

Informing and involving the flood exposed community in Fulcharri Upazila at Ghaibandha district of Bangladesh on flood risks and mitigation.

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Involving citizens, and a broad range of stakeholders and beneficiaries from the government, private and non-profit sectors, regularly and directly is one of the key components in project design, development, and implementation process.

Traditional top-down approach to a project implementation have increasingly lost public participation and support and been replaced with more deliberative, inclusive and communicative with the local people. Now the question is how such community engagement and participation could be an effective one, where stakeholders and beneficiaries would have their voice and involvement in the project completion process.

This article is discussing the effective engagement of the stakeholders and beneficiaries through a project workshop, a key part of the component 1, 'Flood Disaster Risk Assessment and Mitigation' under the project Disaster Prevention/Mitigation Measures against Floods and Storm Surges in Bangladesh.

Gaibandha is one of the highly river flood-prone districts in Bangladesh considered as a case study under this project. This article presenting the active community participation, informing and involving the community, sharing the knowledge and having their response to empower the participants and to improve the project on flood risks assessment and mitigation process to minimise the flash flood impacts and to ensure sustainability.

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