

Our Assets

- Strong collaboration with the key research and extension institutions as well as national NGOs in Bangladesh for the development, establishment, multiplication and distribution of QPM
- Linkages with the related regional and international organisations
- Varieties/ seed sources already developed by the national research and educational institutions
- Successful experience of the SLU Programme regarding the establishment, multiplication and distribution of local systems of QPM (plus trees, mother tree orchards)
- Successful experience in the participatory development of improved systems such as multiplication and distribution of quality planting material by over 9,000 professional nursery owners and their 360 Upazila and 57 District nursery owners associations
- Effective training and extension approaches, tools and materials
- Backstopping and experience from Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation head office and its projects in the region

Major Achievements

- A national distribution system of QPM of fruit trees, timber trees and associated agroforestry species has been adopted by the stakeholders involving the concerned authority of the Government of Bangladesh
- Established 1 germplasm center by BAU; 1 elite fruit tree repository, 5 elite multiplication blocks and 1 repository of promising local lean-season varieties by BARI
- Established 83 Foundation Mother Tree Orchards (FMTO) at different places of Bangladesh by DAE, BADC, BRAC, Proshika, NNS, KU and IFESCU by planting about 13,000 grafts of different fruit varieties released by BARI and BAU
- Established 330 Local Mother Tree Orchards (LMTO) in 269 Upazilas by Upazila Nursery Malik Samities (UNMSs) with plantation of 25,000 grafts of different fruit varieties released by BARI and BAU
- Established 109 ha seed sources (seedling seed orchard, clonal seed orchard, seed production area) of commercial timber tree species at different places (public & private land) of Bangladesh by BFRI & IFESCU
- Identified about 4000 Plus Trees of different timber tree species by BFRI, NNS and District Nursery Malik Samity (DNMS)
- Timber tree seeds from the seed orchards and plus trees have been collected and distributed among the nursery owners by BFRI, IFESCU and DNMSs
- Established 1 repository of medicinal plants of 84 species by BFRI and 1 ha bamboosetum (grove) and 0.4 ha cane orchard (grove) by IFESCU
- About 9000 nursery owners in 60 districts have formed 57 District Nursery Malik Samity, 360 Upazila Nursery Malik Samity and a National Nursery Society (NNS) in Bangladesh
- Capacities of stakeholders in QPM development, management, multiplication and distribution have been improved
- Capacity of nursery owners and their associations (NNS, DNMS, UNMS) have been improved on organisational development, QPM production, business planning, disaster risk reduction as well as gender and development
- Access to QPM and its management technologies by the rural poor and extreme poor have been increased

Main Activities

1. Support to national institutions for the development of long term plans and implementation strategies for QPM production and distribution
2. Improvement of processes and facilities for variety development, germplasm conservation and multiplication at the national research and extension institutions
3. Establishment of quality control mechanism and distribution chain of QPM
4. Promotion of nursery owners association



SDC's Contribution: **BDT 289 million**
Period: **9 years** (2004-2012)

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