

Organizational Profile of Taungya

(Established in: 5 December 1995)



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(An Organization for Indigenous Culture, Environment & Socio- Economic Advancement)

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1. The Meaning of Taungya

The word “Taungya” is rooted in the traditional culture of all the indigenous peoples of the Chittagong Hill Tracts. It is related to the Marma word “ya”, Tripura word “gaireng” and the Chakma and Tanchangya word, “taung”, all of which are related to the culture of swidden or jum-cultivating societies. Today, in agro-forestry technology, “Taungya” is also the name given to the system of raising tree plantations through an innovation to the swidden or jum method of agriculture. Thus, Taungya provides a concrete example of the continued utility of traditional knowledge systems of indigenous peoples and the close links between cultural integrity, collectivist traditions, innovation and adaptation, all of which are an integral part of *jum*-cultivating societies.

2. Background to the Formation of Taungya

Taungya was formed in 5 December 1995 as an unincorporated body. It was called the *Committee for the Protection of Indigenous Culture*. The primary focus was on indigenous culture because it was felt that the cultural fabric of indigenous society was being threatened by external interventions that were not in conformity with the rights, needs, and aspirations of the peoples of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT). Later the scope of the organization was broadened to include the themes of development and environment, thereby also employing a wider perspective on indigenous culture. The organization was also renamed Taungya in 1996, and was finally registered with the Department of Social Service in 1998 and with the NGO Affairs Bureau in 2000.

3. Objectives of the Organization:

The major objectives of the organization include the following:

- The protection and preservation of indigenous culture and knowledge systems;
- The preservation of the environment, the protection of the rights of indigenous peoples, including women and children; and
- The achievement of educational and socio-economic advancement by all, and in particular, by disadvantaged communities.

4. Taungya’s Policy Goal

Taungya’s activities and programmes stand on *three main pillars* to ensure sustainable and people-oriented development that is respectful of the concerned peoples’ culture and rights. These are:

- Indigenous culture,
- Environment, and
- Socio-economic rights.

5. Special Feature of the Organization / Mission

Taungya believes in cultural pluralism and basic rights of all peoples and communities.

Cultural Pluralism

The organization has members from various indigenous peoples of Chittagong Hill Tracts and from among the Bengali-speaking residents of CHT. The members are in various professions, i.e. educationists, cultural activists, journalists, lawyers, physicians, engineers, businesspeople, etc. IT believes in the rights of all peoples, and seeks to help protect the culture and rights of those indigenous peoples with small populations.

Self-Reliance

Taungya believes that programmes on socio-economic activities can bring sustainable and culturally appropriate progress in the long run only through local self-reliant initiatives. It therefore, believes in having a clear exit strategy prior to making any project interventions. It works only with the consent of communities and is totally against creating unsustainable external dependencies.

Community Empowerment

It believes in strengthening the CHT communities, especially those who live in “remote” areas. It is respectful towards the strong communitarian traditions of the indigenous peoples and promotes cooperative and collective efforts by drawing upon ancient indigenous customs and traditions while employing modern day information technology wherever appropriate and available.

Equity

It strongly believes in human rights and the principle of equity. It promotes eradication of racial and religious discrimination and the eradication of discrimination against women. It tries to address the needs of socially and physically disadvantaged groups. It also seeks to respect different generations and the rights of children.

6. Vision of Taungya

In order to ensure that Taungya is successful in achieving its stated goals it is important that Taungya has at least a fair idea of the likely nature of social, cultural and economic changes in the coming years and decades. These developments will no doubt be both positive and negative. Other changes will be value-neutral or combine aspects of both positive and negative elements. We intend to keep these likely developments in mind when planning any type of interventions. Some changes seem almost inevitable. These include improvements in transport and communications, advances in communications technology, easier marketing of farm produce, and greater social mobility.

On the positive side we see better prices for farmers, greater access to health services and education, greater gender sensitivity and cheaper and more accessible tele and cyber communications. On the negative side, we see rising differences of income, land alienation of indigenous communities, marginalisation of poor farmers and unskilled labourers, ethnic and class conflicts, food insecurity and environmental degradation (including deforestation and mining activities).

Other changes include in-migration and out-migration, greater social mobility, greater social interaction between different ethnic and religious groups, further urbanization, etc. The above permutations are based on the assumption that the forces of globalization will continue to shape economic policies in Bangladesh and lead to the faster monetisation and marketisation of the CHT.

Even if the process of globalization that is currently taking place is weakened or reversed in the near future, we feel that the CHT will still continue to be integrated into the Bangladeshi market. at a very fast pace. This is because the CHT is still rich in natural resources. Therefore, it is of the utmost importance to ensure that CHT society can achieve at least moderate success in human development. Without educational progress, social and economic progress will not be possible, and the people of the CHT will continue to be marginalized politically as well. Thereby, their cultural integrity will also be threatened.

We mention many areas in our policy goals, but we are aware that it is not possible for Taungya to work on all or even most of the aforesaid issues in the next few years. Therefore, our Action Plan will fine-tune in on our proposed activities in the short, middle and long terms. We are aware that priorities may also change over time.

Taungya intends to be a catalyst towards the articulation of the development perspectives of the people of the CHT and their views on indigenous culture and environment, among other things. Therefore, it is important that Taungya's work has an impact on the greatest number of people possible. However, Taungya realizes that given the shortcomings of a voluntary organization, it will not be possible to be in direct contact with the entire population of the CHT. Therefore, the emphasis will be to combine efforts aimed at reaching the greatest number of people directly, through specific projects and dialogues, and through indirect means, such as networking with other organizations and through its research and advocacy activities. Formal and informal publications will play a key role in this regard.

