



Country card
Bengladesh

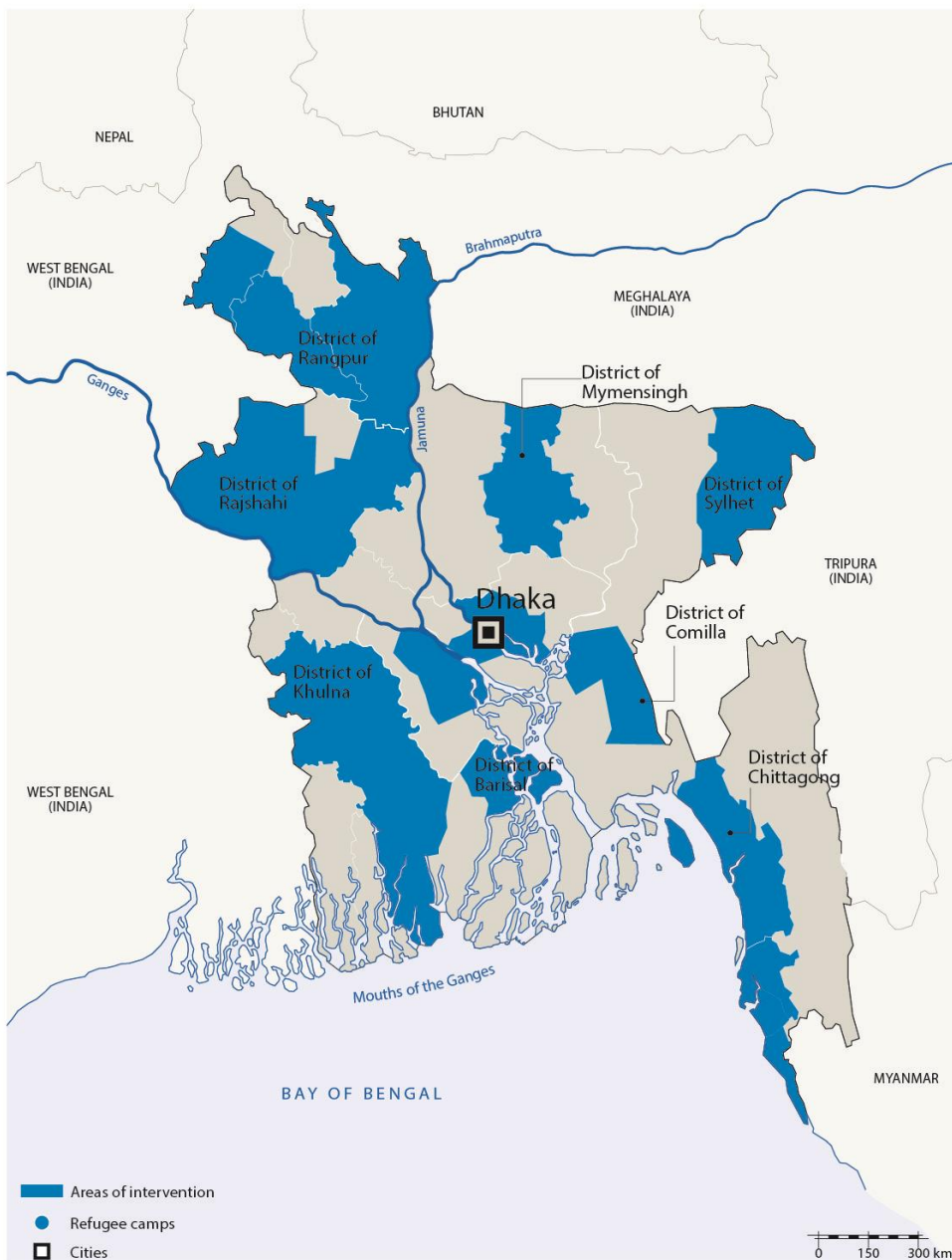




HI Team and intervention areas

HI Bangladesh program has 273 national and 13 international staff members

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General data of the country

a. General data

Country ¹	Bangladesh	Neighboring country	France
Population	163 Millions	India 1.366.417.754 Nepal 28.6 Millions Pakistan 216.5 Millions	67.05 millions
HDI (2019)	0.614	India 0.647 Nepal 0.579 Pakistan 0.560	0.891
IHDI	0.465	India 0.477 Nepal 0.430; Pakistan 0.386	0.809
Mortality rate	210	India 170 Nepal 281 Pakistan 250	10
Gender Development Index	0.90	India 0.83 Nepal 0.90 Pakistan 0.75	0.98
Refugees under UNHCR mandate	906.645	India:195.891 Nepal: 20.808 Pakistan : 1.404.019	368.352
INFORM Index	6	India: 5.3 Nepal: 5.3 Pakistan: 6.1	2.2
GINI Index	32.4	India 37.8 Nepal 32.8 Pakistan 33.5	31.6
Fragile state Index	85.7	India 75.3 Nepal 82.6 Pakistan 92.1	30.5
Development aid FY 2019-20	\$7.2 billion		

b. Humanitarian law instruments ratified by the country

Humanitarian Law instruments	Status
Mine Ban Treaty	Ratified in 09/2000
Convention on Cluster Munitions	Not joined
UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Ratified in 2007

¹ https://hinside.hi.org/intranet/jcms/pl1_2540344/en/2020-update-country-indicators-2ndary-data/-/donnees-secondaires-mises-a-jour



c. Geopolitical analysis

1 Social/cultural/demographic elements

Bangladesh, officially the People's Republic of Bangladesh, shares land borders with India and Myanmar (Burma). Most of the country is dominated by the fertile Ganges-Brahmaputra delta; the northwest and central parts of the country are formed by the Madhupur and the Barind plateaus. Bangladesh is predominately rich fertile flat land. 17% of the country is covered by forests and 12% is covered by hill systems. Bangladesh is the world's eighth most populous country, Bengalis represent 98% of the population.

2. Political context

The Constitution of Bangladesh established a unitary, westminster-style parliamentary republic with universal suffrage. Parliamentary elections are scheduled every five years. In the previous election 2014, Sheikh Hasina won a controversial one-sided walkover election after her main rival Khaleda Zia and all other opposition parties boycotted the polls. The last election in 2018 were not free and fair, were marred by violence and vote rigging; it results a landslide victory for Sheikh Hasina led Awami League, but the opposition leaders rejected the results.

