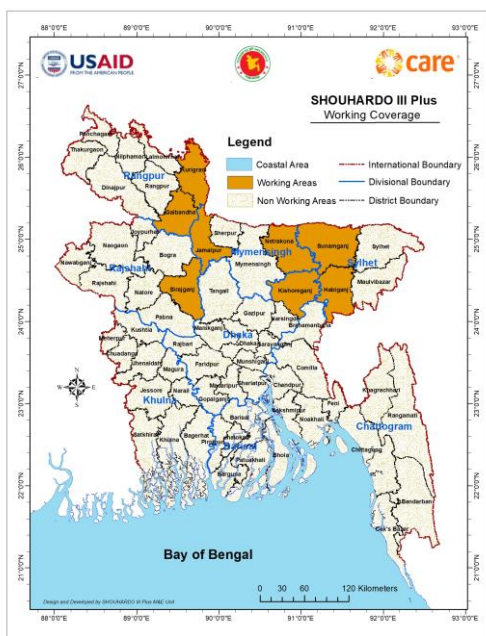




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Strengthening Household Ability to Respond to Development Opportunities (SHOUHARDO) III+



Considering the evolving needs of the Poor and Extreme Poor (PEP) households as a result of the ongoing global food crisis and lingering impact of COVID-19, the SHOUHARDO III+ Program will focus on two result areas:

1. Increasing equitable access to income and nutritious food for youth, women, and men,
2. Improved and sustained nutritional status of children under five years of age, pregnant and lactating women, and adolescent girls (aged 10-19).

Approach

Building on the successes of the predecessor program, SHOUHARDO III+ will work with program participants to pursue diversified sources of income, support inclusive and sustainable agricultural-led growth, enhance access to markets, especially for women and girls, and improve access to financial services for PEP participants. This will be done by continuously engaging and linking the program-facilitated Local Service Providers (LSP) with the government and private sector, as well as promoting increased consumption of nutritious foods and micro-nutrients for children under five years of age, pregnant and lactating women, and adolescent girls. Across these result areas, SHOUHARDO III+ will build upon its integration approach to programming by prioritizing private sector engagement, gender, and governance. Because the design of the SHOUHARDO III+ program builds upon the achievements and progress of SHOUHARDO III, several Partner Non-Government Organization (PNGO) partnerships will be maintained within the new program.

As part of its ongoing program efforts and commitment, SHOUHARDO III+ will continue with the implementation of the proposed activities within the existing program locations, following a phased approach. The first stage will cover all areas, including the Char and Haor regions, and covers 8 districts, 23 Upazilas (sub-districts), 115 Unions and 947 villages. The 8 districts are: Kurigram, Gaibandha, Sirajganj, Jamalpur, Netrokona, Kishoreganj, Hobiganj, Sunamganj.

Goal

Delivering improved, gender-equitable, and resilient food and nutrition security to at least 168,521 vulnerable households of the Char and Haor regions in Bangladesh until 2024.

Areas of Intervention

The program supports:

Agriculture and Livelihoods (Results Area 1)

- Entrepreneurship development training for LSPs
- Develop higher technical capacity for livestock vaccinators
- Facilitate linkage meeting with LSPs at the Upazila level
- Strengthen connection among LSPs/Entrepreneurs and Private Sector
- Orient framers on modern agricultural technologies using digital platforms
- Expansion of Village Saving Agents (Sanchay Sathi) form and maintain Village Savings and Loan Association (VSLA) Groups

Nutrition (Results Area 2)

- Strengthen linkage to improve technical capacity of Private Community Skilled Birth Attendants and Blue Star Providers
- Mobilize Community Healthcare Providers in organizing group session on adolescent nutrition and menstrual hygiene management with adolescent girls
- Facilitate functionality of multi-sectoral nutrition platform (UNCC and DNCC) in order to ensure nutrition services
- Orient LSPs in using digital apps and hotlines to promote nutrition services
- SBCC messaging with LSPs, existing community groups and community leaders

Cross-Cutting Areas

- Girls Forum (GF) facilitate sessions on GBV and prevention of child marriages
- Linking Local Service Providers (LSP) with relevant government entities

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Duration

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