7. Strategy of Taungya

Since Taungya intends to make an impact at the macro levels, its emphasis is on research and advocacy, rather than rely solely on direct project interventions. In many areas, Taungya's major role is to act as a conduit to facilitate dialogues between the different communities and their organizations on the one hand and between the communities and the development planners and policy-makers on the other. Taungya's activities include measures to improve the organizational skills of village communities through training, workshops and exchange programmes and the dissemination and re-dissemination of information to the concerned people. Therefore, networking, training and capacity-raising is important tools in Taungya's strategy plans.

Projects that deal directly with people - including research work –help keep Taungya in direct touch with the wishes and aspirations of rural communities and help it to understand the challenges of everyday life met by them. These experiences are sought to be reflected in Taungya's awareness raising and advocacy work. Where it is not possible to directly reach the people, Taungya works in cooperation with other organizations and institutions, including national and regional government bodies, NGOs, POs and CBOs.

In all cases, Taungya attempts to monitor and evaluate its activities internally - through an evaluation and monitoring unit that is independent of the executive committee and salaried staff of Taungya - and by external agencies. On the basis of such evaluation and monitoring, Taungya reviews and revises its ongoing programmes and policies, as necessary. In summary, the salient features of Taungya's intervention strategy are reproduced below in point form.

Main Pillars of Taungya	Indigenous Culture	Environment	Socio-Economic Rights
Cross-Cutting Issues	Indigenous Culture	Environment	Equity (including Gender)
Vision of the Future	Socio-Economic Disparity	Improved Communications	Marginalized Groups
Strategy	Research & Advocacy	Networking & Liaison	Training & Capacity Raising

8. Specific Policy Objectives

Within the broad ambit of our three main policy goals, namely, indigenous culture, environment and socio-economic rights, we recognize a number of specific high priority areas for intervention, which

are listed in the tables below (Tables 1A, 1B and 1C). However, the list is not, of course, closed. In addition, we are inspired by the *Rangamati Declaration* (annexed hereto), which resulted from the first major civil-society initiated development conference in the CHT. It may be mentioned that Taungya played a leading role in providing organizational and logistical support for the aforesaid conference.

Indigenous Culture

Architecture & Landscape	Lifestyles	Music
Arts & Crafts	Literature	History & Legend
Customary Law	Indigenous Medicine	Indigenous Sports & Games

Environment

Biodiversity Maintenance	Conservation Practices	Prevention of Pollution
Consumption Patterns	Natural Resource Management	Village Common Forests

Socio-Economic Rights

Traditional & Local Governance	Livelihood	Communication and Technology
Agriculture (Lowland)	Education	Indigenous Cooperative Systems
Agro-forestry (Taungya)	Entrepreneurship	Indigenous Peoples' Rights
Animal Husbandry	Fisheries	Institutional Strengthening
Bank & Credit Systems	Gender	Intellectual Property Rights
Child Rights	Swidden Cultivation	Land Rights (Indigenous)
Commons (Village)	Health	Resource Rights (inc. Sub-surface)
Eco-Tourism	Horticulture	Women's Rights

9. Target Group

Its main target groups belong to the disadvantaged sections of CHT society, especially those living in the hard to reach, "remote" and "semi-remote" areas. Taungya's programmes & projects interventions include- children, adolescents, youth, women and men from the marginalized communities, karbaris (village chiefs) and headman (territorial chiefs), union parishad, upazila parishad and other leaders, service-providing government departments, CBOs, NGOs, networks, etc. Taungya also tries to liaise with important regional institutions, including the CHT Regional Council, Hill District Councils, District & Sub-District Administrations and traditional Circles.

10. Thematic Field of Expertise

Since its debut in the field of development, Taungya has developed expertise on some thematic areas. Among them the followings are noteworthy:

- Indigenous Culture, Customs, Traditions & Customary Laws;
- Natural Resource Management in CHT;
- Good Governance (Traditional & Local Governance);
- Gender and Women's Leadership;
- Primary Education services in the Remote Areas of CHT;
- WASH; and
- Community Empowerment & Economic Development.

Taungya has also improved its capability in-project management, event management, training and sensitization, community mobilization, advocacy, monitoring & quality documentation (both online & off line), along with financial management. It has established the following resources after decades of development interventions-

Resource Pool: The pool is comprised of training experts from both the Executive Council and Staff who are capable to conduct training, workshop, seminar, conference etc. at community, union, upazila and district level. Executive Council members are capable of conducting these activities at regional and national levels too. Category of participants are- local governance leaders (UP chairman, Ward Member, Upazila Parishad members), GoB service departments, traditional governance leaders (headman, karbari), local leaders, teachers, CBOs, network etc.

Development & Fund Raising Unit: The unit is lead by Executive Director under the guidance and supervision of the Executive Council of Taungya. Unit members are capable of preparing technical and financial proposals for both national and international donors, besides their regular activities to ensure quality documentation of our programme & project interventions. Website database development, publication of bulletins, video reporting etc. are routine tasks of the unit. Under direct supervision of the EC, Executive Director, Programme Manager, Finance and Admin Officer and PCs are the regular performers of the unit.

Volunteerism Development: Taungya has been working to develop the skills of community-based Youth Volunteers Groups who are fully functional at their respective communities. The volunteers are trained on various thematic issues and are thereby made capable of skilled events management, communication, facilitation, data collection, meeting management, FGDs etc. On the other hand it has created opportunities to the potential learners/trainees/volunteers to develop their skill in various professional capabilities such as- accounts/finance management, office management, reporting & documentation and events management, besides developing knowledge on various thematic issues.