In February 2018 Khaleda Zia was jailed as per court verdict for 5 years. However, she has been released in March'20 amid COVID-19 on humanitarian ground considering her age, 75.

3. Economic elements

Bangladesh, a developing country with a market-based mixed economy, is one of the Next Eleven emerging markets. The financial sector of Bangladesh is the second largest in the Indian subcontinent (After India) and the second-highest foreign-exchange reserves (after India). In the decade since 2004, Bangladesh averaged a GDP growth of 6.5% that has been largely driven by its exports of ready-made garments, remittances and the domestic agricultural sector. Bangladesh is a great producer of gas and coal and exports a lot of jute, tea, leather goods, textile, fish and sea food. The pharmaceutical industry meets 97% of domestic demand, and exports to many other countries. Shipbuilding has grown rapidly, with exports to Europe.

The last election in 2018 were not free and fair, were marred by violence and vote rigging; it results a landslide victory for Sheikh Hasina led Awami League, but the opposition leaders rejected the results. Awami League leading the government for three consecutive terms which leads to significance absence of democracy and violation of human rights; impunity for abuses by security forces, including enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings, remained pervasive. The government continued to violate international standards on freedom of speech in its crackdown on government critic.



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Summary of HI presence in the country

HI launched its program in Bangladesh in 1997 to advance the long-term rights and social inclusion of people with disabilities. Bangladesh, Nepal and India have developed "community approaches to handicap in development" (CAHD) in partnership with the Centre for Disability in Development (CDD) and the Christoffel Blinden Mission (CBM).

HI Bangladesh 2016-2020 strategic framework aims to contribute to shaping an inclusive society in Bangladesh where people with disabilities and other vulnerable groups fully participate in society, access quality services on an equal basis with others and ultimately benefit from equal opportunities through four pillars: Access to quality education and livelihood services, Access to health and reduction of preventable impairments, Disability right promotion and Disaster risk management.

