

Introduction

Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is a global humanitarian organization with a mission to work with people in poverty and distress to create just and positive change. ADRA Bangladesh belongs to the worldwide ADRA network, comprised of more than 120 supporting and implementing country offices. ADRA works with people in poverty and distress to create just and positive change through empowering partnerships and responsible action.

ADRA Bangladesh as a humanitarian and development organization, demonstrated strong capacity and commitment to serving vulnerable communities. ADRA Bangladesh has developed its expertise in these sectors and in various subsectors, specifically in Livelihood and Economic Development, Food Security, Mainstream and Technical Education, Community Health and Nutrition, Water & Sanitation, Hygiene Promotion, Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation, Disaster Risk Reduction, Emergency Response that includes Refugee (Rohingya) Response, Microfinance, etc. In all the programs, ADRA incorporated Gender and development and minority and disadvantaged people.

Through strategic partnerships, extensive field experience, and a deep understanding of local contexts, ADRA Bangladesh has successfully implemented numerous projects that have made a tangible impact on the lives of marginalized individuals and communities. With the project implementation experience, ADRA Bangladesh has built a robust physical and social infrastructure and skilled workforce to effectively address the evolving needs of the population.



Technical Expertise – Livelihood and Economic Development

ADRA Bangladesh's Economic Development program has been running successfully for over 25 years. ADRA is specialized in supporting livelihoods and agricultural value chains, offering training, technical assistance, and access to finance for smallholder farmers and micro-entrepreneurs. This support helps increase income, modernize agricultural practices, improve food security, and promote economic growth.

ADRA Bangladesh prioritizes gender equality and the establishment of community-based organizations (CBOs) for economic sustainability and community empowerment. It supports CBOs in identifying and addressing economic challenges, involving the communities in economic planning, and providing training and support for managing economic projects.

Over 20,500 women have been empowered through ADRA's community empowerment approach. ADRA facilitates community-owned initiatives like cooperatives, microfinance, and savings and credit programs to generate income and employment opportunities. ADRA also provides technical support for market access, identifying opportunities, providing information, and establishing market linkages.



Food Security

For over 24 years, ADRA Bangladesh has worked to contribute to food security and self-sustainability at the community level. The organization supports agricultural development programs by providing training, technical assistance, and access to quality seeds and inputs. ADRA emphasizes environmentally friendly farming methods like the System of Rice Intensification (SRI), which is cost-effective and yields higher results. Homestead gardening has also been successful in generating income and producing vegetables for household consumption.

ADRA Bangladesh conducts training, demonstration plots, and farmers' field schools (FFS) in collaboration with the agriculture extension department to boost agricultural production. Techniques such as dike cropping, crop rotation, organic fertilizers, integrated pest management, and safe agriculture are taught to community members. These practices have been applied for over 20 years in the Community Empowerment Project, with farmers learning about early variety crops suitable for different weather conditions.

To improve food security and address malnutrition, ADRA Bangladesh also implements nutrition programs. It educates communities on healthy eating, and infant and child feeding practices, and promotes locally available nutritious foods. Cooking demonstrations and providing nutritious food for slum children are key activities of the organization.



Education

ADRA Bangladesh recognizes the importance of education for social and economic growth. ADRA runs various educational projects, including formal and non-formal education, technical and vocational training (TVET), and life skill education.

For 13 years, ADRA Bangladesh has focused on improving the living conditions and educational environment of slum children. It supports formal education programs by providing access to quality education through school construction, scholarships, and teacher training.

Non-formal education initiatives, such as tuition for formal school students, adult literacy programs, and life skills education, are also implemented. These programs empower individuals and communities, equipping them with knowledge and skills for better socio-economic well-being. ADRA Bangladesh also educates parents through adult literacy sessions and prepares slum children for enrollment in government primary schools.

ADRA Bangladesh has also developed the capacity to provide vocational education and employment support, especially for female youth and young mothers. ADRA Bangladesh offers professional technical training in areas including beautification and links the participants to the job market and supports their entrepreneurship. Throughout all the education programs, awareness of child rights and various social issues (gender, early child marriage, child labor, education, and others) are emphasized among parents and communities.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene and Health Promotion

ADRA Bangladesh supports vulnerable communities in development of these communities by supporting water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) and health promotion and awareness campaigns.

