December 2019- August 2021	UNDP- Diversity Fund	

## **Project: SOKKHOMOTA**

TAHZINGDONG has implemented the project of SOKKHOMOTA-1 (Collaborate, Prepare and Resilient to Natural and Human Induced Disasters) in Baishari Union of Naikhongchari Upazila under the Bandarban District, supported by Caritas and Catholic Relief Service of Bangladesh, funded by USAID. The duration of the project is from April 25, 2019 to 24 April 2021. The major objective of the project is to effectively prepare and respond to multiple hazards in the communities and households in the sectors of Risk Management Policy & Practice and Shelter & Settlement among the targeted vulnerable communities and House Holds manage their protective environmental resources sustainably. Community people of UDMC, WDMC & religious leaders, traditional leaders & social leaders are engaged in disaster risk reduction and capacity enhancement. Capacity building trainings were conducted for WDMC & UDMC members, religious leaders, traditional leaders & social leaders as well as awareness raising sessions are arranged for vulnerable households of Disaster Risk Reduction.

### **Project orientation arranged for all staff of SOKKHOMOTA.**

The project orientation program was conducted on 2-3 February 2020 at Baishari Union Office Naikhyongchari under Bandarban Hill District. 19 concerned staff, male- 04 and female-15 of UC, UAO, CO and support staff were oriented. The orientation program has enhanced the knowledge of all the staff on the project activities and implementation strategies.

### **Project Inception Meeting:**

Project inception meeting of the SOKKHOMOTA project was arranged at Baishari Union Parishad Hall Room on 12 March 2020 in Baishari Union under Naikhyongchari Upazila of Bandarban Hill District. The meeting was chaired by Md. Alam, Chairman of Baishari Union Parishad, Naikhongchari Upazila while Mrs. Shahin Akhter, Project Manager of the project, presented the presentation on SOKKHOMOTA project. She described project goal, technical objectives, donor introduction and 2 years project activities. The Upazila Coordinator of the project welcomed all participants and described the objectives of the inception meeting. Md. Alam, Chairman, Baishari Union Parishad & president of this meeting opened the meeting through his opening speech. He gave commitment to provide necessary supports to smoothly implement the project activities all the way to the end. 61 people, male- 52 and female-9, from different sectors of Ward representatives, journalists, civil society members and beneficiaries.



Inception session conducted



Hand washing station installation

The project had conducted several virtual trainings on Covid-19, monitoring tools, operation management of hand washing station, finance, operation & management which has had impacts on 90 staff, female-64 and male- 26, on dealing with Covid-19 in the pandemic period, learning data and information collection, concerned gained knowledge on operation and management.

In addition, trainings on Disaster Risk Management for WDMC and UDMC members from 8 Sept. to 28 September and 15-16 & 20-21 October 2020 were conducted respectively in 9 batches where 160, male-129 and female-31, participated following health protections rules and regulation. WDMC members have enriched their understanding on Disaster Risk and its response. Hence, a virtual TOT for Traditional, Religious and Community leaders was also arranged on 11-12 October 2020 where 175, male-153 and female-22, participated. And, the participants learnt how to follow Covid-19 guideline.

**Project: OUR LIVES, OUR HEALTH, OUR FUTURES**

“Our lives, Our Health, Our Futures” is a project implemented by TAHZINGDONG for empowering adolescent girls and young women in Chittagong Hill Tracts to live with dignity and without violence. The project is being implemented in Thanchi Upazila of Bandarban Hill District from January 2019 to till December 2023 in a joint venture with SIMAVI and BNPS funded by EUROPEAN UNION. The outcome of the project is to strengthen the technical, methodological, financial and administrative capacity of Local CSOs to effectively respond to the SRHR needs of young women and adolescent girls and foster their rights to live free from violence, coercion and discrimination. In addition, to empower young women and adolescent girls from ethnic groups to make free and informed decisions about their SRHR (and are supported to do so), free of violence, coercion and discrimination.