Overview on ongoing projects

Sectors of services where HI conducts projects and focus on beneficiaries and operational partnerships

Main sector of intervention	Objectives of projects in this sector	Main activities	Beneficiaries	Final beneficiaries	Partners	Location	Dates of beginning and end of the project and donors and funding it
Livelihood	Households including persons with disabilities in Kurigram and Chattogram districts graduate out of extreme poverty and out of poverty, have better access to services, and are less vulnerable to shocks and natural disasters	Identification, assessment, physical rehabilitation, livelihood support to the family, capacity building of the DPO, support mainstreaming organization to mainstream people with disabilities in their livelihood program.	Support 5305 Households which include people with disabilities living in high poverty areas of Bangladesh		Three mainstream partners including Islamic Relief (IR), Young Power in Social Action (YPSA), Helvetas and 7 DPOs	Rangpur and Chattogram divisions	
Sexual and Reproductive Health	WISH (Women Integrated Sexual Health) 2 ACTION	A world in which every mother can enjoy a wanted and healthy pregnancy and childbirth, every child can survive beyond their fifth birthday, and every woman, child and adolescent can thrive to realize their full potential, resulting in enormous social, demographic and economic benefits. This project will also build capacity of public and private family planning service	Women with reproductive aged 15-49 years. Directorate General of Family Planning (DGFP) and its local service facilities, Marie Stopes Bangladesh (MSB) and 15 Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs)		Solidarity and Young Power in Social Action (YPSA).	Direct implementation in Kurigram and Chattogram. Technical support to 15 MSB working districts, in partnership with 15 OPDs	

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		providers so that they can ensure inclusion of people with disabilities.					
Education	Enhancing Inclusive Access to Equitable Learning and Education to Rohingya Refugee Girls and Boys with Disabilities age 3-18 years	Educational home based learning sessions, rehabilitation sessions to children with functional difficulties; awareness to community on right to education for children with disabilities; training of teachers on Inclusive education.	400 children receive direct support : 1200 teachers receive trainings and coaching	5900 children with disability received direct support or have teachers that received trainings.			DFID/UNOPS
Logistic Platform	To provide a rapid response to the immediate basic needs of vulnerable populations affected by the refugee crisis in Cox's Bazar district through shared logistics services	Provision of transport services, storage service and packaging services for other agencies. <u>Capacity building of the stakeholders</u> <u>Emergency preparedness</u>	25 local and international actors playing a key role in the humanitarian response to the crisis	Refugees and host community	INOG & LNGO : STI, SI, ACF, BDRC, IFRC, RI, WHO, WC, CW, MSF Spain, MSF OCB, DSK, NGOFOR, DCA, FH, OXFAM, PLAN, SHED, SARPV, WFP. Log Cluster	Makeshift camps in Teknaf and Ukhiya sub-districts of Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh	WFP funding from 01/04/2020 to 31/10/2020
Inclusion Mainstreaming	Refugee and Host Community have improved access to equitable, inclusive accountable and safe services	Capacity building and technical support to partner organization to make their services more inclusive for person with disabilities.	1) 6 Humanitarian Actors 2) 420 Partner staff to be trained on Inclusion mainstreaming	Refugees, Host Community	ACF, Shushilan, FIVDB, FRIENDSHIP, SCI, OXFAM, CARE	Cox's Bazar	DFAT Consortium: 1/9/2019 to 31/7/2020 DFID Consortium (2 nd Phase): 1/8/2019 to 31/12/2020

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<p>Multisectoral Mobile Unit</p>	<p>Strengthen the protection environment for Rohingya refugees with specific needs (including persons with disabilities, older persons and other persons facing increased protection risks)</p>	<p>Multi sectoral response in camp providing direct services including Rehabilitation, Protection, Mental health and Psychosocial Support, SRH services at two levels: static point and home based Awareness sessions on protection, COVID-19 by volunteers from the community</p>	<p>130 000 direct beneficiaries on 12 months in refugee camps and host communities in Teknaf and Ukhiya sub-districts of Cox's Bazar.</p>		<p>SHED and CDD</p>	<p>Camps and host communities in Teknaf and Ukhiya sub-districts of Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh</p>	<p>BPRM, ECHO, GAC, UNHCR</p>
<p>Rehabilitation in Health Facilities Hospital</p>	<p>To improve and increase access to comprehensive rehabilitation services and health care in Cox's Bazar, Ukhiya and Teknaf upazilas hospitals and surrounding host communities.</p>	<p>provision of physical and functional rehabilitation services in five hospitals: Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital, Ukhiya Health Complex, MSF Hospital in Kutupalong, IOM Clinic in Leda, and Teknaf Health Complex</p> <p>HI's partner CDD (via 2 mobile vans in Ukhiya and in Teknaf upazillas) provides rehabilitation services at community clinics-level, and primary health care services in the villages.</p>	<p>3000 direct beneficiaries in refugee camps and host communities</p>		<p>IOM, MSF and CDD, Cox's Bazar Saadar Hospital, Ukhiya and Teknaf Upazila Health Complexes, IOM and MSF Hospitals and 6 community Clinics in Ukhiya and Teknaf Upazilas (sub-districts) of Cox's Bazar district</p>	<p>Camps and host communities in Teknaf and Ukhiya sub-districts of Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh</p>	<p>BPRM</p>

