

- Newsletter: "Microfinance institutions stand by the marginalized communities during the COVID-19 crisis"
- Documenting IFAD-funded projects' best practices in Bangladesh.
- Training on Income Generating
- Activities (IGA) for Returnee Migrants and their family members
- Enhancing MFI staff capacity through training as well as knowledge and information sharing

Implementation of Innovative Pilot Projects

Microinsurance:

- INAFI Bangladesh pioneered microinsurance in 2007 and has since piloted several innovative projects to offer affordable insurance products to low-income groups. Notable projects include:
 - Private-Private Initiative for Access to Insurance Program: Financial Inclusion for the MSEs
 - Weather Index Based Crop Insurance in Bangladesh implemented by Shadharon Bima Corporation where INAFI provided advisory and technical services
- Micro Insurance for Mutual Enabling (MIME) through a consortium of 13 MFIs (life and health insurance products)

Migration and Development:

- Since 2006, INAFI Bangladesh has been playing a significant role in promoting safe migration, protecting migrant workers' rights, and ensuring meaningful engagement of their families through:
 - Institutional support for the productive use of remittances.
 - Awareness-building on remittance transfer channels.
 - Leveraging Remittances for Socioeconomic Development in Sri Lanka

Women Empowerment and Mainstreaming Gender:

- INAFI Bangladesh promotes gender equality and women empowerment at both institutional and client levels. Initiatives include:
 - WEMAN (Women's Empowerment Mainstreaming and Networking) and GALS (Gender Action Learning System) tools for gender mainstreaming and HIV/AIDS awareness.

Becoming a Member

The organisations that are poverty focused, believe in inclusive development and offer innovative services to the poor can apply to become member of INAFI Bangladesh.

Member Organisations (MOs)

ANTAR
 ASA
 ASHRAI
 BASA Foundation
 BRAC
 BURO Bangladesh
 CDIP
 COAST Foundation
 CODEC
 ENDEAVOUR
 G H A S H F U L
 Manabik Shahajya Sangstha (MSS)
 National Development Programme (NDP)
 OPCA
 Padakhep Manabik Unnayan Kendra
 Pally Bikash Kendra (PBK)
 PIDIM Foundation
 POPI
 RDRS Bangladesh
 SAJIDA Foundation
 SAP Bangladesh
 Shakti Foundation for Disadvantaged Women
 Shariatpur Development Society (SDS)
 SKS Foundation
 Society for Social Service (SSS)
 TMSS
 UDDIPAN

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 CLIMATE CHANGE AND ADAPTATION

Who We Are

INAFI Bangladesh is a national network of development organisations (MFIs/NGOs), and practitioners committed to supporting low-income communities in achieving meaningful inclusion in the mainstream financial process. Since its inception in 2003, it has been actively promoting comprehensive development with a focus on financial and social inclusion as well as climate change adaptation to ensure sustainable livelihoods. We work to improve access to alternative financial and non-financial services through innovation, capacity building, research, and advocacy. Our network currently comprises 27 member organisations (MOs), which include the large, medium and small MFIs in Bangladesh.

Vision

A world where the poor are empowered and ensured sustainable livelihood with dignity.

Mission

Contribute to the alleviation of poverty through the development of well-managed and efficient microfinance services that provide employment opportunity and increased income to empower poverty-stricken people including the most disadvantaged groups, especially the women.

Promote innovation and diversity of micro-financial services and products that are effective and responsive to the client needs.

Promote financial inclusions by demand driven and affordable financial services.

Influence the strategic direction of the industry by promoting good practices and lobbying for required policy change in support of the industry.

Conduct effective, demand driven and enabling advocacy campaign in order to ensure pro-poor development policy and regulatory compliances.

What We Do

Research and Development

INAFI Bangladesh is well equipped with required skills in conducting research across various areas related to the microfinance sector. Our research serves as a valuable resource for stakeholders and supports evidence-based advocacy with relevant authorities. Our notable research studies include:

- Significance of Savings as a Financial Service for the MFI Clients and Source of Finance for MFIs: The Case of Bangladesh Microfinance Sector
- Effects and Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on MFIs and their Clients- A Comprehensive Study
- Crab Culture Value Chain Development under PACE Project of PKSf; The Case of Crab Farming in the Coastal Region of Bangladesh
- Demand and Affordability of Micro-insurance among the MSE borrowers of MFIs
- Feasibility study on Life and Pension Insurance Scheme among the beneficiaries of ASA
- Accessibility of Health Services to the Low Income and Ultra-poor Group of People in Bangladesh
- Suitable Insurance Mechanism for Fisher Folk Community
- Role of Microfinance Tools in Disaster Management: A Study in India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka

Networking and Advocacy

One of the core functions of INAFI Bangladesh is networking and advocacy with both national and international stakeholders including the government to create an enabling environment for the microfinance sector—benefiting clients, institutions, and other stakeholders—through the following initiatives:

- Identifying policy and regulatory barriers to sector growth and strategically engaging with relevant authorities on a continuous basis to address them.
- Raising awareness on critical issues impacting clients and institutions by organizing regional and national workshops, seminars, and dialogue sessions.
- Building strategic alliance with national institutions and networks, apex bodies, international organisations and donors to actively participate in advocacy on key issues covering microfinance, microinsurance, gender equity and migration and more.
- Supporting innovative projects by mapping challenges, offering research-based recommendations, and providing technical and capacity-building support and documentation.

Knowledge Management and Capacity Building

INAFI Bangladesh places strong emphasis on capacity building, documenting sectoral developments and best practices, and fostering innovation aimed at pro-poor development. Our key initiatives include: