

ORGANISATIONAL PROFILE

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About Change Initiative

Change Initiative (CI) is an emerging organisation dedicated to understanding and addressing societal issues through ethical research and evidence generation.

CI was founded with the core objective of expediting the establishment of a society grounded in principles of equity, justice, and wellbeing.

The name 'Change Initiative' (CI) represents the goal of embarking on the journey of contriving an alternative research paradigm beyond the orthodox modalities.

CI, registered as a private limited company by shares (No. C-151301/2019) under the Companies Act, 1994 of Bangladesh, dedicates itself to contributing to the betterment of society, focusing on the context of Bangladesh and beyond.

VISION

Build a planet where equity, justice and well-being are established in harmony.

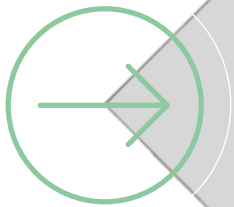
MISSION

Advance efforts towards sustainability through knowledge and practices.

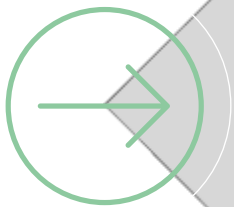
Goals

- Actively work towards equitable and inclusive change.
 - Uphold integrity and justice through generating ethical, evidence-based solutions.
 - Advocate for well-being of all communities.

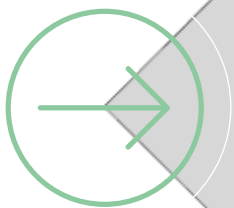
At a Glance



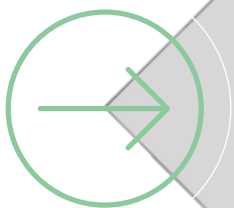
CI's is partnered and work with international organisations such as European Climate Foundation, US Embassy, Oxfam Canada and more



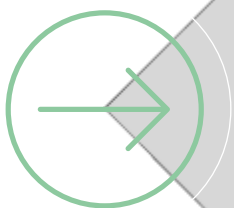
CI research collaboration includes acclaimed international academicians from such as SOAS, Monash, Michigan State University.



CI is one of the first organizations that is dedicatedly working on promoting and advocating Renewable Energy Finance



CI currently working in 5 thematic areas.



CI has worked and has resource in over 30 districts of Bangladesh.



Company Information

Registered Name: Change Initiative Limited

Legal Status: Private Limited

Establishment Date: April 2019

Business Nature: Research and Consultancy

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Thematic Area

Climate Resilience and Sustainable Finance

Review the existing policy and institutional framework, projects implemented and non-government agencies, funding mechanisms, and major institutional actors working in the field of climate change adaptation and sustainable finance in Bangladesh to help achieve *SDG 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.*



Renewable Energy and Finance

Renewable energy advocacy to promote the adoption of sustainable energy sources, moving towards conservation of natural resources, climate resilient finance and practicing environmentally sound development to mitigate climate change in accordance with *SDG 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all.*



Environmental Health and WASH

Health, water, and sanitation are interconnected with crucial roles in ensuring the well-being of communities. Addressing these issues requires a multidisciplinary approach focusing on educating communities about proper hygiene practices, and advocacy for implementation policies and regulations to ensure water quality and sanitation standards, usage of research and technology to develop sustainable and innovative solutions in accordance with *SDG 6: Clean water and Sanitation.*



Nature-based Solutions and Sustainability

Environmental education includes creating awareness through community discussions, trainings, and workshops about the need for change and ways of environmental protection for all including the community, private sector, government bodies and the youth to address *SDG 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable.*