The activities implemented in 2020 involved households mapping survey, 1200 women and girls club selection, workshops on networking and advocacy for empowering adolescent and young girls, training on monitoring, engaging community leaders, religious leaders and 29 female mentors were provided life skills training on puberty, menstrual health, sex, sexuality and issues of violence. Hence, 60 meetings with the mothers and fathers were arranged to make awareness on extending their supports to the girls' clubs.



Information sharing meeting



Meeting with Community, Religious & traditional leader photograph

### Case Study of Mrs. Kra Nue Ma Marma

Mrs. Kra Nue Ma Marma (43) is a rural disadvantaged mother of two children who has faced many problems in her family and society. She lives at Kyaw Chu Para under the union of Boli Para of Thanchi Upazila. She got married at the age of about 16 while studying in class nine. She said that she disagreed and was not prepared to get married- but her family forced her for getting married. Eventually she was compelled to get married and had to drop out of the school. After half and year of getting married, she received an offer to join the organization of Gana Shikkha as teacher but family did not support her to work for the organization. Family told her not to join in any kind of job but to look after the child as other female of the village. However, finally she convinced the family members and joined the organization as teacher in 2004. Assiduously, she has been working at NGOs for many years since then. Moreover, after the end of the project, she worked in the health project of UNDP as a health worker. Later, she worked as a Community Health Worker at SAPLING project of HKI for 4 years. At present, she is working under the project of "Our Lives Our Health Our Future" at TAHZINGDONG as female mentor since May 17, 2019.

After joining this project, she performed well in the ToT training on SRHR and GBV as a female mentor. She is competent in team management and conducting role-play session with participatory approach though she could not complete secondary school.

Moreover, she participates proactively in monthly skill development training on thematic topics following the session's guideline properly. He also helps and gives feedback to other new mentors in the role-play and group presentation sessions. She has a dream that all girls and young women of the girls' clubs will be able to express their rights (SRHR, GBV and MHM) and restrictive social norms to the parents, community, traditional and religious leaders without any hesitations. In fact, she demonstrates good leadership skills.

### **Project: Bandarban Agriculture and Nutrition Initiative (BANI)**

TAHZINGDONG in partnership with Helen Keller International (HKI) is implementing the **“Bandarban Agriculture and Nutrition Initiative (BANI)”**, funded by USAID, which is a complimentary activity to the Sustainable Agriculture and Production Linked to Improved Nutrition Status, Resilience and Gender Equality (SAPLING). The project duration is from August 2020 till August 2021. The project was designed to reduce the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic mitigation measures (i.e. lockdown and loss of day labor) on incomes and nutrition in Bandarban by increasing agricultural production and improving nutrition of poor and extremely poor populations to strengthen gender equitable food security in 2 selected Upazilas of Bandarban sadar and Lama in Bandarban Hill District.

BANI will achieve the following intermediate results (IR) through the implementation of activities:

I.R. 1.1: Increased sales and profitability from produced goods and services;

I.R. 1.2: Increased production of diverse, nutritious foods for consumption and surplus sales;

I.R. 2.1: Improved adequate and appropriate distribution and consumption of safe and nutritious foods;  
and,

I.R. 2.2: Improved health practices by pregnant and lactating women, adolescent girls, and children under five.

## Geographic coverage for program interventions under BANI

IP	Geographical area for IGA & Market Facilitation (24 U11io11s and 2 Paurashuvas)	Geographical area for FNG (13 U11io11s)	Geographic Areas for MCHN Activities (5 U11io11s)
Tahzingdong	Bandarban Sadar (6) Bandarban Paurashava, Bandarban Shadar, Kuhalong, Suwalak, Tankabati and Rajbila	Bandarban Sadar (4) Bandarban Shadar, Kuhalong, Suwalak and Tankabati	Bandarban Sadar (2) Bandarban Shadar and Kuhalong
	Lama (8) Aziznagar, Faitang, Fasyakhali, Lama and Paurashava	Lama (5) Aziznagar, Faitang and Fasyakhali	Lama (3) Faitang and Fasyakhali

## Activities achieved

### Family Nutrition group (FNG)

1. FNG group formation done with all targeted groups.
2. FNC negotiation session completed with all targeted FNG groups.
3. MOU negotiated and signed with FNG groups.
4. FNC established.
5. All procedures completed for FNC CCT distribution.
6. FNC monitoring and follow up is being carried out.

