

In January 2012, BRAC launched its operations in the Philippines in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) to implement the alternative delivery model (ADM) project, a component of the Australian government funded Basic Education Assistance for Muslim Mindanao (BEAM) programme.

## Country Statistics

### Population

100.98 million (2015 census)

### GDP per capita

USD 2,872.5 (WB 2015)

### People living below poverty line

25.8 per cent (PSA 2014)

### Life expectancy at birth

71.66 years (2015)

### Primary completion rate

101 (WB 2013)

### Adult literacy rate

97.5 (NSO 2015)

### Maternal mortality rate

(per 100,000 live births)

114 (WB 2015)

### Infant mortality rate

(per 1000 live births)

13 (WB 2015)

## Education Programme

The ADM project aims to improve access and quality of kindergarten and elementary education in the region, which suffers from a lack of educational infrastructure.



Kindergarten learners of Lamion BRAC Learning Center in Barangay Lamion, Bongao, Tawi-Tawi spending their spare time after class at a dock near their classroom.

## Strategic approach:

- We follow the Philippine government curriculum, contextualising the content for the sociocultural backgrounds of the ARMM children
- Our 15 local partner NGOs manage a cluster of BRAC schools in remote villages, small islands and coastal communities where there are no government schools
- The kindergarten students are evaluated through an early childhood development (ECD) checklist and school readiness year-end assessment (SReYA)
- Assessing all learning centres, reaching out to children with special needs (CSN) and ensuring that they receive proper support from their schools.

## Essential Health Care Programme (EHCP)

As a pilot initiative, hand washing and tooth brushing facilities have been initiated for the students of 550 BRAC learning centers. We are working with the German GIZ to provide technical supports, arrange facilities, and assist for the reliable water supply to the centres.

## BRAC Philippines: At a Glance

### Education

Total population reached	66,001
No of schools	845
No of students	25,438
No of teachers trained	2,100
No of Kindergarten schools completed	1,378
Learners graduated from Kindergarten	
Boys	21,949
Girls	21,721

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