



United Nations Entity for Gender Equality  
and the Empowerment of Women



**Welcome to Bangladesh Presentation**

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# Background

- The people's Republic of Bangladesh is an independent, Unitary and sovereign country. It emerged as an independent country in March 1971. It is bounded by India, Myanmar and Bay of Bengal.
- Population size in Bangladesh 162.70 Million within 147 Thousand sq. km. Average life expectancy in Bangladesh is 72 years and its GDP growth rate is 7.65 (2017-18).
- The Constitution of Bangladesh guarantees *equal rights* for both men and women in all spheres of *state* and *public life*.
- The Statistical System of Bangladesh is Centralized in the Bangladesh Bureau of statistics (BBS) governed by Statistical Act 2013 and NSDS.
- BBS is in charge of conducting the population census, Agriculture census and Economic census. Apart from, national level surveys in the field of labor force, demographic situation, National accounts, CPI, agriculture, household income & expenditure, VAW, Unpaid Care Work etc were conducted

# Major survey's conducted recently by BBS

- Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) 2016
- Census of Undocumented Myanmar Nations Staying in Bangladesh 2015
- Labour Force Survey 2016-17
- Sample Vital Registration System 2017
- Violence Against Women Survey 2015
- Survey on Investment from Remittance 2016
- Bangladesh Disaster-related Statistics 2015
- Economic Census 2013
- Compilation of Gender Statistics 2012
- Time Use Pilot Survey 2012

# Ongoing Projects and initiatives (major)

- MICS- 2018
- National Household Database (NHD) Project
- Population and Housing Census 2021
- NSDS Implementation Support Project
- Monitoring the Situation of Vital Statistics of Bangladesh (MSVSB)
- Agriculture ( Crop, Fishery & Livestock) Census 2019
- Improving Labour Statistics and Labour Market Information System (LMIS) through Panel Survey Project
- Digitization of BBS Publications and Online Secondary Data Collection Project
- Optical Data Archiving and Networking (2<sup>nd</sup> Phase) Project
- MEWGC (Gender Statistics) project with UN Women
- Partnership with UNICEF and WFP

# Current Status of Reporting to SDGs and Role of BBS

- The Prime Ministers office has launched a platform for coordination of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Affairs in 2016 for monitoring and implementation of SDGs in Bangladesh.
- As per guidance of the Prime Minister's office, every ministry has developed their action plan to implement SDGs through ministries intervention.
- Prime Minister's office launched the SDG Tracker ([www.sdg.gov.bd](http://www.sdg.gov.bd)).
- In 2017, Bangladesh submitted its first VNR report.
- In 2018, the SDGs coordination platform organized a national SDGs status review seminar where all ministries presented their status.
- Apart from Government's initiative, a civil society platform "Citizen's Initiative on SDGs" was launched in Bangladesh. They are also monitoring the implementation of SDGs in the country.

# Challenges to SDGs reporting; BBS's experience

- Production of disaggregated and frequent statistics by age, sex, disability and sub-national level.
- Not all SDGs indicators are supported by the existing Survey's of BBS.
- Data and information sharing with BBS and Planning Commission is still **weak and sporadic**, there is weak mechanism in place to support SDGs reporting (VNR). Institutionalization of data transfer to SDGs tracker is weak.
- Lack of comparability of data: harmonizing the concepts, definitions, **methodologies** etc following international standards.
- Lack of availability of **baseline** data.
- Lack of use of **technology** in collection of statistical data.

# BBS's strategy to way forward with national reporting to SDGs

- Preparations of methodological guidelines for disaggregation and frequency; [introduction of new surveys that would support collection and dissemination of statistics](#). Including gender statistics to support SDGs reporting.
- Developing partnership with other national and sub-national organizations; such as with [UN Women on Gender Statistics](#), with UNICEF on MICS, UNFPA on VAW and Statistics Sweden on Agri, Gender, Industrial statistics.
- Formulations of guidelines for [administrative](#) data generations for SDGs indicators.
- Implementation of [NSDS](#) with support from World Bank.
- Establish institutional linkage with [SDGs coordination platform \(SDGs tracker\)](#) to see how BBS's data can be effectively transferred to the national portal.
- Support to ministries to effectively produce and store administrative data

# BBS's strategy to address gaps in Gender Statistics.

- BBS is working with UN Women to strengthen the collection and dissemination of gender statistics through a joint project titled “Making Every Women and Girls Count”.
- Support will be extended to SID and BBS to formulate recommendations and a **costed** action plan for **implementing provisions of the Statistical Act-2013 and NSDS**.
- Support will be ensured to SID and BBS to develop **gender module and guidelines** to be integrated in the NSDS.
- Support will be provided to identify **corresponding data requirements based on systematic review and assessment and development of new methodology for Tier I and II Gender related indicators**.
- Support will be provided to BBS and SID in setting up **coordination mechanisms for Gender Statistics** across the BSS and other ministries.



## Some key facts and figures

- Proportion of population living below the national **upper** poverty line-21.8%
- Proportion of population living below the national **lower** poverty-11.3%
- Proportion of ever-partnered women and girls aged 15 years and older subjected to physical, sexual or psychological violence by a current or former intimate partner in the previous 12 months- 54.7%
- Proportion of women aged 20–24 years who were married or in a union before age 15 and before age 18- not available.
- Proportion of time spent on unpaid domestic and care work- Female-16.1%, Male-5.4%
- Average hourly earnings of female and male employees, by occupation- male: 54.7, female: 50.3



**Thank You**