

## Integrated approach needed for victims of climate disasters

An integrated development approach is needed for reducing poverty, creating employment and developing resilience of the coastal people who are often affected by man-made climate disasters, experts told a workshop, reports BSS.

They highlighted the challenges of development in the southwest Ganges basin and emphasised the need for integrated development approach to cope with the impact of climate change.

The two-day workshop titled 'Ganges Basin Development Challenge for Increasing the Resilience of Agricultural and Aquaculture Systems in the Coastal Areas of the Ganges Delta' concluded on Tuesday.

Challenge Program on Water and Food (CPWF) working in the countries of Asia and Africa organized the workshop.

Under this program in Bangladesh and India, three CGIAR centers: IRRI, WorldFish, International Water Management Institute (IWMI) along with IWM (Institute of Water Modeling) are carrying out research programs for addressing issues faced by the people of the southern districts of Bangladesh due to intrusion of salinity and climate change.

In the workshop experts working in the Ganges basin shared their project update and formulated a future plan for the advancement of their efforts.

Among others, Planning Commission member Prof Dr. M A Sattar Mandal, Director General of Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (BARI), Dr. Rafiqul Islam, Director General of the Department of Agriculture Extension (DAE) M Habibur Rahman and Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRRI), Enamul Haque addressed the workshop with Executive Chairman of Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) Dr. Wais Kabir in the chair.

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