

Bangladesh

Australia's aid partnership with Bangladesh

Australia will provide [A\\$111.5 million in bilateral ODA to Bangladesh in 2026–27](#). As a strategic partner in South Asia, Australia has supported Bangladesh's development for over five decades, focusing on economic resilience, climate adaptation, and crisis response. Australia's assistance aligns with Bangladesh's priorities of sustainable growth, social inclusion, and disaster resilience, particularly in light of recurrent climate disasters such as the 2024 floods affecting six million people. Bangladesh has a population of approximately 171.5 million and a [Gross National Income Per Capita of US\\$2,820 \(2024\)](#).

Development challenges

Bangladesh [ranks 130 out of 193 on the Human Development Index](#). It faces multifaceted development challenges, including:

- Poverty and inequality
- High climate vulnerability
- Rohingya refugee crisis
- Significant gender disparities
- Overburdened health systems

Priority sectors

[Australian ODA to Bangladesh by Sector Group, 2026-27 budget estimate:](#)

- Humanitarian (56%)
- Education (19%)
- Governance (11%)
- Agriculture, Trade and other Production Sectors (5%)
- Multisector and General Development Support (3%)
- Health (6%)
- Economic Infrastructure and Services (1%)

Project spotlights

1. [Health Clinics in Cox's Bazar](#)

Delivered by: Save the Children with Humanity and Inclusion

Objective: to make sure health services meet the needs of all residents of Cox's Bazar, no matter what their ability.

2. [Blue-economy and Inclusive Development for Climate Justice \(BID4CJ\)](#)

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Objective: to mobilise communities to restore coastal and marine ecosystems that provide livelihoods and protection from climatic vulnerabilities.

Sources

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