### FNG Group Formation

One-time enrollment of participants under BANI project for the entire duration of project life, which would take place during the scheduled group formation meeting. FFs used tablets for geocoding, no hardcopy register book for participant registration and future record keeping.

In order to ensure the presence of all IEHFP participants, contacted the IEHFP group/Learning Centre (LC) leaders two days before or well in advance of the scheduled group formation meeting in order to ensure that all the members were informed about the meeting agenda.

FNC leaders and CHSW (and Karbari) were briefed about the criteria of vulnerable participants so that they could be informed, and thus ensure presence of any missed vulnerable participants in the group formation meeting.

### **FNG Group Formation of Lama**

Union	Para	Group	Participants	Remarks
Aziznagar	59	117	1906	
Faitong	48	133	2262	

### **FNG Group Formation of Bandarban Sadar**

Union	Para	Group	Participants	Remarks
Sadar	52	116	1641	
Kuhalong	59	145	2245	
Tongkabati	64	71	932	

### **FNC Negotiation Session**

The BANI-FNC Negotiation Session took place right after the FNG Group formation. The BANI-FNG groups were formed and participants decided to form a group and agreed on participating in six FNG sessions. Following the group formation, the FNGs decided to establish a Family Nutrition Centre. The next step is to identify land, plan on how they will use that land and organize themselves so that together they can manage and maintain their shared garden (the FNC).

### **FNC Negotiation Session of Lama**

Union	Para	Group	Participants	Remarks
Aziznagar	59	117	1906	
Faitong	48	133	2262	

### **FNC Establishment**

The Family Nutrition Centre is a plot of land that is leased by the FNGs (with financial support from BANI) for supporting food production for the whole group. The FNC is designed by the group, they decide what to produce, how to share the workload and how to distribute the products. The FNG group can use their FNC to grow nutrient rich vegetables, or anything else that will increase group members' food and nutrition security in the immediate future. After FNG households have received their share of produce, any surplus can be sold with the profits distributed among FNG members. It is important to be clear, however, that the FNC is primarily for household food production and to improve access to nutritious food.

### **FNC Establishment of Lama**

Union	Para	Group	Participants	Remarks
Aziznagar	59	117	1906	
Faitong	48	132	2254	



FNC Established, Islampur, Aziznagar



FNC Established, Kracho aung mrung

### FNC Negotiation Session of Bandarban Sadar

Union	Para	Group	Participants	Remarks
Sadar	52	116	1165	
Kuhalong	59	145	1859	
Tongkabati	64	71	937	

### FNC Establishment of Bandarban Sadar

Union	FNC	Remarks
Sadar	89	
Kuhalong	140	
Tongkabati	71	

### Maternal and Child health and nutrition (MCHN)

1. MCHN Group formation.	6. MCHN Group formation.
2. Adolescent Group formation.	7. Adolescent Group formation.
3. Induction Session.	8. Induction Session.
4. Linkage Session	9. Linkage Session
5. Hand wash and safe water Session.	10. Hand wash and safe water Session.

