

BANGLADESH

Bangladesh lies along the world's most densely populated delta and is extremely vulnerable to natural disasters and climate change. Of the 161 million people in Bangladesh, an estimated 30 million live on less than US\$1.90 a day. Gender-based violence is widespread, and Bangladesh has the second-highest rate of child marriage in the world.

Still, Bangladesh has made remarkable progress in poverty reduction, achieving many development goals, such as:

- expanded health services for the poor, particularly women and girls;
- improved maternal health;
- a reduction in mortality rates among children under five years of age; and
- primary school enrolment rates of 97.7%, with gender parity.

Canada's ODA in Bangladesh aims to improve human development through investments in health, education and skills, with a focus on the poorest, specifically women and children. Canada's development program is helping to strengthen the capacity of both national and local governments to plan, manage, and monitor health and education delivery systems. Canadian assistance is also helping to strengthen the quality of market-responsive technical and vocational education training programs. These programs are accessible to the poorest and most vulnerable, including women, youth and persons with disabilities.



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