



# Bangladesh

## Summary of country engagement at SWA

### Priority country : Climate Action

Bangladesh joined SWA in 2010. Bangladesh has made remarkable progress in advancing access to water and sanitation services by increasing access to drinking water to 98% and reducing open defecation practices to almost zero in 2019 (1.5%). The Pro-poor strategy for sanitation in Bangladesh is helping to identify all hardcore poor households whose basic minimum need for sanitation is not met and then providing them the basic minimum service level by giving them preference in resource allocation. In 2018, 74.8% of the population had a handwashing station with water and soap in their premises. The major WASH challenge Bangladesh is now facing is to improve hygiene practices and sustainability of WASH services, predominantly water quality and safe disposal of human excreta to fully realize health and wellbeing outcomes for the poorest. In achieving this, the sector must also overcome climate change impacts which is both directly and indirectly affecting the sustainability, continuity and quality of WASH services.

### Commitments by the government

Commitment	Body / Organizations	Target Year	Progress Description	Constituency	Progress
Ensure that at least 2 million more people in arsenic contaminated areas gain access to safe, arsenic-free water.	Local Government Division, Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development & Cooperatives	2022		Government	Reviewing progress

<b>Commitment</b>	<b>Body / Organizations</b>	<b>Target Year</b>	<b>Progress Description</b>	<b>Constituency</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Increase access to safely managed sanitation by 5%, bringing basic sanitation to 75% of the population.	Local Government Division, Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development & Cooperatives	2022		Government	Reviewing progress
Increase at least 5% of the national WASH budget allocated to promote hygiene for all, including handwashing and menstrual hygiene management.	Local Government Division, Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development & Cooperatives	2022		Government	Reviewing progress
Increase government's yearly budget by USD 250 million for the WASH sector, reducing the budget gap by 50% in each fiscal year.	Local Government Division, Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development & Cooperatives	2022		Government	Reviewing progress

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Advocate for Ministry of Finance to approve separate budget lines for water, sanitation and hygiene by 2021, to support tracking sector financing to reach SDG 6 targets.	Local Government Division, Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development & Cooperatives	2021		Government	Reviewing progress

## Commitments by partners

Commitment	Body / Organizations	Target Year	Progress Description	Constituency	Progress
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<p>The CSOs along with Network of Networks will actively pursue with the Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Ministry and General Economic Division to ensure at least 70% of the poorest people including marginalized women, children, PWD, ethnic minority have access to safely managed WASH including proper menstrual hygiene management service by 2025.</p>	<p>Network of Networks</p>	<p>2025</p>		<p>Civil Society</p>	<p>Reviewing pro</p>
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The CSOs, along with Network of Networks, will conduct pre- and post-budget advocacy with the government to support the creation of an enabling environment for the private sector and local entrepreneurs to provide WASH services. Micro finance institutions will increase 10% WASH loan.	Network of Networks	2021		Civil Society	Reviewing pro
The CSOs will pursue with the government to increase at least 10% CSO members in the WASH related committees by 2021 and ensure participation of CSOs in the national level SDG tracking and implementation progress of SDGs.	Network of Networks	2021		Civil Society	Reviewing pro

<p>The CSOs, along with Network of Networks, will lobby to increase government's yearly WASH budget by USD 250 million for the WASH sector, reducing the budget gap by 50% in each fiscal year, as well as to secure more investments in hard to reach areas and people, including slums/ low income communities (LIC), arsenic prone areas, tea garden, costal and hilly areas.</p>	<p>Network of Networks</p>	<p>2025</p>		<p>Civil Society</p>	<p>Reviewing pro</p>
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The CSOs along with Network of Networks will organize workshops and meetings with the Local Government Division at National Level to increase meaningful participation of the women and excluded groups in the Local Government Institutions(LGIs) meetings by 2022, so that their voices and demands are reflected in the WASH budget of LGIs.	Network of Networks	2022		Civil Society	Reviewing pro
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## Focal Points

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