

BANGLADESH AQUACULTURE AND NUTRITION ACTIVITY

The Feed the Future Bangladesh Aquaculture and Nutrition Activity (Aquaculture Activity) aims to improve sustainable livelihoods for a large number of smallholder farmers, providing them with skills and knowledge to thrive in a growing market economy. The goal of the Aquaculture Activity is to stimulate aquaculture sub-sector growth, increase employment, incomes, and food and nutritional security for rural households. The Aquaculture Activity will serve a facilitating role by coordinating linkages among the value chain actors in the private, public, and civil society sectors of the country. The aquaculture sector in Bangladesh faces the following set of systemic constraints which include:



Photo: Noor Alam/WorldFish
Retail fish shop in kitchen market



Poor knowledge and skills of fish farmers, hatcheries and nurseries on better management practices



Limited access to better quality inputs such as feed, seed and aqua medicinal products



Absence of innovative and formal financial products for aquaculture



Poor post-harvest management, transportation and processing facilities

Objectives

The Aquaculture Activity will focus on the following three objectives resulting in a more competitive private sector and efficient market system in the aquaculture sector of Bangladesh.

Total Program Value

\$24,458,192

Period of Performance

February 2018- November 2023

For more information:

WorldFish

Dr. Manjurul Karim
Chief of Party
M.Karim@cgiar.org

USAID

Mohammad Sayed Shibly
Agreement Officer's
Representative
USAID/Bangladesh
mshibly@usaid.gov

1. Increased productivity of aquaculture production systems through i) increasing adoption of improved pond management practices, and ii) increasing availability of quality fish seed and feed.

2. Strengthened aquaculture market systems, with particular attention to expanding opportunities for women and youth through i) strengthening market linkages, ii) increasing engagement of the private sector in aquaculture markets, and iii) improving the enabling environment for inclusive aquaculture sector.

3. Increased awareness and adoption of nutrition-related behaviors, with a particular focus on women and youth through i) increasing nutrition awareness and practices, and ii) improving access to diverse and nutritious food.

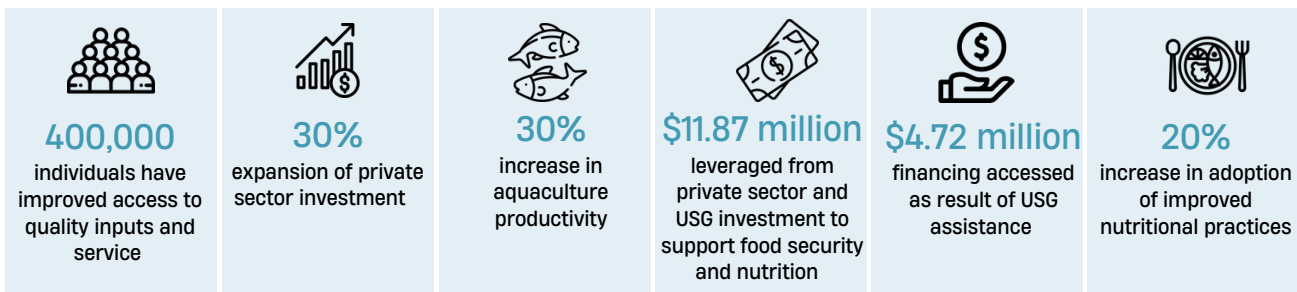
Implementation Approach

The Aquaculture Activity applies an inclusive market system approach in its implementation through engaging the private sector and NGOs to reach smallholder farmers and relevant market actors. It facilitates rather than directly deliver aquaculture interventions, hence transferring ownership to the private sector. The approach includes analyzing the context, identification of the problems and the underlying root causes of poorly functioning markets, and methods of catalyzing private sectors to bring market-based solutions. It adapts to changing contexts through collaboration, reviewing, learning and reflection. The Aquaculture Activity stimulates innovations, competitiveness, and transformative changes.



Farmer with his farmed fish

Intended Results



Working Areas



Potential Fish and vegetable: Carp Tilapia Mola Shrimp Vegetable