

Abbreviations

ACHS	Association for Community Health Services
ADB	Asian Development Bank
ADP	Annual Development Program
AEO	Agricultural Extension Officer
AEW	Agriculture Extension Worker
AEZ	Agro-ecological Zone
AL	Awami League
ATAO	Assistant Thana Agricultural Officer
BADC	Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation
BARC	Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council
BBS	Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics
BFIDC	Bangladesh Forest Industries Development Corporation
BFI	Bangladesh Forest Institute
BFRI	Bangladesh Forest Research Institute
BFS	Bangladesh Fertility Survey
BHN	Basic Human Needs
BIWTA	Bangladesh Inland Water Transportation Agency
BKB	Bangladesh Krish Bank
BMD	Bangladesh Meteorological Department
BPDB	Bangladesh Power Development Board
BRAC	Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee
BRDB	Bangladesh Rural Development Board
BRI	Bangladesh Rice Research Institute
BWDB	Bangladesh Water Development Board
CARE	Co-operative for American Relief Everywhere
CBR	Crude Birth Rate
CBFM	Community Based Fishery Management
CBWM	Community Based Wetland Management
CBO	Community Based Organization
CBV	Community Based Volunteer
CDC	Community Development Center
CDR	Crude Death Rate
CIDA	Canadian International Development Agency
CNRS	Center for Natural Resources Studies
CPR	Contraceptive Prevalence Rate
DAC	Development Assistance Committee
DAE	Department of Agricultural Extension
DANIDA	Danish International Development Agency
DD	Deputy Director
DFIG	Department for International Development of UK
DG	Director General
DHI	Danish Hydraulic Institute
DHS	Demographic and Health Survey
DICS	Development Information Communication Services
DMB	Disaster Management Bureau
DOE	Department of Environment

DoF	Department of Fisheries
DPHE	Department of Public Health Engineering
DTW	Deep Tubewell
ECA	Environmental Conservation Act
ECR	Environment Conservation Rules
EH	Eastern Hills (hydrological) Region
HER	Extended Hydrological Regions
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EIRR	Economic Internal Rate of Return
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN
FAP	Flood and Action Plan
FCDI	Flood Control, Drainage and Irrigation
FD	Forestry Department
FFWC	Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre
FFYP	Fifth Five Year Plan
FO	Fisheries Officer
FPP	CARE's Flood Proofing Project
FRB	Feeder Road Type-B
GCCR	Growth Center Connecting Road
GDMC	Gram Disaster Management Committee
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GoB	Government of (the People's Republic of) Bangladesh
GTZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit
HQ	Headquarters
HTW	Hand Tubewell
HYV	High Yield Variety
IDA	International Development Association
IDB	Islamic Development Bank
IEE	Initial Environmental Examination
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
IFSP	Integrated Food Security Program
IGA	Income Generating Activity
IMF	International Monetary Fund
JICA	Japan International Co-operation Agency
KFW	Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau
KSS	Water User Group (Krissok Somboya Samity)
LCS	Labor Constructing Society
LDCs	Least Developed Countries
LGD	Local Government Division
LGEB	Local Government Engineering Bureau
LGED	Local Government Engineering Department
LGI	Local Government Institution
LLP	Low Lift Pump
LPS	Local Project Society
MLGRD&C	Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives
MoA	Ministry of Agriculture

MOE	Minister of Education
MoEF	Ministry of Environment and Forest
MoFL	Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock
MoHFW	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Moi	Ministry of Industry
MoL	Ministry of Land
MoLGRDC	Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operatives
MoWR	Ministry of Water Resources
MP	Member of Parliament
NC	North Central (hydrological) Region
NCBs	Nationalized Commercial Banks
NE	North East (hydrological) Region
NEMAP	National Environmental Management Action Plan
NEMIP	North-East Minor Irrigation Project
NEP	National Environmental Policy
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NPV	Net Present Value
NW	North West (hydrological) Region
NWMP	National Water Management Plan
Oxfam	Oxford Committee for famine Relief
PBS	Palli Bidyut Samity
PCM	Project Cycle Management
PIC	Project Implementation Committee
PIU	Project Implementation Unit
PLA	Participatory Learning and Action
PMO	Project Management Office
PMED	Primary and Mass Education Division
PRA	Participatory Rural Appraisal
PRDP	Participatory Rural Development Project
RDCD	Rural Development and Cooperatives
RDP	Rural Development Program
RDRS	Rangpur Dinajpur Rural Services
RE	Rivers and Estuary (hydrological) Region
REB	Rural Electrification Board
RIDP	Rural Infrastructure Development Program
RLCS	Rural Living Conditions Survey
RMG	Ready-made Garments
RRA	Rapid Rural Appraisal
RWP	Rural Works Program
SAARC	South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation
SC	South Central (hydrological) Region
SCF	Standard Conversion Factor
SE	South East (hydrological) Region
SEMP	Sustainable Environment Management Project
SIDA	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
SKS	Samaj Kallayan Sangstha
SOEs	State-owned Enterprise

