

Hazra: Safe WASH during floods

Participant Profile	
Name	Hazra Begum
Age	35
Date of Joining CLP	November 2010
District	Kurigram
Village	Ghughumari char
Marital Staus	Married
Implementing Organisation	RSDA



"If I did not have this plinth, my family would have been washed away" Hazra joined the CLP in November 2010. As part of the Programme's support, her homestead, tube well and latrine were raised on a plinth above the highest known flood level. This plinth now keeps her family safe from the floods and allows her to access safe water and sanitation throughout the year.

Last year, and before the CLP, Hazra and her family were severely affected by the floods. The flood water reached the top of their doorway. To survive, they placed their bed onto bamboo bars above the flood level. It was particularly difficult for her children who often cried of hunger. Hazra did not have access to a toilet. The family bathed in their home, cooked in their home, but also defecated in their home, during which Hazra would hide from her children using her sari. Hazra also had difficulties accessing safe water. Her family would drink the river water which was very dirty. Both of her children suffered from waterborne diseases.

"Now that I have a tube well and latrine, I am comfortable. My children are free from diarrhoea"

Hazra is making a particular effort to keep the toilet clean as her neighbours are also using it. Hazra says her tubewell and latrine are as important as the raised plinth as they keep her children free from illness.

