



ORGANISATIONAL PROFILE

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Background

The Change Initiative (CI) is an emerging organisation dedicated to research and evidence generation as well as pushing for innovative governance and integrity to find creative solutions and be a pioneer of change.

CI was established with the aim to carry forward with the prime objective of expediting the process of founding a society premised on equity, justice, and wellbeing.

The name ‘Change Initiative’ (CI) represents the goal of embarking on the journey of contriving an alternative research paradigm beyond the orthodox modalities.

CI, registered as a private limited company by shares (No. C-151301/2019) under the Companies Act, 1994 of Bangladesh, dedicates itself to contributing to the betterment of society, focusing on the context of Bangladesh and beyond.

VISION

Build a planet where equity, justice and well-being are established in harmony.

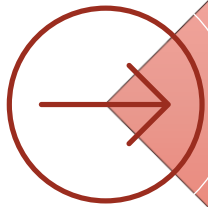
MISSION

Advance efforts towards sustainability through knowledge and practices.

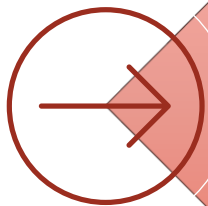
Interventions

- Be Impact focused.
- Provide evidence-based solutions.
- Be a catalyst for positive

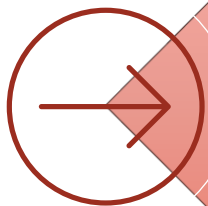
At a Glance



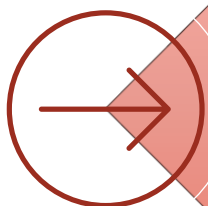
Worked with numerous international organisations such as European Climate Foundation, US Embassy, Oxfam Canada and more



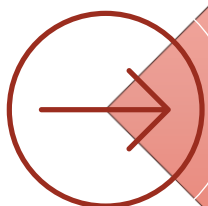
Worked in partnership with acclaimed international academicians from SOAS, MONASH, EWMI etc.



Leading in Renewable Energy and Climate Finance Advocacy



Research covering 6 thematic areas of focus.



Worked in over 30 areas of Bangladesh.



Company Information

Registered Name: Change Initiative Limited

Legal Status: Private Limited

Establishment Date: April 2019

Business Nature: Research and Consultancy

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Areas of Focus

Climate Resilience and Sustainable Finance

Review the existing policy and institutional framework, projects implemented and non-government agencies, funding mechanisms, and major institutional actors working in the field of climate change adaptation and sustainable finance in Bangladesh to help achieve SDG 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

Renewable Energy & Finance

Renewable energy advocacy to promote the adoption of sustainable energy sources, moving towards conservation of natural resources, climate resilient finance and practicing environmentally sound development to mitigate climate change in accordance with SDG 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all.

Nature-based Solutions and Sustainability

Environmental education includes creating awareness through community discussions, trainings, and workshops about the need for change and ways of environmental protection for all including the community, private sector, government bodies and the youth to address SDG 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.

Disaster Risk & Response (DRR)

Disaster Risk & Response involves systematic efforts taken and strategies put in place to minimise the impact of disasters on communities with activities such as hazard assessment, preparedness planning. Research deals with the problems encountered by stakeholders in different sectors attempting to meet the needs of natural disaster affected people for achieving SDG 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable.

Environmental Health and WASH

Health, water, and sanitation are interconnected with crucial roles in ensuring the well-being of communities. Addressing these issues requires a multidisciplinary approach focusing on educating communities about proper hygiene practices, and advocacy for implementation policies and regulations to ensure water quality and sanitation standards, usage of research and technology to develop sustainable and innovative solutions in accordance with SDG 6: Clean water and Sanitation.

Greenpreneurship

Greenpreneurship involves facilitation of individuals creating and leading business ventures that prioritize 'Green' or environmental impact alongside financial goals through capacity building with the intention of providing them with the skills, knowledge, resources, and support they need to succeed in their green entrepreneurial endeavours to help achieve SDG 8: Promote sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment, and decent work for all.

What We Do

Core services



Research and Evidence Generation



Technical assistance and consulting services



Promote Greenpreneurship



Knowledge Sharing and Advocacy



Capacity Building



Academic Publications and Disseminations (papers, journals reports, etc.)

Featured Services:

- Formative Research
- Multi-Sectoral Impact Assessment of Climate Change
- Climate Vulnerability and Capacity Analysis
- Pollution Prevention and Control Strategies

- Situation Analysis
- Applied Research and Analysis on Governance and Policy
- Conducting Policy Research
- Policy Support

- Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Analysis
- Risks and Vulnerability Mapping
- Project Monitoring and Impact Evaluation Assessment

- Water Integrity Assessment
- Pre-Feasibility and Feasibility Test
- Project Monitoring and Impact Evaluation Assessment

- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Environmental Management Plan
- Facilitation for Adoption of Climate Smart Agriculture
- Agricultural Value Chain Analysis and Development

Embracing Digital Platforms

In this Post-Covid world, embracing digital platforms for research and advocacy greatly enhances our capacity to forge connections beyond geographical borders. This offers the opportunity to make global connections, access to vast datasets and numerous data and collaboration tools and ensures a complete analysis. Using comprehensive array of data available, as well as tools which help to simplify the analysis to provide meaningful conclusions.

