

## Idea for Concept Note Writing Workshop

Lamppost, a youth-led voluntary organization operating in Pirganj Upazila (Thakurgaon District), proposes an integrated project to empower marginalized youth and women through climate-resilient livelihoods, skill development, and advocacy. The project will target **indigenous communities, low-caste Hindus, and disadvantaged women and girls**, addressing systemic barriers such as child marriage, lack of skills, and environmental degradation. By fostering sustainable livelihoods and leadership, we aim to break the cycle of poverty and enhance community resilience.

### 1. Problem Statement

Pirganj Upazila faces multiple crises:

- **Economic Hardship:** Limited irrigation, low agricultural productivity, and lack of industries force dependence on subsistence farming.
- **Climate Vulnerability:** Decreasing rainfall, extreme cold, and drying water bodies threaten food security.
- **Social Exclusion:** Indigenous and low-caste communities face discrimination, child marriage, and limited access to education and healthcare.
- **Youth Unemployment:** Skilled youth lack opportunities, leading to migration or engagement in low-income traditional work.

Without intervention, these challenges will deepen inequality and hinder sustainable development.

### 2. Project Objectives

1. **Enhance economic resilience** by providing vocational training (e.g., climate-smart agriculture, handicrafts, digital skills) to 500 marginalized youth and women.
2. **Promote gender equality** by reducing child marriage through awareness campaigns and leadership programs for adolescent girls.
3. **Strengthen climate adaptation** by introducing drought-resistant crops and rainwater harvesting techniques.
4. **Build advocacy capacity** to empower youth and women in claiming their rights and accessing government services.

### 3. Proposed Interventions

- A. Skill Development & Livelihood Training
- B. Gender & Protection Initiatives
- C. Climate Resilience & Food Security
- D. Advocacy & Networking

### 4. Budget Overview

A detailed budget will be developed upon approval, covering:

- Training materials, trainers' fees, digital devices.
  - Advocacy events, startup grants, monitoring & evaluation.
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