

Project Compassion sows the seeds of stability for Monoranjon and his family.

In the coastal southwest of Bangladesh, where rising seas and frequent storms threaten homes, crops and livelihoods, farmer Monoranjon is building a safer and more secure future for his family with support from Project Compassion.

Bangladesh is one of the most vulnerable countries to climate change, and in the region where Monoranjon lives with his wife, Anita, and their two children poverty is widespread. Almost 10 million people in the area experience poverty, and for families like Monoranjon's, who rely almost entirely on agriculture, the impacts of climate change are already profound.

Extreme heat, drought, floods, cyclones, and encroaching seawater have damaged crops and increased soil salinity, making it harder for plants to grow. "In the dry season, no seedlings come out," Monoranjon said. "Due to the heat of the sun and lack of water, plants are dying." With declining crop yields and limited income from fishing, he feared he would no longer be able to send his children to school.

Fortunately, Monoranjon's fortunes changed once he joined Caritas Bangladesh's Community Managed Sustainable Livelihoods and Resilience Program, supported by Project Compassion. Through this program Monoranjon learnt climate-resilient organic farming, how to grow salt-tolerant vegetables, rear poultry, and livestock, and expand fish production through polyculture. These new skills have strengthened his income and helped his family regain stability.

The program has also fostered community resilience. Monoranjon now participates in local groups restoring mangrove forests and raising awareness about their vital role in reducing climate impacts. His leadership and new knowledge have earned him respect within his village as he teaches others how to adapt and protect their livelihoods.

"Getting this training from Caritas, I am very happy," he said. "I have learned a lot, I understand how to care for our livestock, how to farm in this climate, and how to live well in our area."

Looking ahead, Monoranjon hopes to continue supporting his community as they work together toward a sustainable, resilient future.

Along with your generous support, this program is also supported by the Australian Government, through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).

Find out more about Monoranjon and watch his story here: [Monoranjon's Story](#)

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