### Accomplished Activities in Lama

SL No	Description	Target	Achieved	Participants			Remarks
				LM	PW	Adolescent	
1	MCHN Group formation	56	56	298	80		
2	Adolescent Group formation	58	58	298	80	464	
3	Induction Session	52	52	177	67		
4	Linkage Session	31	31	170	57		
5	Hand wash and safe water Session	56	56	298	80		
6	HH Visit	89	89	47	52		
7	Mixed session	56	21	110	38		

8	Women Nutrition	35	35	245	62		
9	Complimentary feeding	35	35	245	62		
10	Breast feeding in the right way	35	35	245	62		
11	Caring for the sick and post-sick child.	35	35	245	62		

### Project: SAPLING

**TAHZINGDONG** has been implementing the project of SAPLING (Sustainable Agriculture and Production Linked to Improve Nutrition Status, Resilience, and Gender Equity) in collaboration with Helen Keller International and CARITAS Bangladesh in the areas of Fashiakhali (FF, CHSW & SILC), Aziznagor (CHSW & SILC Agent ) and Faitong (CHSW & SILC Agent ) Union of Lama upazila. The Specific Objectives of the project are- 1: Increased income and access to nutritious foods attained equitably by both women and men; 2: Improved nutritional status of children under five years of age, pregnant and lactating women and adolescent girls; and, 3: Sustained and gender equitable ability of people, households, communities, and systems to mitigate, adapt to and recover from human induced and natural shocks and stresses.

#### Beneficiary: Lama

Sl No	Name of Union	No of para	No of HHs	Population		Total	IEHF P Group	IGA Group	MCHN Group	Remarks
				Male	Female					
1	Aziznagar	67	2341	5392	5292	10684	123	33	55	
2	Pourashava	43	4041	8852	8824	17676	187	2	65	
3	Faitong	51	2728	6520	6500	13020	136	19	61	
4	Fashiakhali-3 (Hargaza )	16	6531	16156	15387	31543	79	0	34	
5	Fashiakhali-1 (Malumghat )	42					160	3	75	
6	Fashiakhali-2 (Yeangcha )	42					129	17	49	
<b>Total =</b>		<b>261</b>	<b>15641</b>	<b>36920</b>	<b>36003</b>	<b>72923</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>339</b>	

**Beneficiary: Bandarban Sadar**

Sl No	Name of Union	No of para	No of HHs	Total	IEHFP Group	IGA Group	MCHN Group	Remarks
1	Bandarban sadar	53	1736	11122	107	19	44	
2	Porsava	82	1832	17965	129	0	70	
3	Kuhalong	62	2556	14182	130	22	53	
4	Rajbila	67	2122	11062	117	0	43	
5	Sowalok	49	2560	13311	117		59	
6	Tongkaboti	64	1132	7209	71	56	44	
Total		377	11938	74851	671	97	313	

**IEHFP Activities & Achievements:**

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. FNC Negotiation Session with all IEHFP &amp; IGA groups;</li> <li>2. MoU negotiation session with all IEHFP &amp; IGA groups;</li> <li>3. FNC Follow up;</li> <li>4. FNC CCT distribution done;</li> <li>5. FNC Follow up to all IEHFP &amp; IGA groups;</li> <li>6. Engaged men session-2;</li> <li>7. GESI men session;</li> <li>8. Conducted awareness sessions with all IEHFP group participants;</li> <li>9. Conducted awareness sessions with all IEHFP group participants;</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10. GESI + Coved adapted WASH and GBV session with all IEHFP group participants;</li> <li>11. Session Conducted with the IEHFP participants with DIY Videos;</li> <li>12. Developed several Job aid video for frontline staffs to refresh and strengthen the capacity;</li> <li>13. Technical training conducted for all FNC Leaders;</li> <li>14. Established FNC; and,</li> <li>15. Vaccination was programmed.</li> </ol>
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The SAPLING project is working tirelessly for socio-economic development and ensuring food production, food security, income generation, saving attitude and disaster tolerance for the backward communities living in the hilly areas. Through various trainings, the field assistants have been able to build the skills of the participants by informing them about modern farming methods and through practical demonstrations. They are now familiar with modern farming methods and have been able to ensure generate additional income by producing more crops.



