



This year, Farmer Bazlur Rahman planted Aman paddy in about 8 bigha of land, almost all of which was lost due to waterlogging resulting from water retention of monsoon; instead of achieving 80-100 mounds of paddy, he will now be attaining 7-8 mounds only. The photo was taken in Ramakrishnapur Village, Dumuria, Khulna on November 26, 2023.

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climate change impacts.

3) the Loss & Damage Fund – announced at COP27 intended to assist vulnerable countries (and poorest communities) in addressing the losses and damages suffered from climate change impacts.

This latest edition of a COP decision, termed the ‘UAE Consensus’ was lauded as an historic decision – due to the naming of fossil fuels as a

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major contributor of climate impacts, re-iterating the goal of limiting global (average) temperature rise to 1.5 Deg Celsius, inclusion of articles for Health Impacts, Agricultural Emissions and

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) impacts from climate change. Those of us that follow these issues as our daily jobs can argue these are merely incremental steps under a broad range of what should have been achieved.

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While the decision is largely flawed by not including any strong language (by making actions ‘mandatory’ or ‘required’) or providing concrete guidance (by identifying the gaps, understanding the

