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Adapting to climate change: Khulna district, Bangladesh

Climate change and salinisation in Bangladesh - Video 1

NARRATOR: Some families in the village of Paikgacha are also trying to adapt to the salinisation of the soil by cultivating saline-tolerant crops.

NIRAPAD BYNE: This is okra. This is beans. This is spinach. This is aubergine. We've been farming for a long time but now we need to farm crops which can survive the salt. The climate has changed completely so we can't farm the crops we've grown all our lives any more. We are trying to grow some vegetables, those which grow in salt water. Vegetables grown in salt water and fresh water don't taste the same.

INTERVIEWER: Which tastes better?

NIRAPAD BYNE: Fresh water. If the salinity keeps increasing we won't be able to carry on farming, because the soil is not normal any more. The soil is losing its ability to yield crops.
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