11. Present Staff

Sl. No.	Project/Programme Name	Number of Staff		
		Male	Female	Total
1.	Taungya General Staff	5	1	6
3.	Partnership for Resilient Livelihoods in CHT Region- PRLC Project	23	13	36
4.	CRLIWM CHT Sector Project	12	06	18
5.	Non-Formal Primary Education Bridge School Project	13	9	22
Total =		53	29	82

12. Project Status of Taungya

A. Running Project

Sl. No.	Project Name	Working Areas	Major Intervention Areas	Allocated Amount (BDT)	Project Tenure	Donor
1.	Partnership for Resilient Livelihoods in CHT Region [PRLC]	Dumdumya and Moidong unions of Jurachari Upazila, Rangamati Hill District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Livelihood Development of the Extremely Poor jum cultivators and farmers using IFM-FFS - Social Safety Net and DRR - Nutrition & Sanitation Promotion - Gender Mainstreaming 	4,80,29,081	September 2023 to September 2026	MJF Back Donor: EU
2.	Support for Community School under BRAC NFPE Bridge Schools Project	10 community schools from Borkol Sadar, Bhujonsora, Aimasora and Boro Hoginga unions of Borkol Upazila under Rangamati Hill District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure financial support 10 Taungya schools - Ensure capacity building of teachers - Ensure quality learning for a holistic development of the enrolled children 	42,31,358	August 2023 to June 2025	BRAC Education Programme
3.	Climate-Resilient Livelihoods Improvement and Watershed Management in the Chittagong Hill Tracts Sector Project	Rangamati, Khagrachari and Bandarban Hill Districts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Land Acquisition and Involuntary Resettlement - Rural Road development - Social Safeguarding and Gender - Income Livelihood Restoration 	59,632,500	9 February 2025 to January 2031 (72 months)	CHTRC, Government of Bangladesh Back Donor: Asian Development Bank

B: Implemented Projects

SL	Project Name	Working Areas	Major Intervention Areas	Allocated Amount (BDT)	Project Tenure	Donor
1.	"Empowering Young Leaders for Sustainable Management of Traditional Village Common Forests and Ecology Project"- CFLI	22 VCFs of Bileisori (Bileisori Sadar, Farua and Kengrasori unions) and Kaptai Upazila (Kaptai Sadar union)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Activity- 1. Improve the existing vulnerable management system of the 22 VCFs by developing/updating bi-laws and Bidhimalas. - Activity-2. Develop sustainable management systems for the VCFs by creating resource maps and Resource Conservation Action Plans - Activity-3. Train community youth groups to support the VCF management committee and develop young leadership - Activity- 4. Watersheds, VCF mapping, and stream side plantation to protect vulnerable areas of watersheds through GPS mapping. - Activity- 5. Promote Cultural practices to strengthen social cohesion and integrity. 	75,41,500	24 September 2023 to 28 February 2025	Canadian High Commission of Bangladesh
2.	Our Life Our Health Our Future Project- OLHF	Baghaichari, Barkal & Bilaichari Upazila	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support & facilitate women centered advocacy activities on SRHR, MHM and GBV; - Mobilize target communities to support their girls, adolescents and young women to advocacy campaign 	2,59,08,313	August 2019 to December 2023	Bangladesh Nari Progoti Sangha & Simavi, Netherlands Back Donor

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			<p>to claim their rights and dignity and live in a peaceful and safe society;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conduct capacity building activities, awareness session, dialogues, workshops, mela etc. to ensure mass level sensitization on women safety; - Support the GoB service departments, local government institutions, traditional intuitions, CSOs, CBOs, law and enforcement departments, media etc. at mauza, union, upazila and district level to strengthen a safe and secured society for the girls, adolescents and young women. 			European Union
3.	Taungya AVCB Project (Rang Pack-A, Part-1)	Rajasthali, Kaptai and Rangamati Sadar Upazila	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Capacity building training of the customary leaders; - Support the target headmen with logistics to rearrange their traditional headmen court; - Capacity building of the youth groups on traditional justice system; - Training on traditional justice mechanism for the elected bodies of the local government institution at upzila and union level - Mass level sensitization on customary justice system and village court with creative popular theater 	74,15,108	August 2021 to June 2022	Donor- Graus Back Donor- SID-CHT, UNDP
4.	Taungya AVCB in CHT (00115133)	Langadu and Borkol Upazila	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Capacity building training of the customary leaders; - Support the target headmen with logistics to rearrange their traditional headmen court; - Capacity building of the youth groups on traditional justice system; - Training on traditional justice mechanism for the elected bodies of the local government institution at upzila and union level - Mass level sensitization on customary justice system and village court with creative popular theater 	53,48,934	August 2021 to June 2022	Donor- ASHIKA Back Donor- SID-CHT, UNDP
5.	Leadership to Ensure Adequate Nutrition (LEAN)	Bilaichari upazila under Rangamati Hill District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mobilize communities- school brigades, young girls' groups, Women Business Centers to sensitize on nutrition; - Support WBCs to be established as women necessities and nutrition friendly resource centers; - Conduct sensitization sessions on nutrition with SMCs, WBC members, adolescent girls, MGs etc. - Liaise with the local elected, bodies' traditional leaders, teachers, religious leaders, local elites etc. 	15,71,250	December 2019 to November 2020	Jum Foundation, United Purpose, European Union

