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Remarkable Progress since independence 50 years ago

Increased access to drinking water
- 68% (1990)
- 98% (2018)

High pace of poverty reduction
- 59% (1991)
- 20.5% (2019)

Increase in births registered
- 10% (2001)
- 56% (2019)
Government of Bangladesh and UNICEF – partnership for results

Decrease in stunting
42% (2013)
28% (2019)

Decreased under five mortality
140 to 40/1,000 live births

Universal access to primary education
61% (1987)
98% (2019)

98.1%
97.5%

Girls
Boys

(1987)
(2019)

with gender parity

81%

50%

% of children fully vaccinated

52% (2001)
84% (2020)
Areas for further progress and challenges ahead

57% of the households with children are poor in terms of multi-dimensional poverty

89% of children aged 1 to 14 years experiencing violent discipline method

Women aged 20 to 24 years married before 18 years 51.4%

Married before 15 years 15.5%

Wasting

2013 9.6% 2019 9.8%

Secondary education

Net enrollment rate 2019 - 66.7% (F: 73.5%, M: 62%)

75% of secondary graduates did not attain basic competencies

Climate change

7th most-affected country by extreme weather events

COVID-19

nation-wide school closure since 17 March 2020

LDC Graduation

in 2026 and expected impact (eg. aid, trade)

Demographic Changes

one of the fastest aging societies in the world
UNICEF CPD fully aligned with National Priorities and the UNSDCF

Six key themes including attaining SDGs, an inclusive, sustainable development pathway resilient to climate change and disasters, and mitigating the impact of LDC graduation

Five outcomes including equitable human development and wellbeing and gender equality

Equitable human development and well being
Sectoral – Health, Nutrition, Education and Skills, WASH, Social Protection and Child Protection

Cross-sectoral – equity, gender, disability, urban, climate change, risk-informed programming, innovation, etc.

Examples of collaboration with sister agencies:
- COVID 19: UNICEF (eg. RCCE), WHO (eg. IPC) and other agencies for COVID-19 Socioeconomic Response and Recovery Plan
- Generation Unlimited (youth skills development and employment): ILO, UNDP, UNICEF and World Bank
- Child marriage: UNFPA and UNICEF

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Factors Defining Success

Bangladesh needs to invest substantially more in children on a priority basis while the country’s demographic window of opportunity is still open.

The international community continues prioritization of Bangladesh in financial and technical assistance for development.

Walk the talk on evidence-based programming through rigorous monitoring, evaluation and scalable interventions.

Partnership not only with public sector but also private sector entities (eg. skills development, youth employability) and effective and meaningful participation of children and youth
Country Programme Priorities & Budget

Programme Priorities

- Universal Health Coverage
- Scaling up essential nutrition services for the unreached
- Response to COVID aftermath through quality inclusive education
- Climate resilient WASH services
- Emphasis on prevention of violence and improvement in access to justice
- Quality, integrated, adaptive, child-sensitive social protection services including Universal Child Grant

Early childhood development, gender, disability, urban, climate change adaptation integrated across the sectors

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