



COUNTRY STATISTICS

Population: 53 million
(World Bank, 2016)

GDP per capita: USD 1,275
(World Bank, 2016)

People living below poverty line: 26%
(World Bank, 2010)

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



OUR PROGRAMMES: *Microfinance, Health, Agriculture, Food Security and Livelihood, Emergency Preparedness and Response*

Since inception, we have disbursed USD 44 million as loans among more than 55,000 female borrowers. We have created a wide platform with 41 branch offices across 36 townships.

2017 has been a year of new innovations for BRAC in Myanmar. We introduced diversified and context based products in our microfinance programme, including the small enterprise programme. We started the “Financial Diaries” project as part of our initiative to use digital tools. This research tool will help us analyse the financial behaviour of 800 women clients and develop new products for them. We launched an “inclusive financing” initiative to increase financial access to people with disabilities. This project will provide loans to 1,080 people with disabilities. We are poised to become the pioneer in targeting people with disabilities through microloans.

Finally, we are raising health awareness among 47,000 female clients to inform them about communicable diseases.

OUR CURRENT INTERVENTIONS IN SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Programme	Project	Donor	Starting Date	Duration	Total Budget (in million USD)
Microfinance	What women want (Financial Diary)	UNCDF	July 2017	1 year 5 Months	0.45
Microfinance/ Agriculture, Food Security and Livelihood programme (AFSL)	Enabling the sustainable economic growth of people with disability, especially women, through innovative microfinance and agricultural approaches	DaNa Facility	October 2017	2 years 8 Months	0.65
Fisheries	Improve the production ,nutrition and market value of small scale aquaculture in Myanmar's Shan state and Sagain region	World Fish	May 2018	2 years	0.10
Emergency Preparedness and Response	Emergency Preparedness and Response Program - Phase 2 (EPRP)	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	December 2017	3 Years	0.31

MICROFINANCE: Total outstanding portfolio: USD 10.1 million, Disbursement (January-April): USD 8.29 million, Borrowers: 55,464, Average loan size: USD 328.

OUR TEAM: We have a total of 387 staff, of which 82% are female and 94% are nationals of Myanmar.

CHALLENGES: One out of four people in Myanmar live below the poverty line. To reduce this number, we need the youth to acquire skills and training in addition to basic income and education. We also need innovative solutions and allocation of necessary resources. Unpredictability of global and national politics may limit the fundraising efforts for poverty reduction initiatives.

HIGHLIGHTS 2018 (JANUARY-APRIL)

- Provided loan **USD 7.91** million to **24,984** microfinance clients and a total principal outstanding portfolio position of **USD 9.64** million up to April 2018
- Provided collateral free loan **USD 385,000** to **266** small enterprise clients and a total principal outstanding portfolio position of **USD 456,028** up to April 2018
- Expanded microfinance programme in four branches in two new regions (Sagaing and Nay Pyi Taw)
- Provided **USD 43.00** million loan to both MF and SEP clients from inception of BRAC Myanmar program operation and currently active clients position is **55,464**
- Organized Emergency Preparedness and Response (EPR) project's inception workshop at national and district level
- Trained a core group of **20** persons on Disaster Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (DRVA)
- Conducted orientation to **97** participants that include youth, community leaders, and regional government in Bago Region