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6	IPAF- 5 th Cycle (Develop Role Model of Hill Water Resource and Natural Forests Conservation of Ethnic Communities through Youth Engagement)	Rangamati Sadar & Bilaichari upazila	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop role Village Common Forest Management Committee & PDC as strong natural resource management communities; - Support and facilitate to expand eco-tourism at the three project sites; - Conduct study & GPS mapping on watershed management systems among the indigenous communities to identify and analysis best practice and the worst practice of natural resource conservation systems among the CHT indigenous communities; - Engage the community youths in sustainable conservation system and arrange capacity building, sensitization sessions for them; - Develop eco-tourist guides among the youths to strengthen their IGA activities to support their natural resource conservation; - Promote gender sensitization and support traditional leaders in conservation system etc. 	49,55,197	August 2019 to February 2021	Tebtebba Foundation, IFAD
7.	Support for Infrastructure Reconstruction and Promote Sanitation Practice in the Remote Community Schools of Rangamati Hill District	8 community schools at Barkal and Bilaichari upazila under Rangamati Hill District	Renovation of infrastructures to promote hygiene practice and sanitation at the community schools; Create learning friendly schooling environment through reconstruction activities	12,40,000	August 2018 to December 2018	Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany
8.	Second Chittagong Hill Tracts Rural Development Project (CHTRDP-II)	Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachari Hill District. 11 upazila, 20 unions, 28 mauza and 89 villages through 17 sub-projects	i) Improve rural infrastructure and sustainable natural resources management and monitoring; ii) Increase rural incomes, including those of remote rural women and disadvantaged groups, through increased economic opportunities and activities; ii) Support institutional strengthening of MOCHTA, CHTRC and HDC to plan, implement and monitor sustainable rural development in the three districts of CHT, Rangamati, Khagrachari and Bandarban.	3,38,74,021	20 August 2013 to 30 June 2019	ADB & Government of Bangladesh
9.	Livelihood Security and Watershed Management	Bilaichari (Dhupshil and Lota Pahar)	i) To reduce unsustainable forest dependency of the communities living in the selected Reserve Forest area; ii) To improve socio-economic conditions of the communities; iii) To protect watersheds and biodiversity of the forest.	1,21,98,420	01 September 2016 to 29 August 2017	UNDP-CHTDF
10.	Consolidating Community Rights over Natural Resources for Conservation of Environment and Sustainable	Langadu, Barkal, Bilaichari & Rajasthali Upazila of Rangamati Hill District.	Collective access to VCF and management of natural resources by the community. Sensitized duty bearers at various levels about IP rights	2,08,23,343	01 March 2003 to 28 February 2005 01 January 2008 to 31 Jan' 2011	DANIDA

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	Development (CCNR)					
11.	Promoting a Network of Village Common Forests (VCFs) and Building Capacity of the Network Members in Chittagong Hill Tracts.	Rangamati Hill District.	Well-functioning VCF network established for conserving and managing Village Common Forest across Chittagong Hill Tracts.	21,16,160	01 august 2016 to 29 August 2017	CHTDF-UNDP
12.	Social Protection Governance Initiative for the Excluded People in CHT (SPGIEP)	Barkal Upazila of Rangamati Hill District.	Ensuring effective implementation of the social safety net programs for Strengthening Government Social Protection Services for the excluded hard to reach people living in the CHT areas.	1,18,74,436	01 July 2014 to 30 June 2017	MIJ
13.	Promotion of Indigenous Culture through Food and Folklore Festival in CHT	Rangamati Sadar	Enhance harmony and unity among the peoples in the CHT	4,00,000	01 November 2014 to 28 February 2015	UNDP-CHTDF
14.	Gender and Equity	Rangamati Sadar	Development of gender sensitivity.	4,00,000	01 November 2014 to 28 February 2015	UNDP-CHTDF
15.	Participatory Market System Development Approach. (PMSD)	Sapchhari Union, Rangamati Sadar	Reduce rural poverty and enhance food and nutrition security of rural marginalized producers in the project areas through application of participatory market system development approach.	6,32,100	01October 2012 to September 2014	Practical Action
16.	Food for Education and Emergency School Feeding (FFE & ESF)	Rangamati Sadar, Rajasthali, Barkal, Bilaichari, Baghaichari of Rangamati Hill District.	Alleviate micronutrient deficiencies of pre-primary age children. Improve enrolment and attendance in pre-primary centers.	27,18,874	29 April 2009 to 30 June 2011	WFP
17.	Life Skill Education Component	Rangamati Sadar Upazila of Rangamati Hill District.	Generate awareness about the AIDS among the young people.	5,08,610	02April 2008 to 31 December 2011	YPSA
18.	Development Resource Centre (DRC) Phase-01, 02 & 03	Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachari Hill District.	Based on the indigenous information, technology, knowledge, experience, methodology, practices and adaptive capability and in conformity with the defined geographical and cultural atmosphere of CHT, to develop a complementary process conducive to the people-oriented and sustainable development directing to promoting the livelihood of the indigenous peoples.	1,15,09,117	01 January 2013 to 31 December 2015 (3rd Phase)	ICCO
				94,16,550	1st July 2009 to 01 June 2012 (2nd Phase)	
				16,71,500	1st July 2006 to 01 June 2007 (1st Phase)	

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19.	Integrated Support to Promote Primary Education in Remote Areas of Rangamati Hill Tracts (ISPRRHT)	Barkal, Bilaichari, Kawkhali & Rajasthali Upazila of Rangamati Hill District.	Basic and quality primary education	3,85,59,019	01 July 2013 to 31 March 2017 (Phase-03)	MJF
	Primary Education in Remote Areas of Rangamati Hill Tracts (PERARHT)	Barkal & Bilaichari Upazila of Rangamati Hill District.	Basic and quality primary education	1,96,80,211	01 August 2009 to 31 March 2013 (Phase-02)	
				99,39,300	01 July 2006 to 01 June 2009 (Phase-01)	
20.	Community Empowerment and Economic Development Activity (CE&EDA)	Rajasthali & Bilaichari Upazila of Rangamati Hill District.	Generate awareness, confidence and self-reliance among the communities. Mobilize communities for regular savings. Facilitate small project development and implementation etc.	7,28,45,157	01 May 2004 to 30th September 2013	UNDP CHTDF
21.	Adaptation of Coping Strategies & Culture by Tribal Communities Due to Climate Changes in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (ACCTCC)	Rangamati Sadar Upazila of Rangamati Hill District.	Find out a viable alternative livelihood using and managing the available natural resources and indigenous people's knowledge system in terms of global climatic changes and subsequent impacts on indigenous livelihood and bio-diversity.	8,80,880	01 April 2009 to 30 September 2009	UNDP-RIPP Regional Center in Bangkok
22.	Rural Road Maintenance Programme (RMP)	Langadu, Kawkhali, Barkal, Naniarchar, Bilaichari Upazila of Rangamati Hill District.	Improve the household food security, nutrition and socio-economic condition of the ultra-poor women.	12,75,000	10 December 2002 to 31 August 2005	World Food Programme
23.	Vulnerable Group Development (VGD)	Langadu, Kawkhali, Barkal, Naniarchar, Bilaichari Upazila of Rangamati Hill District.	Preservation of the environment, indigenous culture and knowledge system. The achievement of the socio-economic advancement by all, and by disadvantaged communities.	7,76,250	01 January 2003 to 31 December 2004	World Food Programme
24.	CHT Children's Opportunities for Learning Enhanced (CHOLEN)	Barkal, Bilaichari Upazila of Rangamati Hill District.	Increase the access and educational achievement of poor children in school with a special focus on girls and indigenous children.	22,54,015	15 August 2002 to 31 December 2004	CARE-Bangladesh
25.	Women Income Generation Through Pig and Goat Rearing	Barkal Upazila of Rangamati Hill District	Improve the household food security, nutrition and socio-economic condition of the ultra-poor women through IGA.	10,09,745	01 February 2001 to 31 July 2002	FAO
26.	Protection of Village Common Forest in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (VCF Project)	Rangamati Sadar, Langadu and Borkol upazila under Rangamati Hill District	Protection and preservation of Village Common Forests, capacity raising, livelihood security advocacy was the major intervention areas of the project	18,61,275	March 2003 to 2 January 2005	DANIDA

