



## General data of the country

### a. General Data

Country	Bangladesh					
Population <sup>1</sup>	163 million					
HDI (2015)	139/188					
IHDI	0.412					
Child mortality (2016)	37.6					
Gender-related Development Index	0.927					
Population within UNHCR mandate	Since 25 August 2017, 671,000 refugees fled into Bangladesh from Myanmar's Rakhine State, they are now 963,000 Rohingyas refugees in Cox's Bazar.					
INFORM Index (2018) <sup>2</sup>		Value	Rank		Value	Rank
	Inform Risk	5.8	24	Vulnerability	4.8	50
	Hazard Exposure &	7.5	13	Lack of Coping Capacity	5.4	66
Fragile State index (2018) <sup>3</sup>	Rank:31					
	Demographic Pressures		7.5	Legitimacy of the State		7.8
	Refugees and IDPs		6.6	Public Services		8.1
	Group Grievance		8.7	Human Rights		7.4
	Human Flight		7.8	Security Apparatus		7.6
	Uneven Development		6.7	Factionalized Elites		9.3
	Economic Decline		5.8	External Intervention		5.8
GINI Index <sup>4</sup>	32.4					
Net official development assistance received	2,503,590,000 US\$					

### b. Humanitarian law instruments ratified by the country

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| → Mine Ban Treaty / Status:  | Ratified in 09/2000 |
| → Convention on Cluster Munitions / Status:                          | Not joined          |
| → UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities / Status: | Ratified in 2007    |

## c. Geopolitical analysis

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### 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 last election, Sheikh Hasina won a controversial one-sided walkover election after her main rival Khaleda Zia and all other opposition parties boycotted the polls. In February 2018 Khaleda Zia was jailed as per court verdict for 5 years. The next election is scheduled at the end of 2018.

### 3. Economic elements

Bangladesh, a developing country with a market-based mixed economy, is one of the Next Eleven emerging markets. Bangladesh has the third-largest South Asian economy (after India and Pakistan) and the second-highest foreign-exchange reserves (after India). Bangladesh is a great producer of gas and coal and exports a lot of jute, tea, textile, fish and sea food. The pharmaceutical industry meets 97% of domestic demand, and exports to many countries. Shipbuilding has grown rapidly, with exports to Europe.

## Presence of HI 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.

## Projects

Title of Action	Domain	Donors	Location	Duration
PARADIGM – Poverty Alleviation through Resilience and Disability Inclusive Graduation Model	Livelihood	DFID	Rangpur and Chittagong division	1/04/2018 – 31/03/2022
Growing Together	Education	IKEA Foundation	Multi-country project (Pakistan, Thailand and Bangladesh) Refugee camps and host communities in Cox's Bazar	1/06/2016 – 30/05/2020
Inclusive Emergency Assistance to Extremely Vulnerable Communities in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh	Rehabilitation / MHPSS /	SDC	Makeshift camps in Cox's Bazar district and host communities in Cox's Bazar Hospital, Bangladesh	1/5/2018 – 30/04/2019
	Rehabilitation / MHPSS/	UNHCR		01/01/2019-31/12/2019
Improving Social Participation and Education of Boys and Girls with Disabilities in Bangladesh	Inclusive sports for development	UEFA Fondation for Children	Tangail and Mymensingh	1/10/2018 – 31/12/ 2019
WISH (Women Integrated Sexual Health) 2 ACTION	Sexual and Reproductive Health	DFID	Rangpur and Chittagong division	10/09/2018 – 31/08/2021

The European Union



Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection

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The World Food Programme

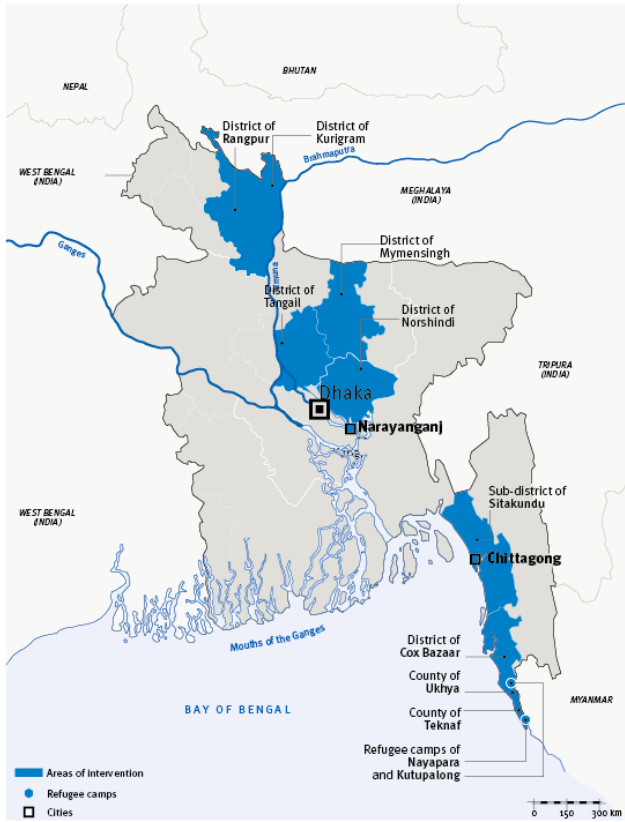


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<p><b>UKAID</b></p> 	<p><b>The UN Refugee Agency</b></p> 	<p><b>The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC</b></p>  <p>Schweizerische Eidgenossenschaft Confédération suisse Confederazione Svizzera Confederaziun svizra</p> <p><b>Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC</b></p>
<p><b>Le Centre de crise et de soutien (Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires Etrangères)</b></p> 	<p><b>The International Organization for Migration</b></p> 	<p><b>The Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg</b></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><b>Grand Challenges Canada</b></p> 	<p><b>UEFA Foundation for Children</b></p> 	<p><b>The Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration</b></p>  <p>The Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration</p>
<p><b>The IKEA Foundation</b></p> 		



## HI team in Bangladesh

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HI team in Bangladesh total 246 staffs (226 national staff and 20 expatriates), with the majority of them based in Cox's Bazar.


