



# Arannayk Foundation

BANGLADESH TROPICAL FOREST CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

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## Introduction to the organization



**Arannayk Foundation**, also known as ‘Bangladesh Tropical Forest Conservation Foundation’, was established on 26 July 2003, through an agreement between the Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh and the Government of the United States of America. This was done under the auspices of the Debt Reduction Agreement signed on 12th September, 2000, by the two governments, through which Bangladesh agreed to be pursuant to the US Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 in lieu of gaining reduction of certain debts that it owed to the United States.

**Arannayk Foundation** is registered as a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee (Reg. No.C-550(02)/2003) and not having a share capital under section 28 of the Bangladesh Companies Act 1994.

### Mission

The **mission** of Arannayk Foundation is to facilitate conservation, protection, restoration and sustainable use and management of tropical forests in Bangladesh through awareness and capacity develop-

ment of stakeholders for planning and implementing necessary policies, programs and projects.

The Foundation provides financial grants or other support to eligible entities for activities aimed at conserving, protecting, maintaining and/or restoring tropical forest and biodiversity assets of Bangladesh.

### Vision

In regard to its own future, the **vision** of the Arannayk Foundation is to become:

- the premier agency in creating partnership among the public and private sector organizations and institutions engaged in activities relating to forestry;
- the leader for intervening between the private and public sector agencies to coordinate all forestry-sector activities following a systematic method;
- a top developer of models for poverty alleviation through forestry related activities; and
- financial support provider in the forestry sector.

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## Ongoing Projects at a glance

SL#	Project Title	Implementing entity
1.	Coastal Biodiversity Conservation through Creating AIG Facilities (Phase-2)	Uttaran
2.	Conservation of Threatened Species	IFESCU
3.	Inani Protected Forest Area (PFA) Co-management - NGO component (Phase-3)	SHED
4.	Restoration & Conservation of Biodiversity in the Inani PFA - FD component	Forest Dpt. Inani
5.	Restoration & Conservation of Biodiversity in the Inani PFA - CMC component	CMC
6.	Restoration & Conservation of Biodiversity in the Denuded Hills in Sitakunda and Mirsharai, Chittagong - NGO component (Phase-2)	YPSA
7.	Restoration & Conservation of Biodiversity in the Denuded Hills in Sitakunda and Mirsharai, Chittagong – FD component	Forest Dpt. Ctg North
8.	Restoration & Conservation of Biodiversity in the Denuded Hills in Banskhal, Chittagong - NGO component (Phase-2)	DAM
9.	Restoration & Conservation of Biodiversity in the Denuded Hills in Banskhal, Chittagong - FD component	Forest Dpt. Ctg South
10.	Restoration & Conservation of Biodiversity in the Denuded Hills in Banskhal, Chittagong - CMC component	Banskhal CMC
11.	Restoration & Conservation of Biodiversity in Barind Dhamoirhat Sal Forest, Naogaon - NGO component (Phase-2)	Padakhep
12.	Restoration & Conservation of Biodiversity in Barind Dhamoirhat Sal Forest, Naogaon - FD component	Forest Dpt. Rajshahi
13.	Restoration & Conservation of Biodiversity in Singra Sal Forest, Dinajpur - NGO component (Phase-2)	RDRS
14.	Restoration & Conservation of Biodiversity in Singra Sal Forest, Dinajpur - FD component	Forest Dpt. Dinajpur
15.	Restoration & Conservation of Biodiversity in Singra Sal Forest, Dinajpur – CMC Component	Singra CMC
16.	Restoration of Hilly Biodiversity through Community Based Bio-Resource Management at Dighinala, Khagrachari (Phase-2)	Anando
17.	Community-based Conservation of Forest Resources and Enhancing Rural Livelihood in Rangamati of CHT (Phase-2)	Hill Flower
18.	Indigenous Community Based Sustainable Management of Chimbuk Hill Forest in Bandarban Hill District (Phase-2)	Humanitarian Foundation
19.	Community Based Forest Resource Management for Sustainable Development in Rowangchari, Bandarban (Phase-2)	Tah Zing Dong
20.	Conservation and Regeneration of Biodiversity of Village Common Forest in Khagrachari	Proshika
21.	Swamp Forest Restoration in Haor Areas of Shunamganj Dist. (Phase-2)	CNRS
22.	Capacity building of stakeholders and program/management support (CBPMS) (Phase-2)	PROSHIKA
23.	Promotional and awareness raising activities on forest & biodiversity conservation	BCL
24.	Biodiversity Conservation Through Livelihood Improvement, Sundarbans West Wildlife Sanctuary	Burigoalini CMC
25.	Biodiversity Conservation Through Livelihood Improvement, Sundarbans East Wildlife Sanctuary	Sarankhola CMC
26.	Livelihood support for Conservation of Gazalia Village Common Forest, Bandarban Hill Tracts	Toymu
27.	Livelihood support for Conservation of Dhanpata Village Common Forest, Khagrachari Hill Tracts	Kabidang
28.	Determination of Carbon Uptake and Floral Conservation in the Tropical Wet Mixed Forests in Rangamati	IFESCU
29.	Livelihood Development of Forest-dependent Communities in and around Chunati Wildlife Sanctuary – Co-financing with GIZ	SHED
30.	Alternative Livelihood Support to Forest Communities (ALSFC) component of Climate Resilient Participatory Afforestation and Reforestation Project; Co-financing with World Bank administered BCCRF	YPSA and Uttaran

## News from the field

### Exposure visits to Arannayk's project sites

For better learning and sharing of ideas and best practices, partner organizations of AF organized exposure visits to different project sites of the PNGOs of AF within the Chittagong district.

