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To Whom It May Concern

This is to certify that Samadhan is currently a partner of CARE Bangladesh's Reducing Vulnerability to Climate Change (RVCC) Project. Samadhan is implementing activities with 250 households to reduce the vulnerability of these households to the impacts of climate change.

Under this project, Samadhan participated in a vulnerability assessment to determine what climate change-impacted factors its beneficiaries feel most vulnerable to, and which aspects of household well-being are most affected. Samadhan staff then worked with RVCC staff to determine what activities could be undertaken to most effectively reduce people's vulnerability to the impacts of climate change. Some of the activities that Samadhan is implementing includes: promoting *bairas* (floating gardens), cage aquaculture, poultry and duck rearing, *mele* (reed) cultivation and mat making, community fish farming, and prawn-carp poly culture.

In addition to working directly at the household level, Samadhan is working with local Union Parashads on community level adaptation strategies, in particular, excavation of a canal to address waterlogging, increasing access to common water bodies for landless people, and promoting the practice of Tidal River Management to reduce waterlogging. As part of the above, Samadhan mobilized the local communities via Union Climate Change Committees which they helped to form.

During the 2+ years that Samadhan has been a partner organization of the RVCC Project, I have found the Samadhan organization to be staffed with dedicated, enthusiastic and hard working individuals who have helped make the RVCC Project the success that it is today.

I highly recommend Samadhan as a partner.

Signature

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