

# **Aragati Seba Sangstha**

## **Rural Housing project**

Most of the ultra poor/hardcore female headed women are living in hut which is substandard and not health friendly as well as insecure. They have no financial ability to build a standard house for health, security as well as social dignity. Other hand, some have been affected and/or have lost their houses because of disaster like seasonal storms, river erosion they could not build housing due to lack of financial capital.

To address the problem, Bangladesh Government create a fund in 2003 namely "Grihayan Tohobil" and handover it to Bangladesh Bank. In this process Bangladesh Bank selected different NGO's all around the country through a standard selection process. ASS has selected for the program execution in Narsingdi district Belabo upazila and Raipura Upazila and initiated the program in the year 2003, with a view to provide standard housing facilities among the rural poor and rehabilitate the families who have been affected and/or have lost their houses because of disaster like seasonal storms, river erosion etc.

Selected women are being provided with 70000 to 250000 taka loan for house making and assists in building house through cooperating in all necessary arrangements. The house loan borrowers repay the loan by installment.

Objectives of Rural Housing:

- A. To provide moderate housing facilities among the rural poor to rehabilitate the families who have been affected disaster like seasonal storms, river erosion etc.
- B. Protect the public health and aware them about diarrhea and cold diseases and so on
  - Beneficiaries: Hardcore women/persons with disabilities family
  - Donor/Partner: Bangladesh Bank [Grehayan tahabil]
  - Working area: Belab upazila and Raipura upazila in Narsingdi district
  - Project duration: 2021 to till
  - Activities:
    - Selection of beneficiaries women in according with set criteria
    - Provide loan 70000 to 250000 taka to per person/house
    - Assist them in arranging house materials and establish houses
    - Provide counseling support for using house environment spoonful
    - Collect installment of house loan installment from house recipients
    - Report to Grihayan Tohobil as directed

So far Aragati Seba Songstha (ASS) has distributed 200 houses among 200 families.