

Partnership Development Justice

NETZ বাংলাদেশ

Highlights 2024

These are highlights of the NETZ annual report 2024. You can find the full report online: www.bangladesch.org/annual-report



Coming Together for Equality



Climate-resilient livelihoods

Mustard, a crop with deep roots in northern Bangladesh, has transformed Laboni Akhter's life. She once lived in extreme poverty, her life marked by dependence on her husband and land-owners who provided her with work.

I am grateful to my women's group for helping me to live independently.

Laboni Akhter, project participant.

That all changed when she joined the women's group in her village. She participated in trainings on climate-resilient

agriculture and received initial support for making her own income. After earning some money, Laboni leased a piece of land on which she grows mustard and peanuts. Last year, she was able to sell 40 kilograms of mustard seeds. Today, she produces mustard oil for her own cooking and generously shares her farming knowledge with others in her community, offering advice and practical tips.

Challenging

Political change in Bangladesh has led to a high turnover among local authority representatives.

Successes of 2024

88,260 people

secure their nutrition through established local self-help structures.

In **14,343** cases

women's self-help groups successfully claimed the social benefits they were entitled to from the authorities.



www.bangladesch.org/climate-resilient-livelihoods

22,650 women,

who previously lived in extreme poverty, now earn a sustainable income for themselves and their families.

10,744 women

educate themselves on agriculture and finance as well as women's rights and apply their knowledge in everyday life.



Equal human rights

Minara Khatun is a striker who scores many goals for her soccer team. Yet, people accuse her of not acting „like a girl.“ She refuses to accept these accusations, standing firm in her advocacy for equal rights. Minara knows that discrimination often starts in small, everyday situations but can have long-lasting and far-reaching consequences.

During Bangladesh's current political change, protecting human rights remains crucial. It is essential to empower women, girls, and marginalised communities.

Successes of 2024

43,732 people entitled to social benefits

now receive the support that was previously denied to them.

4,266 adolescent and adult activists

receive training on topics such as human rights, gender equality, and democratic dialogue with authorities.

546 human rights violations

have been documented and reported to state authorities.



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16,130 volunteer human rights defenders

advocate against discrimination and violence across **680** human rights committees.

5,520 students

at **184** secondary schools promote the rights of girls and women in student forums.

2,540 female students

take part in self-defence courses and pass on their knowledge to their classmates, friends and siblings.

Climate resilience

6,253 project participants

secure their homes against the threat of the climate crisis. They insulate walls, reinforce cattle sheds, and create natural protective barriers using trees and shrubs.

In **680** village groups and **184** schools,

participants discuss the dangers and consequences of heatwaves and explore their causes in relation to climate change.



Inclusive quality education

It all starts with the youngest: preschool and primary pupils play and run around the yard during breaks. Girls and boys alike enjoy learning here – and take first important steps towards a self-determined future.

I got to try out many things during our science project day!

Smriti Rani, primary school pupil from Nilphamari.

Beyond reading, writing and arithmetic, the curriculum also includes science

lessons, social skill development, democratic education, and shared decision-making. For example, at Kukribon Primary School, children elected their own student representatives in student task force and school management committee in 2024. The committee organises events, helps maintain the school grounds, and supports fellow pupils with any questions and concerns.

Very good

24 preschools set up through NETZ-projects are now financed and managed by the state, including their teaching staff.

Successes of 2024

9,201 children

successfully complete primary school after grade 5 and are enrolled in a secondary school.

To support this transition, **4,290** children receive help with fees and school materials.

515 primary schools

provide children with inclusive quality education.

These include **34** Anandalok schools, **60** village schools and **421** state schools.

54 state elementary schools introduce preschool classes for the first time.



69,455 children

participate in pre-school and primary school education, including **15,835** from ethnic and religious minority groups.

In **824** cases,

committed teachers and social workers prevent children from dropping out of school.

