# Protocols and Trigger based Institutional Systems for Timely Humanitarian & Anticipatory Action (PROTISTHAA)

## BACKGROUND

Bangladesh is one of the world's most disaster-prone countries, regularly hit by cyclones, floods, flash floods, lightning, and climate-driven shocks. These hazards often overwhelm vulnerable communities, including displaced Rohingya populations in Cox's Bazar. Despite strong national forecasting systems, early warnings do not always translate into timely action due to gaps in impact-based forecasting, limited guidance, weak authority and financing, and insufficient preparedness at local levels.

| Project Duration: | Hazards covered: | Target Population: | Total Budget: |
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| 1st April 2026 – 31st March 2028 | Monsoon floods, Flash floods, Cyclone | 87,600+(Female 42.760+; Male 44.830+; including 5,300+ PWD) | 4,210,526.00 EUR |




**Sector-specific Early Action Entry Points**

Disaster preparedness (seasonal and flash floods, cyclone) | Agriculture | Livestock | Fisheries | Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) | Shelter | Gender and inclusion | Environmental sustainability

**Anticipatory action protocols/plans in place**

Early Action Matrix for Monsoon flood, flash flood, Cyclone and fire incidents

## PROJECT GOAL and OBJECTIVES

Building on the successes and lessons of earlier anticipatory action initiatives, **PROTISTHAA** takes the next natural step toward a fully institutionalized, government-owned framework. The project helps bridge existing operational gaps by embedding forecast-based triggers directly into government systems and pre-arranged disaster financing. By establishing sector-specific forecast-to-action guidance, formalizing early warning procedures, and nurturing multi-stakeholder coordination platforms, PROTISTHAA fosters a sustainable, multi-hazard early action system grounded in long-term local ownership.

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| Clear Early Warnings | • **Make early warnings simple and fast** so communities and leaders get clear, timely risk information they can easily act on |
| Stronger Systems & Funding | • **Connect early action plans and funding** directly into government and humanitarian systems so support lasts and reaches more people. |
| Safer, Better-Prepared Communities | • **Help local communities prepare early** with safe, inclusive, and well-coordinated support before disasters hit |

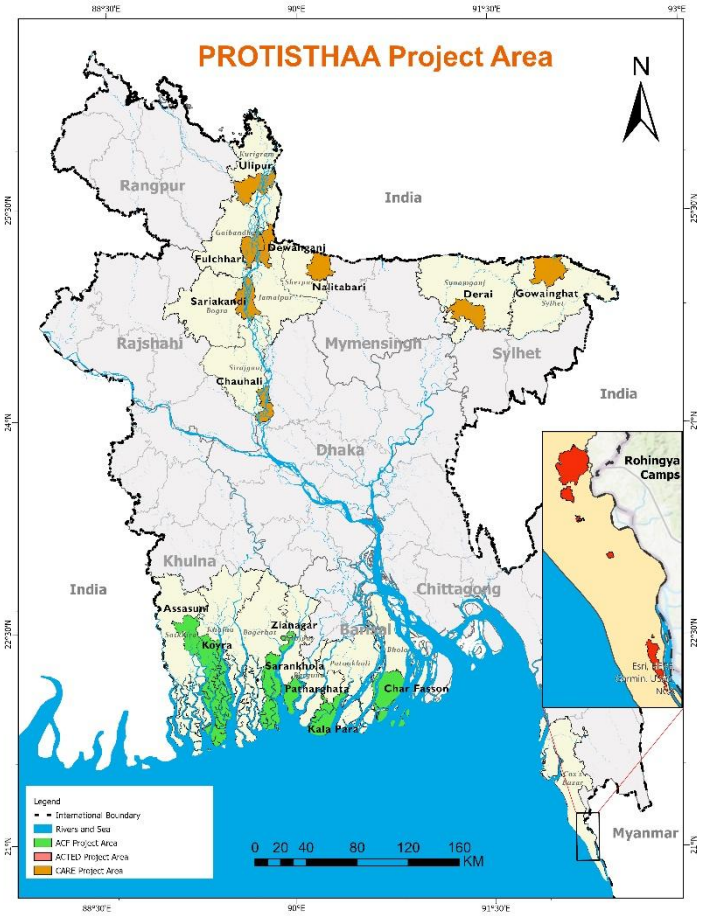
## GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE & PRIORITY ZONES

***Monsoon Flood districts:*** Gaibandha, Kurigram, Bogura, Sirajganj, Jamalpur, and Sherpur.

***Flash Flood Districts:*** Sunamganj, Sylhet.

***Coastal districts:*** Bagerhat, Barguna, Bhola, Patuakhali, Pirojpur, Khulna, Satkhira (cyclones, storm surge).

***Cox's Bazar Rohingya Camps:*** All 33 camps (fires, floods, landslides, cyclones)




## EXPECTED RESULT

PROTISTHAA will deliver measurable reductions in deaths, injuries and asset loss by enabling pre-emptive, funded actions across hazards. Districts and camps will see faster trigger-to-assistance timelines, wider inclusive early-warning reach, and strengthened local capacities, trained volunteers, upgraded shelters and protection-sensitive protocols. Institutionalized SOPs and district AA funds, plus a standing Crisis Modifier, will sustain anticipatory responses and enable nationwide scale-up.
The project will also generate evidence and practical tools for replication and scaling across the region.

## INSTITUTIONALIZATION: STRENGTHENING SYSTEMS FOR TIMELY ANTICIPATORY ACTIONS IN BANGLADESH

Strengthen systems so that both the general population of Bangladesh and Rohingya refugees in camps benefit from earlier, safer, and more predictable protection through timely anticipatory actions when hazards are forecasted, and through coordinated incident management systems at the camps.

