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100% Renewables with Focus on Local Solutions, End Poverty, Women/Gender Responsive, Youth Education

Climate Center and Youth in Bangladesh

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Grassroot Network for Decarbonization Model

FIVE YEARS OF DELIVERY

SEECTO Bangladesh

Youth-led since 2020. Registered under the Department of Youth Development, Ministry of Youth and Sports.

1.5M+ reached **40+ districts** **70+ partner organisations** **2,500+ trained**

KUSHTIA, 2023

It started with one biogas plant

Proof does not have to be abstract.

A working installation

First community biogas plant in Daulatpur, Kushtia expanded to 3.8 m³ serving 4–5 households.

A replicable model

Cut fossil fuel dependence and produced organic fertiliser at village level.



THE JUST TRANSITION JOURNEY

From one village to a national network

2022

Climate strikes

Nationwide strikes surface a knowledge gap on just transition.

2023

GND Hub Kushtia

Hub established with 350.org. Biogas pilots begin.

2024

Green New Deal Campaign

18 youth organisations connected nationwide.

2025

LCOY Bangladesh

70+ organisations. National Youth Statement to MoEFCC.







GND BOOT CAMP 2.0 · APRIL 2026

Training the next generation (*GND Boot Camp 2.0*)



35+ leaders trained

Project design, grant management and Theory of Change; then real action plans, presented.

Delivered with partners

C3ER (BRAC University), Bonhishikha, SheRAA and Foundation for Women Possibilities.

THE GND MODEL · FUNDING YOUTH-LED COMMUNITY ACTION

What if every training cycle ended with funded projects?

Most climate training ends with a certificate. Young people leave with a plan and no way to fund it. The gap is capital, not capacity.

THE MODEL AT A GLANCE

COHORT

35 young climate leaders per cycle, from across Bangladesh.

SEED FUNDING

Up to 7 community projects, BDT 2,00,000 each.

COVERAGE

Nationwide call. Projects run in fellows' home communities.

BUDGET

BDT 25 lakh per 12-month cycle. Partner: C3ER, BRAC University.



GND Boot Camp 2.0 · Sreemangal, April 2026 · 35+ leaders trained

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CLIMATE STRESS AREAS	PROJECT CONCEPTS	BOOT CAMP FELLOWS	FUNDED PROJECTS

HOW THE MODEL WORKS

One 12-month cycle: from training, to fundable projects, to public evidence.

01 · MONTHS 1–4

Climate Adda

Monthly sessions with local youth and vulnerable communities in all 11 areas.

02 · MONTH 5

Concept

Each zone team turns a real local problem into a project concept.

03 · MONTH 6

GND Boot Camp

About 35 fellows learn project design, grants and finance. Teams pitch.

04 · MONTHS 6–7

Selection

A review panel picks the 7 strongest projects. Each gets BDT 2,00,000.

05 · MONTHS 7–12

Implementation

Projects run 6–12 months, with monthly mentoring and a mid-term review.

06 · NEXT CYCLE

Showcase

Funded teams present results and mentor the new cohort.

BUILT TO LAST

Ownership

Each proposal names who runs it and pays for upkeep.

Community

Cash, labour or materials, and a user committee.

Local links

Each project links to its Union Parishad, upazila or DoE office.

Revolving fund

Part of each grant can stay as a community fund.

Follow-up

Checks at 6 and 12 months after the award.

Cycles overlap: last year's funded teams present and mentor while the new cohort learns.

RESULTS & INVESTMENT

What one cycle delivers, and what it costs.

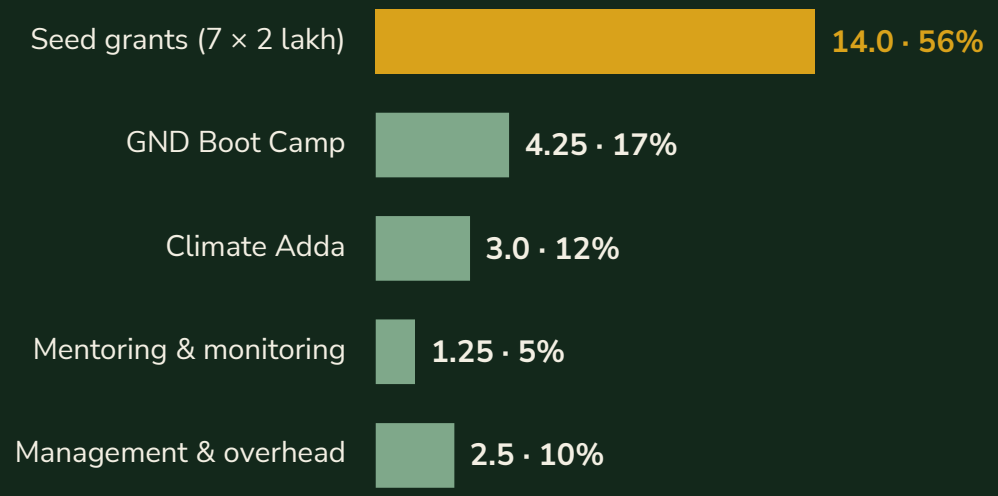
44 CLIMATE ADDA SESSIONS	**300** YOUTH & COMMUNITY REACHED	**40%+** WOMEN AMONG FELLOWS
80% IMPROVE KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS	**1,000+** PEOPLE BENEFIT DIRECTLY	**4 of 7** PROJECTS RUNNING AT 12 MONTHS

WAYS TO PARTNER

- A seat on the review panel
- Focus on an area or theme
- Staff as mentors
- Your name on the work
- Impact data for CSR and ESG
- Speaking slot at showcase

BDT 25 LAKH PER CYCLE

More than half goes straight to youth-led projects.



Indicative. Can be adjusted with the funding partner.

CCDB Climate Centre Bangladesh

- Regional knowledge hub on sustainable technologies.
- Hands-on workshops, courses.
- Interactive learning space for youth and children.
- 27 hectares area; 100+ mitigation and adaptation technologies in different climate zones. e.g., solar heat & electricity, rainwater harvesting, salinity control, agriculture, tree planting.
- Demonstration, research, capacity building, networking, education, dissemination, advocacy.



Thank you

Let's build a just, green future together.

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GND is not a project with an end date. It is a growing movement.

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