ADRA Bangladesh supports initiatives to improve access to safe water, including building water supply infrastructure, rehabilitating, or repairing existing systems, and providing water purification systems. Besides, awareness raising on WASH through health sessions is a regular project activity. Through groups, the (WASH) promotion lessons are shared among the community people. ADRA Bangladesh organizes training on health and hygiene so the vulnerable community can protect themselves from general diseases.

ADRA projects distribute sanitary latrines according to area-specific needs. This helps with practicing the learning. Installing tube wells has been an additional health service for the community. Maintenance and repair committees have also been formed for the effective service of tube well wells.

ADRA assists in providing child and maternal health support at the community level. Its education projects offer regular health check-ups offering basic medication and referral services, and children's growth is monitored with Body Mass Index (BMI) records. The community projects train and support community-level midwives.



Climate Change and Disaster Response

ADRA Bangladesh prioritizes climate change and emergency management in its mission. ADRA Bangladesh began its work in the country to respond to a humanitarian crisis caused by the country's liberation war. Since then, the organization has actively responded to the major disasters and humanitarian crises of the country for over 50 years including natural disasters like floods, cyclones, earthquakes, and droughts, as well as complex emergencies such as the Covid-19 situation and the Rohingya refugee response. Especially, for the Rohingya response, ADRA Bangladesh partnered with different partners including UNHCR, IMO, WFP, and local NGOs provided Site Management Support (SMS) in the major Rohingya camps established shelters and infrastructure, distributed food and NFI materials, and organized various types of awareness sessions regarding WASH.

ADRA Bangladesh has an updated emergency response plan (NEMP) and responds to various types of emergencies, ADRA plays a critical role in emergency response, providing relief supplies like food, water, shelter materials, health equipment, and cash. ADRA also assesses the impact of disasters on communities.

ADRA is a member of the Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR) and nationally ADRA is a member of the Localization Technical Working Group, Haor Advocacy Platform, Need Assessment Working Group, and Bangladesh Shelter Cluster.



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In addition to the immediate response, ADRA Bangladesh also engages in early recovery and rehabilitation activities. This includes supporting communities in rebuilding their homes, rehabilitating infrastructure, and restoring livelihoods to promote long-term recovery and resilience.

Above all, ADRA Bangladesh understands very well that prevention is better than cure, especially in the context of climate change and disasters. Therefore, the organization has put efforts to prepare the communities and build their capacity to mitigate and adapt to predictable crises. It raises awareness about area-specific environmental and disaster issues and supports to development of disaster preparedness plans and builds response capacity by collaborating with local communities and authorities. ADRA trains and build the capacity of community-based disaster committees on preparedness and responses. Also, the organization works with communities to identify and implement adaptation measures such as raising flood shelters, promoting climate-smart agriculture, and developing early warning systems.



Microfinance

Along with the growing demand for micro-credit, as well as being the medium of poverty reduction, ADRA Bangladesh started micro-credit activities at the end of 2015 with a separate legal entity by accepting micro-credit as one of the mediums of development. Currently, ADRA Bangladesh Microfinance is operating 3 branches supporting over 1,800 rural populations with annual loan disbursement of \$400,000 on average.

With the aim of creating self-employment opportunities for the targeted people, socio-economic development, increasing human dignity and rights, and building a hunger and poverty-free society, ADRA Bangladesh takes microfinance as a key instrument.

Partnerships and Participation

ADRA Bangladesh has developed excellent relationships with both international and local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and community-based organizations (CBOs) in Bangladesh, and often partners with organizations to further our objectives.

We view collaboration as a cost-effective and timesaving means for implementing projects, sharing lessons, and combining technical experience and expertise for maximum project impact.



