

Participant Biography - Saikat Biswas

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Saikat Biswas is Programme Officer and Coordinator of Oxfam Bangladesh's Diversity and Indigenous Peoples Leadership Programme. He currently leads two projects that have been implemented by 19 local NGOs covering policy advocacy issues for the indigenous communities. Additionally, he coordinates and manages two projects with government officials, public representatives and key stakeholders. He has worked extensively on a program for the past five years that has in its time formed 497 indigenous peoples organizations (CBO), allowed 16474 Indigenous people to be entitled to social safety net services, mobilised 109 acres of land to distribute among the indigenous households, provided bilingual pre-schooling to 16000 indigenous children as well as conducting the research and publication of over 30 Indigenous issue reports