

# Help Our Planet and Family Overcome Climate Change

**Still a college student**, Shahadat Hossain supports his wife, parents and two younger brothers in their hometown in Monpura, an island in Bangladesh. Shahadat grows vegetables to feed his family and sell at market, providing income that enables him and his brothers to attend school.

But Shahadat's livelihood is becoming increasingly threatened.

Bangladesh's long coastline, near-sea level elevation, and many rivers and waterways make the country prone to cyclones and floods. As climate change produces more frequent and destructive storms, Shahadat's family and community and other communities throughout the country face life-threatening risks.

## THE PROBLEM IS GLOBAL

It is estimated that **1 in 7 people** in Bangladesh will be displaced by 2051 because of climate change. **One in 7 by 2051—less than 30 years away.** Despite contributing the least to climate change, communities affected by poverty are the most harmed by its impact. They often lack access to basic infrastructure and support to help them overcome the devastation caused by climate change. People lose their crops—their clean water—their homes—and they struggle to recover. And this is happening in varying degrees around the world.

Rising temperatures. Longer and more extreme droughts. More intense rainfall. We have even witnessed the consequences of climate change in the

United States as increasing and more severe wildfires, hurricanes, tornadoes and record heatwaves devastate entire regions. And it will only get worse here and around the world if we don't **act now.**

## THE SOLUTION IS US

### Worldwide, Catholic Relief Services

works shoulder-to-shoulder with communities most vulnerable to climate change to become more resilient to its impact. In Bangladesh, Shahadat learned how to protect his crops from flooding and prepare for future disasters through a CRS program. From South Asia to the Dry Corridor in Central America and across drought-stricken parts of Africa like Kenya and Madagascar, farmers collaborate with CRS to adopt innovative agricultural practices to help them survive in the face of climate change.

But surviving is not enough. Countries must work together to stop global warming—to protect our planet and global family so our sisters and brothers can *thrive*. **YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY are a critical part of this effort!** Your voices—your talents and gifts—your prayers and support are needed to minimize the effects of climate change and, ultimately, to eliminate global poverty. This is your moment and your movement to build a world that benefits all people and upholds human dignity—**our planet and global family depend on it.**



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