

## Climate Resilient Adaptive Livelihoods in Coastal Bangladesh



Seminar report



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Date & Time: August 31<sup>th</sup> 2017, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Hosts: Practical Action

Venue: House # 28/A, 5 Rd No. 5, Dhaka 1205, Bangladesh

Chair: Hasin Jahan, Country Director, Practical Action Bangladesh

Presenters: Azman Chowdhury

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**Introduction:**

Gobeshona monthly seminar of October 31<sup>st</sup> was hosted by Practical Action. The seminar was conducted by Azman Chowdhury and Ishrat Shabnam on “Climate Resilient Adaptive Livelihoods in Coastal Bangladesh”. Hasin Jahan, Country Director, Practical Action Bangladesh attend the seminar as a chair.

Presenter mentioned many rationality on the study for example, Changing climate patterns and disasters is forcing changes in the livelihood patterns of the communities in the coastal belt of Bangladesh. The existing and practiced livelihoods carried on for generations may not be adaptive with varying climate patterns, which needs to be reoriented. Women are the most vulnerable to the challenges enforced by climate change. The market linkage and the value chain connecting the communities of the existing livelihood options have scopes of improvement. Exploring opportunities of creating platforms to engage public and private stakeholders.



Presenters dose many consultations with different stake holders. In mentioning the Severity of Climate Change and its Impact he indicates some points like, Low elevation of the regions along with increasing water level forces migration. Increased salinity reduces soil fertility which hampers agriculture production and thus threatening food security and nutrition intake. Forced migration of the male members of the households leaves very few women wage earners, impeding IGA. Availability of fresh water for domestic and

agriculture use is very limited due to increased salinity. The eco-system around Sundarbans is also threatened due to intensive livelihood approaches which are not adaptive and non-resilient. Azman Chowdhury Proposed Implementation Modalities and Exit Strategies are Development and supporting Women Livelihood Groups. Value Chain development and market linkage for new products. Support government agencies to facilitate climate change resilient livelihood development processes. Encouraging Gender Responsive Decision Making. Public Private Initiative Platforms. Improved Capacity in Financial Planning both at community, institutional and individual level.

