

## Ideas to Improve Bangladesh's Population and Demography

- Ensure infrastructure for the aging cohort in labor force.
- Better economic and health benefits to the elderly.
- Increase women's safety in public places.
- Raise awareness of all adolescents about consequences of early age marriage.
- Train birth attendants.
- Offer grants to population scientists for research and development (R&D).
- Ensure sanitation and other SRH facilities for women garments worker.
- Provide education and health service to urban slum population.
- Integrate insurance protection with pension system for aging population.
- Ensure electricity for all [strong correlation between electricity availability and fertility rate].
- Prioritize women's education through various incentives to reduce child marriage.
- Increase budget for family planning activities.
- Reduce the unmet need for contraception targeting married couples.
- Lengthening compulsory education period for both girls and boys.
- Continue with communicable disease programs.
- Modify health systems to cope with non-communicable causes of death.
- Integrate nutrition with healthcare service for lowering the poor's mortality level.
- Bring fertility rate to replacement level.
- Prioritize educational investment - focus on technical and vocational education.
- Follow China's "in situ" model through the growth of town and village enterprises.
- Initiate skill development programs for those going overseas as contract workers.
- Increase less-skilled labor migration opportunities to delay childbearing.
- Increase coverage of social safety net programs.
- Ensure greater involvement of women in the labor force.
- Undertake campaigns to address gender-based violence with a special focus on enlisting the support of men for these programs.
- Ease migration financing.
- Deepening credit market access targeting the extreme poor.
- Addressing children underweight in the lowest wealth quintile.
- Enforcement of anti-dowry rules to deter parents from engaging in such practices.