

# Kushtia Community Development

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Baddsha and the pump which is one of the tools assisting him to escape the cycle of poverty.

↙ This project assists in developing underprivileged peoples of Bangladesh through adult literacy training, formation of cooperative savings groups, preventive health training Traditional Birth Assistant training and training farmers to use more effective and profitable agricultural techniques. There is a strong emphasis on sustainable development so that beneficiaries do not become economically dependent on the project.

## ↙ Update from Project Manager, Don Schroeder, July 2010.

Baddsha is a bicycle mechanic from the Pangsha area.

Baddsha's been seeking answers to the question how to escape from poverty and create a future. His answer started with a workshop in a rented shed. Realising his need for literacy, Baddsha then enrolled himself in a literacy class. After the course finished, his class formed the Surjodoy Male Saving Group.

Baddsha, as a key member of the group, has been contributing to the common account. While each member is only able to contribute a small amount, by sharing their savings in a common pool, members are able to take out small loans. Baddsha took out a loan to purchase an electric pump for his workshop,

allowing him to increase his monthly income. This increase allows him to repay his debt and to move ahead. Baddsha continues to invest with the saving group and contributes to serving his community. While looking for practical means to escape from poverty, Baddsha found his answer: partnership.

Baddsha and his savings group are looking for partners. Instead of looking to others to do something for them they are looking for partners to work alongside them and help them lift themselves out of the poverty cycle. Thankyou for being one such partner.



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