ADRA Bangladesh's Projects

Donor Award Amount and Duration	Project Title	Targeted Areas and No. of Beneficiaries	Project Interventions
SIDA (SMC), ADRA Sweden and Water for All Total US\$: 1,718,141 BDT: 147,760,140. (Jan 2022- Dec2026)	Community Empowerment Project (CEP II)	Mymensingh, Manikganj, Khulna 4500 Direct beneficiaries 2250 indirect beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish cooperative societies. Improvement of food security, livelihood, and socio-economic conditions Increase access to and utilization of better health services. Increase the awareness and sensitization of service receivers and service providers on Human Rights violations. Capacity Strengthening of community and DMCs Capacity development of organizational (ADRA)
ADRA Czech Republic Total US\$: 52,000 (Jan2023- Dec 2023)	Chalantika Slum Children Development Project (CSCDP) Phase 10	Chalantika Slum, Mirpur 85 Children in the center 100 outside 85 Mother	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Run an education center for providing non-formal Education Mothers' awareness of Children's education, child rights and health and hygiene, and child protection Provide Education materials, uniforms, and shoes Growth monitoring, Nutritional awareness, nutritious food, health checkups, and medicine support to students. Awareness of social issues (early marriage, child labor) and on child rights, Adult literacy for mothers.
Missao Crista Mundial Inc-USA and Missao Crista Mundial Inc-Brazil Total US\$: 45,247.68 Jan 2017- Dec 2021	House of Hope Project-Dinajpur (HoHP)	Balubari, Kumarpara, Dinajpur Sadar-5200 250 beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a center/house for young girls and women. Provide psychosocial counseling Provide non-formal education Provide shelter facilities to re-integrate the community Develop a panel of lawyers to provide legal counseling Provide advocacy services to girls and women who are trafficked and sexually harassed
ADRA Czech Republic, ADRA Korea, ADRA Poland, Malfini Total US\$: 18,457 (Jan 2019- Dec 2023)	Children Sponsorship Project (CSP)	1. Dhaka 2. Gazipur 3. Joypurhat 4. Gopalganj 860 Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide Education to Slum children Mother on Children's education and health and hygiene Provide Education materials, uniforms, and shoes Provide health checkups to students. Awareness program with mothers on child rights & health
ADRA Korea, ADRA Poland, ADRA Czech, Brazil Total USD: 45,324.99 Jan-2020 – Dec 2023	Tongi Children Education Program (TCEP)	Ershad Nagar, Tongi 216 Direct beneficiaries 1080 indirect beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide Education to Slum children. Mother on Children's education, health, and hygiene. Provide Education materials. Provide Uniforms and shoes. Provide health checkups to students. Awareness events with mothers on child rights & health
SIDA (SMC), ADRA Sweden and Water for All Total US\$: 1,139,371 (Jan 2019- Dec2021)	Community Empowerment Project (CEP I)	Mymensingh, Manikganj, Khulna 12000 Direct beneficiaries 60000 indirect beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish cooperative societies. Improvement of food security, livelihood, and socio-economic conditions Increase access to and utilization of better health services. Increase the awareness and sensitization of service receivers and service providers on Human Rights violations. Capacity Strengthening of community and DMCs Organizational (ADRA) capacity development



