

In 2002, BRAC started its first international operation in Afghanistan, taking the lessons learned from its poverty alleviation efforts in Bangladesh to the international stage. It has since grown to become one of the largest International NGO in the country. We currently serve in 16 provinces and hard-to-reach communities, reaching 5.64 million people through education, healthcare, national solidarity programme and capacity development programme.

## Country Statistics

### Population

31,627,506 (WB 2014)

### GDP per capita

413.43 USD (Trading Economist 2014)

### People living below poverty line

35.8 percent (WB 2011)

### Life expectancy at birth

60.4 (WB 2014)

### Primary School Completion Rate

Males 55 per cent  
Females 21 per cent  
(PRB 2011)

### Adult literacy rate

32 (WB 2011)

### Maternal mortality rate

(per 100,000 live births)  
396 (WB 2015)

### Infant mortality rate

(per 1000 live births)  
66 (WB 2015)

### Food Insecurity

28 per cent (WFP 2013)



*Afghan marginalised boys are now in school and can read and write.*

## Education programme

BRAC's education programme gives the Afghan children especially girls a second chance and in some cases the first chance to attain a level of literacy through our community-based schools and innovative learning techniques. By involving parents and community people, we work to broaden involvement in education across the community.

## Community based girls' education project in Afghanistan (GEP)

The goal of the project is to improve equitable access to quality education for girls and boys in 12 provinces through 4,000 community based schools and improving quality of 4,000 government schools teacher.

## Community based education for marginalised girls in Afghanistan (GEC)

The programme aims to improve the life chances of marginalised girls through 1,670 community based schools and improving quality of 2,000 government schools teachers and 4,023 peer mentors.

## Health programme Tuberculosis (TB) control programme

TB is among the leading causes of death in adults in the country. To address this issue, we have partnered with the National Tuberculosis Control programme as one of the principal recipients of the Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM), covering 34 provinces

of Afghanistan. Since July 2015 under leadership of UNDP, BRAC Afghanistan has started GF TB control programme (AFG-T-UNDP) countrywide as a SR (sub recipient) for the capacity building of MoPH/NTP staff.

## National solidarity programme (NSP)

In 2003, the Afghanistan Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development (MRRD) launched the National Solidarity Programme (NSP), with whom BRAC works as a facilitating partner, to enable Afghan communities in identifying, planning, managing, and monitoring their own development projects. Up to now BRAC has established 3,401 community development councils in the communities of 6 provinces and overall, 6,744 infrastructure sub-projects have been completed successfully by the facilitation of BRAC. 3,358 communities have been handed over to NSP-MRRD properly upon completing NSP programme activities. A long pending issue of NSP has been solved in October 2015 by successful handed of 636 communities (CDCs) of Paktika province and the problems also are solved.

## Capacity development programme

Our programme is one of our priorities in Afghanistan for the development of national capacity. BRAC builds development capacity through its training and resource centre in Kabul.

- We work here to support and enhance the capacity of BRAC staff, as well as different ministries, international and local NGOs, UN organisations, and partner or donor agencies
- Our training programmes are designed to be participatory, results-oriented and flexible, maintaining a balance between theory and practice
- To enhance the human and operational skills of training participants, we offer a diverse range of specialised training courses in areas such as health, education, gender, management, finance and accounts
- Since its inception in 2003, we have developed 162 courses and trained 55,658 participants, among 35,074 were female participants.

## BRAC Afghanistan: At a Glance

### Education

Total population reached	905,083
No of schools (on-going)	3,265
No of students (on-going)	97,635
No of teachers trained	25,279

### Health

Total no of population reached	588,493
Total number of CHPs trained	924
No of infants immunised	2,310

### National Solidarity Programme: NSP-III

No of families Covered	256,560
No of infrastructure sub-projects completed	1,158
No of Infrastructure sub-projects on-going	39

### Capacity development

No of trainers	18
No of staff receiving training	7,005
Total no of staff trained under programme	48,729

Updated till June 2016