

Partnership Development Justice

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Highlights 2021



Together for Bangladesh





Climate-Resilient Livelihoods

Merina Khatun makes her income by different activities. In trainings, she has learned how to rear livestock and grow vegetables. The women's self-help group in the village is an important support to her.

As women we stick together and help each other. We now know how to build a future. And we show others how this is possible.

The Climate-Resilient Programme of NETZ is not just about short-term support. It aims at economic and social empowerment and long-term changes.

Women's groups create savings and build up food stocks to be prepared in times of crisis. Families develop their plans for escaping extreme poverty by economic activities and receive the necessary support for adapting to the climate crisis. Breeding geese, Merina can now buy clothes for her children and pay school fees. She has transformed her small dwelling into a decent house where the family is safe.

Outlook

Recently, world-wide food security is deteriorating. Further efforts have to be made to support those who have become poor and cannot afford sufficient food.

Achieved in 2021



67,346 people

have reached food security thanks to sustainable local self-help structures.

8,802 women

received trainings on agricultural, disaster recovery, women's rights, financing, and use this knowledge in everyday life.

17,010 women

in Bangladesh and in West Bengal, India have created their own income.

More than **2,800** women have created new self-help groups.

812 self-help groups

have successfully claimed their members' social benefits from government agencies in **9,728** cases.

Inclusive Quality Education

Bonna Akhter knows what she wants: to learn. But there is no government school close to her village in the North of Bangladesh. To ensure the right to education for all children, NETZ supports Non-Formal Primary Education. Schools in remote areas offer inclusive learning opportunities.

I want all children to get the chance to learn.

Bobita Akhtar, NFPE school teacher

A main goal of NETZ and its partners is to increase the quality of primary educa-

tion. School development workers support extra-curricular activities, teachers are trained in child-friendly teaching methods and schools receive additional material. Besides the Non-Formal schools, NETZ supports Anandalok schools with a preschool and space for 180 children from class 1 to 5. Third, NETZ supports quality education in public primary schools in collaboration with school authorities.

Sustainable Achievement

Despite Covid-related school closures in 2021, fewer than 5 percent of the children in NETZ schools dropped out of school.

Achieved in 2021



8,337 children

successfully finished primary school and now continue their education in a secondary school.

435 primary schools

provide inclusive quality education for all children.

54,535 children

have been educated at primary and pre-school level.

6,819

teachers, social workers and school board members

received trainings in new teaching methods and child-centered pedagogy.



Equal Human Rights

The human rights programme of NETZ and its partners prevents violence, promotes justice and strengthens democracy. The main actors are human rights defenders in villages. They are confidants for all people in the region and intervene in cases of domestic violence and child marriage. They help victims of injustice and violence by accompanying them to the police or recommending lawyers. Their strong networks extend from the community to the capital.

Understanding the roots of conflicts and transforming them in a non-violent way promotes social peace and a just society.

NETZ connects villagers, members of civil society and local officials. They take part in training sessions and learn how to understand and address such conflicts. After an influential family had claimed land that has been used for generations by members of the indigenous Santal group, NETZ facilitated a conflict analysis together with the conflict parties. In the process, they worked out proposals for a peaceful settlement.

Pathbreaking

A training manual on nonviolent conflict transformation was developed with examples from Bangladesh. It now serves as the basis for future trainings.

Achieved in 2021

25,030 volunteer human rights defenders

have successfully stood up against discrimination and violence in **974** cases.

1,981 adolescent activists

received trainings and learned about human rights issues, gender equality and democratic dialogue with authorities.

5,520 students

at **184** secondary schools have promoted rights of women and children.

1,008 cases of human rights violations

have been identified and followed up.

240 students

received trainings in self-defense and shared their skills with their classmates.



Principles of NETZ



Partnership

We work on eye level - be it with village communities or our partner NGOs. We reflect on power relations, e.g. between donors and receivers, and try to overcome them.



Participation

Our projects are based on the knowledge and the ideas of people for whom we work. They themselves implement the projects and evaluate their achievements in a dignified way.

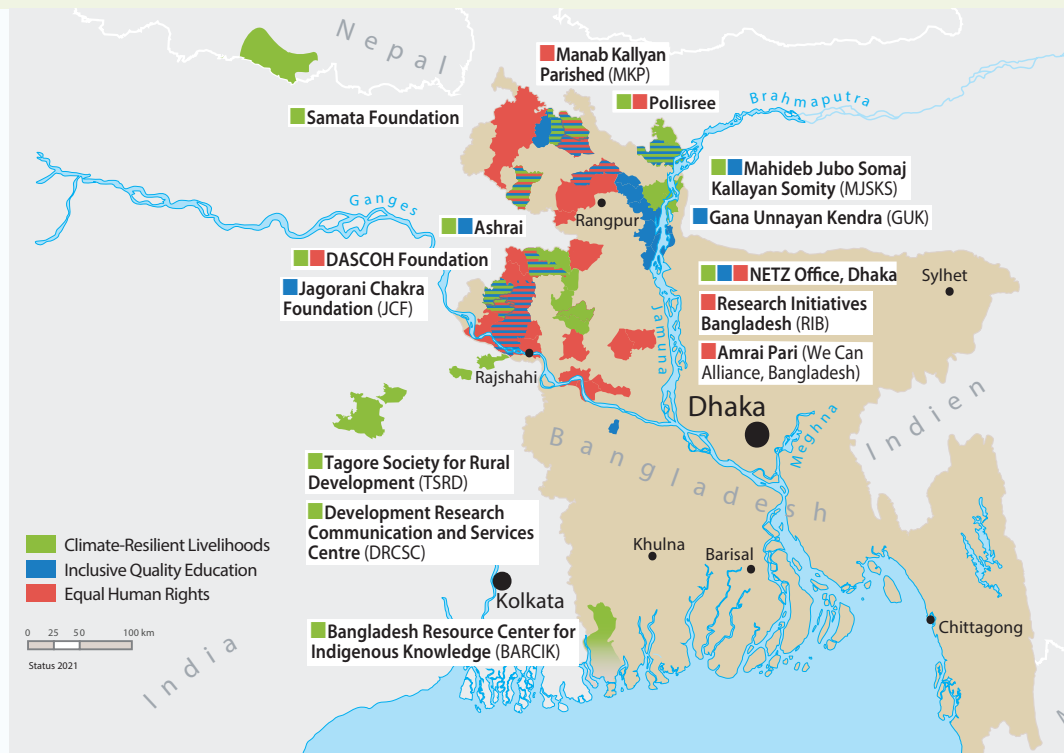


Transparency

We are accountable to the people we work for, to the state, donors and partners. We have zero tolerance against any form of corruption or misuse of funds.

NETZ partners and projects

For more than 30 years, NETZ is fighting for human dignity alongside people who suffer from extreme poverty, hunger and marginalisation in Bangladesh. Staff, volunteers and local partner organisations support the self-determination of tens of thousands of families. Together with local partner organisations, NETZ supports self-help for nutrition, education and human rights. Joint learning and mutual exchange are fundamental to our work. NETZ has been supported e.g. by the German Ministry for Development Cooperation, the European Union, the Department for International Development, the SKala Initiative.



- ◆ NETZ works for self-determination and self-help in Bangladesh since 1989
- ◆ NETZ is an association with 285 members
- ◆ NETZ publishes the largest German magazine on Bangladesh
- ◆ NETZ has 24 co-workers in Bangladesh and 14 co-workers in Germany
- ◆ NETZ spent 5.4 million Euro for development projects in Bangladesh in 2021



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