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ADRA International and ADRA Asia Total US\$: 111, 429 (Jan 2019- June 2021)	Avail and Access Medication	Tildanga Union, Dacope Sub-district, Khulna District Direct Beneficiaries: 8800 Indirect Beneficia- ries: 40,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build Boat clinic for community services. • Community awareness of boat clinic service • Provide Health services to communities. • Build Locally modified ambulances built. • Community awareness of first aid, safety and security • Partnerships with local stakeholders
ADRA China Total US\$: 252, 211 Aug5, 2020 to Sept. 5, 2020	Emergency Relief to Cyclone Victims in Bangladesh	Dacape and Koyra Upazilas of Khulna District 2150 Households	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food packages distribution • NFI distribution
ADRA Germany and ADRA New Zealand USD. 117,926 BDT. 10,006,076 Sept 15, 2019 - Mar 15, 2020	Rohingya Refugees Access to Safe and Improved Shelter and Infrastructures	Teknaf, Hilna Union, Cox's Bazar 49455 beneficiaries 1000 families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure development: Shelters building, Drainage repair, Bamboo bridge improvement, Pathways • Awareness: Parent's awareness of child rights& education, Adolescents' awareness of their rights and safety • Psychosocial support for adolescents • Market assessment to identify suitable and viable opportunities for vocational training. • New skill development training curriculum developed. • Life skills and vocational Training for Host community adolescents
UNHCR Total US\$4,307,414 (Jan-Dec2018) Total US\$4,802,526 (Jan-2019 to Dec 2019)	Assistance in Infrastructure, Shelter and Site Management for Rohingya Refugees (RISSM)	a) Chakmarkul/ Kerontoli b) Jadimura c) Nayapara Extension d) Nayapara registered camp) 94,858 beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the capacity of the appointed CiC officials across the camps to ensure that they are aware of their own roles and responsibilities. • Establishment of an elected camp committee • DRR activities
IHA-ADRA CANADA (Apr 1, 2018- – Jun 30, 2018) CAD 585,316 BDT. 37,102,500	Critical Emergency Assistance to Rohingya Refugees (CEARR) II in Bangladesh 2019	Camp 15 (Jamtoli), area of Palong Khali Union, Ukhkia Upazila 72,486 beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection and WASH • (WGSS/ CFS/ SGBV awareness)
IHA- ADRA CANADA (April 2018- Sep 2018) CAD905,865	Emergency Suffering Reduction Assistance to Rohingya Refugees (ESRARR)	Camp 15 (Jamtoli), Palong Khali Union, Ukhkia Upazila 32693 beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection and WASH • (Shelter Kits/ NFI/ Site improvement/ Dignity Kits/WGSS/ CFS/ SGBV awareness)
KOICA and ADRA Korea May. 2015 – April. 2018 281,025 USD	Operation of Children Center in Mirpur Slum Project	Ward No – 09, Dhaka City Corporation. 15/7 Anonda Nagar, Thana: Darus Salam, Mirpur-1, Dhaka-1216. 145children /100 families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational Sessions: Day-care class, After-school class • Public school enrolment • Scholarship Program • Health and Sanitation Session, Growth monitoring of children, medical service: • Meals and snacks/personal hygiene • Parents' educational workshop & Awareness Sessions



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SIDA & AusAID More than \$10 million USD Since 1998 - Feb 15, 2019	Women's Empowerment Project	Gouripur, Mymensingh Indirect 38,466 and 8827 Director Beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic development Institution building Adult literacy Health Awareness Kitchen gardening Awareness on gender gaps and rights
Lakarmissionen \$1 million USD 2008 – Dec 31, 2020	Capacity Building for Farmers Families	Fulbaria, Mymensingh 6,000 direct beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training on modern agriculture methods Seed harvesting Proper selection of plant variety Organic fertilizers
AusAID & NZAID \$3 million USD 1996-2013	Homesite Resource Development Project	Birol, Saidpur and Fulbaria of Dinajpur 5,000 direct beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Savings and credit IGA training Homestead gardening Small business and handicraft Awareness on social issues and domestic violence
KOIKA, Lakarmissionen, ADRA Sweden, Italy, Netherlands, and Japan \$1 million USD 1995-1997	Mother and Child Health Project	Mymensingh, Khulna and Dhaka 27,000 Mothers 8,000 Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and nutrition training Feeding malnourished children Health counseling and hospital referrals Immunization Cooking demonstrations Personal hygiene
KOIKA, ADRA I, ADRA CZ and Lakarmissionen \$3 million USD 2009-2020	Social Integration for Street Children Development Project	Mymensingh, Khulna and Dhaka 1,200 Mothers 1,200 Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informal education for school dropouts and street children Enroll children in public school system Vocational training for special cases
SIDA, ADRA Sweden \$900,000 USD Since 2005 -2007	Flood Mitigation Project	Different sub-districts of Manikgonj 31,500 Beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formation of VDMC (Village Disaster Management Committee) Link VDMC with the government structure Raise public infrastructure above flood level Raise houses above the flood level with beneficiary partnerships
AsianAID, AusAID, NZAID, SIDA ADRA I and Netherlands \$2.5 million USD 2000-2002	Water Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion (WASH) Project	Mymensingh, Netrokona, Tangail, Gopalganj, Barisal, Faridpur, Manikgonj and Dinajpur 20,000 Beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training on waterborne and airborne disease Health Awareness Latrine installation Tube-well installation
ADRA Network, WFP, UNDP, SIDA NZAID, AUSAID More than \$10 million USD 50 years	Disaster Response (Relief and Recovery)	Every major disaster in most districts of Bangladesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relief distribution Temporary and permanent shelter Livelihood recovery Cyclone-resistant homes Introducing drought resistance crops

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