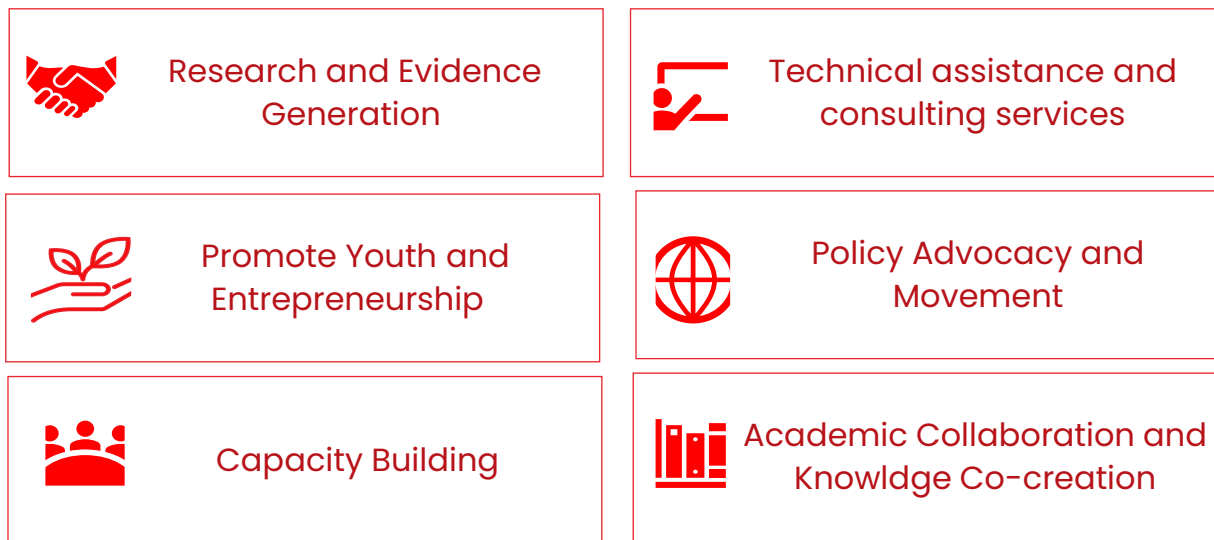
Green Business and Greenpreneurship

Greenpreneurship involves facilitation of individuals creating and leading business ventures that prioritize 'Green' or environmental impact alongside financial goals through capacity building with the intention of providing them with the skills, knowledge, resources, and support they need to succeed in their green entrepreneurial endeavours to help achieve *SDG 8: Promote sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment, and decent work for all.*

