



# ERMG PROJECT: HEALTH AND NUTRITION Urban Development | BRAC

Healthcare costs are rapidly increasing in Bangladesh with approximately two-thirds being covered by out-of-pocket expenditure. **87%** of workers in the ready-made garment (RMG) sector report **recurring health challenges** including malnutrition and anemia, poor hygiene and inadequate pre- and post-natal care.

BRAC has partnered with **29 RMG factories** with a combined workforce of **62,558 workers**, and established **three one-stop service centres** providing holistic wellbeing services.

BRAC is offering **primary healthcare services** for workers in the RMG industry in three major urban industrial centres: **Tongi, Gazipur and Savar**. The centres are staffed by **doctors and paramedics** who provide free primary health checkups and basic medicines to RMG workers **6 days a week**.

**Peer educators** are selected in all of the partner factories and trained on issues of reproductive maternal, neonatal, child health, nutrition and hygiene. The peer educators act as agents of change by engaging their co-workers and raising awareness in the workplace.

In addition to regular health services, BRAC also conducts routine **health camps** on-site at factories to bring healthcare solutions directly to RMG workers.

The project aims to directly provide quality healthcare services, increase general, reproductive health and hygiene awareness and address gaps in RMG workers' access to quality and affordable healthcare and reached 29,347 participants till September 2019.

BRAC draws on more than **40 years** of experience delivering community-based affordable, scalable health and nutrition solutions to over 110 million people in all 64 districts in Bangladesh and across eight countries including providing direct services to two million adolescent girls and pregnant women.

## PROFILE:

3

one-stop service centres

29

ready-made garment factories as partners

80

patients receiving services at health clinics every day (average)

300

peer educators engaged in 29 factories and 19,500 participants are reached by them.

4000

people targeted through health camps

25,000

Patients targeted through service centres

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