

# YPF Local Development Initiative to Empower Grassroot Institutions

## About Youth Policy Forum (YPF)

Youth Policy Forum is a youth-based platform for Bangladeshis worldwide who are passionate about nation-building and state-crafting and want to contribute through effective policy formulation and implementation. By creating a pool of young intellectual minds, YPF intends to establish a great support system that will help the government, non-government and global as well as state-level policymakers to formulate and adopt more inclusive policies.

YPF started as a knowledge platform in 2018, and is now a registered trust, shaping itself as a think tank for Bangladeshi youths across the world. With more than 100 core team members ranging from young professionals and university students, YPF has been working closely in connection with Bangladesh Parliament Members, and local and international partners.

## About Local Development Initiative (LDI)

The Local Development Initiative team of YPF aims to understand and research the gaps in institutional service access for communities, starting from individual constituencies.

Shariatpur-3 and Tangail-6 of Bangladesh are the first two constituencies where the project is running a total of 6 pilot field visits in 2022. By August, LDI team will have gathered the insights from the on-field research in both constituencies and will be providing tailored policy reforms on seven key sectors underlying the wellbeing of the communities that the parliamentarians represent.

These presentations will be followed by further research and operational support as required per the policy executions decided through workshopping between leaders and individuals.

## Objectives

To provide a comprehensive, multi-sector overview of gaps and opportunities in institutional service delivery in constituency level and to empower stakeholders with evidence-based intervention plans.

### Specific objectives



Diminish the gap between the parliamentarians and citizens in service delivery and communication



Develop customized, lesson-extrapolated model policy interventions for constituencies



Create a standardized framework relevant for project output nationally



Monitor efficacy of local solutions for replication across Bangladesh

## Progress Jun' 2022

**+1200 individuals** interviewed through focus group discussions & bazar interviews

**5 upazilas** surveyed through key informant interviews

**4 field report** presentations to parliamentarians

## Focal Sectors

Employment

Healthcare

Education

Social Safety

Environment

Civic Participation

Infrastructure & Connectivity