FNC Establishment



Production of IGA

IGA Activities & Achievements:	SILC Activities & Achievements:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. FNC Negotiation Session with all IGA groups;</li> <li>2. MoU negotiation session with all IGA groups;</li> <li>3. IGA FNC Follow up;</li> <li>4. FNC CCT distribution;</li> <li>5. FNC Follow up to all IEHFP &amp; IGA group ongoing;</li> <li>6. Union marketing committee follow up;</li> <li>7. Strengthen union level market committee Meeting-10 completed;</li> <li>8. Linkage of collection point and aggregation point usage to other market actors -6 completed;</li> <li>9. Strengthen union level market committee leadership and governance practice training;</li> <li>10. Training on MC leadership and governance practice for UzMCs; and,</li> <li>11. UZMC 2 committee meetings completed;</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assist 1st cycle share out of SILC groups and help start 2nd cycle delivery to groups;</li> <li>2. Saving &amp; loan meeting are ongoing every month in 128 group;</li> <li>3. Orientation and modify approach;</li> <li>4. Strengthen SILC groups-191 group 3360 participant In Bandarban Sadar Upazila;</li> <li>5. Monthly progress review meeting with SILC agents;</li> <li>6. Capacity building training for SILC- GMC members at Para Level; and,</li> <li>7. Organize face-to-face orientation to all Agents at office level on modified SILC procedures.</li> </ol>

MCHN Activities & Achievements:	Adolescent group Activities & Achievements:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Breastfeeding in the right way;</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The importance of faith and adolescence changes session;</li> </ol>

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Caring for the sick and post-sick child;</li> <li>3. Hand wash and use safe water;</li> <li>4. Mixed session;</li> <li>5. Early development of the baby 0-11 month;</li> <li>6. 12-24 month;</li> <li>7. Food excess for child 6-11 and 12-24 month;</li> <li>8. Food classification and nutrition;</li> <li>9. Elements of malnutrition vitamin-A &amp; Zinc;</li> <li>10. Elements of malnutrition iron and Iodine;</li> <li>11. Play group session;</li> <li>12. World breastfeeding week;</li> <li>13. Sessions with older men's and women's group;</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. The importance of nutrition and balanced diet during adolescence;</li> <li>3. Evaluate yourself and build confidence session;</li> <li>4. Difference between sex, gender and gender role;</li> <li>5. Personal hygiene and reproductive health;</li> <li>6. Build life skills and communication skills;</li> <li>7. Child marriage violence and dowry;</li> <li>8. Safe motherhood session;</li> <li>9. Worms and safe food intake; and,</li> <li>10. Introducing hand wash and Tiptop sessions.</li> </ol>
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<b>Disaster:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UDMC meeting is ongoing in every month at Union Council;</li> <li>• Village level awareness measures for COVID- 19 virus disease;</li> <li>• Set up 15 hand washing-stations in Bandarban Sadar during Covid-19 under SAPLING project;</li> <li>• More than 15,000 pieces of soap, bleaching powders were distributed in hand-washing station, various school, health center, mosques, temples, and Buddhist monasteries.</li> </ul>



Hand washing station installed at Laimi para, Bandarban Sadar



Distribution of soaps and bleaching powders at Bandarban Sadar Union Parishod

**Project: Strengthen Civil Society and Public Institutions to address Community Resilience to adapt Climate Change**

This project of Strengthen Civil Society and Public Institutions to address Community Resilience to Adopt

Climate Change is funded by SIDA and supported by Manusher Janyo Foundation for the period of 4 years and 3 months. This project has been implemented in 1 Union in the area of Bandarban Sadar Upazila and in 2 Unions of Rowangchari Upazila.