This connectivity and use of multiple digital platforms has revolutionized the research process by making it possible to seamlessly share data, communicate and collaborate with researchers and key stakeholders worldwide. Apart from global collaboration and data sharing and access, real-time communication with video conferencing apps is also key.





Remote data collection and experimentation have also become feasible, mitigating the need to travel across the world to collect key information. Physical presence is no longer a requirement to ensure authenticity and effectiveness.




Keeping all the cybersecurity, privacy and ethical concerns in mind, Change Initiative strives to move forward using the most effective tools and methods.




Research, Evidence Generation and Consulting Services

Climate Resilience and Sustainable Finance				
Title	Sponsor	Duration	Method	Interventions and Output
Understanding Climate Change vulnerabilities in social, economic, and political context in Bangladesh: A lens through Equity, Justice, and Wellbeing	 Association for Land Reform and Development	June 2022- August 2022	Mixed Method (Quantitative and Qualitative)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study the impact of climate change on vulnerable rural population. Assess greenhouse gas emissions and temperature trends. Evaluate the effectiveness of Bangladesh's climate policies. Analyse intergovernmental coordination and global fund utilization. Scrutinize civil society and NGO initiatives. Pinpoint opportunities for evidence-based climate mitigation and adaptation interventions.
Assessing the Opportunity Loss and Incentives of the Bangladesh Government for Promoting and Subsidizing Climate Risk Insurance	 World Food Programme  OXFAM	August 2022- January 2023	Mixed Method (Quantitative and Qualitative)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess viability and create enabling market environment of climate risk insurance (CRI). Subsidy in CRI and government's role in introducing CRI. Produce guiding and policy documents to sustainably engage government, private sector, and relevant stakeholders in adopting CRI.
Gender Transformative Climate Resilient Microfinance Project		July 2023 - Ongoing	Mixed Method (Quantitative and Qualitative)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acknowledge and generate evidence regarding women's crucial role in managing natural resources and adapting to climate challenges. Incorporate gender-transformative strategies into efforts focused on climate resilience and microfinance projects to financially empower women. Aim to address gender disparities in climate-resilient financing and work towards fostering sustainable, equitable and robust communities.

Climate Resilience and Sustainable Finance


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Assessment of Impacts of Climate-Induced Migration (CIM) in Bangladesh on Female Workers	 	January 2022- March 2022	Mixed Method (Quantitative and Qualitative)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study was conducted to identify the nature and extent of the climate-induced migrations on female workers; specify the extent of vulnerabilities including Gender-based Violence faced by the CIM women in the slums. Findings showed 90% of the CIM women lost their local lands due to different natural disasters and migrated to Dhaka, roughly 1/3 CIM families have faced excessive rain and flooding in their locality.
Estimate the Potential Zakah in Bangladesh, 2020		April 2021 - June 2021	Mixed Method (Quantitative and Qualitative)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimate the potential of Zakat. Explore avenues where Zakat can be used as a source of Sustainable Finance.

Renewable Energy & Finance



Sponsor	Sponsor	Duration	Method	Interventions and Output
State of Renewable Energy Financing in Bangladesh: Prospects and Challenges		August 2022- January 2023	Qualitative method	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and analyse renewable energy financing and overall challenges, risks, and de-risk mechanism. Specify the types of financial instruments and institutions involved in funding renewable energy projects. Study sample 30 leaders from the Renewable Energy Industry.

Nature-based Solutions and Sustainability

Outreach event on Agricultural Biotechnology Research	 	November 2021- February 2022	Outreach Event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focused on frontier Agribiotech development history; beneficiary countries and industries/sectors, the need for future/forward-looking outlook on biotech research and benefits of Agribiotech to increase crop production to ensure food security (availability, access, utilization, and trade). Looked at opportunities of utilizing innovative biotech, the road to the development of innovative biotech research in Bangladesh, the potential of innovative biotech in Bangladesh and challenges and opportunities of Biotech Products in Bangladesh.
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Data collection of TROSA Endline outcome & impact evaluation		September 2021- November 2021	Mixed Method (Quantitative and Qualitative)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation covers implementation basins and communities of the program in Nepal, India, Bangladesh, and Myanmar to bring out the current situation of the local community who are directly involve in TROSA project and other relevant stakeholders directly or indirectly engaged in the program. Capture the program's achievements, challenges, best practices, key lessons and provide evidence-based recommendations.
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Environmental Health and WASH

