

# ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK MEMBER FACT SHEET

## Bangladesh: 2020 Loans, Grants, Equity Investments, Technical Assistance, and Trade and Supply Chain Finance and Microfinance Program Commitments (\$ million)<sup>a</sup>

Product Type	Sovereign	Nonsovereign	Total
Loans	1,608.12	123.28	1,731.40
Grants	3.00	-	3.00
Technical Assistance <sup>b</sup>	18.04	1.18	19.22
Trade and Supply Chain Finance and Microfinance <sup>c</sup>	-	781.86	781.86
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,629.16</b>	<b>906.31</b>	<b>2,535.47</b>

- = nil, DMC = developing member country, TA = technical assistance.

Notes:

Commitment is the financing approved by ADB's Board of Directors or Management for which the legal agreement has been signed by the borrower, recipient, or the investee company and ADB.

Grants and TA include ADB-administered cofinancing.

<sup>a</sup> Numbers may not sum precisely because of rounding.

<sup>b</sup> Financing for TA projects with regional coverage is distributed to their specific DMCs where breakdown is available.

<sup>c</sup> ADB-financed commitments from nonsovereign revolving programs of which \$764.4 million is short term.

## Bangladesh: Cumulative Loans, Grants, Equity Investments, Technical Assistance, and Trade and Supply Chain Finance and Microfinance Program Commitments<sup>a, b, c, d</sup>

Sector	No.	Total Amount (\$ million) <sup>e</sup>	% of Total Amount <sup>e</sup>	COVID-19 Response (\$ million) <sup>e</sup>
<b>Projects and Technical Assistance</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>26,057.79</b>	<b>91.22</b>	<b>670.77</b>
Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Rural Development	188	2,686.48	9.40	10.00
Education	80	3,271.15	11.45	-
Energy	125	6,500.08	22.75	0.13
Finance	71	2,013.33	7.05	51.25
Health	34	496.79	1.74	107.75
Industry and Trade	34	511.65	1.79	0.21
Information and Communication Technology	1	3.34	0.01	-
Multisector	17	792.64	2.77	-
Public Sector Management	57	1,502.50	5.26	501.23
Transport	121	5,948.54	20.82	-
Water and Other Urban Infrastructure and Services	70	2,331.29	8.16	0.21
<b>Trade and Supply Chain Finance and Microfinance<sup>f</sup></b>	<b>7,578</b>	<b>2,509.41</b>	<b>8.78</b>	<b>613.58</b>
Finance	3,814	1,309.66	4.58	306.79
Industry and Trade	3,764	1,199.76	4.20	306.79
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,376</b>	<b>28,567.20</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>1,284.35</b>

- = nil, COVID-19 = coronavirus disease, DMC = developing member country, TA = technical assistance.

<sup>a</sup> Grants and TA include ADB-administered cofinancing.

<sup>b</sup> Includes sovereign and nonsovereign loans and technical assistance.

<sup>c</sup> Using primary sector in reporting of commitments.

<sup>d</sup> Financing for TA projects with regional coverage is distributed to their specific DMCs where breakdown is available.

<sup>e</sup> Numbers may not sum precisely because of rounding.

<sup>f</sup> ADB-financed commitments from nonsovereign revolving programs of which \$2.4 billion is short term.

ADB has adjusted its program priorities to help Bangladesh overcome the COVID-19 pandemic and challenges related to health and social protection, food security, skills development, rural development, water and sanitation, and the finance sector, among others.

## BANGLADESH

Over the past 25 years, Bangladesh has more than halved its incidence of poverty. The country's economy grew by an average of 6.9% from fiscal year (FY) 2011 to FY2019 and, despite the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, expanded by an estimated 5.2% in FY2020. The country gained lower middle-income status in 2015 and met the United Nations eligibility criteria to graduate from the least developed country status (LDC) in March 2018 with graduation to be effective in 2026.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has been supporting Bangladesh since 1973 and established its first field office in Dhaka in 1982. ADB is preparing a new country partnership strategy for 2021–2025, aligning with the Government of Bangladesh's Eighth Five Year Plan (FY2021–FY2025).