SSWRDSP	Small Scale Water Resources Development Sector Project
STW	Shallow Tubewell
SW	South West (hydrological) Region
SWR	Shadow Wage Rate
TAO	Thana Agricultural Officer
TFR	Total Fertility Rate
TIP	Thana Irrigation Program
TLM	Total Literacy Movement
TTDC	Thana Training & Development Center
UB	Union Board
UC	Union Council
UCC	Union Coordination Committee
UCCA	Upazila Central Co-operative Associations
UHFWC	Union Health and Family Welfare Centre
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNO	Upasila Nirbahi Officer
UP	Union Parishad
USAID	US Agency of International Development
UZDMC	UZ Disaster Management Committee
VDC	Village Development Center
VO's	Village Organizations
VSC	Village Support Center
WARPO	Water Resources Planning Organization
WFP	World Food Programme
WID	Women in Development
WMCA	Water Management Cooperation Association Committee
WPW	Works Programme Wing

Bangla Terms

Akika	A Muslim festival held in connection with giving a name to the new born baby. It is a joyous occasion where invite guests including relations exchange presents and offer prayer to the Almighty Allah for His bestowing blessings to the new born.
Aman	Main monsoon rice crop
Aus	Late dry season, early monsoon rice crop
Bagda	Neocaridina sp.; Tiger Shrimp
Bangsho	Lineage
Baor	Oxbow lake - a crescent-shaped lake formed from an old section of river channel
Bari	homestead (might include more than one family)
Beel	Natural depression, normally a permanent or temporary water body or swamp
Bhadoi	monsoon season
Bheri	Fish culture in land enclosed by low dykes, which allow tidal water to flow over
Bigha	33 decimals or 0.33 acres
Bongolap	Rosa involucrate; a tree growin in Haor
Boro	Rabi season rice crop
Chailla	Hematheria protensa; a kind of grass grown in Haor, used for protection of mound from wave action
Char	Land newly formed by accretion of rivers
Chehlum	A special prayer for a departed soul, done after few days/weeks of death
Chira	Snacks made from rice (flat in shape)
Chula	A group that shares a common stove; household
Darbeshes	Old ultra religious person
Dhaincha	Leguminous crop; stalks are used for fencing and also for fuel
Dhancha	Thin and long local tree used extensively for fuel wood
Eid	Muslim major religious festival
Eid-ul-Azha	A muslim festival celebrated day after the Haj in Mecca
Eid-ul-Fitr	A muslim festival just after the Ramadan
Gher	Enclosure for shrimp cultivation
Golda	Panaeus monodon; Giant Freshwater Prawn
Gram	Village
Gur	Molases
Gushti	Lineage
Haor	Bowl-shaped natural depression between river levees, common in the North East
Hartal	Political protest, normally disrupting movement of people
Hijal	Barringtonia anutangula; a tree grown in Haor area, expected to used for reducing wave action
Ipil-ipil	A local variety of tree grown around the homestead
Jalmahal	Water body leased for capture fishing
Jhum	Shifting cultivation
Kacha	Makeshift (construction); unripe (fruit)
Kaisha	A local variety of local tree used mainly for fuel wood
Kanda	High and terrace land above flood levels in Haor area
Katha	Blanket
Khal	Channel
Khalashi	Sluice-gate operator
Kharif	Summer and monsoon cropping season

Khas	Government-owned land
Khatna	Circumcision
Koroch	Pongania pinnata; a tree growin in Haor area, expected to used for reducing wave action
Macha	Raized platform mostly by bamboo
Mahajan	Money lender
Maja	Shrine
Madrasha	Religious school
Matabbar	Influential people who act as a leader in a neighborhood through patron-client ties
Milad	A socio-religious ceremony performed by the muslims at large offering and gratefulness to the Almighty Allah for His bestowing mercy to people and providing worldly happiness.
Mohharam	Moharram is the first month of the Arabic calender. On the 10th of Mohharam the Ashura is observed with a mourning procession in remembrance of the martyr. While devout muslims keep fast during the day, special prayers are held in different localities followed by a milad.
Mouza	Sub-union administrative area
Muri	Snacks made from rice
Nakshi Katha	A hand made traditional Blanket
Oaz	Preaching on Islamic rules/life style done in religious gatherings
Palli	Rural
Panchayet	Village committee/society
Para	Village neighborhood consisting of a group of homesteads
Paribar	Related person who share meals; household
Parishad	Council
Paurashava	Municipality
Pucca	Solidly-built (construction); ripe (fruit)
Puja	Major Hindu festival
Rabi	Winter cropping season
Salish	Village council meetings which functions as resolving conflicts or regulating the villagers' behavior
Samaj	A group that is formed by followers of competing leaders
Samitee	Association
Sarker	Government
Shomaj	Society
Thana	Sub-District administrative area
Union	Sub-Thana administrative area
Upazila	Alternative term for Thana
Zila	Alternative term for administrative District