

**Capacity  
Building of the local  
people for long-term  
co-existence between  
Human and Nature**



**Bangladesh Environment and  
Development Society (BEDS)**  
An Organization for Excellence in Nature

## History of the Organization

Established on July 26, 2010 when an enlightened group of environmentalists, activists, academics, researchers and nature lovers came together from different disciplines and areas of society with the idea of advocating to protect the ever-degrading environment and ecosystem of Bangladesh for establishing a unique organization BEDS (Bangladesh Environment and Development Society) to work with the grassroots-level. The organization promotes the long-term co-existence of people and natural ecosystems on our planet, creating harmony among all living beings. The strategy of BEDS is to establish networking and partnership among local, national and international government and non-government organizations, individuals, donors, research institutes, universities for solving the regional social and environmental problems by the local people without harming the ecosystem.

## BEDS Introduction

The Bangladesh Environment and Development Society is a non-profit, non-government, development organization committed to maintain ecological balance and create harmony between humans and nature.

BEDS was established for solving complex environmental and social problems in Bangladesh such as the adverse impacts of global warming, unsustainable use of natural resources, drinking water crisis, Sundarbans mangrove ecosystem and biodiversity destruction, increasing uses of dirty energy, gender inequity and human rights violation etc. BEDS is contributing to achieve Sustainable Development Goals.

**General Members: 39**

**Executive Committee Members: 07**

## Registration

In 2013 BEDS was registered from the NGO Affairs Bureau, Prime Minister's Office, Government of Bangladesh. In 2011 BEDS was registered from the Department of the Social Service under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Government of Bangladesh.

## Awards:

BEDS has completed more than 50 projects and received the following prestigious awards: Energy Globe National Award in 2018; Annual Balipara Foundation Award in 2018; Divisional Environmental Award in 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015; Top20 District Development Award in 2018. In addition, one of the BEDS implemented projects "Eco Village in Bangladesh" has been selected to be showcased at Expo 2020 Dubai's Global Best Practice Program.

## **Vision:**

To promote ecological balance and create harmony between human and nature

## **Mission:**

To build the capacity of the most vulnerable communities in the region to ensure sustainable use of natural resources, provide eco-friendly means of living, reduce the adverse effects of climate change and improve their socio-economic condition while maintaining the ecological balance.

## **Objectives:**

1. Advocate to preserve existing natural treasures;
2. Conduct research to maintain the ecological balance;
3. Reduce the adversities arising from climate change;
4. Provide sources for clean energy;
5. Implement disaster risk-reduction strategies among the most vulnerable communities;
6. Establish human rights through good governance;
7. Create livelihoods opportunities for the most vulnerable populations;
8. Improve integrated water resource management and eco-habitat;
9. Ensure proper water, sanitation and hygiene within communities; and
10. Enhance women's empowerment by emphasizing equitable development.



# # Sectors of Interest



Environment and Ecosystem



Livelihoods



Disaster Risk Reduction and  
Climate Change Adaptation



Clean/Solar Energy



Wildlife Conservation and  
Protection



Health and Sanitation



Women and Child Rights



Gender Development



## Ongoing projects

Sl. No	Name of the project	Donor/partner	Duration
01	Project on Livelihood Improvement for the Poor Rural Producers through Sixth Sector Industrialization around the Sundarbans in Bangladesh (1st phase)	Japan Environmental Education Forum (JEEF)	03 February 2020 to 02 February 2021
02	Multi-stakeholder partnership to strengthen transformative processes in shrimp trade as a basis for the protection of mangrove ecosystems in South Asia	Global Nature Fund (GNF)	01 Aug 2019 to 31 Jan 2023
03	Ensuring the sustainability of the Eco village project in Bangladesh.	Korea Green Foundation (KGF)	Sep 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020
04	The development & implementation of nature experience programs for biodiversity conservation in the Sundarbans, Bangladesh	Japan Environmental Education Forum (JEEF)	April 2019 to March 2022
05	SATOYAMA Agriculture Conservation Activity through Establishing Community-Based Seed Bank in the Sundarbans Coastal Region of Bangladesh	Japan Environmental Education Forum (JEEF)	1st July 2019 to 31st Mar 2020
06	Urban Biodiversity Conservation project through Creating an Eco-museum by the Participatory Approach of Civil Society in Khulna City of Bangladesh	Keidanren Nature Conservation Fund (KNCF)	April-2018 to March-2020