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27.	Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Resource Centre Project (CHTDRC)	Rangamati, Bandarban and Khagrachari Hill District.	Protect and preserve of indigenous culture and knowledge system. Achieve educational and socio-economic progress for indigenous and other people and communities in the CHT.	12,27,518	01 July 2000 to 30 to Jun 2001	DANIDA

13. Geographic Coverage

Taungya is registered with Department of Social Service, Rangamati & NGO Affairs Bureau, Bangladesh. So, it is legally allowable to undertake development activities (except micro credit programme) in all upazila and unions of 3 Hill Districts with fund support of local, national and international donors. However, Taungya has rich experience to work in the all ten upazila of the Rangamati District and four upazila in Khagrachari Hill District & six upazila in Bandarban Hill District.

14. Information of Consortiums of Taungya

Sl. No.	Name of Project of the Consortium	Donor	Name of Partners	Role of Taungya In the Consortium	Location	Total Budget Involved (BDT)
1.	Consolidating Community Rights over Natural Resources for Conservation of Environment and	DANIDA	1. Taungya 2. Mrochet & 3. Tahzingdong	Lead NGO- Taungya Sub-partners- Mrochet & Tahzingdong	3 hill districts	1,95,82,350.00
2.	Integrated Support to Promote Primary Education in Remote Areas of Rangamati Hill	DFID& Manusher Jonno Foundation	1. Taungya, 2. Ashroyangon & 3. Shantir Alo Unnayan Sangstha	Lead NGO- Taungya Sub-partners- Ashroyangon & Shantir Alo Unnayan	Rangamati Hill District	3,85,59,019.00
3.	Promoting a Network of the Village Common Forests and Building Capacity of the Network	USAID& CHTDF, UNDP	1. Zabarang Kalyan Samity-ZKS, Khagrachari 2. Taungya, Rangamati& 3. Humanitarian Foundation-	Lead NGO-ZKS Sub-partner Taungya and HF	3 hill districts	1,17,48,420.00
4.	Taungya AVCB Project (Rang Pack-A, Part-1)	SID-CHT, UNDP	1. GRAUS Bandarban & 2. Taungya, Rangamati	Lead NGO- GRAUS Sub-partner Taungya	3 hill districts	74,15,108.00
5.	Taungya AVCB in CHT (00115133)	SID-CHT, UNDP	1. Ashika Rangamati& 2. Taungya, Rangamati	Lead NGO-Ashika Sub-partner Taungya	3 hill districts	53,48,934.00

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B. Other Facilities:

Library (for researchers, development activists etc.)	1	Head Office
Research/study plot for agricultural development	1	Balukhali Union, Rangamati Sadar Upazila
Resource Pool (consultation, training, advocacy etc. on the thematic area of- traditional forest conservation and watershed management, gender and related issues, traditional governance system, indigenous laws & culture, health, education, CHT related laws and legislations etc.)	----	The pool is comprised of both GB members and organization staff

16. Constitution & Policies

Taungya has its own constitution. It has been approved by the District Social Service Officer, Department of Social Service in Rangamati Hill District.

To undertake its day-to-day activities and various development actions the organization has developed some policies of its own. The policies are approved by the EC endorsed by Chairperson and are fully functional. The approved policies are-

1. General Policy of Taungya;
2. Personnel Manual of Taungya;
3. Financial Management Manual of Taungya;
4. Procurement Policy and Accounting Procedures of Taungya;
5. Recruitment Policy of Taungya &
6. Gender Policy of Taungya.

