

Build for Safety: women contributing to climate resilient housing in Bangladesh

Description of the project

In Dinajpur, Bangladesh, a construction training program led by AzuKo and a local NGO supports impoverished women with a comprehensive strategy. The program contributes to enhancing community resilience to climate-induced disasters by promoting eco-friendly design and locally available materials and strengthening women's skills in the male dominated building sector. This multifaceted initiative challenges patriarchal norms and persisting gender inequalities by fostering democratic decision-making for women in their communities. AzuKo also supports women's saving groups through low-interest loans and financial training.













Transformative outcomes

Climate impact



House strengthening techniques foster resilience to climate disasters, addressing climate injustice.



Using local, ecological and cost-effective materials to reduce carbon footprint.



Recovery from loss and damage by upgrading housing quality and safety.

Gender impact



727 women equipped with knowledge, skills, and confidence in designing and building safer homes. 1000 more will be trained until 2025.



Accessibility to trainings is enhanced by alleviating women's childcare burden, accommodating training schedules and providing travel support and local language.



Supports women's saving groups via access to loans and financial trainings.

Scalability / replicability



Collaborates with local women's organizations to expand training and advocacy initiatives.



Conducts housing needs assessments, pre- and post-training surveys, individual interviews, and focus groups.

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