Since 1973, ADB has committed loans, grants, and technical assistance worth \$28.57 billion for Bangladesh. The country is a major recipient of ADB concessional resources. Cumulative loan and grant disbursements to Bangladesh amount to \$17.12 billion. These were financed by regular and concessional ordinary capital

resources, the Asian Development Fund, and other special funds.

### ADB-SUPPORTED PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

In 2020, ADB committed \$2.53 billion in sovereign and nonsovereign loans and grants, provided \$19.22 million in technical assistance, and mobilized \$1,730.76 million in sovereign and nonsovereign cofinancing for Bangladesh.

ADB provided \$500 million in budget support to help Bangladesh mitigate the socioeconomic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and accelerate economic recovery by offering: (i) salary support to workers in export-oriented industries; (ii) special honorariums for medical professionals; (iii) concessional loans to industries, including cottage, micro, small, and medium-sized



enterprises; and (iv) extended social protection assistance.

A \$50 million loan scaled up the Microenterprise Development Project to reinvigorate microenterprises affected by the pandemic, injecting liquidity into Bangladesh's rural economy and protecting or creating at least 90,000 jobs (70% for women).

Under the \$100 million COVID-19 Response Emergency Assistance Project, ADB is supporting government efforts to meet immediate public health requirements. The project covers urgently needed health equipment and medical supplies, equipping 17 medical college hospitals with isolation and critical care units, upgrading 19 laboratories with COVID-19 diagnostic facilities, and providing training to over 3,500 health workers (about 50% women).

ADB committed a \$100 million loan for the Rural Connectivity Improvement Project to construct 2,630 kilometers of rural roads, benefiting around 92 million people in 34 districts, while the \$160 million Khulna Sewerage System Development Project is establishing a state-of-the-art sustainable sewerage system for over 880,000 residents of this southwestern city.

ADB has also provided a \$200 million loan to boost the ongoing Bangladesh Power System Enhancement and

Efficiency Improvement Project, providing more efficient and reliable electricity supply to over 150,000 rural households in southwestern Khulna division.

ADB contributed over \$406 million to the South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Dhaka - Northwest Corridor Road Project, expanding a 190-kilometer section of a priority international trade and transport corridor connecting Bangladesh with Bhutan, India, and Nepal. ADB also committed \$50 million for the Strengthening Bangladesh Infrastructure Finance Fund Limited Project, which is funding and implementing public-private partnerships for infrastructure projects to create over 3,000 jobs and accelerate economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

A \$42 million loan for the Transport Connectivity Improvement Preparatory Facility will help prepare road and rail projects to promote multimodal transport and connectivity in Bangladesh, improving local and global supply chains, reducing transportation time and costs, and increasing competitiveness and efficiency.

## NONSOVEREIGN OPERATIONS

As a catalyst for private investments, ADB provides financial assistance to nonsovereign projects and financial intermediaries. Total commitments

in loans and equity investments from ADB's own funds in 2020 amounted to \$1.4 billion for 38 transactions in economic and social infrastructure, finance sector, and agribusiness. ADB also actively mobilizes cofinancing from commercial and concessional sources. In 2020, ADB mobilized \$1.9 billion of long-term project cofinancing and \$3.3 billion of cofinancing through its Trade and Supply Chain Finance Program and Microfinance Program. Total outstanding balances and commitments of nonsovereign transactions funded by ADB's own resources stood at \$14.3 billion as of 31 December 2020.

In 2020, commitments from ADB's own funds amounted to \$123.28 million for two power projects and an emergency working capital support for a dairy value chain project in Bangladesh. Trade and Supply Chain Finance and Microfinance commitments have reached \$781.86 million. Cofinancing totaled \$1,079.7 million. Total outstanding balances and commitments of ADB's nonsovereign transactions in the country as of 31 December 2020 was \$583.5 million, representing 4% of ADB's total nonsovereign portfolio.