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Education	1) To enable children with disabilities or chronic illnesses, children at risk of developmental delays and psychological distress (0-12 years old), to develop their full potential on an equal basis with other children and acquire fundamental educational and social skills through games, sport, cultural arts, early years' education and complementary learning 2) Enhancing Inclusive	1) Inclusive sports, inclusive education, mainstreaming of disability in other service provider programme, accessibility, assistive device, child led monitoring, capacity building of children on Capacity building to presents on early childhood development 2) Educational home based	1) 4163 Children with and without disabilities, other vulnerable children and service provider 2) 400 children receive direct	1) 4163 children and their family 2) 5900 children with disability	1) MUKTI Cox's Bazar	1) Refugees Camps, Makeshifts settlements and Host communities	1) "GT project", 4 year regional program ended in July 2020 ; IKEA Foundation 2) DFID/UNOPS

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Protection against abuse and violence	To improve access to essential services, the living conditions and the resilience of vulnerable persons affected by the crisis in Teknaf and Ukhiya sub-districts, Bangladesh	Empowerment of children and youth on their own protection, formation and capacity building of family group	Children and other vulnerable population of Cox's Bazar. Already 812 direct beneficiaries have been reached.		NA	Host communities and Makeshift camps of Teknaf and Ukhiya Upazila, Cox's Bazar District	
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Sexual and Reproductive Health	Promoting safe motherhood through raising fatherhood behavior among men and boys in Cox's Bazar	Sensitize husband on their role about sexual and reproductive health of their wife.	Parent, teachers and student. 87 training sessions have been given to beneficiaries.		NA	Refugee camps	
Multisectoral Mobile Unit	Strengthen the protection environment for Rohingya refugees with specific needs (including persons with disabilities, older persons and other persons facing increased protection risks)	Multi sectoral response in camp providing direct services including Rehabilitation, Protection, Mental health and Psychosocial Support, SRH services at two levels: static point and home based Awareness sessions on protection, COVID-19 by volunteers from the community	130 000 direct beneficiaries on 12 months in refugee camps and host communities in Teknaf and Ukhiya sub-districts of Cox's Bazar.		SHED and CDD	Camps and host communities in Teknaf and Ukhiya sub-districts of Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh	BPRM, ECHO, GAC, UNHCR
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Inclusive sports for development	Improving Social Participation and Education of Boys and Girls with Disabilities in Bangladesh	School-based and child-led inclusive sports and leisure activities will be used as a means to foster child development, promote awareness on protection issues, and challenge social barriers. Parents and caregivers along with school	800 children including 400 children with disabilities (200 girls) will participate in inclusive sports and education; 400 caregivers will		Protibondhi Community Center (PCC)-Mymensingh and Tangail Disabled People Organization	Tangail and Mymensingh	

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		teachers will facilitate the creation of an enabling environment in the classroom and through sports clubs for children with disabilities in particular for girls with disabilities to promote their physical and psychosocial wellbeing.	orient; 30 school teachers will train, 20 sports coaches and skilled will adapt and facilitate inclusive sports; and 2 DPOs will promote inclusion through inclusive sports.		(TPOD)		
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Donors

<p>The European Union</p>  <p>Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection</p>	<p>Canada</p> 	<p>The World Food Programme</p> 
<p>UKAID</p>  <p>from the British people</p>	<p>The UN Refugee Agency</p> 	<p>The Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration</p>  <p>The Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration</p>
<p>The International Organization for Migration</p>  <p>International Organization for Migration (IOM) The UN Migration Agency</p>	<p>The Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg</p>  <p>THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs</p> <p>Directorate for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs</p>	<p>Grand Challenges Canada</p>  <p>Grand Challenges Canada® Grands Défis Canada</p>
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