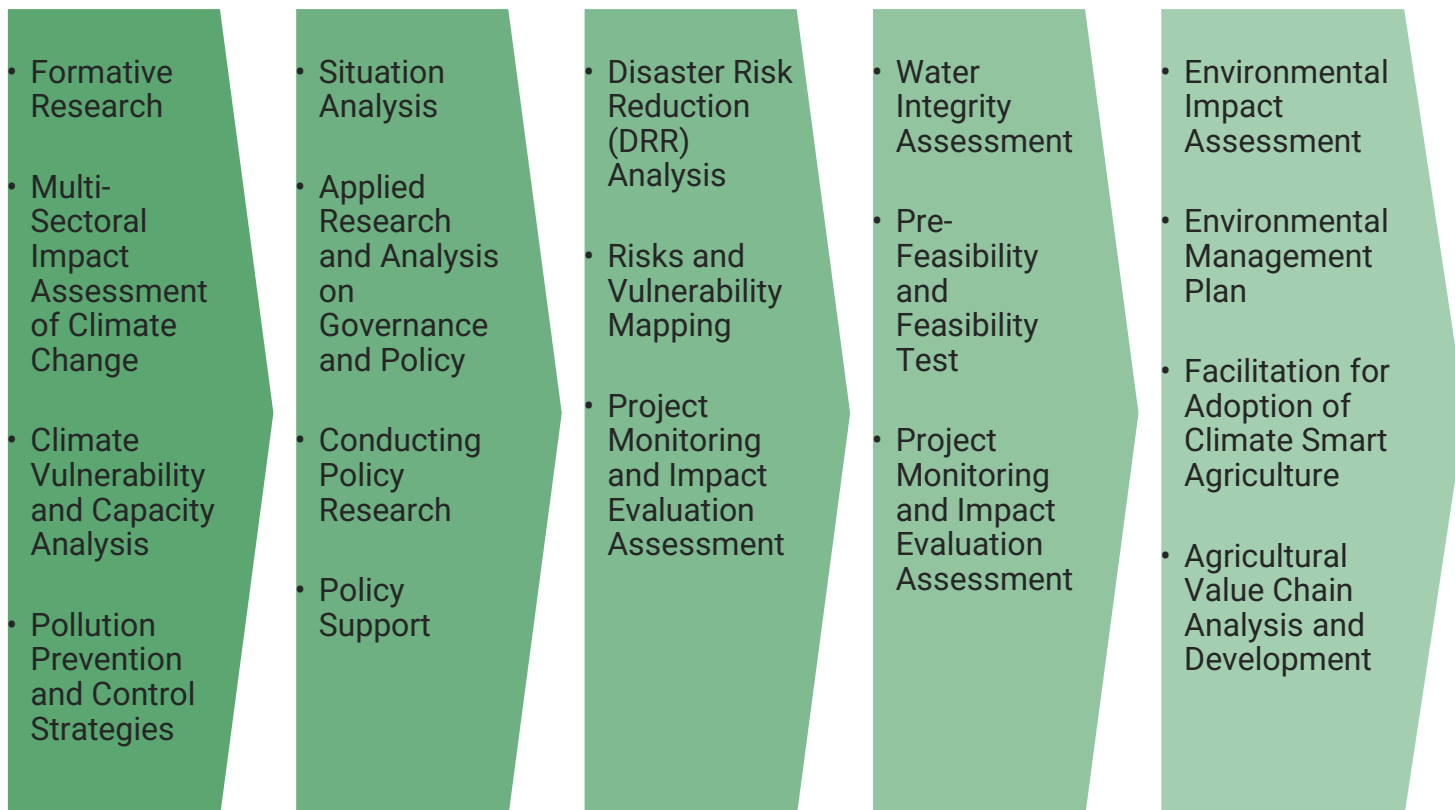


Activities

Core Activities











Featured Services




Projects

Title	In Collaboration with	Description
Climate Resilience and Sustainable Finance		
<p>Understanding Climate Change vulnerabilities in social, economic, and political context in Bangladesh: A lens through Equity, Justice, and Wellbeing</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study the impact of climate related disasters on vulnerable rural population. • Evaluate the effectiveness of Bangladesh's climate policies and analyse intergovernmental coordination and global fund utilization. • Scrutinize civil society and NGO initiatives to help disaster prone areas.
<p>Assessing the Opportunity Loss and Incentives of the Bangladesh Government for Promoting and Subsidizing Climate Risk Insurance</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess viability and create enabling market environment of climate risk insurance (CRI) to help those affected climate induced disasters. • Subsidy in CRI and government's role in introducing CRI. • Produce guiding and policy documents to sustainably engage government, private sector, and relevant stakeholders in adopting CRI.
<p>Data collection of TROSA Endline outcome & impact evaluation</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation covers implementation basins and climate vulnerable communities of the program in Nepal, India, Bangladesh, and Myanmar to bring out the current situation of the local community who are directly impacted by climate risks and disasters. • Capture the program's achievements, challenges, best practices, key lessons and provide evidence-based recommendations.
<p>Assessment of Impacts of Climate-Induced Migration (CIM) in Bangladesh on Female Workers</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study was conducted to identify the nature and extent of the climate-induced migrations on women; specify the extent of vulnerabilities women face due to climate related disasters. • Findings showed 90% of the CIM women lost their local lands due to different natural disasters and migrated to Dhaka, roughly 1/3 CIM families have faced excessive rain and flooding in their locality.
<p>Gender Transformative Climate Resilient Microfinance Project</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledge and generate evidence regarding women's crucial role in managing natural resources and adapting to climate challenges. • Incorporate gender-transformative strategies into efforts focused on climate resilience and microfinance projects to financially empower women.




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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aim to address gender disparities in climate-resilient financing and work towards fostering sustainable, equitable and robust communities.
Estimate the potential Zakat in Bangladesh		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimate the potential of Zakat. Explore avenues where Zakat can be used as a source of Sustainable Finance.
<h2>Renewable Energy and Finance</h2>		
Program: Follow the Renewable Energy Financing (FtREF)		<p>FtREF Report on a) Follow the Renewable Energy Finance: Bangladesh Perspective, December 2023; and b) Renewable Energy Finance in Bangladesh: Prospects, Risks and De-risk Mechanisms, March, 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dhaka Renewable Energy Finance Talk & Expo (DREFTE) 2023 National Workshop for Renewable Energy Finance (NWREF) 2023 Investigative Journalism Award on RE and RE Finance Host the Collaboration between CSO-EU countries
Long Term Research Collaboration: Mapping Governance and Integrity Risks of the Private investment in RE in Bangladesh		<p>The primary goal of this research initiative is to comprehensively identify, analyse, and map governance and integrity risks associated with private investments in renewable energy projects. By examining various facets of governance structures, transparency mechanisms, and ethical considerations, the study aims to provide valuable insights that can inform stakeholders, policymakers, and investors in the renewable energy sector.</p>
<h2>Environmental Health and WASH</h2>		
Integrity assessment of Bangladesh water and sanitation sector		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of the integrity scenario in the water and sanitation sector. Explore the impacts of existing governance mechanism in the context of Bangladesh. <p>Propose a set of recommendations for targeted action by the relevant stakeholders to improve overall performance of water and sanitation sector.</p>
Exploring sextortion under the shade of women violence in the WASH sector in climate-stressed localities in Bangladesh		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study was conducted to assess the prevalence of sextortion among women in accessing WASH services and identify demographic and socio-economic factors associated with the increased risk of sextortion in climate stresses localities in Bangladesh.

