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**Bangladesh**

## Priorities

Support the sustainable economic and social development of Bangladesh and the consolidation of its democracy.

In view of Bangladesh's vulnerability to natural disasters, the EU supports climate change adaptation and mitigation.

**Implementation of the Sustainability Compact agreement, signed after the Rana Plaza factory collapse in April 2013, which killed more than 1100 workers. The European Union extended its support to Bangladesh in order to improve labour, health and safety conditions for workers, as well as to encourage responsible behaviour by businesses.**

## Top 3 Facts

Total exports now represent some 20% of Bangladesh's GDP; development assistance represents only 2%. More than half of Bangladesh's exports go to the EU (€10.4 billion in 2013). Between 2010 to 2013, Bangladesh's export to the EU had grown by 56.6%.

The EU together with its Member States is also the world's largest provider of grant assistance and of humanitarian assistance to Bangladesh, contributing around 500 million per year.

EU assistance (EC budget) concentrates mostly on education and health, good governance and human rights, trade and economic development, disaster preparedness and the environment, and food security.

## Did you know?

Bangladesh is one of the countries with the largest population density: **152 million people** live on 147,570 sq. kilometres.

Bangladesh is the cradle of microcredit; the scheme was first started by **Professor Muhammad Yunus in 1976**.

Remittances sent by Bangladeshis living abroad amount to **11%** of its Gross Domestic Product.

**Bangladesh:**  
A mother signing the birth registration form.



**Development assistance:**  
The EU is contributing € 1 million to the provision of affordable and sustainable healthcare for vulnerable people, helping to cut child mortality, improve maternal health, and stop the spread of HIV/AIDS and malaria.



**Development assistance:**  
Childrens.



**Development assistance:**  
Rehabilitation of cyclone SIDR affected livelihood.

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EEAS page on Bangladesh:

[http://eeas.europa.eu/bangladesh/index\\_en.htm](http://eeas.europa.eu/bangladesh/index_en.htm)

DEVCO pages on Bangladesh:

[http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/asia/country-cooperation/bangladesh/bangladesh\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/asia/country-cooperation/bangladesh/bangladesh_en.htm)

ECHO page on Bangladesh:

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TRADE page on Bangladesh:

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EU Delegation to Bangladesh:

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