## Implemented projects

Sl. No	Name of the project	Donor/partner	Duration
01	Project on livelihood improvement for the poor honey collector through coast watershed conservation around the Sundarbans in Bangladesh	Japan Environmental Education Forum (JEEF)	February-16 to January-19
02	Develop a Disaster Resilience Model Village in the Sundarbans Coastal region of Bangladesh	Give2Asia	May-2018 to February-2019
03	Reducing Drinking Water Crisis of the Sundarbans Coastal Communities through Supplying Desalinated Drinking Water by Using Renewable Energy in Bangladesh	Global Greengrants Funds'	July 2018- Jun 2019
04	Waste management improvement project in Khulna City, aimed at creating harmonious coexistence for waste pickers within society, and focused on disadvantaged members of society in South Asia	Japan Environmental Education Forum (JEEF)	October 2015 to September 2018
05	Changing Life by Empowering Women	Sprout Initiative and Sumar Lakhani Foundation	Oct-2015 to Sep 2018
06	Sundarbans Mangrove Biodiversity Education Program	Japan Environmental Education Forum	Jan 2013-Dec 2018
07	Eco - Village project in Bangladesh	Korea Green Foundation (KGF)	Jun 2015 to Dec 2018

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08	Project on Sundarbans Nature Friendly Community Based Planning Project by Making Use of Regional Blessings through the Eco-Green Tourism Development in Bangladesh	Japan Environmental Education Forum (JEEF)	April - 2017 to March-2018
09	Project for conserving Bangladesh Sundarbans SAYATOMA and developing its showcase through creating action plan and ensuring the sustainable use of natural resources by promoting mangrove restoration traditional culture and skill of mangrove's	Japan Environmental Education Forum (JEEF)	Oct-2016 to Set-2018
10	Sustainable livelihood for Hilsa-dependent Community across India Bangladesh Riverscapes	The International Water Association (IWA)	Dec 2016 to Sep 2017
11	Construct a Multiple Use Cyclone Shelter and Training Center for Sundarbans fishermen communities	Give2Asia	Mar 2016 to Aug 2017
12	Solar school project and Community Empowerment Project to bring Solar Energy to Bangladesh	Korea Green Foundation (KGF)	Feb 2013 to April 2017
13	Green Village by Promoting Solar Energy in Bangladesh	Korea Green Foundation (KGF)	Dec-2015 to Dec 2017
14	Activity for conserving Sundarbans coastal region through sustainable use of natural resources by fishermen, and an eco-club of elementary and secondary schools	Japan Environmental Education Forum (JEEF)	April 2016 to March 2018
15	Dolphin and Turtle Conservation Education among the Sundarbans fishermen of Bangladesh	Japan Environmental Education Forum (JEEF)	April 2015 to March 2018
16	Establishing Community base Agro Farm for Organizational Sustainability	Give2Asia	Sep 17 to Feb-18
18	Develop a series of highly visual , easy to understand training materials in English and Bengali on BioSand Filters	OHorizons	Oct 2017 to Dec 2017
19	Tree planting campaign on school grounds	FEE Japan and Global Forest Fund	Apr 2011 to Mar 2018
20	A study on calipee trade of Critically Endangered Pelochelys cantorii in Bangladesh	Turtle Conservation Fund ("TCF")	Mar 2014 to Feb 2015
21	Ecosystems for Life: A Bangladesh-India Initiative	IUCN, Bangladesh	March to June 2013

## Our Donors/Collaborators/Partners/Networking Members

Bangladesh Environment and Development Society (BEDS) has strong network with government of Bangladesh as well as others regional, national and international organizations. Our donors, partners, collaborators and networking organizations is given bellow;

### Our Donors and Partners

Japan Environmental Education Forum (JEEF)  
Korea Green Foundation (KGF)  
Give2Asia  
Global Nature Fund (GNF)  
FEE, Japan  
Global Greengrants Fund (GGF)  
OHorizons

Sumar Lakhani Foundation  
Learning About Forest Programme  
IUCN, Bangladesh  
IDEAWILD  
Turtle Conservation Fund (TCF)  
IIRR  
Eco Peace Leadership Center (EPLC), Korea

Global Giving

## **Members**

International Living Lakes Network  
Climate Action Network South Asia (CANSA)  
GOBESHONA  
Global Network of Civil Society Organization for Disaster Reduction (GNDR)  
Wetland Link International (WLI)  
Energy Globe Award  
NatureForAll  
Connect4Climate  
AidHub  
AVPN  
Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Network (BES-Net)  
Global Alliance for Clean Cook stoves  
Global Water Partnership (GWP)  
Poverty and conservation (PCLG)  
The Sustainable Sanitation Alliance (SuSanA)  
Young Professionals for Agricultural Development (YPARD)  
Water Action Hub  
Netzkraft Movement  
GREENWILL FOR A GREEN GLOBE  
The Communication Imitative Network

## **Collaborators**

Department of Forest, Government of Bangladesh  
Department of Education, Government of Bangladesh  
Department of Environment, Government of Bangladesh  
Department of Fisheries, Government of Bangladesh  
NGO Portal, Khulna District, Khulna, Government of Bangladesh  
Bangladesh Fisheries Research Institute (BFRI)  
CISS of Khulna University, Khulna, Bangladesh  
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