

Project summary

The project focused on the pathway to home improvement in Bangladesh. AZUKO provides women with knowledge skills and confidence in design and construction that allows them to be in the driving seat, the first step to building resilience.



Bobita (Dinajpur, Bangladesh)

Bobita and her son sitting in their new improved kitchen, which is now the heart of the home.

"When the storm hit in the middle of the night, our roof flew off... We've repaired the damage and built a new kitchen with ideas from the construction training. It makes a big difference."

Achievements



Development of a **housing needs survey** and the conducting thereof.



Recruitment of **ten local women** data collectors from across the district, and **two group training sessions** with them.



Supported fourteen and creating six new women's savings groups. The now **twenty women's savings groups** make up a total of **339 women**. This support includes group set up costs e.g. 'savings group kits', training, and monthly meetings.



Designed and constructed eighteen buildings/ infrastructure serving **77 people** such as homeowners directly, and an estimated **43 additional people** e.g. shared with neighbours.



Collected **seven women's stories** and presented them at an event/exhibition. An additional **three women's stories** were collected of which the insights were part of the end fundraising appeal of AZUKO.