

How children in Bangladesh are adapting to climate change

Ages: 7-11

This resource is a series of pictures and stories of how the lives of children in Bangladesh are changing because of the effects of climate change. The pictures are also provided separately in a powerpoint presentation. This resource can be accompanied by Oxfam videos that tell the story of flood victims in Bangladesh that can be found at http://www.oxfam.org.uk/get_involved/campaign/climate_change/.

Char Atra, Bangladesh



Children play on the banks of the river Padma, Char Atra, Bangladesh. The river level is rising and flooding more often due to the effects of climate change.



Sufia (35), her husband and their two year old daughter stand outside with all their belongings as their house is being raised up so it will be above the flood levels.



Sufia and the other women from the village work as day labourers to help raise the ground under their homes above the flood level.



Sufia in front of her newly raised home with her husband and daughter in the background. Sufia says, 'Now my house has been raised I can stay with my children in a dry place during the floods. I am very happy about it.'



Children in an informal school in the Char area. In addition to the usual subjects such as mathematics and science the children are taught how to cope with the floods and basic health and safety such as don't bathe in the floodwater.



Saheena's village floods every year and she has lost her home, her possessions and her animals. Saheena has attended training in how to change her life so she can survive the floods. She has learnt how to preserve foods, how to raise her house up and how to use the radio to receive flood warnings.

Saheena says, 'I'm glad I know how to live with floods now. At least I can save my family, my belongings and my animals. My children are lucky too as they have a mother who can teach them to survive a disaster.'