

Climate Change and Sustainable Livelihoods

Climate Change is currently evolving as a burning issue throughout the world, with Bangladesh as one of the most affected countries. Bangladesh has been experiencing increasingly frequent natural disasters, including severe cyclones like Sidr, regular flooding, a short monsoon period, an irregular pattern of rainfall, drought and other climatic shocks, which cause serious damage to life and property.



Audience of the Rural Agriculture and Biodiversity Fair in Jamalpur, April 2009

To combat the adverse impact of climate change on the chardwellers, DEW is actively working to promote adaptation technologies. DEW supports vulnerable groups by providing them with sustainable livelihood technology and by running awareness programmes, conducting research, offering trainings using IEC materials, and rallying. DEW also organizes rural livelihood and agricultural biodiversity fairs, demonstrations, human chains, and a memorandum, and the organization promotes sustainable agriculture practices. The project is supported by Oxfam International under its *Climate Change and Sustainable Rural Livelihoods Programme (CSRL)*. DEW is also one of the members of CANSA - Climate Action Network of South Asia.



Inaugural session of the Fair: Professor H.K.S. Arefeen, Chairman, DEW, Additional District Commissioner, Jamalpur and DEW ED in the dais



DEW organized a Public Hearing on Climate Change and its impact on rural livelihoods



Traditional entertainment through Bamboo Stick Play at the Rural Livelihoods Fair



Minister of the Environment and Forestry, Indonesia, presenting the findings of the study on climate change and its impact on chardwellers livelihoods to the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.