

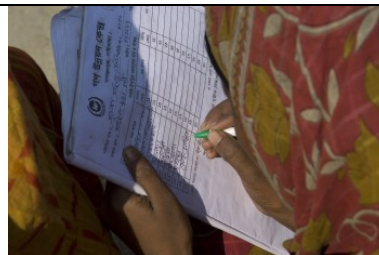
# Sahena's Story – Prompt Cards



Sahena visits her neighbour Miriam Begum. Following advice from Sahena and the women's group Miriam has raised her house to protect it from floodwater.



Sahena finishes making a clay oven. The oven will be kept dry on high ground with food and fuel if there is a flood warning.



Signing the register for the weekly women's meeting. Oxfam works in partnership with a local NGO to help the villagers protect themselves against the effects of climate change.



The women's group organises villagers to work together to raise their houses. This helps keep children, the elderly and animals safe during a flood.



In 2007 the radio warned of rising floodwaters in India and gave Sahena's community 1 week to prepare for a flood.



Sahena is the president of the 25-strong women's group. They meet weekly to plan for flood warnings and other ways to improve community life.



As president of the women's group Sahena listens carefully to flood alerts on the radio.



A home surrounded by floodwater in Bangladesh. Oxfam's strategy is to support communities to protect themselves against flooding before a flood arrives.



A toilet raised by the local community. To prevent the spread of disease it's important to keep toilets and water pumps above the level of floodwater.



Oxfam provides funding to buy radios so villagers can listen to flood warnings. One radio covers 4 or 5 villages, reaching around 300 households.



Sahena says that farmers can no longer predict the seasons. It's cold when it should be hot and hot when it should be cold. The villagers no longer know the best time to plant or harvest their crops.



Storms and floods have always affected Bangladesh. But climate change means they are becoming more frequent and severe. Poor people are becoming more vulnerable to their impact.