

Changing the world with children

Plan International Safe Schools Project
Bangladesh

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Working in 8 key areas



Education



Water and Sanitation



Sexual and reproductive health



Early childhood care and development



Economic Security



Child Protection



Child Participation



Emergencies and disaster risk management



Safe Schools Project Bangladesh

Location

High risk communities of cyclone prone area of Naltona Union under Barguna Sadar Upazila, Barguna district.

Outcome of the project

A disaster resilient school environment that ensures a right to education and protection of boys and girls



Safe Schools Project in Bangladesh

Pillar 1: Safe learning facilities

Flooding makes the journey to school difficult and dangerous, especially for girls who are particularly vulnerable and at risk of harassment.

Plan supported the **construction of a new girls' dormitory**, helping girls overcome the barriers to education.



Safe Schools Project in Bangladesh

Disaster Preparedness

- To provide running water in the toilets and piped drinking water from the well, Plan **installed a solar panel**.
- solar panels can provide an **uninterrupted electricity support** allowing continuous education the school
- Also part of our **disaster preparedness programme** so that during a disaster, the school can function as a temporary shelter



Solar Panels

“Our school has separate toilets for boys and girls, but using the toilet was still a hassle for us. We had to collect water from the well and bring it to the toilet as we have no electricity in our village. The lack of running water meant the toilets were dirty. Now, things have changed,”

Shirin, a grade five student from a primary school in Barguna District



Disaster preparedness training

“I received an alert for the cyclone [Komen] in the night. At dawn, I went and opened the school for people seeking shelter. At the same time, I heard my students announcing a cyclone alert through their microphones. As their teacher, I felt really proud. If only we had this type of awareness during cyclone Sidr – a 2007 storm that is estimated to have caused nearly 10,000 casualties in Bangladesh.”

Siddiquir Rahman, Headmaster of the school





Thank you

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