### **Achievements of the Project:**

123 Meetings with community groups, 21 meetings with VCFs, 32 meetings with volunteers, training of community on natural resource management, training for volunteers on gender-based violence, local level advocacy trainings, training on diversified traditional knowledge bases climate resilient/adaptive agriculture or crop cultivation (homestead gardening, horticulture, nursery, vermi-compost, mushroom etc.) were conducted in the working areas. Hence, the program promoted eco-system based plantation at community place, piloting climate resilient composite agriculture and forest model farm/establish demo plot and rice Bank (improvised traditional rice bank). The project also supported for GFS installation, arranged interface meeting with Union Parishad and finalization action plan, organized public hearing at Union level, arranged public hearing at community level and conducted seminar with Govt. stakeholder on VAW against women and girls.

### **Case Study on Rice Bank in Sonai Para**

Sonai para is located in a remote area of Nowapotang Union in Rowangchhari upazila. There are 22 households in the village with 130 people of which 70 are males and 60 are females. The villagers are fully dependent on Jum farming. The villagers face food scarcity for about 6 months in a year due to not enough crop production. And, they live on money lenders and work as day labors for the rest 6 months. TAHZINGDONG has introduced the rice bank program to the village through SCSACC project in 2019 as the village was considered as a crisis zone. TAHZINGDONG supported 150 haris (1500 KGs) of paddy during the food scarcity. Later, the borrowed paddies were returned timely. The rice bank is growing day by day with proper management and villagers are getting supports from it in low cost. Locals admitted that they have immensely benefited from the project during the pandemic lockdown of Covid-19. The stored rice were landed as per the decision of management committee giving priority to the poorest households of the village.

The villagers truly expressed their gratitude to the SCSACC project implemented by TAHZINGDONG for supporting such activities. Finally, the locals expect such activities to continue in the long term.



Villagers took rice from rice bank



Rowangchari UNO and ED of Tahzingdong during the opening of GFS installation at Mendoi para.

**Name of the Project: Enhancing Aquaculture & Nutrition Activity (EANA) in Bandarban Hill District.**

The EANA project was implemented in one Pourashava, 11 Unions of Lama & Alikadam Upazila under Bandarban Hill District for the period of October 2019- December 2020. This project was funded by FtA BAA-USAID while WorldFish provided technical supports. The objectives of the project are to extend aquaculture technologies and nutrition practices among the poor fish farmers, increase availability of fish seeds through facilitating fish nursery establishment, enhance fish and vegetable production to address malnutrition of the poor people, increase income of the rural people especially women and youth and promote livelihood option, linkage establish among the trader, retailer, supplier and with producer and ensuring the quality and availability of feed in the hard to reach area, and, to promote rice fish culture in the low land area for increasing production.

**Project Orientation:**

Two days long “Project Orientation meeting” held on 24-25 November, 2019 at Project Office, Lama, Bandarban. The main objectives of the meeting was to orient project staffs on the activities, Gantt chart, deliverables, roles and responsibilities, admin & financial issues, different organizational policy etc. All project staffs (ANC, UANO, F&AO, UF's & SS) participated in the meeting. ZOR Coordinator and Aquaculture Specialist of FtF BAA, WorldFish participated and facilitated the meeting.

**Project Inception Meeting:**

Two Project Inception Meetings held in Lama & Alikadam Upazila on 12<sup>th</sup> December' 19 at Lama press club conference room and on 18<sup>th</sup> December at Alikadm upazila parishad conference room.



Project Inception Meeting Alikadam

The main objectives of the workshops were to inform the upazila administrations, UP Chairman and councilor, Headman, Karbari, LSPs, Farmers and media representatives about the project. ZOR Coordinator and Aquaculture Specialist of FtF BAA, World Fish participated and facilitated the meeting.

### Aquaculture Group Formation:

Total 50 community meetings organized to identify the target beneficiaries and orient the project among the community and 50 groups formed in Lama-31 and Alikadam-19 groups. Total beneficiaries are 511, male- 22 and female- 489. In the meeting, one president is selected by the group members themselves. The project provided trainings, inputs, technical supports and other facilities to the farmers through the group.

