

Bangladesh

This factsheet provides an overview of economic inclusion programs in Bangladesh. Economic inclusion programs are a bundle of coordinated, multidimensional interventions that support individuals, households, and communities in raising their incomes and building their assets. The data used for this factsheet comes from the Partnership for Economic Inclusion's Landscape Survey 2023.

COUNTRY FACTS

Region	Population	Income Group	FCV country (WB FY24 list)
South Asia	169.36 million	Lower middle income	No

Poverty Headcount (share of population below the poverty line)

National Poverty Line	Multidimensional Poverty Index	\$2.15/day (2017 PPP)
24.30%	24.64%	13.50%

PROGRAMS

Number of economic inclusion programs

15

Institutional delivery (lead agency)



Geographic area



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PARTICIPANTS

Number of participants

1.13 million

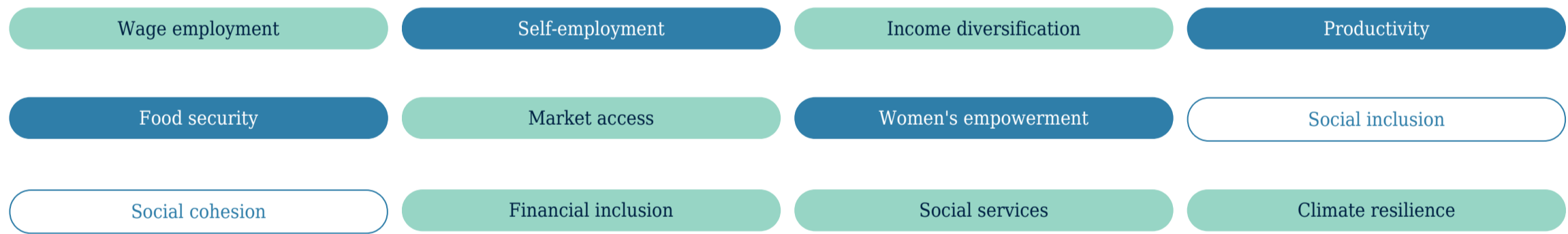
Number of people benefiting

4.87 million

Participants served by government-led programs (%)

86.66%

MAIN PROGRAM OBJECTIVES



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PARTICIPANT PROFILE

Targeted Poverty Segments



Targeted Population Groups



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CORE PROGRAM COMPONENTS



TRANSFER



BUSINESS CAPITAL



WAGE EMPLOYMENT FACILITATION



SKILLS TRAINING



COACHING



FINANCIAL SERVICES FACILITATION



MARKET LINKS



CLIMATE RESILIENCE SUPPORT

ECONOMIC INCLUSION PROGRAMS SURVEYED

Program Name	Year program began	Lead Agencies	Program Description	No. of Current Participants	% Female Participants	Poverty Targeting	Digital
Climate-Smart Agriculture and Water Management Project	2021	Bangladesh Water Development Board, Department of Agricultural Extension, and Department of Fisheries	The project aims to enhance climate resilience and productivity of targeted agriculture and fishery schemes through improved climate resilience of flood control, drainage, and irrigation infrastructure systems and climate-smart agriculture and fishery production and marketing.			Targets poor broadly	Yes
Economic Recovery of the Climate Migrants and New Poor Living in Climate Vulnerable Urban Low-Income Settlements	2022	BRAC	The project aims to address the challenges faced by climate migrants and the new poor by equipping them with skills and resources that support resilient livelihoods.	802	51-75% of participants	Targets poor broadly	Yes
Enhancing Resilience of Coastal Communities and Improving Income of Extreme Poor Households in Khulna District	2021	Shushilan	The project aims to strengthen the climate resilience of the extreme poor in Khulna and enhance the community's and local government's capacity to adapt to and prepare for climate-related disasters.	5,725	All (100% of participants are female)	Targets poor broadly	Yes
Gender Inclusive Pathways out of Poverty for Vulnerable Households in Cox's Bazar Project	2018	World Vision Bangladesh	The project aims to increase improve income, food security and nutrition, and financial, social and gender inclusion in ultra-poor households.	2,880	All (100% of participants are female)	Targets XP/UP only	Yes
Integrated Development Program (IDP)	2013	BRAC	The program aims to address the interconnected challenges of people living in extreme deprivation, including limited productive assets and social exclusion.	54,300	All (100% of participants are female)	Targets XP/UP only	Yes
Last Mile Rural Distribution	2013	JITA Bangladesh, with support from CARE Social Ventures (CSV)	The program supplies quality consumer goods promoting health, hygiene, and nutrition outcomes. Through this process the program also creates supplemental income opportunities through entrepreneurship.			Targets poor broadly	Yes
Recovery and Advancement of Informal Sector Employment	2021	Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF)	The program provides comprehensive support, including counseling, informal apprenticeships, life skills training, microfinance assistance and business management training to support beneficiaries.	40,000		Targets poor broadly	Yes
Skills Development Program (STAR and PROMISE)	2012	BRAC	STAR is a six-month apprenticeship-based training with job placements in the information economy for disadvantaged youth. The program also includes a business incubation component that comprises training, mentoring, and access to finance for small and micro-entrepreneurs.	17,193	26-50% of participants	Targets poor broadly	Yes
Strengthening Women's Ability for Productive New Opportunities (SWAPNO) Project.	2015	Local Government Division with technical support of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	SWAPNO supports productive employment and climate-adaptive livelihoods for ultra-poor rural female headed households.	12,492	All (100% of participants are female)	Targets XP/UP only	Yes
Sustainable Microenterprise and Resilient Transformation (SMART)	2023	Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF)	The program supports the green growth of microenterprises through access to finance, improved management and communication, knowledge generation, and monitoring and evaluation.			Does not target by poverty level	Yes

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Ultra Poor Graduation (UPG) Program	2002	BRAC	The program supports ultra-poor households in achieving sustainable livelihoods through a comprehensive, time-bound and sequenced set of interventions.	70,000	All (100% of participants are female)	Targets XP/UP only	Yes
Urban Green Graduation - Dhaka	2023	Concern Worldwide	The program supports populations in extreme poverty by providing consumption support, technical and business skills training, coaching and mentoring, access to financial services and capital, and asset transfers.			Targets XP/UP only	Yes

Only programs that have given their consent to share their program data are included in this table



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DNA: Does Not Apply; FY: Fiscal Year; FCV: Fragility, Conflict, and Violence; MPI: Multidimensional Poverty Index; NPL: National Poverty Line; N/A: Not available; WB: World Bank