

Bridge to resilience



Bamboo Bridge at Bhogdanga Union at Jagomonar Char

The Bhogdanga union is situated just beside the Dharla River which is the nourishing mother in summer and the destructive demon in monsoon. If it rains in the upstream, India, the water of the river increases within few hours flooding the low lands. Recently in 2014, the river flood affected 124,453 HHs residing in Kurigram. In 2015 the river flooded the areas in early June and mid-August caused by the heavy rainfall in the Himalayan foothills.

“When there is rain for two days we cannot move to highland and safe places as the roads go under water. We can move in the water but our children cannot. They suffer a lot.” A thirty five year old, Jashim says. If the roads can be raised above the flood level then the suffering of the poor could be less. Considering the situation the ECHO funded “Recovery support to the flood affected families of North-Western districts of Bangladesh” is being implemented in Bhogdanga, Kurigram Sadar by RDRS Bangladesh in partnership with DanChurchAid under the DeSHARI consortium. The project conducted fast track CRA to select priority areas to carry out development activities. A connecting road with the WAPDA (BWDB) embankment was prioritized and was constructed through the 30 days Cash for Work under the project.



The road was raised and the community could commute using motor vehicles. But still, the community suffered due to flood in early July. They needed a bridge to cross a low land. The community came up with a plan to volunteer to construct a bamboo bridge.

Bridge construction in progress at Bhogdanga

The construction required thirty two person days, 30 bamboos and predesigning by the engineer. The project engineer designed the bridge and the local people voluntarily constructed it.



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