

## Anwara Begum : CLP raised plinth providing essential protection during the floods

Participant Profile	
Name	Anwara
Date of Joining CLP	June 2010
District	Kurigram
Village	Khadiamari
Implementing Organisation	RSDA

Anwara Begum is a previous CLP participant from cohort 2.2. Anwara lives in Khadaimari Village in Kurigram District, one of the areas most affected by the 2014 floods.

Whilst with CLP, she was provided a plinth which raised her homestead 60cm above the highest known flood level in her area (based on the floods in 2007). On her plinth she established a homestead garden on which she grows turmeric, chillies and other vegetables. CLP also provided her with a tube well and a sanitary latrine that was built on her plinth.

The recent flooding has caused water levels to rise and many households in her village have had their homesteads submerged. As a result of her raised plinth, Anwara, along with her house, assets and belongings have remained protected from the rising water.

Her plinth has also provided much needed shelter to her neighbours. Currently four families, along with their assets and belongings, are staying with Anwara (two of whom have members that are about to join CLP). Due to the flooding, people in her community are finding it difficult to access improved drinking water and many are forced to practice open defecation.



*An example of a CLP plinth, protecting households and their assets*

Anwara's tube well and sanitary latrine have remained safe. This has meant that her family and the families who are living on her plinth can stay healthy and help prevent the spread of disease.

Anwara feels relieved that CLP's plinth has saved her home and prevented her from having to migrate during the floods. She also feels proud that she has been in the position to help friends and neighbours who have become displaced during the flood. Anwara says of the situation,

*"Everybody should be patient and help one another during disasters."*

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