



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME | BANGLADESH

OUR APPROACH

More than half of the world’s population today live in urban areas. Of them, over a billion people live in urban poverty. In Bangladesh, **two-thirds** of the urban population **lack access to safe water**. In urban slums, **83% of households** do not have access to **sanitary latrines and toilet facilities** and **upto 60% of solid waste** in Bangladesh is not properly disposed.

BRAC Urban Development Programme (UDP) is currently working to provide **water, sanitation, hygiene** and **waste management** facilities to people living in urban poverty in **450 slums** in **20 cities** and **towns** in Bangladesh. The programme has three key objectives:

- ❑ To provide access to improved WASH facilities to people living in urban poverty
- ❑ To provide access to WASH facilities in schools in urban low-income communities
- ❑ To promote good hygiene health practices and community-level awareness

The programme’s intervention strategy includes establishing a cost-sharing mechanism between the local community, local government and BRAC, linking the urban informal settlement with government service providers, building inclusive WASH facilities for minors, the elderly and physically challenged populations, and implementing climate resilient WASH infrastructure.

URBAN WASH IMPACT BY 2022



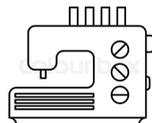
1,000,000

People will have access to basic affordable services in urban slums



500,000

Infrastructural services will be provided to people living in urban slums



50,000

Garment workers will have access to improved livelihood and wellbeing services



450

Slums will be upgraded



20

Cities will have inclusive and accountable urban governance

ACHIEVEMENTS

294,412

People accessing safe water, sanitary and hygienic toilets and latrine facilities

253,000

People accessing improved environmental sanitation

157,900

People accessing safe water supply in urban low-income settlements

18,250

People accessing waste management facilities

897

Urban WASH infrastructure projects completed

606

Urban safe water points built

214

Urban community sanitary and hygienic toilet and latrine facilities built

ONGOING URBAN PROJECTS:

Engaging Multi-sectoral Partners for Creating Opportunities, Improving Wellbeing and Realising Rights of the Urban Poor (EMPOWER)

2016– 2022

The EMPOWER project aims to improve the wellbeing of one million people by reducing their multidimensional poverty and deprivation in 20 cities in Bangladesh. The project's objectives are to enhance access to affordable and quality basic services by people living in urban poverty, empower them to raise their voice and take collective action towards their rights and entitlements, strengthen urban governance institutions for inclusive, accountable and pro-poor urban management and planning and test and evaluate urban innovations for replication and scale-up.

Empowering the Ready-Made Garment Workers living in Urban Slums in Dhaka (ERMG)

2017 – 2020

Of the four million workers in the ready-made garment sector, 64% are women and 87% report recurring health challenges. In response to their growing wellbeing needs, BRAC urban development programme launched the ERMG project, providing workers access to basic services (health, legal aid, skills training, financial savings products, health insurance) from three one-stop service centres in major industrial areas. The project aims to establish a sustainable service model which will empower workers, and build trust and accountability in the ready-made garment sector in Bangladesh.

Housing Finance for People living in Urban Poverty

2017 - 2022

In response to the precarious nature of urban informal housing and the limitations of the formal housing sector, BRAC urban development programme launched its low-cost housing initiative in two climate-vulnerable cities in Bangladesh. The housing project follows a cost recovery model whereby a city development fund is set up to provide housing loans and to manage the community's funds. The project aims to provide land tenure security to the urban slum-dwellers, and quality affordable housing in consultation with architects and the local community.

Fire Hazard Prevention Project

2017-2022

The fire prevention project is focused on improving the capacity of low-income communities in preventing and responding to fire-related incidents. Pilot experiments were tested out to improve community awareness and train community volunteers to effectively respond to outbreaks of fires. A community firefighting mechanism system was established, fully maintained and operated by the community.

Urban Innovation Challenge

2016- 2022

The Urban Innovation Challenge (UIC) engages young innovators to submit their ideas to solve pressing urban challenges in the areas of housing, transportation, skills, healthcare, WASH, renewable energy and climate change. The first edition of UIC was launched in 2016 and three finalists, Bhumijo, Bloodman and BD Assistant were selected for investment scaling. The second edition of UIC was launched in July 2018.

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Community toilet and bathing facilities constructed in Korail, Dhaka

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