Staffs of 'SHED' and beneficiaries of 'Tahzingdong' visited Anando's site at Dighinala, Khagrachari

where they learned how with the support from Arannayk Foundation 'Anando' restored the forest cover with different agro-forestry technologies such as plantation along the boundary (live fence), forestry with multi-tier fruit orchard in plain land, bamboo plantation and planting broom grass along the water courses and planting indigenous tree species in other parts of hills.

'Anando' staff and CBO beneficiaries also visited Tahzingdong's Tulachari site to learn how the Community members are getting water right at their door step through Gravitational Flow System (GFS) built with the support of AF.



### Training of Stakeholders on 'Adaptation to Change including Climate Change issues'

AF has completed 5 training events in 3 hill districts of Chittagong Hill Tracts in partnership with ICIMOD from December'13 to April'14. 125 key stakeholders of CHT received the training. Renowned community leaders were invited as chief guests and guest of honors in each of the events.

Senior and mid level officials from local NGOs, offi-

cial from CHT based govt. line agencies, research organizations, teachers and local press representatives participated in the training. The participants gained information on Climatic and non-climatic changes, factors influencing the changes, consequences of these changes and adaptation techniques.

The 3 key issues related to Climate Change, namely

deforestation, water availability and livelihood opportunities, were broadly discussed in each of the event. The trainings provided a strong platform to the key stakeholders of CHT to build their capacity and gain information, to rectify their own knowledge regarding prioritizing the existing problems of CHT and pointing out way forward.

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### Meeting with Chakma Circle Chief

Mr. Farid Uddin Ahmed (Executive Director of Arannayk Foundation) along with staff of the Arannayk Foundation had a meeting with His Excellency Raja Debashish Roy, Chakma Raj. Mr. Ahmed briefly shared the activities and updates of Arannayk Foundation.

Raja Debashish Roy, who is

also one of the Board members of Arannayk Foundation highly appreciated the activities of AF and asked AF to continue such activities in the Chittagong Hill Tracts. According to His Excellency Raja Debashish Roy, it is the community who is getting most affected by the natural and human induced changes and their impacts, thus they

should be benefited the most. His Excellency considered REDD+ as one of the solutions that might help the community sustain and combat to the negative impacts. He was extremely glad to know that AF is training the stakeholders of CHT in partnership with ICIMOD and playing a role building their capacity.



## Success Stories

### Story of Sufia Khatun



Sufia Khatun, aged about 42 years, lives with her husband and 4 children in Pinijerkul village, Ukhiyaupazila, Cox's Bazar district. She was struggling to manage her family of 6 members. Her husband's regular illegal forest resource extraction was not sufficient even to get 3 meals per day for her children. She was looking for a way out to a better livelihood opportunity for her husband and for herself as well.

Sufia heard of 'Society for Health Extension and Development' (SHED) a local NGO which is supporting the forest dependent people and conserving the forests of the area. 4 years back she joined 'Village Level Forest Conservation Group' managed by SHED and supported by 'Arannayk Foundation' and later she got trained on homestead agro-forestry. She also got support for productive homestead agro-forestry that includes different kinds of vegetable seeds, 2 goats, 5 pigeons and materials for a compost preparation plant which is worth of approximately BDT 10,000.

From that point of time Sufia did not have to look back. Her husband quit forest resource extraction and started helping her. Within one and a half year, through her hard work, Sufia was able to increase her number of goats from 2 to 11 and number of pigeons from 5 to 34. She sold 2 goats for BDT 75,000. With the support of SHED she took a loan of BDT 5,000 and also started growing and selling vegetable in the local market.

Sufia's diversified sources of income help her to earn BDT 250-300 per day. Now she is a successful entrepreneur and a solvent woman because of her hard work and firmness.

### Story of Langrung Mro



Langrung Mro, father of 5 children used to run his family with his wife's support through Jhum (Shifting Cultivation). Though he did not face much difficulty running his family of 7 members but could not save much for the future by his income from Jhum.

'Humanitarian Foundation' with the support of 'Arannayk Foundation' started working for the improvement of the forests and inhabitants of Kurang para of Galengya Union, Ruma from June, 2009 through a project named 'Indigenous Community Based Sustainable Management of Chimbuk Hill Forest'. For a better management of the Village Common Forest (VCF), a VCF committee was formed. Langrung Mro became member of the committee.

The constant motivation of the NGO staffs for reducing forest resource destruction and adopting various Alternative Income Generating Activities (AIGAs) encouraged Langrung to shift from Jhum to other AIGAs. Among the available options he chose to do cucumber cultivation and hybrid papaya cultivation through taking loan from the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) supported by AF.

He took loan 3 times from RLF and without being a defaulter could refund timely every time. Currently he has got immense profit of almost BDT 11,000 through Ginger and turmeric cultivation even after refunding his BDT 10,000 loan to the RLF. He intends to invest the money in some other business and educate his children properly.

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