



## Experience and Expertise of Intercooperation in Bangladesh

Through our work in Bangladesh and worldwide, we have acquired a high level of expertise in a wide range of thematic fields:

- Empowering Communities
- Working with the Poorest
- Market Development and the Value Chain
- Promotion of Private Services
- Promotion of Professional Nursery Organisations
- Expertise in Horticulture and Agroforestry
- Promotion of Medicinal Plants
- Improving Local Governance
- Poverty Monitoring (district of Sunamganj)
- NGO Capacity Development
- Women's Mobilisation and Gender Mainstreaming
- Experience Capitalising on Approaches, Innovations and Practices

More information can be found on our website:  
[www.intercooperation-bd.org](http://www.intercooperation-bd.org)

## Partners, Networks and Communities of Practice

We are a dynamic organisation, maintaining a large network of international and national partners to stay informed of developments in the field.

In Bangladesh, we have established collaborative partnership with 15 national research institutions and extension agencies, as well as with 2 national and 24 regional / local NGOs. We have partnerships and collaborate with international NGOs and projects, e.g. CARE, IUCN, Winrock and KATALYST.

Acknowledging the important role the private sector plays in development, we have formed alliances with companies such as Bayer Crop Science, East West Seed and processing industries like Milk Vita. There are emerging links to traders associations and consultancy firms.

Internally, we have various Communities of Practice, which enable our professionals to exchange experience and learn from others around the globe.



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## Overview of Intercooperation

Intercooperation (IC) is a leading Swiss non-profit organisation engaged in development and international cooperation. We are registered as a foundation and are governed by 21 organisations representing development, civil society and private sector interests. We are both an implementing and an advisory agency, providing professional resources and knowledge combined with social commitment.

We support partner organisations in more than twenty developing and transition countries on mandates from the Swiss government and other donors. In South Asia, we are present in, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Nepal and Afghanistan.

Our expertise and services are grouped around three working domains:

### Natural Resource Management

soil, water, climate, plant and animal resources.

### Rural Economy

promoting micro and small enterprises, financial services and linking the poor with wider markets.

### Local Governance and Civil Society

supporting local bodies of governance that ensure full political rights and liberty for their communities.

In all our work, we seek to empower the poor and marginalised by supporting gender-balanced, equitable, rights-based development.

## Intercooperation in Bangladesh

We started to work in Bangladesh in 2000 at the request of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) to manage its Sustainable Land Use (SLU) Programme. Our portfolio has grown in the meantime and includes local governance and market development, in addition to the initial natural resource management mandate.

Each one of our projects puts emphasis on improving livelihoods and decreasing poverty. We strive to enable local organisations and national institutions to take the initiatives in this regard by acting as facilitators of change.

### Our Projects in Bangladesh

**AFIP** (Agroforestry Improvement Partnership)

**SAAKTI** (Sustainable Access to Agroforestry Knowledge, Technology and Information)

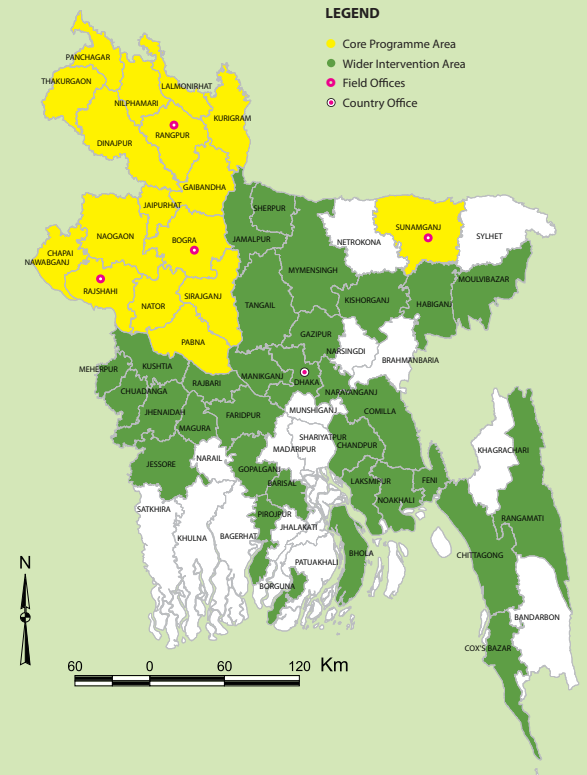
**LEAF** (Livelihoods, Empowerment and Agroforestry)

**DISA** (Livelihoods Project for Poor Women)

**SHARIQUE** (Local Governance Programme in Rajshahi and Sunamganj) [in partnership with CARE]

Collaborative Management of **Tanguar Haor** [in partnership with IUCN]

In addition to these projects, we carry out various mandates for SDC Bangladesh and provide backstopping to the Char Livelihood Project (CLP) Partners of DFID.



### Our Portfolio in Bangladesh