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		About 600 household data were collected from two water stress areas, completely focused on women, from Shyamnagar, Satkhira, and Bandarban.
Situational analysis of e-cigarette usage in Bangladesh		In the past few years, E-cigarettes (or vaping) are getting the popularity among the youth in Bangladesh. This is critical as it may lead to an increase in the number of smokers in future. The study aimed to identify the trend of E-cigarette smoking, habitual pattern of E-cigarette smokers, and their perception and experiences of health hazards.
A Pilot Assessment of Socio-economic Impacts of COVID-19 in Bangladesh		The aim is to assess the productivity losses of the Covid 19 patients, considering geographical distribution and relevant wealth matrix, education, family size, age, profession income group, and gender. Estimate the probable cost of illness of Covid 19, costs of morbidity, costs of prevention and quality of treatments and coping mechanism.
An in-depth study to identify the extent and nature of corruption related to COVID-19 in Bangladesh Period: August 2020-December 2020		The goal was to analyse the issue of Covid-19-related integrity situation in the health sector of Bangladesh.

Nature Based Solutions and Sustainability

Outreach event on Agricultural Biotechnology Research		Focused on frontier Agribiotech development history; beneficiary countries and industries/sectors, the need for future/forward-looking outlook on biotech research and benefits of Agribiotech to increase crop production to ensure food security (availability, access, utilization, and trade).
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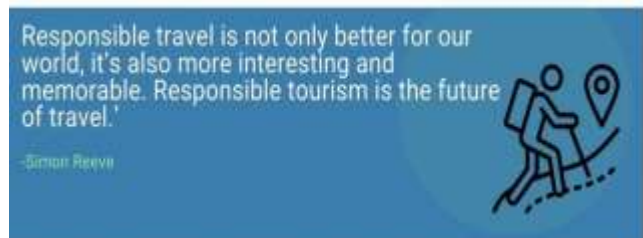
Others

Securing Rights for Women Domestic Workers in Bangladesh		The specific objectives of this MTR are to explore and document successful strategies and challenges domestic workers to claim and defend their rights in relation to decent employment
Effectiveness of “Dual-apprenticeship Model” for skills development of Bangladesh		Dual apprenticeship model deals with a concept where a student of certain trade learn both theoretical and practical aspect within a single course structure. Theoretical learning is normally provided by the training provider institution such as UCEP and remaining practical learning comes through working in a workshop as an apprentice.
Investigation of the recordkeeping systems used by community-based organisations and youth organisations in Bangladesh.		The purpose of the study was to investigate the records management practices and challenges faced by Community Based Organisations in Bangladesh

Ventures of Change Initiative



- Greenfinity is a company dedicated to promoting sustainable energy solutions and driving the transition towards a greener future.
- Specializing in various green energy fields, including solar rooftop installations, solar irrigation systems, green tourism, and carbon credit trading.
- To combine extensive industry knowledge with a passion for sustainability to deliver high-quality services that not only reduce carbon footprints but also create a positive impact on the communities.



What We Offer

- Carbon Credit Trading
- Green Tourism
- Solar Irrigation system
- Community Workshops and Education
- Solar rooftop solutions
- Renewable Energy Consultancy
- Energy Efficiency Solutions
- Sustainable Farming Support
- Waste Management Solutions
- Carbon Footprint Assessment
- Biodiversity Conservation Project



Greenfinity's Unique Green Tourism Services

- NATURE-INSPIRED RETREATS
- COMMUNITY-ENGAGED TOURS
- CARBON-NEUTRAL TRAVEL PACKAGES
- ECO-FRIENDLY ACCOMMODATIONS
- SKILLED GREEN AMBASSADOR
- EDUCATIONAL ECO-ADVENTURES
- ECO-FRIENDLY ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES
- CULTURAL IMMERSION EXPERIENCE
- GREEN CERTIFICATION
- FROM TO TABLE EXPERIENCE



We Worked With



Partners



Youth Collaborations

