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**MONORANJON'S  
STORY  
BANGLADESH**

**PRIMARY (F TO 2)  
PHOTO STORYBOOK**

Monoranjon lives in a region in southwest Bangladesh that is highly vulnerable to the effects of climate change. Photos: Caritas Australia



Monoranjon is a farmer. He lives with his wife and two children in a small village in Bangladesh.



Bangladesh is a country filled with rich soil and many waterways. This means that it is perfect for farming.



However, the weather is changing. There are more hot days, dry times and floods. This makes it hard for families like Monoranjon's to grow food.



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The heatwaves and droughts are making it harder for plants to grow. Families sometimes run out of water.



**'In this dry season no seedlings come out from seeds. Due to heat of the sun and lack of water, plants are dying.'**

- Monoranjon



The floods and the rising sea level are making the water and soil too salty for the crops. They are also damaging the mangrove forests that protect the coastline.



With the help of Caritas, Monoranjon has learnt to prepare for the changing weather.



Monoranjon is helping the community to look after the mangroves.



He has learnt new ways to farm so that he can still provide for his family.



He plants vegetables that can grow in saltier soil. He is learning how to keep the plants healthier by mulching and composting.



Monoranjon is also learning how to farm fish, prawns and crabs.



He has also learnt how to be a beekeeper.



Now he can earn more money to support his family and send his children to school.



Other people in Monoranjon's community have been watching his new farming skills and learning from him.



When you donate to Project Compassion, you are helping farmers like Monoranjon to learn new skills and be a role model in their community.

# QUESTIONS

1. What is Monoranjon's job?
2. What is making farming hard for Monoranjon?
3. How did Caritas help?
4. Why did Monoranjon learn how to farm fish, prawns and crabs?
5. What new skills did Monoranjon learn?
6. How will you share Monoranjon's story with others?

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