



Strengthening community-based environmental protection

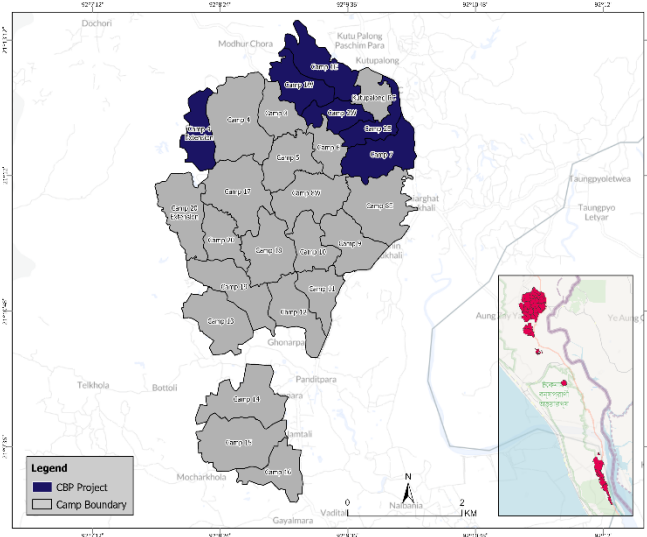
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Background

Acted began operations in Bangladesh in 2018, responding to the needs of Rohingya populations who fled Myanmar's Rakhine State due to persecution. Our teams implement IM, WASH, Protection, Emergency and SCCCM intervention projects in the country to support the most vulnerable populations.

Acted is implementing a 12-month Natural Resource Management (NRM) project from February 2025 in the camp of Cox's Bazar, with support from WFP. This initiative focuses on disaster risk management and community-based environmental protection by rehabilitating climate-resilient infrastructure for community safety, maintaining and upgrading drainage systems to prevent flooding, and undertaking reforestation and erosion control to restore ecosystems and enhance sustainability. It promotes community engagement through capacity-building activities, empowering residents to actively participate in environmental conservation efforts.



Map 1: Acted's Natural Resource Management (NRM) sites

Key numbers on the project



18,000 expected individuals benefitted



6,889 cubic meters of waste removed from drains



63 hectares of reforested land maintained



6,802 beneficiaries participated in cash-for-work activities



475 meters of drains improved or constructed



11 Climate resilient infrastructure constructed



07 slope stabilization structure maintained or constructed



07 erosion control measures implemented in landslide prone areas

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Climate-resilient infrastructure

The project focuses on Key activities including slope protection and stabilization with geotextile bags, pathway creation, stair construction, drainage system upgrading, and retaining wall maintenance. Additionally, existing guide walls and stairs are being maintained. Currently, construction projects are underway to enhance community resilience against climate-related challenges.

Drain Maintenance

Drain maintenance is a critical component of the project, focusing on ensuring effective water management in the camps. Currently, drain cleaning activities are underway in 11 camps, aimed at preventing blockages and promoting sanitation. The work includes upgrading drainage systems, developing drains with stair access, and enhancing the overall drainage system. These efforts contribute to improved hygiene, reduced flooding risks, and better living conditions at camp.



Reforestation

Reforestation is a key focus of the project, aimed at restoring habitats and enhancing sustainability in the Rohingya refugee camps. Currently, activities in 8 camps involve planting native trees and vegetation to combat soil erosion, improve air quality, and provide shade. These efforts support biodiversity and community resilience, aligning with the project's sustainable natural resource management objectives.



Our **Natural Resource Management (NRM)** project aligns with Acted's 3ZERO vision by advancing **Zero Exclusion** through community participation in climate-resilient infrastructure and reforestation activities. It contributes to **Zero Poverty** by creating livelihoods via Cash for Work initiatives and skill-building opportunities. Additionally, it supports **Zero Carbon** through replantation and sustainable practices to mitigate environmental degradation.

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