Upazila	Group	Participants (no)			Age group	
		Male	Female	Total	15-29	30+
Lama	31	0	327	327	61	266
Alikadam	19	23	161	184	39	145
Total	50	22	489	511	100	411

### Staff Capacity Building events:

To build the capacity of field staffs, 05-day long ToT on basic aquaculture and nutrition organized from January 12-16, 2020 at The Damtua Inn at Alikadam. In August from 24-26 a three days long residential Refresher ToT training course arranged again for field staffs (UFs) at Damtuya INN restaurant of Alikadam.

### Capacity Building of Fish farmer's and Entrepreneurs:

Availability of Quality fish seed is major problem of fish culture in these regions. To address this problem EANA project took initiatives to develop nurseries. 20 nurseries were developed in 2020 in the area providing hands on training, input support and follow-up facilitation support etc.

### Capacity building of Fish farmers:

To enhance the capacity of fish farmers of targeted 531 fish farmers, 10 homestead training session were organized during the project period. Out of 10 sessions, 03 sessions for aquaculture, 03 sessions for Nutrition, 01 session for market linkage, 01 session for pond dike/homestead vegetable cultivation, 01 session for hand wash and family hygiene and 01 session for Gender. A part from the training, to motivate farmers were provided necessary & quality inputs for increasing fish & vegetable production of the EANA project.



Figure 7 Fish feed Distribution to pond farmers

The summary of input distribution is given below

SL	Name of Inputs	Upazila	Total No of farmer	Male	Female	Remarks
1	Fish Fingerling	Lama	327	0	327	Catla-74740, Ruhu-56055, Mrigel-56055, Common carp-2880, Thai Puti-2880, Tilapia-106400
		Alikadam	184	23	161	
2	Fish Feed	Lama	331	12	319	19800 kg (Each farmer received 40 kg of feed)
		Alikadam	184	27	157	
3	Vegetable seed (Summer)	Lama	317	0	317	Bottle gourd-1.4 kg, Sweet gourd-1.4 kg, Yard long bean-4 kg, Okra-2.5 kg, Indian spinach-3.5 kg,
		Alikadam	178	22	156	
4	Tilapia seed for Nurserers	Lama	14	02	12	Total 40,000 small Tilapia seed distributed among 20 nursery
		Alikadam	06	01	05	
5	OSP Vine	Lama	317	0	317	Each farmer received 30 cutting OSP Vine
		Alikadam	178	22	156	
6	Vegetable seed (Winter)	Lama	317	0	317	Each farmer received 05 types of winter vegetable (bottle guard-10 gm, ladies finger-20gm, yard long bean-20gm, sweet guard-10gm, Spinach-20gm, )
		Alikadam	178	22	156	
7	Mola Fish seed	Lama	317	0	317	Each farmer received 250 gm of Mola fish seed
		Alikadam	178	22	156	

### Project: Support to Peaceful Coexistence of Diverse Ethnic and Religious Communities

TAHZINGDONG is implementing the project of “Support to Peaceful Coexistence of Diverse Ethnic and Religious Communities” for promoting advocacy through sensitizing community people on community cohesion, peaceful coexistence of different communities funded by UNDP. The duration of the project is from December 2019 to August 2021.

An Inter Religious Dialogue was arranged on 9 November 2020 at Bandarban Hill District Council Conference room where religious leaders of different religions took part in the discussion while the Hon’ble Chairman of BHDC was present as Chief Guest of the program. The program was arranged with the aim of promoting peaceful coexistence of different communities. Each participants expressed that such program should be conducted in all Union and Upazilas in CHTs. Workshop on promoting

peace building and social inclusion through voluntarism to develop a resilient society in the time of COVID-19

Was held on 25 to 26 August 2020. Many video clips on awareness raising of the covid-19 was published.



Inter religious dialogue held at BHDC Conference room

Workshop on promoting peace building and social inclusion through voluntarism to develop

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