

## THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE PROJECT

In partnership with BRAC, Smarter Solutions for Bangladesh has applied the unique, renowned Copenhagen Consensus methodology to spending priorities for Bangladesh.

More than 800 people from government, NGOs, businesses, donors, multilateral organizations and academia identified 76 promising solutions for Bangladesh. More than 30 top economists have established the costs and benefits of each.

This research has been presented to the readers of Bangladesh's largest newspapers. The solutions are being discussed and ranked at Rural Villages Forums and Youth Forums across the country.

An Eminent Panel vetted the over 1,000 pages of new analyses in detail, including questioning the academics at a 3-day conference in Dhaka, hosted by Copenhagen Consensus president Bjorn Lomborg, to identify some of the smartest ways to help.

## THE EMINENT PANEL

Finn Kydland, Nobel Laureate Economist

Selima Ahmad, president and founder of Bangladesh Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry

KAS Murshid, Director General of the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies

Mushtaque Chowdhury, Vice Chair, BRAC

## PRACTICAL NEW RESEARCH YOU CAN USE

The Eminent Panel looked at the benefits gained for Bangladesh for every taka spent on each of the analyzed initiatives. Using this document and our research you can form your own opinions about the smartest policies.

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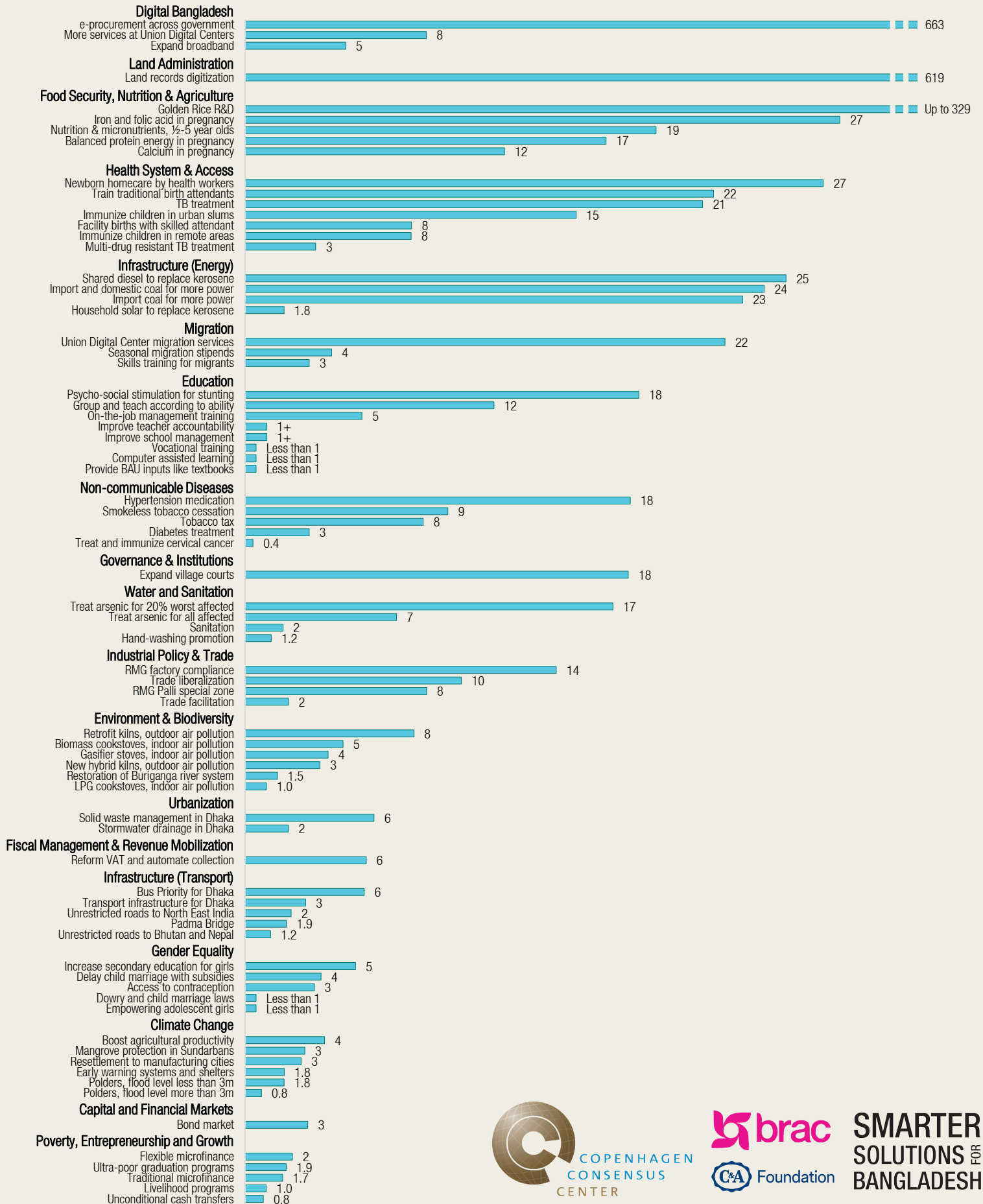
We give tailwind to good ideas and headwind to bad ones.

Shifting just 1% of spending could generate trillions of takas and billions of dollars worth of social, environmental and economic benefits for Bangladesh.



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# SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS FOR EVERY TAKA OR DOLLAR SPENT



All benefit-cost ratios are comparable. If you spend one more taka for example on Newborn Homecare, you will do 27 takas worth of social, economic and environmental good. If you spend a taka on UDC migration services you will do 22 takas of good. In principle, all benefits are included. The benefits of providing access to contraception is not only in lower child and maternal mortality but also more schooling and higher incomes. The benefit of mangrove protection in the Sundarbans is not just in protection against cyclones but also in increased fish production, higher biodiversity, ecotourism and CO<sub>2</sub> storage. You can read the summaries and academic papers behind these numbers at [www.bangladesh-priorities.com](http://www.bangladesh-priorities.com)