## PARTNERSHIPS

ADB is a leading multilateral development partner for Bangladesh's transport, energy, education, and urban

### Bangladesh: Evaluation Results for Sovereign and Nonsovereign Operations, 2011–2020

	Total Number of Validated and Evaluated Projects and Programs	Evaluation Ratings		
		Highly successful and successful	Less than successful	Unsuccessful
Sovereign Operations	37	30	7	-
Nonsovereign Operations	2	2	-	-

-- = nil, IED = Independent Evaluation Department.

Note: The figures indicate the number of sovereign and nonsovereign operations in the country that have been validated or evaluated by the IED and their overall performance ratings. The coverage consists of all validated or evaluated project completion reports and extended annual review reports circulated by ADB within the 10-year period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2020. See [evaluations](#) related to Bangladesh.

Source: IED success rate database (as of 31 December 2020).

### Bangladesh: Projects Cofinanced, 1 January 2016–31 December 2020

Cofinancing	No. of Projects	Amount (\$ million)
Sovereign <sup>a</sup>	38	4,259.54
Loans	14	3,919.63
Grants	12	324.69
Technical Assistance	17	15.22
Nonsovereign	5	2,917.29

<sup>a</sup> A project with more than one source of cofinancing is counted once.

### Bangladesh: Ordinary Capital Resources Nonsovereign Commitments by Product

	2020	2016–2020
Number of Transactions Signed (OCR)	3	7
Number of Transactions Signed (Programs)	3,142	6,100
	Amount (\$ million)	
Loans	123.28	172.48
Equity Investments	-	60.00
Guarantees	-	-
Trade and Supply Chain Finance Program and Microfinance Program	781.86	1,674.09
<b>Total</b>	<b>905.14</b>	<b>1,906.57</b>

-- = nil, OCR = ordinary capital resources.

### Bangladesh: Portfolio Performance Quality Indicators for Sovereign Lending and Grants, 2019–2020

	2019 (\$ million)	2020 (\$ million)
No. of Ongoing Loans <sup>a</sup> (as of 31 Dec 2020)		67
Contract Awards <sup>b, c</sup>	1,588.41	873.11
Disbursements <sup>b</sup>	1,286.08	1,609.04
No. of Ongoing Grants <sup>a, d</sup> (as of 31 Dec 2020)		2
	2019 (\$ million) 2020 (\$ million)	
Contract Awards <sup>b, c, d</sup>	22.39	45.63
Disbursements <sup>b, d</sup>	15.28	38.63
At Risk Projects (%) (as of 31 Dec 2020)		4

<sup>a</sup> Based on commitments.

<sup>b</sup> Includes closed loans/grants that had contract awards or disbursements during the year.

<sup>c</sup> Excludes policy-based, results-based, and financial intermediation/credit loans and grants.

<sup>d</sup> Includes only Asian Development Fund and other ADB special funds.

## Bangladesh: Share of Procurement Contracts for Loan, Grant, and Technical Assistance Projects

Item	2019		2020		Cumulative (as of 31 Dec 2020)	
	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total
Goods, Works, and Related Services	869.04	6.13	1,275.94	5.60	11,004.84	5.09
Consulting Services	24.26	3.21	16.63	2.27	309.91	2.19
<b>Total Procurement</b>	<b>893.30</b>	<b>5.98</b>	<b>1,292.56</b>	<b>5.50</b>	<b>11,314.75</b>	<b>4.91</b>

### Top 5 Contractors/Suppliers from Bangladesh Involved in Goods, Works, and Related Services Contracts under ADB Loan and Grant Projects, 1 January 2016–31 December 2020

Contractor/Supplier	Sector	Contract Amount (\$ million)
Max Infrastructure Ltd.	TRA	631.72
Toma-CREC	TRA	228.32
Gandharbpur Water Treatment SNC	WUS	155.39
Abdul Monem Ltd.	TRA	115.97
Shanghai Electric and Reverie (JV)	ENE	81.28
Others		2,913.58
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,126.27</b>

CREC = China Railway Group Ltd.; ENE = energy; JV = joint venture; Toma = Toma Construction & Co. Ltd.; TRA = transport; WUS = water and other urban infrastructure and services.

