



DFID in Bangladesh

Winter Update 2014/15

UK Development Results

Results for 2011-2015 thanks to UK aid from the British people. All figures sourced from DFID's Operational Plan December 2014 or more recent sources.

In 2013-14 DFID's programme spend was £262 million.

JOBS AND GROWTH

1.5 million people

will be lifted out of extreme poverty by providing training or assets to help people set up businesses by the end of 2015.

1.4 million farmers and small businesses

have already been helped – resulting in a net increase in income of £100 million.

We have assisted the Bangladesh government to register **720,000 more taxpayers** to help it provide better and more efficient basic services.

GIRLS AND WOMEN

500,000 women

will give birth safely and their babies will receive improved care by the end of 2015.

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

27.5 million people

are now able to cope better with the devastating effects of floods, cyclones and climate change, thanks to early warning systems.

EDUCATION

500,000 girls and boys

will complete primary education and teaching quality will be improved by the end of 2015.

WATER, SANITATION, HYGIENE

Over 1.5 million people

now have access to safe drinking water and

4 million people

now have access to improved sanitation.



Prime Minister David Cameron meets Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, July 2014 during the Girl Summit.

COUNTRY CONTEXT

Population - 150 million.

43% of people live below \$1.25 a day and over three quarters of people live on less than \$2.00 (£1.24) a day.

120,000 babies die every year in their first month, 1 in 19 children die before they reach five years old and 4 in 10 under fives suffer from stunted growth.

25% of women are undernourished and thousands die each year in pregnancy and childbirth.

GDP growth rate is 6%. Despite this, Bangladesh is poor, rapidly urbanising and highly vulnerable to natural disasters like floods and cyclones.

Unstable politics and challenging financial management systems hamper delivery of basic services.

Drinking water can be contaminated with arsenic (from natural sources) and sea water.

NEWS

March-April 2014

Former Minister of State Alan Duncan visited Bangladesh to see progress in improving standards in the garment industry and press for political dialogue to strengthen democratic accountability.

July 2014

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina attended the Girl Summit and committed to ending early marriage in Bangladesh by 2041 and marriage under 15 by 2021.

October 2014

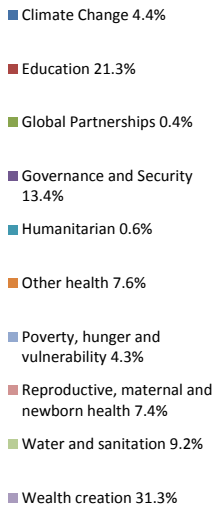
DFID published a joint study with USAID on investment and inclusive growth in Bangladesh, identifying the importance of addressing energy availability and protecting property rights.

Former DFID Minister Lynne Featherstone visited to follow up commitments made by Bangladesh at the Girl Summit and build momentum to tackle violence against women and girls, launching ActionAid's 'Safe Cities for Women' campaign.

WHERE UK AID MONEY GOES

Bangladesh programmes by sector 2012-13

Total spend £196.0 million



DFID's APPROACH

DFID aims to transform the lives of millions of poor Bangladeshis. DFID's programme contributes directly to the UK's key objectives around security and prosperity by addressing governance issues, helping improve the lives of girls and women, economic growth and commercial relationships, climate change, disaster preparedness and poverty reduction.

As part of the UK cross-government team, we work in partnership with the Bangladesh government, civil society, the private sector and other donors, to maximize the coherence and effectiveness of all external aid to Bangladesh.

The UK will match fund public donations to Action Aid's 'Safe Cities for Women' campaign. It will run in Bangladesh, Burma, Kenya and Zimbabwe, helping directly over 60,000 men and women, boys and girls worldwide and reaching a total of around 2.8 million people in Bangladesh. At the launch in October, former DFID Minister Lynne Featherstone said:

"We are working hard to make sure that girls stay safe in their homes and communities, and that they can claim their right to a secure and happy childhood, and a life free from violence and poverty. Only by working together will we be able to make the elimination of violence against women and girls a reality in Bangladesh and around the world."



Launch of the Action Aid Safer Cities for Women campaign.

MORE INFORMATION

The UK coalition government believes that international development is not just the right thing to do, but the smart thing to do. It is in all our interests for countries around the world to be stable and secure, to have educated and healthy populations and to have growing economies. We're ending the need for aid by creating jobs, unlocking the potential of girls and women and leading the global effort to help save lives when humanitarian emergencies hit.

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