

BANGLADESH PRIORITIES

SMARTER SOLUTIONS FOR BANGLADESH



Top Ideas for Cost-Benefit Research

Capital and Financial Markets

- Establish a formal bond market.

Climate Change

- Install dikes, seawalls and coastal vegetation for flood prevention.
- Strengthen early warning detection systems and shelters.
- Reduce fossil fuels subsidies.
- Install more renewable energy.
- Resettle and incentivize populations to move away from coast.
- Boost agricultural and fishery productivity for climate adaptation.

Digital Bangladesh

- Scaling up e-procurement across government.
- Establish e-filing (tracking of government processes online).
- Expand broadband across Bangladesh.
- Expand the number of services provided in Union Digital Centers.

Education

- Expand early childhood development, preschools and nutrition.
- Improve education quality.
- Increase number of years of schooling.
- Provide on-the-job training.

Environment & Biodiversity

- Clean Buriganga and other Dhaka rivers.
- Expand use of clean cookstoves.
- Community-based natural resource management.
- Reduce air pollution from brick kilns and transport.

Fiscal Management & Revenue Mobilization

- Strengthen tax base.

Food Security, Nutrition & Agriculture

- Provide package of micronutrients, deworming to 0-2 year olds.
- R&D into new rice and vegetable varieties.
- Incorporate basic nutrition into extension services.
- Promotion of complementary feeding.*
- Homestead food production of animal source foods.*
- Balanced energy protein supplementation in pregnancy, including micronutrient supplementation.*

Gender Equality

- Provide subsidies and incentives to reduce child marriage.
- Strengthen dowry and child marriage laws.
- Expand female empowerment programs.
- Increase access to sexual and reproductive health rights.
- Reduce violence against women.
- Promotion of delayed first age of birth and interventions to increase girl's secondary schooling.*

Governance & Institutions

- Removing unnecessary steps in government processes (services process simplification).
- Expand village courts.
- Transparency, judicial and institutions reform.

Health System & Access

- Expand detection and treatment of TB.
- Tobacco cessation during pregnancy.*
- More community clinics.
- Better referrals between different parts of health system.
- Interventions to reduce child and maternal mortality.
- Increased immunization services.

Industrial Policy & Trade

- Expansion of software industry.
- Create RMG Special Zones.
- Expand factory compliance and labor laws.
- Trade liberalization.
- Trade facilitation.
- Enact motor vehicles agreement with Bhutan, India and Nepal.

Infrastructure (Energy)

- Energy sharing with regional neighbors (Bhutan, India, Nepal).
- Coal.
- Gas.
- Nuclear.
- Distributed solar.

Infrastructure (Transport)

- Build Padma bridge.
- Expand private transport infrastructure (roads, flyovers, parking facilities).
- Expand public transport infrastructure (metro, BRT).

Land Administration

- Implement Land Information / Cadastral System.

Migration

- Stipends for seasonal migration to escape hunger during famine season.
- Union Digital Centers to formalize migration.
- Skills training for migration.

Non-communicable Diseases

- Tobacco regulation including increased tax.
- Cervical cancer screening and prevention.
- Integrating NCDs into primary healthcare.
- Provision of hypertension medication through community methods.

Poverty Growth and Entrepreneurship

- Expand BRAC's Targeting the Ultra-poor program.
- Expand cash transfers for poverty reduction.
- Expand livelihood programs.
- Expand traditional microfinance.
- Expand flexible microfinance.

Urbanization

- Expand drainage to cover 80% of Dhaka.
- Solid waste management for urban centers.

Water and Sanitation

- Increase access to safe drinking water including addressing arsenic contamination.
- Increase access to sanitation.
- More hand-washing facilities.



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