

Shahera: Protecting Assets during Floods

Participant Profile	
Name	Shahera Begum
Age	45
Date of Joining CLP	May 2012
District	Kurigram
Village	Ghughumari char
Marital Staus	Married
Implementing Organisation	RSDA



Shahera joined the CLP in 2012. Her homestead was raised on a plinth. Not only does this keep her safe, it also protects her and her neighbours' assets.

“During the last flood my house was washed away, like straw in water”

Before the CLP, Shahera was often affected by floods. Three years ago, her house was washed away and she lost everything; her chickens, her clothes and kitchen utensils. She only managed to save two tin sheets from her roof. After the floods she was left homeless and without assets.

During the current floods Shahera is keeping her cattle, goats and chickens safely above flood level. She recognises the suffering her neighbours are going through - their homes have been submerged. She says, it is her duty to help them. Three families and their assets are now living on her plinth and a total of 40 cows are being sheltered on the plinth.

Due to the floods more people are absent from the village. Shahera is aware there may be robberies. Men are keeping guard at night and only sleeping after morning prayers. The women then keep watch during the day. Shahera is happy she has a plinth to protect all these valuable assets.

“It is my duty to help the surrounding families and shelter their cows”