17. Other Activities and Achievements of Taungya

- Arrange a conference of indigenous medicine in 1995 and documentation of the indigenous medicine in book form 1996
- Publication on Tripura Customary Law, Administrative powers and responsibilities of Headman and their capacity raising and Development Role of CHTs Development Board in the CHT region.
- A documentary video on forest practices has developed through which different institution can able to know how VCFs are conserved in the hilly areas of the CHT.
- An indigenous cultural folk music audio CD and cassette has developed.
- A book on indigenous fairy tale and rhyme (Miling- Paharer Chora & Lokokotha).
- Organized indigenous games in Village Common Forests (VCF) areas of Rangamati Hill District.
- The collection of objects of indigenous arts and crafts articles of historical value, literary material, photographs, audio and videotapes (continuing).
- The provision of free legal aid to inhabitants of remote forest settlements suffering from harass and false criminal cases.
- Assistance to local farmers groups and organizations to obtain official registration.
- Organizing fact-finding missions to food scarcity areas containing internally displaced people (1989-90). Distributed small quantity of relief material. This focused much-need attention on the need for and facilitated the start of, emergency food assistance programs by the government in partnership with the WFP.
- Organizing two sharing workshops on Child Right situation in the Chittagong Hill Tracts in collaboration with Bangladesh Institute of Theatre Arts on 12 May and on 24 October-2002.
- Conduction of Free Health Camp at the remote village areas with the logistic support from Roots Foundation, Dhaka.
- Formation of 263 PDCs and 158 PNDGs for community empowerment and various development interventions covering nearly 23000 thousand of community peoples.
- Trained nearly 2500 community CBOs' leaders on management, leadership, gender, entrepreneurship, technical training on IGA etc.
- Facilitated to reform 38 community managed natural resource management committees covering community level sensitization for more than 1800 communities;
- Supported to 38 VCF communities to develop their management system, by-laws etc.
- Ensured local governance recognition of one VCF and motivated hundreds of others to legally conserved their conserved forests;
- Developed a library for a Development Resource Center where researchers, students etc. can be benefited;
- Established 50 community primary schools among which 4 have already been nationalized and the rests are on different stage of nationalization process;
- Trained and sensitized approximately 550 SMC, 250 PTA and 550 MG members on nutrition, IGA, sanitation, and trained more than 100 school teachers for technical capacity building;
- Published research papers on Jum Cultivation, Marketing Development, ICC, BCC materials on water resource and natural forest management etc.
- Publications on- Indigenous food Diversity, VCF, capacity building for traditional leaders, study on food security, livelihood opportunities, folk tales and rhymes collection, Tripura Social laws etc.

18. Legal Identity & Incorporation

Taungya is registered with:

Sl.	Name of Department/Bureau	Registration Number	Date	Registration Status
1.	Department of Social Service, Rangamati Hill District	Ranga/94/98	1 March 1998	Updated
2.	NGO Affairs Bureau, Bangladesh	1537	18 June 2000	Updated 18/06/2020
3	The Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) registration	731765918	-----	Updated
3	NATO CAGE CODES-NCAGE	LQARP1ASN2Q7	-----	Updated
4	Potential Applicant Data On-line Registration –PADOR	ID-BD-2008-BVH-2006396694	-----	Updated

19. Membership and Affiliation:

Affiliated With	Registration Number	Remarks
The Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples' Network (BIPNet)	N/A	Member of the Network
Network for Adolescent Rights Initiatives-NARI	N/A	Member of EC
Women's Empowerment Principles (WEPs) signatory	-----	Signatory Member

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21. Executive Committee of Taungya

Tenure : January 2024 to December 2026

Sl.	Name	Designation	Sex		Email Address
			F	M	
1.	Raja Devasish Roy	Chairperson		✓	droywangza@gmail.com
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4.	Dr. Parash Khisa	Secretary		✓	drparashkhisa@yahoo.com
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6.	Mr. Rajib Chakma	Treasurer		✓	reng.rajib@gmail.com

Sl.	Name	Designation	Sex		Email Address
			F	M	
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10.	Ms. Kabita Chakma	Executive Member	√		chakma.kabita@gmail.com
11.	Mr. Kalayan Chakma	Executive Member		√	taungyacht@gmail.com

22. List of Governing Board Members

Sl.	Name of the Member	Sex		Address
		W	M	
1	Raja Devasish Roy		√	Rajbari, Rangamati
2	Mr. Moni Swapan Dewan		√	Upper Rangamati
3	Mr. Hori Kishore Chakma		√	Mohajon Para, Rangapani Area, Rangamati
4	Mr. Rupak Khisa		√	College Gate, Rangamati
5	Mr. Shimul Chakma		√	South Kalindipur, Rangamati
6	Ms. Anjulika Khisa	√		North Kalindipur, Rangamati
7	Ms. Shiuli Chanpa Chakma	√		Champaknagar, Rangamati
8	Ms. Sahana Dewan	√		Pathar Ghata, Reserve Bazaar, Rangamati
9	Mr. Uttam Dewan		√	Collage Gate, Rangamati
10	Ms. Sagarika Rowaza	√		Gorjantali, Rangamati
11	Mr. Sushovan Bikash Khisa		√	East Tribal Adam, Rangamati
12	Adv. Bhabatosh Dewan		√	Tridip Nagar, Banarupa, Rangamati
13	Mr. Dhiman Khisa		√	South Kalindipur, Rangamati
14	Dr. Nuen Khisa		√	T&T Area, Rangamati
15	Mr. Manabasish Chakma		√	South Kalindipur, Rangamati
16	Mr. Suvasish Chakma		√	Moitriyee Bihara Area, Rangamati
17	Mr. Prabin Khisa		√	Champaknagar, Rangamati
18	Ms. Banashri Dewan	√		Rajbari, Rangamati
19	Mr. Rocky Chakma		√	Champaknagar, Rangamati
20	Mr. Supriyo Chakma		√	Kalyanpur, Rangamati
21	Ms. Valentina Chakma	√		College Gate, Rangamati
22	Dr. Parash Khisa		√	North Kalindipur, Rangamati
23	Adv. Jewel Dewan		√	Kalyanpur, Rangamati
24	Mr. Rajib Chakma		√	East Tribal Adam, Rangamati
25	Adv. Susmita Chakma	√		Banarupa, Rangamati
26	Mr. Abdul Mamun		√	Reserve Bazaar, Rangamati
27	Mr. B. H. Sohrwardi	√		Champaknagar, Rangamati
28	Mr. Dipen Dewan		√	Master Colony, Tabalchari, Rangamati
29	Ms. Runa Khisa	√		Collage Gate, Rangamati
30	Ms. Antika Chakma	√		Bondhu Jishu Tila, Tabalchari, Rangamati
31	Mr. Amlan Chakma		√	Collage Gate, Rangamati
32	Ms. Nirupa Dewan	√		Pathar Ghata, Reserve Bazaar, Rangamati

