EMPOWERING WOMEN AND YOUTH THROUGH GRADUATION AND FINANCIAL INCLUSION IN BANGLADESH

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

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PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVE (DESCRIPTION)

This project will empower 13,000 participants (600 Graduation and 12,400 financial inclusion) aged 18 in two upazilas (sub-districts), Sadar and Ulipur, in the Kurigram district in Bangladesh to reach economic self-sufficiency through access to financial inclusion and social protection mechanisms. In conjunction with projects in Vietnam and Mexico, these three concurrent pilots will serve to drive

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

- Transfers
- Wage employment facilitation
- Coaching
- Business capital
- Financial services facilitation
- Market links
- Skills training
- Natural resource management and or climate change adaptation

AVERAGE PROGRAM DURATION FOR PROGRAM BENEFICIARIES

- Under one year
- Between one and three years
- More than three years

DO PARTICIPANTS ACCESS COMPONENTS IN A SPECIFIC SEQUENCE?

YES

DIGITIZATION

- Transfers
- Coaching
- Business capital
- Financial services facilitation
- Market links
- Skills training

PARTICIPANT PROFILE

TARGETED POVERTY GROUPS
- Extreme poor
- Ultra-poor

PRIORITY VULNERABLE GROUPS
- Women
- Youth
- Displacement-affected

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Age
- Sex
- Poverty status
- Physical condition
- Having dependents

PARTICIPANT IDENTIFICATION METHODS

- Geographic targeting
- Categorical targeting
- Community-based targeting
- Proxy Means Test
- Government social registry

COUNTRY INFORMATION

- Country: Bangladesh
- Region: South Asia
- Leading Implementing Agency: Concern Worldwide
- Type: NGO
- Start date: 09/01/2017
- End date: 08/01/2020
- Primary entry point: Livelihoods and Jobs
- P-Code (WB Programs): DNA

LENDING CATEGORY (WB ONLY)

- IDA: 163.00
- FCV country (WB FY20 list): No
- Total population (million): 163.00
- Poverty headcount (NPL): 24.30%
- Poverty headcount ($1.90/day PPP 2011): 14.79%
- Poverty headcount (MPI): 40.78%
- No. economic inclusion programs in the country: 11
- No. beneficiaries (direct & indirect) of economic inclusion programs in the country: 6,593,687
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### PLANNED RESEARCH AND EVALUATION

**EVALUATION/RESEARCH TYPES**  
Economic evaluation  
Impact evaluation

**IMPACT EVALUATION TOPICS**  
Overall impact

**NAME RESEARCH PARTNERS**  
Not confirmed yet.

**DATE WHEN RESULTS AVAILABLE**  
2021

**LINK TO PUBLISHED WORK**  
N/A

Data submitted/updated as of 12/12/2019, through PEI’s Landscaping Survey via [https://enketo.ona.io/x/0ah4Y58C](https://enketo.ona.io/x/0ah4Y58C)

### PROGRAM COVERAGE

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<td>13,000</td>
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- Percentage of country population: 0.04%
- Percentage of country population under the poverty line: 0.15%
- Geographic coverage: One state/region

### INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

**ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN IMPLEMENTATION PROVIDING FINANCING**

- National/central government
- Regional/district government
- Local/municipal government
- Nongovernmental organization
- Community
- Financial Service Provider
- World Bank
- Multilateral organization (not WB)
- Bilateral organization
- Private sector organization

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**COMPONENTS DELIVERED THROUGH COMMUNITY**

- Business capital
- Skills Training
- Coaching
- Financial services facilitation
- Market Links

**COMMUNITY STRUCTURES LEVERAGED FOR PROGRAM DELIVERY**

- Informal community groups
- Formal community groups
- Formalized producer organizations
- Local governance group

**DOES THE PROGRAM CREATE/STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY STRUCTURES/GROUPS?**

- YES

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