208 health camps and **1,710** cultural and sports events strengthen the connection between local communities and their schools.



www.bangladesch.org/education





Committed people



Bangladesh



Global North

Coming together for Equality

With NETZ, committed people in Bangladesh, India and Germany stand up for dignity, self-determined development and climate justice. Together, we create sustainable pathways out of extreme poverty and for accessing basic education. We are dedicated to ensuring equal rights, particularly those of women and minorities. We act consistently, non-violently, and on equal terms.



Living in dignity



Climate Justice



Ways out of poverty

Take a look at the quotes that make up our new core principles:



Education



Equal rights

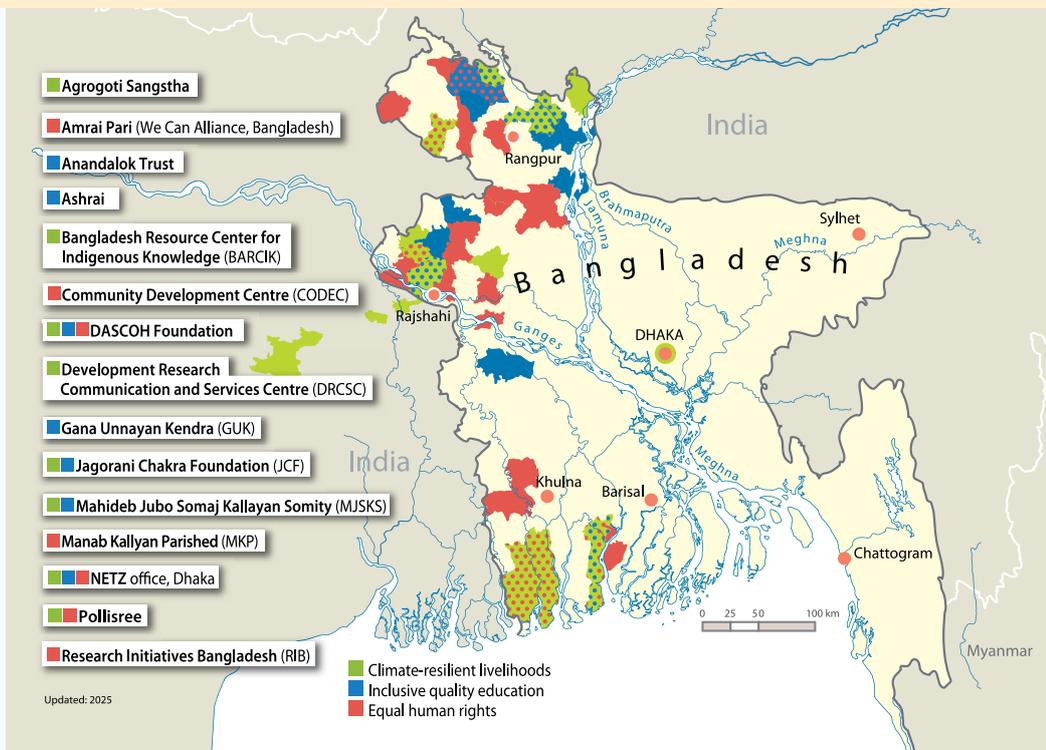


On equal terms

www.bangladesch.org/vision-and-principles

NETZ partners and projects

Voluntary commitment is the basis of our work, both in Bangladesh and Germany. NETZ remains accountable first and foremost to the people we are working for. NETZ does not implement projects. This is the role of locally rooted partner organisations, who join hands with the people driving the projects themselves. We work together out of joint commitment, with mutual respect, professionalism and transparency. We convince individual supporters as much as donor institutions, such as the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development or the European Union, to support our work.



- ◆ NETZ works for self-determination and self-help in Bangladesh since 1989.
- ◆ NETZ is an association with 255 members.
- ◆ NETZ publishes the most important German magazine on Bangladesh.
- ◆ NETZ has 23 co-workers in Bangladesh and 17 co-workers in Germany.
- ◆ NETZ spent 4.6 million Euro for development projects in Bangladesh, India and Nepal in 2024.



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