

## BANGLADESH – EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Bangladesh is a country on the Indian subcontinent. It is the most densely populated country in the world, as well as one of the poorest. In addition, it is very vulnerable to natural disasters, including floods and cyclones.

In 2014 it came 142nd out of 187 countries ranked in the United Nations Development Programme report (UNDP).



### Demographic characteristics

Population	154,695,400
Population under 18 years of age	56,867,200
Percentage of rural population	71.10%
Life expectancy at birth	70.3 years

Source: UNICEF 2012



In Bangladesh, almost half the adult population can neither read nor write. Fortunately, the new generation is better educated and the rate of illiteracy has decreased in recent years. However, there are still many in the slums and rural areas that get left behind.

The number of primary schools in rural and poor areas of large cities is generally insufficient to accommodate all children. As a result, enrolment in these areas is 20% below the national average.

### Data related to education

Enrolment rate in primary	87%
Rate of children reaching the last year of primary school	66%
Literacy rate for young men (15 - 24 years)	77.1%
Literacy rate for young women (15 - 24 years)	80.4%
Literacy rate for adults	57.7%

Source: UNICEF 2008-2012

***Enfants du Monde, in collaboration with its local partners, is committed to educating children from poor families by providing quality education that meets their needs and situation.***