

WE ARE WORKING TO SOLVE CLIMATE DISPLACEMENT IN BANGLADESH

ONE HOUSE, ONE FAMILY AT A TIME

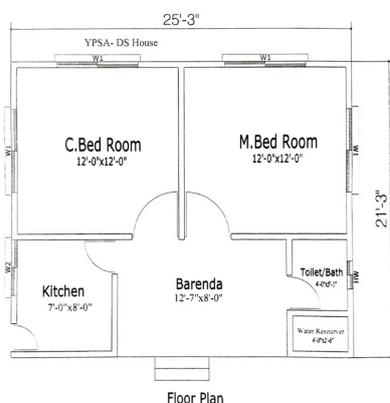
Two of the first four homes built by the One House, One Family project.



WE'VE BUILT FOUR HOUSES THUS FAR. HELP US BUILD THE NEXT FOUR, AND THEN THE NEXT 400.

Our project finds land and builds houses for some of Bangladesh's most vulnerable climate-displaced families. We have built a small hamlet of four houses thus far and hope to build many, many more. With your help we can.

Below: Dr. Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad, the Bangladeshi Government's Chief Negotiator on Climate Change and YPSA's Director Arif Rahman visit the first four houses.



Above: Architect's plans for the houses.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

USD 8,400 is what it takes for one family to rebuild their life with dignity. Your contribution – of any amount – will help cover acquisition of land and the construction of a three-room house.

The first funds for this project were provided by the Dutch FortUna Foundation and DS. Please join us in our quest to assist as many climate displaced families in Bangladesh by becoming a contributor to the One House, One Family at a time project.

To get involved, and make a contribution no matter how small, please contact Scott Leckie, the Director of Displacement Solutions: scott@displacementsolutions.org





 *The location of the initial plot of land in Sitakund, Bangladesh*

THE ONE HOUSE, ONE FAMILY AT A TIME PROJECT

Bangladesh is one of the countries hardest hit by climate change. Every year tens of thousands of people across the country permanently lose their homes to rising sea levels, violent tropical cyclones, devastating floods and other effects of climate change. Most have nowhere else to go. Solving this problem starts with land.

Displacement Solutions has worked on this problem in Bangladesh for seven years with our local partner Young Power in Social Action (YPSA - www.ypsa.org). We have discovered that many people are remaining in their homes despite increasingly unliveable conditions - such as a lack of clean drinking water or unsanitary conditions due to regular flooding of their houses - but are unable to leave as they have no viable alternative; they want to relocate but have no option to do so.

Driven by this reality, in 2015 DS and YPSA identified a range of viable land parcels that would be suitable relocation sites for climate displaced families in Sitakund, near Chittagong in the South-East of Bangladesh.

In 2016, the project identified an initial land site and after receiving a contribution from the Dutch FortUna Foundation and DS began construction of four new homes. In April 2017 the first families moved into their new three-room homes to start life anew after losing their homes in one of Bangladesh's worst affected areas, Sandwip Island.

Recipient families are selected according to a rigorous selection process that prioritises the most vulnerable families, including women-headed households. The homes are provided at no cost to the residents, and are legally held in trust by YPSA ensuring that these homes will remain permanently within the social housing sector. YPSA and other partners provide ongoing support for livelihood opportunities, healthcare and education in the area.



Some of the first of many residents at home in their new houses.

OUR COMMITMENT

We have developed a house design model that is as affordable as is possible, but which provides all the basic amenities for families living in these homes, including a kitchen and washing facilities, a deep tube well to provide safe drinking water and a solar heating and energy system for the house.

Our experience thus far has shown **USD 8,400** is required to construct one house, including the costs of the land and all building and legal costs.

You can personally help one climate displaced family to rebuild their life with dignity. Your contribution – of any amount – will cover acquisition of land and the construction of a three-room house.

100% of your contribution will be spent on these costs. We have successfully constructed the first four houses and hope to greatly expand the number of homes we can provide to climate displaced families in Bangladesh as quickly as possible. Please join us!

Displacement Solutions will carry out full legal and regulatory oversight of this project and will ensure full accountability and transparency of activities undertaken with your donations. This will include the publication of regular updates, reports and photographs.

If you would like to join our efforts to help solve climate displacement in Bangladesh or would like any additional information about the One Family, One House at a Time project, please contact Scott Leckie, the Director of Displacement Solutions: scott@displacementsolutions.org and he will answer any questions you may have about the project.