**Projects ongoing: Sectors of services where HI conducts projects and focus on operational partnerships**

Sector	Objectives of projects in this sector	Type of intervention (main activities)	Target Beneficiaries	Operational partners	Locations
<b>Rehabilitation</b> 	<p>1) Services for persons with specific needs in refugee camps are strengthened</p> <p>2) To contribute to universal health coverage, by supporting the Government of Bangladesh's compliance with World Health Assembly resolutions on rehabilitation and disability-inclusive health care systems, as a basis for optimal health, functioning, wellbeing and human rights of people with disabilities</p>	<p>1) Identification, assessment, primary rehabilitation therapy, inclusive education, inclusive sports, livelihood support, injury management, Psychological First Aid, protection etc.</p> <p>2) Support institutional capacity development of rehabilitation professional associations. Continuing Professional Education modules for rehabilitation professionals. Develop coordination mechanisms among different health professionals. Implement and document disability survey, Capacity development of Integrated Disability Service Centres. Undertake research and disseminate finding on rehabilitation service needs. Support the development of a national action plan on rehabilitation DPO capacity development process</p>	<p>1) People with Disabilities and other vulnerable people living in Refugee camps and host communities</p> <p>2) Rehabilitation professionals, agencies and policy makers</p>	<p>1) Society of Health Extension and Development (SHED)</p> <p>2) Bangladesh Physiotherapy Association, Bangladesh Occupational Therapy Association, Bangladesh Speech and Language Therapy Society, International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics-Bangladesh, 6 DPOs/local organizations.</p>	<p>1) Refugees Camps, Makeshifts settlements and Host communities in Cox's Bazar</p> <p>2) Bangladesh, including districts of Kurigram, Tangail and Norshindi</p>
<b>Education</b> 	<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>4163 Children with and without disabilities, other vulnerable children and service provider</p>	<p>MUKTI Cox's Bazar</p>	<p>Refugees Camps, Makeshifts settlements and Host communities</p>

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<p><b>Protection against abuse and violence</b></p> 	<p>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</p>	<p>Empowerment of children and youth on their own protection, formation and capacity building of family group</p>	<p>Children and other vulnerable population of Cox's Bazar. Already 812 direct beneficiaries have been reached.</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>Host communities and Makeshift camps of Teknaf and Ukhiya Upazila, Cox's Bazar District</p>
<p><b>Livelihood</b></p> 	<p>Households including persons with disabilities in Kurigram and Chittagong districts graduate out of extreme poverty and out of poverty, have better access to services, and are less vulnerable to shocks and natural disasters</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Support 5305 Households which include people with disabilities living in high poverty areas of Bangladesh</p>	<p>Three mainstream partners including Islamic Relief (IR), Young Power in Social Action (YPSA), Helvetas and 8 DPO</p>	<p>Rangpur and Chittagong division</p>
<p><b>Logistic Platform</b></p> 	<p>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</p>	<p>Provision of transport services, storage service and packaging services for other agencies.</p>	<p>25 local and international actors playing a key role in the humanitarian response to the crisis.</p>		<p>Makeshift camps in Teknaf and Ukhiya sub-districts of Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh</p>
<p><b>Sexual and Reproductive Health</b></p> 	<p>Promoting safe motherhood through raising fatherhood behavior among men and boys in Cox's Bazar</p>	<p>Sensitize husband on their role about sexual and reproductive health of their wife.</p>	<p>Parent, teachers and student. 87 training sessions have been given to beneficiaries.</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>Refugee camps</p>
<p><b>Rehabilitation / MHPSS</b></p> 	<p>Improving access to Humanitarian Services for Myanmar Refugees and Undocumented Myanmar Nationals in Cox's Bazar</p>	<p>Mobile multi sectoral response in camp providing MHPSS, mobile, static &amp; hospitals Physical and functional rehabilitation services hygiene/NFI/Shelter recreational inclusive activities. Capacity building of the Health Workers in Cox's Bazar Hospital), Information dissemination on services and Referral of vulnerable people from the refugee and host communities to services,</p>	<p>93151 direct beneficiaries have already been reached in refugee camps and host communities in Teknaf and Ukhiya sub-districts of Cox's Bazar.</p>	<p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Dept of Public Health Engineering (DPHE), World Food Programme, MSF, UNICEF, NGOs (SHED, BGS, NGOF and Mukti</p>	<p>Makeshift camps and host communities in Teknaf and Ukhiya sub-districts of Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh</p>

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<p><b>Inclusive sports for development</b></p>	<p>Improving Social Participation and Education of Boys and Girls with Disabilities in Bangladesh</p>	<p>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 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.</p>	<p>800 children including 400 children with disabilities (200 girls) will participate in inclusive sports and education; 400 caregivers will 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.</p>	<p>Protibondhi Community Center (PCC)-Mymensingh and Tangail Disabled People Organization (TPOD)</p>	<p>Tangail and Mymensingh</p>	
	<p><b>Sexual and Reproductive Health</b></p>	<p>WISH (Women Integrated Sexual Health) 2 ACTION</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Women with reproductive aged 15-49 years.</p>	<p>Solidarity and Young Power in Social Action (YPSA).</p>	<p>Kurigram and Sitakunda</p>
