

Bringing Joy

It is always good to hear how the training and help from Christian Aid partners has changed lives and brought joy. Here are a few messages from forum members in South West Bangladesh, supported by Christian Aid partner Shushilan.

Kazol Mondol “People are willing to learn. This is very important. I hear what is being said at meetings so, with the training, I can go and try it out and then help others. This is making life good.



Hadondada Mondal

“Before Hurricane Aila hit us we used to get a good crop but, after Aila, the crops were not healthy and the yield low. Through Shushilan we have learnt to adapt. This has helped us to stay here. Now we use less seeds as we measure our fields out. First, we prepare the beds, then we sow the seeds and then plant them out in rows. Through this system nothing is wasted. Earlier it was haphazard but now we put them 6 inches apart in straight rows. It is simple and it reduces the fertilizer and makes it easier to harvest.

Gogonananka Kaman Monda

“We have benefitted from production training. Now we go to market first and negotiate the price before we bring the produce. If it is a good price, we take the crop to the buyer. We negotiate and this make us proud.”



Karuna Raptan

Karuna has been involved in fish cultivation. “Earlier I went about it in an unplanned way. After a year and one harvest I was taught to clean the pond, then put food in with the new fish eggs. This has meant I have double and sometimes triple the yield than I had before. I use snails as food. I break the shells and mix with sand, dust, straw and use as food and fertilizer.” Blowing a shell to make a noise is a sign of joy in Bangladesh. In this community forum that sense of joy is palatable, especially among the women playing a full part in the business and work.



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