



## HLP Foundation

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### **Why is the HLP Foundation working on water, a relevant factor for sustainable development?**

HLP Foundation is working with Right2Grow Consortium on the reduction of stunting in 40 Union Parishads, the lowest tier of the local government in Bangladesh, to show how to assist the communities in reducing stunting. As we all know, stunting is the key indicator of child health and a proxy indicator for overall development. It is caused by undernutrition, not just because of poor diet, but also because of infections from unsafe water and exposure to fecal matter from humans and animals. Stunting can cause long-term mental and physical disabilities, and on average, stunted children earn 15.8% less in their lifetime than their peers. In South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa, around one in three children is stunted.

The HLP Foundation, through Right2Grow, is trying to create an evidence-based Healthy Village approach that facilitates good hygiene, sanitation, safe drinking water, a nutritious diet, and essential care for mother and child. It mobilizes the whole community around child health.

This is accomplished through community sessions and consistent child growth monitoring, as well as improving access to essential products and services, ensuring the supply and diversity of food and nutrition through local entrepreneurs and communities, and facilitating local government to allocate more funds for stunting reduction.

In addition to that, through the horizontal learning process, HLP Foundation is also trying to facilitate the replication of all good practices that are helping to reduce stunting in rural Bangladesh.

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