Sl.	Name of the Member	Sex		Address
		W	M	
33	Mr. Mong Sanu Chowdhury		✓	Majher Bosti, Tabalchari, Rangamati
34	Ms. Supta Chakma	✓		Tridib Nagar, Rangamati
35	Ms. Bina Prova Chakma	✓		Majher Bosti, Tabalchhari, Rangamati
36	Mr. Kalayan Chakma		✓	Rajdip, Rangamati
37	Mr. Anjan Chakma		✓	Bottola, Ananda Bihara Area, Rangamati
38	Ms. Uttara Tripura	✓		Rajbari, Rangamati
39	Ms. Nashrin Akhtar	✓		Majher Bosti, Tabalchari, Rangamati
40	Ms. Kabita Chakma	✓		Uttar Kalindipur, Rangamati
41	Ms. Prativa Tanchangya	✓		Collage Gate, Rangamati
42	Mr. Paban Kumar Chakma		✓	Collage Gate, Rangamati
43	Dr. Nikhil Chakma		✓	Collage Gate, Rangamati
44	Dr. Supriyo Chakma		✓	T&T Area, Rangamati
45	Ms. Banchita Chakma	✓		Collage Gate, Rangamati

23. Taungya Volunteerism Activities:

23.1 Organizational Volunteerism: Since time immemorial, indigenous communities in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) have engaged in "Maleya," or volunteer work, to support various social initiatives within their own and neighboring areas. This tradition is deeply embedded in their culture and customs. Recognizing its significance, Taungya has embraced this concept and is dedicated to nurturing young individuals in the development sector. The organization believes that effective human resource development in CHT is crucial, as most development projects require skilled and trained individuals with a deep understanding of the local socio-economic and political context.

Since its inception, Taungya has been committed to developing young human resources, undertaking this challenging task with minimal external funding support while seeking financial assistance from various sources to expand its efforts. The organization focuses on developing two types of volunteers: Organizational Volunteers and Community Volunteers.

23.1.1 Organizational Volunteerism: Taungya continuously operating a program on Organizational Volunteer. The main purpose of the activity is to develop skilled staff from the fresher graduated from different universities and colleges. Besides, Taungya also engages professionals on Volunteer service (non-paid) to run activities either any sections (project and program management, Admin & HR Management and Finance Section).

23.1.2 Community Volunteerism: One of the focus areas of Taungya is to develop community volunteers at community level. Hence, Taungya has been working to develop community volunteers from the community youths that will collect data, conduct survey and facilitate different programs and events at respective communities.

Present Organizational Volunteers:

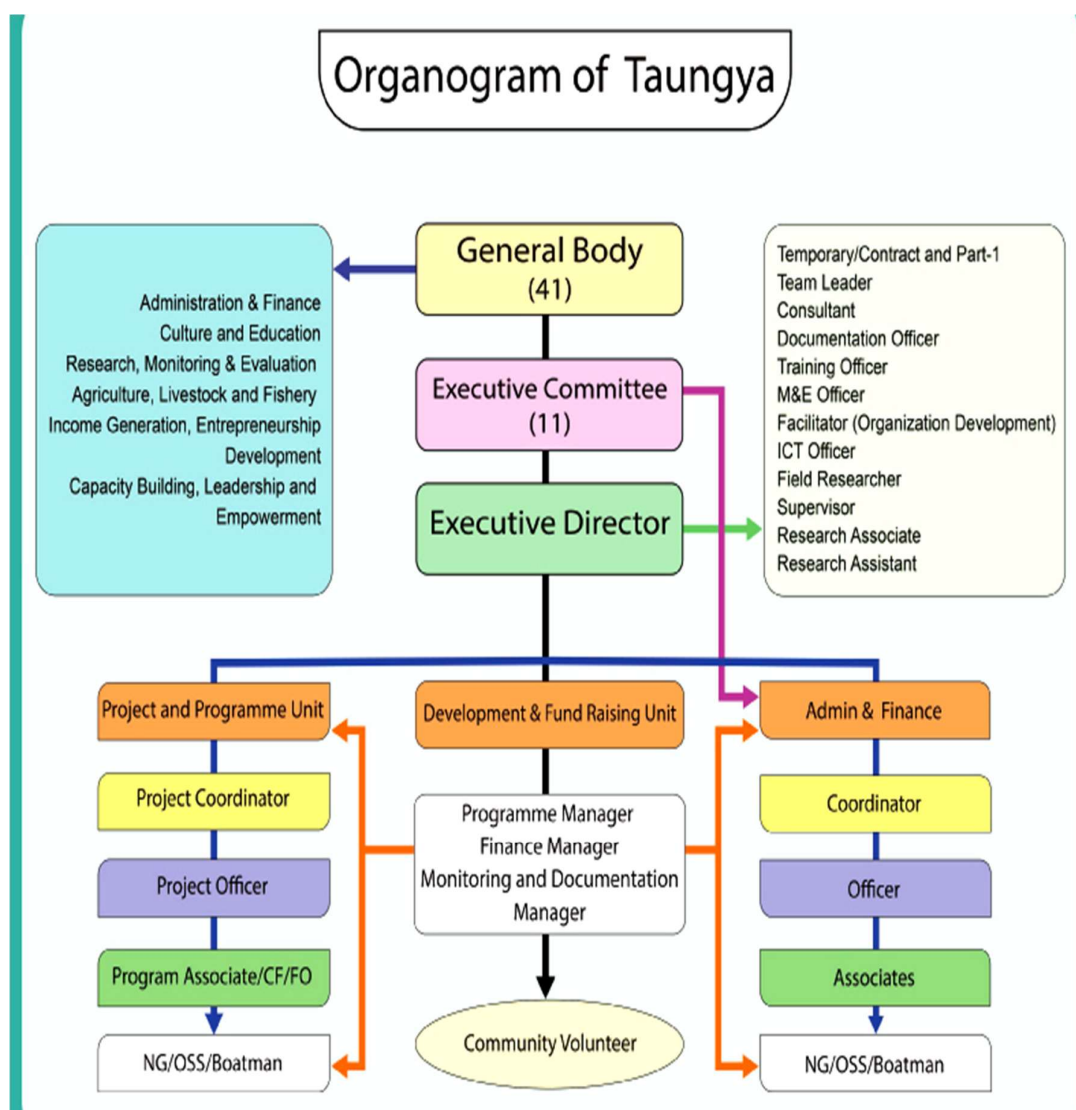
Sl#	Name of Volunteer	Sex		Designation	Working Section
		Female	Male		
1.	Bimal Kanti Chakma		✓	Program Manager (Operation)	Program & Project Management Section
2.	Soukhin Dewan		✓	Program Officer	Do
3.	Amar Marma		✓	Program Officer	Do
4.	Cherry Chakma	✓		Program Officer	Do