Title	Sponsor	Duration	Method	Interventions and Output
Integrity assessment of Bangladesh water and sanitation sector		January 2023 - April 2023	Qualitative method (KII, FGD, IDI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of the integrity scenario in the water and sanitation sector. Identify current governance and law enforcement challenges. Explore the impacts of existing governance mechanism in the context of Bangladesh. Propose a set of recommendations for targeted action by the relevant stakeholders to improve overall performance of water and sanitation sector.
Exploring sextortion under the shade of women violence in the WASH sector in climate-stressed localities in Bangladesh		October 2021- February 2022	Mixed Method (Quantitative and Qualitative)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study was conducted to assess the prevalence of sextortion among women in accessing WASH services and identify demographic and socio-economic factors associated with the increased risk of sextortion in climate stresses localities in Bangladesh. About 600 household data were collected from two water stress areas, completely focused on women, from Shyamnagar, Satkhira, and Bandarban. Change Initiative was the primary data-collecting authority on behalf of WIN.

Knowledge Sharing and Advocacy

Regional Climate Summit 2023 - The first South Asian Regional Climate Summit took place on 8-10 September 2023, where Change Initiative was a co-lead organisation. The pressing issue of climate change and sustainable development was discussed, with representation from South Asian countries, such as Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. Mr. M. Zakir Hossain, founder & chief executive of Change Initiative gave the keynote speech for an important session on, "Equity and Justice in Climate Finance: International and Regional Perspective". One of the main takeaways of discussion was the necessity of the South Asia Resilience Fund, which Change Initiative is championing.



Dhaka Renewable Energy Finance Talk & Expo (DREFTE) 2023

– This was an international talk to provide a platform for stakeholders related to the renewable energy industry to come out with their financing tools, services, innovative findings, new area of Renewable Energy financing, new knowledge, and other practices relevant to approach Renewable Energy finance and display their projects.

National Workshop for Renewable Energy Finance (NWREF) 2023

– The event took place on 16 March 2023, and was organised by Change Initiative in collaboration with the European Climate Foundation's TARA Foundation, organised the workshop to discuss influential & evidence-based discussions to finance Renewable Energy. the programme.



Plastic Pollution Webinar 2023 On the occasion of the celebration of World Environment Day 2023, a virtual discussion meeting on the current situation and future progress of Bangladesh in combating plastic pollution organized by Change Initiative and EnvAction was held on 3 June 2023. In the said meeting, eight demands were presented including full support to Bangladesh in formulating an international legally binding agreement and 100% reduction in use of single use plastic bags by 2030.

Youth Engagement and Capacity Building

Change Initiative is planning to create awareness within communities by engaging the young people. A diversified schedule of work is in the verge of completion where primarily the youth of our country will be engaged via workshops, seminars, campaigns etc.

Examples of youth led work include:

Parashe Tarunya (Oath to Conserve Nature) is shaping up to be CI's flagship project. The idea behind this project is to promote green entrepreneurship to achieve multiple outcomes that include conservation and protection of environment, meeting SDG targets in Bangladesh. Primarily this plan will revolve around the reduction of Air Pollution. Once again engaging youth will be the core theme along with usage of everyday technology for monitoring and evidence creation.

GoGoGreen (GGG) is a project the idea behind which is to educate young generation of our country about climate change and its effect. For this CI has partnered with Bangladesh Environment and Development Society (BEDS) to create awareness about Sundarban. Sundarban has been the saviour of the Bangladeshi coast from disasters such as cyclones, tidal waves etc. It is important for the future generation to comprehend the importance of Sundarban through usage of campaigns, tours, publications, documentaries, social media etc.

Youth-led Environment Monitoring (YEM) - Although Dhaka has one of the most polluted air qualities, proper research-based evidence for the AQM is still lacking. With the proposed project CI aims to create empirical research- based evidence that will focus on (a)raising effective demand for non-fired cement block production in key brick production areas of Dhaka; (b) emission reduction from the transport sector in Dhaka city; and (c) control of dust and open burning in Dhaka.

Youth for Clean Air Promotion - 'Change Initiative' is keen for a collaboration with DoE in creating a framework to monitor air pollution. The objectives include establishing reliable data source and monitoring framework for air pollution; raising public awareness by creating demand for fresh air; and establishing a nationwide youth network active to assist the authority figures in working to prevent air pollution.

Partners



Youth Collaborations



We Work With



Gallery

From the Field



Conducting Surveys



Location: Habiganj



Location: Tahirpur



Location: Char fasson

Validation workshop – Water Integrity Network



Regional Climate Summit 2023



Dhaka Renewable Energy Finance Talk & Expo (DREFTE) 2023



National Workshop for Renewable Energy Finance (NWREF) 2023



Climate Strike

