

# Concept Note:

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## Sustainable Fisheries Development Project

<b>Organization:</b>	Kachua Dalima Association (KDA)
<b>Project Title:</b>	"Sustainable Livelihoods through Community-Based Fisheries Development"
<b>Project Location:</b>	Coastal and inland water zones in Patuakhali and other operational areas of KDA
<b>Estimated Duration:</b>	3 Years
<b>Estimated Budget:</b>	BDT 20,000,000
<b>Target Beneficiaries:</b>	1,500 marginal fisher families (men, women, youth)

### 1. Background and Rationale

Fishing is a vital source of livelihood in coastal and wetland regions of Bangladesh. However, climate change, overfishing, lack of modern technology, and inadequate market linkages have left many small-scale fishers vulnerable. The situation is worsened by salinity intrusion, pollution, and limited institutional support.

In response to this, Kachua Dalima Association proposes a fisheries development project aimed at empowering fishing communities through sustainable aquaculture, capacity building, and improved market access.

### 2. Project Objectives

#### Overall Objective:

*To enhance the socio-economic conditions of marginal fishing communities through sustainable and climate-resilient fisheries management.*

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#### Specific Objectives:

- Promote sustainable and eco-friendly aquaculture practices.
- Provide capital and technical support to marginalized fisherfolk.
- Build capacity on fish farming, hatchery management, and value addition.
- Strengthen access to local and regional fish markets.
- Promote women and youth entrepreneurship in fisheries.

### 3. Key Activities

#### 1. Baseline Survey & Community Mobilization

- Identification of fisher groups and community ponds/water bodies.
- Formation of Fisherfolk Cooperatives.

#### 2. Training and Capacity Building

- Training on aquaculture management, disease control, feed practices.
- Workshops on climate-resilient practices and gender-sensitive approaches.

#### 3. Input Support

- Distribution of fish fingerlings, nets, feed, water testing kits.
- Capital grant for small-scale pond or cage culture setups.

#### 4. Demonstration Ponds & Model Hatcheries

- Establish pilot projects on community land to showcase best practices.

#### 5. Market Linkage and Value Chain Development

- Facilitate cold chain support, packaging units, and transport logistics.
- Develop branding and value-added products like dried fish, fish pickles.

#### 6. Policy Advocacy & Institutional Linkage

- Collaborate with Department of Fisheries, LGIs, and NGOs.
- Advocate for fisher-friendly policies and environmental protection.

### 4. Expected Results

- At least 1,500 fisherfolk sustainably engaged in profitable aquaculture.
- 100 women/youth-led fish enterprises established.
- 60% increase in average fisher income.
- Reduced reliance on harmful fishing methods.
- Enhanced fish biodiversity and habitat management in target areas.

### 5. Sustainability and Exit Strategy

Empowered community cooperatives will take ownership of local hatcheries and ponds. Capacity building ensures knowledge transfer and self-reliance. Market linkages and entrepreneurship pave the way for financial independence.

### 6. Cross-Cutting Themes

Gender Equality: Priority support for women in fish value chains.

Climate Adaptation: Training on climate-resilient species and pond design.

Environmental Protection: Promotion of biodiversity conservation and water quality management.