5.	Lisa Chakma	✓		Program Officer	Do
6.	Novana Chakma	✓		Admin & HR Officer	Admin & HR Section
7.	Provananda Chakma		✓	Admin & HR Officer	Admin & HR Section
8.	Adri Chakma	✓		Finance & Admin Officer	Finance Section
9.	Parosi Chakma	✓		Finance & Admin Officer	Finance Section
10.	Boishistha Chakma	✓		Finance & Admin Officer	Finance Section

Community Volunteers: Total Community Based Volunteers of Taungya are 121.

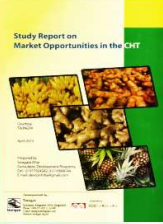
Sl#	Name of Upazila	Female	Male	Total
1	Bilaichari	111	103	214
2	Kaptai	55	61	116
3	Rangamati Sadar	10	16	26
4	Borkol	10	0	10
5	Baghaichari	10	0	10
		196	180	376

24. Organogram of Taungya



25. List of Publications, IEC and BCC Materials

Sl#	Name of Publication	
1.	হেডম্যানদের দক্ষতা বৃদ্ধি এবং দায়িত্ব ও কর্তব্য বিষয়ক কর্মশালা (Workshop on Capacity Building of the Headmen and their Roles & Responsibilities)	
2.	ত্রিপুরা সামাজিক আইন বিষয়ক কর্মশালা (Workshop on Tripura Social Laws & Customs)	
3.	পার্বত্য এলাকার উন্নয়নে পার্বত্য চট্টগ্রাম উন্নয়ন বোর্ডেও ভূমিকা বিষয়ক কর্মশালা (Workshop on Roles of Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board)	
4.	মিলিং (Miling)	
5.	ডেভেলপম্যান্ট রিসোর্স সেন্টার প্রকাশনা (Publication of Development Resource Centre)	
6.	Village Common Forests in the Chittagong Hill Tracts: Indigenous Innovation in Natural Resource Management	
7.	খাদ্য নিরাপত্তা অর্জনে কমিউনিটির সৃজনশীলতা- প্রেক্ষিত পার্বত্য চট্টগ্রাম (Communities Innovation to Achieve Food Security- CHT Context)	

Sl#	Name of Publication	
8.	চিজির পথম বই (Chijir First Book)	
9.	Livelihood Security & Watershed Management	
10.	Indigenous Food Recipe	
11.	Study Report on Market Opportunities in the CHT	
12.	Study Report on Livelihood Opportunities in the CHT & Jum Cultivation	
13.	Publication on Study Report on Best Indigenous Practices and Ill Practices on Hill Water Resource and Natural Forests Conservation	
14.	Video Documentation on Indigenous Culture on VCF and NRM practices in CHT	

26. Contribution and Impact on SDGs

Since it's commencing in the development field, Taungya was always respectful to 17 global development goals declared by UN and adapted by government of Bangladesh. In its all project and programme formulation, Taungya has carefully adapted and addressed the goal and purpose or objectives to strike the SDG/s of the thematic intervention. The two decades of work has recorded multi activities of different projects has contributed the SDGs mentioned below-



27. Advocacy and Information Sharing Platform

Communication Medium	Number of Items	Planned audience
Official Website: https://taungya.org/	Event Story coverage (<i>meeting, training/mapping/session/survey/by-laws development etc.</i>): Daily/weekly & monthly E-News bulletin: Bi-monthly Annual Program and Financial Reports: per/year Project Closing Reports: one end Case Studies: Quarterly Audit Reports: per year Print and Publication: one end	Donors, INGOs, partners, alliances, researchers, local NGOs and government officials, local government organizations, Media communities, community leaders, project beneficiaries etc.

Communication Medium	Number of Items	Planned audience
Social Media Page: https://www.facebook.com/taungya?mibextid=ZbWKwL	Story coverage (<i>meeting, training/mapping/session/survey/by-laws development etc.</i>): Daily/weekly & monthly Annual Program Reports: per/year Project Closing Reports: one end Case Studies: Quarterly Print and Publication: one end	Donors, INGOs, local NGOs and government officials, local government organizations, Media community members, project beneficiaries etc.
Official Twitter Account: @ChtTaungya	Event Story coverage: Daily/weekly & monthly E-News bulletin: Bi-monthly Annual Program and Financial Reports: per/year Project Closing Reports: one end Case Studies: Quarterly Audit Reports: per year Print and Publication: one end	Donors, INGOs, local NGOs and government officials, Media
Official You Tube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCx5o3RL3-v0-oGvHn_su6A	Program Audio and video Documentation: Selected and major events and One end	Donors, INGOs, partners, alliances, researchers, local NGOs and government officials, local government organizations, Media communities, community leaders, project beneficiaries etc.

28. Partners with Us

Taungya has acquired wonderful experience of working with various national and international partners and donors. In partner with them, it has developed and implemented several projects for the marginalized and disadvantaged communities in Chittagong Hill Tracts. To find out more about on the nature of our engagement, please write to us at: taungyacht@gmail.com



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