### Top 5 Consultants from Bangladesh Involved in Consulting Services Contracts under ADB Loan, Grant, and Technical Assistance Projects, 1 January 2016–31 December 2020

Consultant	Sector	Contract Amount (\$ million)
E. Gen Consultants Ltd.	ANR, EDU, ENE, FIN, PSM, WUS	28.22
Mott MacDonald Ltd.	WUS	17.01
Development Design Consultants Ltd.	ANR, TRA, WUS	13.32
BETS Consulting Services Ltd.	ANR, TRA, WUS	6.84
Hifab International AB	WUS	4.22
Individual Consultants		12.74
Others		34.07
<b>Total</b>		<b>116.43</b>

ANR = agriculture, natural resources, and rural development; EDU = education; ENE = energy; FIN = finance; PSM = public sector management; TRA = transport; WUS = water and other urban infrastructure and services.

sectors. It is also an active member of the Local Consultative Group, a coordination mechanism for the government and its development partners.

ADB's Bangladesh Resident Mission conducts dialogue with diverse stakeholders, including the government, development partners, the private sector, and civil society organizations.

In 2020, ADB engaged extensively with the United Nations, the World Bank, bilateral donors, and other development partners and stakeholders to consult on ADB operations and development issues, including responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## FINANCING PARTNERSHIPS

Financing partnerships enable ADB's financing partners, governments or their agencies, multilateral financing institutions, and commercial organizations to participate in financing ADB projects. The additional funds are provided in the form of loans and grants, technical assistance, and other nonsovereign cofinancing such as B loans, risk transfer arrangements, parallel loans and equity, guarantee cofinancing, and cofinancing for transactions under ADB's Trade and Supply Chain Finance Program and Microfinance Program.

ADB began cofinancing operations in Bangladesh in 1974. Since then, sovereign cofinancing commitments for Bangladesh have amounted to \$10.87 billion for

69 investment projects and \$94.10 million for 109 technical assistance projects. Nonsovereign cofinancing for Bangladesh has amounted to \$4.37 billion for nine investment projects and \$0.22 million for one technical assistance project.

In 2020, Bangladesh received a total of \$651.06 million sovereign loan cofinancing from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, the Japan International Cooperation Agency, and the OPEC Fund for International Development for the COVID-19 Active Response and Expenditure Support Program.

A summary of projects with cofinancing from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2020 is available at [www.adb.org/countries/bangladesh/cofinancing](http://www.adb.org/countries/bangladesh/cofinancing).

## PROCUREMENT

Each year, ADB provides loans, grants, and technical assistance to fund projects and activities in its developing member countries and several billion dollars in contracts to procure goods, works, and consulting services. Most contracts are awarded on the basis of international competition, which is open to firms and individuals from all ADB members.

### Share of ADB's Procurement Contracts

#### Goods, Works, and Related Services

ADB's procurement contracts in Asia and the Pacific for goods, works, and

related services under loan and grant operations totaled \$14.19 billion in 2019 and \$22.79 billion in 2020. Cumulative procurement since 1966 has been \$216.35 billion covering 222,415 contracts.

For contractors and suppliers from Bangladesh, 24,853 contracts worth \$11 billion have been awarded since 1973.

#### Consulting Services

ADB's procurement contracts in Asia and the Pacific for consulting services under loan, grant, and technical assistance operations totaled \$756.72 million in 2019 and \$732.11 million in 2020. Cumulative procurement since 1966 has been \$14.13 billion covering 67,086 contracts.

For consultants from Bangladesh, 1,939 contracts worth \$309.91 million have been awarded since 1973.

## OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES

Despite significant socioeconomic development over the past decade, Bangladesh still faces huge infrastructure and skills deficits. Lengthy internal business processes often delay project approvals, while limited capacity of few executing and implementing agencies often leads to delays in project implementation.

In 2020, ADB continued special initiatives and policy dialogues to boost project implementation capacity, improve project readiness,

and enhance technical design covering environment, land acquisition, and involuntary resettlement. ADB's updated procurement policy and regulations, rolled out and operationalized in 2017, are helping ensure faster procurement and consultant recruitment as well as simpler and more effective fiduciary systems throughout the project cycle.

