

Welcome to Community Development Centre (CODEC) as the 29th full member of HAP International as of March 2009

Since 1985 CODEC has operated along the coastal belt of Bangladesh; its organisational aim is poverty alleviation through supporting and empowering vulnerable communities (particularly fishing communities) through a number of needs-based development activities based upon building socio-economic infrastructure and improving community self-reliance. CODEC has approached its programming in partnership with beneficiary communities, stating - *the key (to) development is in the hands of the communities*. While not explicitly describing itself as a humanitarian or emergency response agency, CODEC began responding to emergency need after a cyclone hit Bangladesh in 1991. More recently, the agency distributed aid and health care support to survivors of cyclone Sidr and continues to work with the affected-communities on livelihood and rehabilitation projects. In 2006 CODEC opened two training centres (Patuakhali and Chittagong) supporting beneficiaries through economic & vocational training financed through a micro-credit programme.

For the period of 2007-2012, the governance of CODEC has identified three main programme components: (i) *socio-cultural* focusing on rights-based approach to community participation, (ii) *economic* development via income generating activities and training, and (iii) *national advocacy* with the aim to include the marginalised coastal communities in the main stream of development processes.

To find out more about CODEC please visit their website <http://www.codecbd.org/>

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