

connect2: Bangladesh

Dear Friend,

Thank you for joining connect2:Bangladesh. We are pleased that you'd like to be a part of CAFOD's new approach where you can share in the lives of ordinary people living overseas. The people of Kainmari will send regular updates, and you'll be able to share their hopes and dreams, as well as the struggles and challenges they face. In return we hope you'll share news of your community life through photographs, as well as cards and messages of solidarity.

This pack includes everything you need to get started.

- **Introduction to Kainmari leaflet:** this A5 leaflet introduces you to the community. You might want to photocopy this to hand out to others who are interested or attach it to your own bulletin or newsletter.
- **Connect2 banner:** to claim your space on the notice board. This works really well on both small and large notice boards, horizontal and vertical. It comes folded into 3 'sections' so you can display as much of it as you can – whether that's just the first 3rd, or whether you have enough room to display the whole thing.
- **Photo Information pack:** This introduces you to all the narrators from Kainmari that you'll be hearing from. Some of them are members of the community and others are people who work for our local partner, Caritas Bangladesh. You may like to display/keep this where everyone can see it so that they have the opportunity to stop and have a look. We've deliberately only printed on one side so that you're able to display all the photos should you have space. Perhaps you could use the photographs as a focus for a special display, maybe during coffee after Mass.
- **Short talk:** This is for you introduce the rest of your community or group to Kainmari. If you are in a parish perhaps this could be read out at Mass so that everyone knows a little bit more about connect2, or otherwise at your next group meeting.
- **Newsletter announcement:** Put this in your own newsletter to make sure that everyone knows you are now part of connect2:Bangladesh, and where they can find out more. This is printed overleaf and is also available online at cafod.org.uk/connect2bangladesh
- **Remittance book:** This small 'chequebook' contains slips for you to use when you send your donations in to CAFOD. By using one of these, we'll always know that your donations are for connect2:Bangladesh.
- **Community information pack:** This pack gives much more detail about Kainmari, the people and the country as well as the work of CAFOD and our partner Caritas Bangladesh. We hope that you will use this over the next year as a source of information and inspiration for those in your community supporting connect2:Bangladesh.

We'll send you information from Kainmari three times a year - roughly 'termly'. But in between there may be urgent or unexpected news that you may be interested in. (For example the safe arrival of a new baby in the community, or the results of local election, or the impact of bad weather).

The connect2:Bangladesh website (cafod.org.uk/connect2bangladesh) will also hold all of these materials should you wish to access them online. If you would prefer to receive information by email (where possible) then please let us know. If you ticked this option on your registration form there is no need to tell us again.

Do let others in your community know about the website as well so they're able to sign up to email updates and hear news from Kainmari directly. The website address is on all the materials and is quoted in the newsletter announcements.

In order to make it easier for you to send some news to Kainmari, there is an easy to use template which you can 'fill in' electronically or by hand every so often. You can download this from cafod.org.uk/connect2bangladesh or your local diocesan office can email or send it to you. Please send your completed template to your local office who will ensure it reaches the people of Kainmari.

We know this may be a lot to take in. Please don't hesitate to contact your local CAFOD diocesan office. The staff will be very happy to help and support you in any way. If you're unable to access the internet they can make sure you're kept up to speed with anything that is put on the website, so don't hesitate to contact them.

We're very pleased to welcome you to connect2:Bangladesh.

Newsletter announcement

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Do you want to find out more about how your support helps people living on the other side of the world? Then meet the people of Kainmari – a village almost completely surrounded by water in southern Bangladesh – who are building a better future for themselves with CAFOD's help.

[Name of community/group] has just become a part of **Connect2: Bangladesh** – a new CAFOD scheme that will enable us to share the lives of ordinary people in Bangladesh and raise money to help them build a better future. Through regular updates, we will share their hopes and dreams and stand in solidarity with them as they overcome difficulties. To find out more please contact [name of contact], see the notice board or visit cafod.org.uk/connect2bangladesh