## FUTURE DIRECTIONS

During 2021–2023, ADB has a pipeline of 30 firm projects worth \$5.9 billion and 27 standby projects worth \$5.2 billion for

Bangladesh. The technical assistance program for 2021–2023 includes 39 projects worth about \$52 million (including cofinancing). Standby projects are included to build a strong pipeline of bankable initiatives in response to Bangladesh's needs, growing absorptive capacity, and project readiness.

ADB has adjusted program priorities to help Bangladesh overcome the COVID-19 pandemic and challenges related to health and social protection, food security, skills development, rural development, water and sanitation,

and the finance sector, among others. Climate resilience, gender inclusion, and balanced regional development continue to be core priorities. Support for the private sector and public–private partnership projects will be enhanced. To mobilize more resources, cofinancing opportunities will be leveraged and diverse financing tools and modalities (including policy-based loans, technical assistance, grants, equities, guarantees, B loans, and trade financing) will be explored. Technical assistance will be increased to emphasize innovation and promote new technologies.

## ABOUT BANGLADESH AND ADB

### ADB Membership

Joined 1973

### Shareholding and Voting Power

Number of shares held: 108,384 (1.019% of total shares)  
Votes: 147,498 (1.109% of total membership,  
1.703% of total regional membership)

\*Overall capital subscription: \$1.56 billion  
\*Paid-in capital subscription: \$78.06 million

\*United States dollar figures are valued at rate as of 31 December 2020.

### Contributions to Special Funds Resources

Bangladesh has contributed to the Technical Assistance Special Fund (TASF), which provides grants to borrowing members to help prepare projects and undertake technical or policy studies.

Contributions to the TASF (committed): \$0.05 million

**A H M Mustafa Kamal** is the Governor and **Fatima Yasmin** is the Alternate Governor for Bangladesh in ADB.

**Sameer Kumar Khare** is the Director and **Md. Azizul Alam** is the Alternate Director representing Bangladesh on the ADB Board of Directors.

**Manmohan Parkash** is the ADB Country Director for Bangladesh. The Bangladesh Resident Mission was opened in 1982 and provides the primary operational link for activities between ADB and the government, the private sector, civil society, development partners and other stakeholders. The resident mission engages in policy dialogue, country partnership strategy development and programming, and portfolio management, while also acting as a knowledge base on development issues in Bangladesh.

The Bangladesh government agency handling ADB affairs is the Ministry of Finance.

## ABOUT THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

ADB is a multilateral development bank owned by 68 members, 49 from Asia and the Pacific and 19 from other parts of the world. ADB's main instruments for helping its developing member countries are policy dialogue, loans, equity investments, guarantees, grants, and technical assistance. In 2020, lending volume was \$26.9 billion (149 projects), with technical assistance at \$293.56 million (275 projects) and grant-financed projects at \$1.08 billion (62 projects). In addition, \$16.41 billion was generated for sovereign and nonsovereign cofinancing in the form of loans and grants, B loans, risk transfer arrangements, guarantee cofinancing, parallel loans, parallel equity, and cofinancing for transactions under ADB's Trade and Supply Chain Finance Program and Microfinance Program. From 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2020, ADB's annual lending volume averaged \$19.69 billion. In addition, investment grants and technical assistance funded by ADB and Special Funds resources averaged \$805.5 million and \$230.81 million respectively over the same period. As of 31 December 2020, the cumulative commitments excluding cofinancing were \$323.17 billion in loans for 3,369 projects in 44 countries, \$11.3 billion in 495 grants, and \$5.01 billion in technical assistance grants, including regional technical assistance grants.

### Notes:

ADB recognizes "China" as the People's Republic of China.  
Figures are estimated by ADB unless otherwise stated. "\$" refers to United States dollars.  
Data are updated as of 31 December 2020 unless otherwise indicated.

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### Useful ADB websites

Asian Development Bank  
[www.adb.org](http://www.adb.org)

Annual Report  
[www.adb.org/documents/series/adb-annual-reports](http://www.adb.org/documents/series/adb-annual-reports)

Asian Development Outlook  
[www.adb.org/publications/series/asian-development-outlook](http://www.adb.org/publications/series/asian-development-outlook)

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