



# THE ONE HOUSE, ONE FAMILY AT A TIME PROJECT (OHOF)

PHASE 3 - 2021

## IF YOU HAVE EVER WANTED TO DO SOMETHING DIRECTLY ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE, **NOW YOU CAN.**

OHOF, A JOINT PROJECT BETWEEN DISPLACEMENT SOLUTIONS AND YOUNG POWER IN SOCIAL ACTION (YPSA) FINDS LAND AND BUILDS HOUSES FOR SOME OF BANGLADESH'S MOST VULNERABLE FAMILIES.

DURING THE FIRST TWO PHASES OF OHOF WE BUILT **9 HIGH QUALITY, SAFE HOUSES** PROVIDING PERMANENT, LIFELONG HOUSING SOLUTIONS FOR **MORE THAN 50 PEOPLE** WHO THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN HAVE BEEN DISPLACED BECAUSE OF THE RAVAGES OF CLIMATE CHANGE.

WITH YOUR HELP WE ARE PLANNING TO BUILD **11 MORE HOMES** AND ASSIST UP TO **70 MORE CLIMATE DISPLACED PEOPLE.**

ONCE PHASE 3 IS COMPLETED, THE PROJECT WILL HAVE BUILT **20 HOMES** AND PROVIDED MUCH NEEDED PERMANENT HOUSING TO SOME **120 BANGLADESHI CITIZENS.**

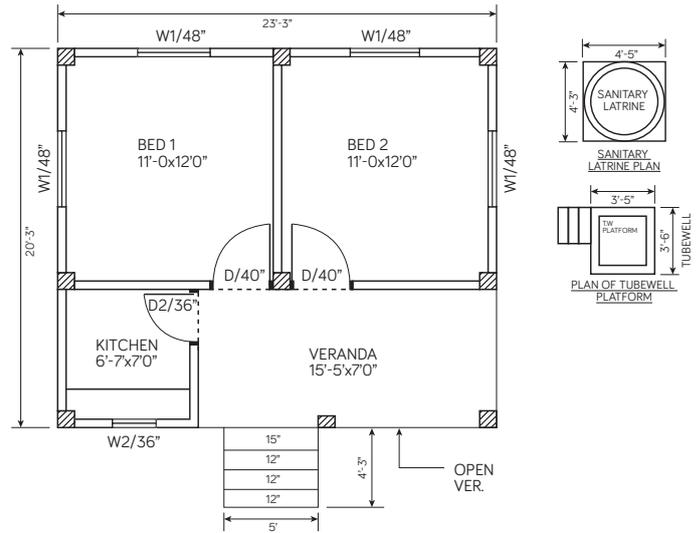
Bangladesh is one of the countries hardest hit by climate change. Every year tens of thousands of people across the country permanently lose their homes to rising sea levels, violent tropical cyclones, devastating floods and other effects of climate change. Most have nowhere else to go. Solving this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

Displacement Solutions ([www.displacementsolutions.org](http://www.displacementsolutions.org)) has worked on this problem in Bangladesh for seven years with our local partner Young Power in Social Action (YPSA - [www.ypsa.org](http://www.ypsa.org)). We have discovered that, after being displaced, many people are remaining in what should be temporary settings such as living on roadsides and embankments 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.

In an effort to provide a high-impact grass-roots solution, 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 a Dutch Foundation construction of four new homes began. 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. During the second Phase of OHOF, an additional five homes were built with all of the new houses occupied by their new occupants in early 2021.

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.



*Above: Architect's plans for the houses.*



*Images, clockwise from top left: Dr. Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad, the Bangladeshi Government's Chief Negotiator on Climate Change, YPSA's Director Arif Rahman and OHOF Coordinator Shahjahan Mohammed visit the first four houses. OHOF Coordinator overseeing construction of new OHOF homes. Happy OHOF residents.*



## WHAT YOU CAN DO

We have developed the most affordable house design model that 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 extensive on-site research has concluded that US \$9,100- is required to construct one house, including the costs of the land and all building and legal costs. The houses are legally held in trust by YPSA and will permanently be used as social housing for climate displaced families.

For **US \$9,100-** you can personally help one family to rebuild their lives with dignity. Your contribution will cover the acquisition of land and the construction of a three-room house. Contributions of any size are welcome.

**We can assure you that 100% of your contribution will be spent on these costs.** All of DS's contributions to OHOF are done on a pro bono basis, with any and all funds raised going straight to Bangladesh.

We have successfully constructed the first nine 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!

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](mailto:scott@displacementsolutions.org) and he will answer any questions you may have about the project.

*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.*



 *The location of OHOF Phase 1 homes in Sitakund, Bangladesh.*

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. How much does each house cost?

The total costs associated with each house includes land costs, building materials including bricks, mortar, windows, plumbing, drainage, water, electricity, construction labour, legal fees and administrative costs. The total for one house is US \$9,100-.

### 2. How many people fit into each house?

These three bedroom homes can house up to six people comfortably.

### 3. Where will the houses in Phase 3 be built?

The houses will be built on safe land on Sandwip Island and/or Banskhalia Upazila in Chittagong, where thousands of landless and homeless displaced people are now living in temporary settings such as roadside and embankments after being displaced.

### 4. Who owns the houses?

Displacement Solutions raises the funds for the OHOF homes and then transfers the funds to YPSA that in turn owns the houses in perpetuity.

### 5. How are beneficiary families selected?

YPSA is a widely respected NGO with offices throughout the country with a staff of nearly 1000. YPSA has a rigorous process for selecting beneficiary families based on income levels, degrees of vulnerability e.g: Single parent, female-headed households and other objective factors.

### 6. Do the OHOF families pay rent?

No, the houses are provided free of charge to some of Bangladesh's poorest and most vulnerable families.

### 7. Who maintains the houses?

The residents and community maintain the houses with the assistance of local YPSA staff.

### 8. How many houses have been built so far?

There are currently nine (9) OHOF homes, all of which are fully occupied.

### 9. How many houses will be built in Phase 3?

We will build eleven (11) more houses during this phase, bringing us to a total of 20 homes for Bangladesh's climate displaced population.

### 10. Why is OHOF necessary?

OHOF is necessary because climate displaced people everywhere, including in Bangladesh, need direct help which they are not getting now. Beyond providing homes for some very disadvantaged families, OHOF aims to make the point that climate displaced people are rights holders just like everyone else and need an adequate home to live a full life.

### 11. Will there be a Phase 4?

Yes, this is very much the plan, but let's complete Phase 3 first!

### 12. Will 100% of my contribution be used for OHOF?

Yes, 100% of any contribution you make is sent to YPSA to manage the construction, allocation and maintenance of the OHOF homes.

### 13. Does DS make any money from the OHOF programme?

No, all of our efforts on OHOF are provided free of charge and done entirely on a pro bono basis.

### 14. Can I visit the OHOF housing sites?

Yes! Please contact YPSA and they will arrange your visit.

### 15. Can I contact DS or YPSA directly to ask more questions?

Yes, please feel free to write to us anytime.

TOGETHER, WE CAN SOLVE  
CLIMATE DISPLACEMENT!

