

## BRAC MICROFINANCE BANGLADESH

## Ensuring access to safer financial services during COVID-19

## **Key interventions and achievements**



1.5 million hygiene products and0.88 million protective gears distributedby BRAC's microfinance programme



USD 17 million in emergency cash transferred to 700,000 households through mobile wallets



**525,944 clients refinanced with USD 600 million** to recover from financial shocks caused by COVID-19



**54,423 clients** received the facility to reschedule their loan tenure for three to six months and were allowed to pay a reduced amount of instalment



USD 413,103 lien loans taken by 405 clients, which enabled them to take up to 90% of the loan against their term—based savings with BRAC's microfinance programme



**208 wallets** received insurance benefits, and **3,725 wallets** received interest from a monthly savings scheme

COVID-19 areness and prevention



**8.4 million** COVID-19 awareness leaflets and stickers distributed among clients



**4.3 million clients** reached with messages on COVID-19 awareness



**389** emergency isolation centres prepared for BRAC staff



2,536 handwashing stations installed across our branches to ensure proper hygiene



**1,411 branches** checked for the health rule implementation by BRAC microfinance programme's monitoring team

## Supporting microfinance programme staff



**9,872 programme organisers and credit officers (frontline field staff)** reached over the phone with COVID-19 prevention messages; online COVID-19 prevention training ensured for all staff



**158,440** masks distributed to our staff



**350 oximeters, 100 nasal cannulas and 150 oxygen cylinders** purchased and allocated for regional offices, divisional offices and isolation centres



USD 177 allocated for any COVID-19 positive staff along with insurance facilities of USD 295 for treatment. It is applicable for both regular and contractual staff



**7,685 (90%)** women participated in a psychosocial online session *Moner Kotha Forum* organised for the female field staff