

URBAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

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OUR APPROACH

More than half of the world's population today lives in urban areas. Of them, over a billion people live in urban poverty. BRAC, the world's number one NGO, has made pro-poor urban development one of its eight programmatic priorities in its current five-year strategy (2016-2020). Aligned with this objective, BRAC started its **urban development programme (UDP)** in 2016, with a vision to to make cities and human settlements safe, resilient, inclusive and sustainable. Its aim is to improve the wellbeing of **one million people living in urban poverty** in **20 cities** in Bangladesh.

UDP has outlined **six programmatic priorities** in its current **five-year urban strategy**:

1. Improved access to affordable, adequate basic services
2. Improved access to livelihood, skills and entrepreneurship development
3. Ensuring adequate, safe and affordable housing, land tenure security and slum upgradation
4. Integrated policies and plans to mitigate and adapt to climate change impact and disaster resilience
5. Strengthened urban governance for inclusive, accountable and pro-poor urban management and planning
6. Strengthened policy advocacy and partnerships for sustainable, pro-poor and inclusive urban growth

URBAN IMPACT



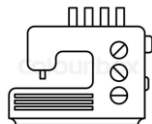
1,000,000

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

823,624

People accessed basic services in urban slums

306,736

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

50,231

RMG workers received direct wellbeing services

444,616

People have improved waste collection facilities

13,207

People received livelihood support

5741

Low-cost houses built for the community

650

City officials & elected representative received capacity development training on inclusive urban planning and governance

CURRENT PROJECTS

Engaging Multi-sectoral Partners for Creating Opportunities, Improving Wellbeing and Realising Rights of the Urban Poor (EMPOWER) 2016– 2020

Ensure basic services to the people living in urban informal settlements. Work with communities & sensitized city authorities about pro-poor urban management for upgrading slum activities.

Empowering the Ready-Made Garment Workers living in Urban Slums in Dhaka (ERMG) 2017 – 2021

Skills development and basic services through One Stop Service Centres (OSSC) for the Ready Made Garment (RMG) industry workers. Work with factory management to provide services at the workplace.

The integrated WASH services under the rehabilitation program for uplifting of ultra-poor slum dwellers project 2020-2025

Water supply, sanitation, drainage facilities will be improved for the slum dwellers in Mohammadpur and Mirpur in Dhaka City and Saidpur in Nilphamari district by engaging the city authorities

The integrated Health services under the rehabilitation program for uplifting of ultra-poor slum dwellers project 2020-2025

The project will provide community-based integrated health services for the ultra-poor slum dwellers in Mohammadpur and Mirpur in Dhaka City and Saidpur in Nilphamari district to improve the health and nutritional status.

Food Assistance to the Urban Poor 2020- 2021

Cash support is provided for ensuring nutritious food intake to the most vulnerable low income community people (Kallyanpur and Sat-tola slum) who lost their livelihoods due to pandemic.

Advancing inclusive and resilient development targeted at the urban poor 2019- 2020

The country study in collaboration with IIED including activities such as data collection, consultation with the government policy makers, city authorities and communities. Country report is prepared and validated with the stakeholders.

Accountability for Informal Urban Equity Hub-ARISE 2020- 2021

With ARISE hub's aims to build interdisciplinary and multi-sector partnerships between researchers, NGO, Community Organizations, Government and non-government service providers the research project of JPGSPH will be facilitated by UDP.

Cool Roof Project 2020- 2021

This project will be implemented in Korail slum. House roofs will be painted with heat radiating paints to reduce temperature inside.

Awareness-raising campaign on COVID-19 2021

Implemented in Gazipur, the project will advocate and raise awareness on personal and occupational protection against COVID-19 in the ready-made garment (RMG) industry.

ARISE Responsive Fund 2021- 2022

The project aims to improve health and wellbeing of the people living in urban informal communities (Dhaka, Khulna, Rajshahi) in the context of COVID pandemic

Reducing forced labour of adolescents and children from Bangladesh by creating sustainable livelihood solutions through alternative learning pathway and employment choices 2020- 2021

This project will be implemented in Narayanganj and Keraniganj with the aim to reduce forced labour of adolescents and children by creating sustainable livelihood solutions through alternative learning pathway and employment choices.

The Pilot on Improving the Wellbeing of Waste-Workers in Dhaka City 2021

This pilot project will be implemented in 24 lower-income settlements in DNCC and DSCC (Mohakhali, Mirpur, and old Dhaka) that will provide essential community services through microfinancing & partnership among local waste recycling entrepreneurs, private companies and local city authorities.

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Low-cost climate resilient housing



One-stop service centres to train the RMG workers

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