Strengthening Household Ability to Respond to Development Opportunities

Strengthening Household Ability to Respond to Development Opportunities (SHOUHARDO) III is a five-year program which aims to achieve improved gender equitable food and nutrition security and resilience for 168,521 Poor and Extreme Poor (PEP) households living in the eight districts of Northern Char and Haor wetland areas of Bangladesh. The program is funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Government of Bangladesh (GoB) and implemented by six Partner Non-Government Organizations (PNGOs).

1 Agriculture and Livelihoods Promotions
Increased equitable access to income for both women and men, and nutritious food for men | SHOUHARDO III provides technical assistance to implementing partners for the PEP to achieve increased agricultural production, access to agricultural markets, off-farm income and utilization of financial services. In numbers, the program has provided training and input support for:

- As of March 2018: 947 villages reached with growth monitoring and promotion (GMP) sessions | 37,645 children below two years old reached with GMP | 71,514 children under five received vitamin A supplements | 42,274 pregnant and lactating women reached with supplementary food ration

2 Health, Hygiene and Nutrition
Improved nutritional status of children under five years of age, pregnant and lactating women and adolescent girls | SHOUHARDO III focuses on strengthening the social and behavior change activities that promote adoption of optimal health, hygiene and nutrition practices at the household level by targeted participants.

- As of March 2018: 28,335 Field Crops participants | 27,892 homestead participants | 5,508 fisheries participants | 66,068 income-generating activities participants | 77,896 livestock participants | Formed Farmer Field Business Schools with 2,625 Farmer Leaders trained | 947 village savings and loan associations formed | 1,993 youths trained on employability skills

3 Resilience - Disaster and Community Risk Management
Strengthened gender equitable ability of people, households, communities and systems to mitigate, adapt to and recover from man-made and natural shocks | SHOUHARDO III aims to build the resilience of people, households, communities and local level institutions to mitigate, adapt to and recover from man-made and natural shocks.

- As of March 2018: 32,717 women and girls reached with Empowerment, Knowledge and Transformative Action (EKATA) sessions | Approximately 4,240 participants reached with couple’s dialogue sessions | 562 community empowerment volunteers trained on basic EKATA and women empowerment

4 Women’s Empowerment & Youth engagement
Increased women’s empowerment and gender equity at family and community level | SHOUHARDO III has given special attention to women’s empowerment in terms of access to and control over household resources, assets and opportunities.

- As of March 2018: 138 field visits conducted by government officials to program sites | 909 civil society organizations engaged in program advocacy interventions | 9,647 village development committee (VDC) members received training on organization development and good governance | 947 VDCs implementing community action plans in villages

5 Responsive Governance
Provision and utilization of public services (Local Elected Bodies & Nation Building Departments) for communities especially for Poor and Extreme Poor (PEP) women increased | SHOUHARDO III continuously exerts efforts to increase the responsiveness and accountability of government to the needs of PEP households, particularly of women.

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