



**GIZ BANGLADESH**

# WORKING TOGETHER WORLDWIDE

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As a provider of international cooperation services for sustainable development and international education work, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH is dedicated to building a future worth living around the world. GIZ has over 50 years of experience in a wide variety of areas, including economic development and employment, energy and the environment, and peace and security.

The diverse expertise of our federal enterprise is in demand around the globe, with the German Government, the European Union institutions, the United Nations, the private sector and governments of other countries all benefiting from our services. We work with businesses, civil society actors and research institutions, fostering successful interaction between development policy and other policy fields and areas of activity.

The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) is our main commissioning party.

# GIZ IN BANGLADESH

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On behalf of the German Federal Government, GIZ has been collaborating with the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for more than 50 years, ever since the country's independence.

GIZ leverages its diverse expertise to support the Government of Bangladesh to realise its development agenda as envisioned in the 8th Five-Year Plan, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and help the country fulfil its aspiration of gaining middle income status by 2026.

The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) is the major source of funding for projects implemented by GIZ. However, the European Union, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and other international partners are also co-financing projects in Bangladesh.

Bangladesh has 198 national staff, 34 international staff and one regional staff in the country\*.

\*As at August 2023

# VISION

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We work to shape a future worth living around the world.

# MISSION

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## **We manage change.**

We work holistically, draw on extensive implementation experience and share responsibility for achieving objectives with our partners.

## **We provide know-how.**

Our services are built on a wealth of regional and technical competence and tried and tested management expertise.

## **We develop solutions.**

We use our wide range of instruments and networks flexibly and innovatively to create value for our commissioning parties and to empower people to shape their own development processes.

## **We act as an intermediary.**

Our core competencies include balancing diverse interests in sensitive contexts and providing entry points for the private sector and civil society.

## **We are value driven.**

As a federally owned enterprise, we are guided by the principles of our social order, act in the interests of Germany and, first and foremost, support the development policy of the German Government.

## **We advise policymakers.**

At home and abroad, we help decision-makers accomplish their political objectives.

## **We secure results.**

Our work is about producing results in a transparent, efficient and partner-oriented way and in line with good commercial practice.

## **We are a global player.**

Decentralised structures, intercultural competence and a highly professional workforce are the factors that fuel our success.



**Sustainable Economic Development, Training and Employment**

- Technical and vocational education and training
- Socially and environmentally sound supply chains, trade and sustainable infrastructure

**Climate and Energy, Just transition**

- Renewable energy and energy efficiency
- Sustainable urban development

**AREAS OF COOPERATION**

**Conservation of our Natural Resources**

- Biodiversity

**Good Governance**

- Feminist Development Policy
- Displacement and migration



# CLIMATE AND ENERGY, JUST TRANSITION

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Despite minimal contribution to global emissions, Bangladesh is one of the countries most affected by the adverse consequences of climate change. To foster climate change adaptation and highlight it as political priority, the Bangladesh Government addresses the topic throughout various strategic policy documents. Accordingly, GIZ Bangladesh works in the area of climate change and sustainable urban development, supporting Bangladeshi partners at national and local level through technical assistance and capacity development to increase the resilience of cities as well as their inhabitants. A focus lies on vulnerable communities such as climate migrants. In addition, GIZ aims at strengthening a resilient and inclusive environmental management and urban development, integrating climate data in urban planning, improved provision of service delivery as well as access to international climate finance.

GIZ works with the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) to promote sustainable and reliable energy delivery through different renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies. Support is provided to the GoB to develop conducive sustainable energy strategies, policies and regulations, with an aim to sustain the development impact. With increasing share of



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renewables in the national electricity mix, efforts are made to strengthen the transmission and distribution grids to host these variable energy sources more reliably. Intervention approaches focus on technological customization and piloting, capacity development, supporting access to finance, and enabling policy framework development. At Micro level, Energy Programme supports the provision of efficient and clean cooking and improve access to modern energy services and livelihood opportunities for people living in rural areas. The programme has a broad cooperation system consisting of demand and supply side stakeholders, financial institutions and regulatory authorities. Through collaboration with public and private sector stakeholders and civil society, dialogues are initiated to ensure a participatory approach towards Bangladesh's energy transition.



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## SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT

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Sustainable economic development, training and employment stand at the core of interventions implemented by the GIZ Textile Cluster. The GIZ Textile Cluster is relying on a holistic approach to promote the potential of shared responsibility between the government and the private sector.

Capacity development measures for governmental and academic institutions, the private sector and civil society seek to improve the awareness on and implementation of social and environmental standards. Initiatives include the introduction of sustainability topics in the curricula of universities, colleges and TVET institutes to make students future-ready for the transformation of the textile industry.



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Nominated by international brands, factories increase their competitiveness through measures for enhanced chemical management and energy efficiency. The GIZ Textile Cluster supports the industry to enhance their environmental compliance and cooperates with different stakeholders from the private, public and academic sector. All workers in the RMG sector are entitled to benefit from the employment injury scheme pilot, which is envisaged to transform to a national employer-financed scheme. This marks a milestone for social protection in the country. The portfolio Was supplemented by trainings on COVID-19 awareness and social dialogue for workers which will empower them to become aware and advocate for their rights.





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## CONSERVATION OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

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To conserve biodiversity means not only to halt the further loss of species and ecosystems but also to strengthen climate change resilience, to ensure the livelihood of millions of people and to lift quality of living. GIZ is supporting the government of Bangladesh to achieve their goals by increasing the management capacity for marine conservation and mangrove protection. While focusing since 2012 on the Sundarbans, the largest closed canopy mangrove forest of the world, GIZ is recently extending its assistance to better management of the Swatch of No Ground (SoNG) and will include several other important ecosystems in the future. The support of women and youth as active drivers of biodiversity conservation is a focus in all projects.



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The Swatch of No Ground is an extraordinary productive deep-sea Canyon in the south of the Sundarbans where numerous dolphins and whales are feeding on rich fish resources. About 1,700 square kilometres is declared as Marine Protected Area. GIZ helps to build up planning and surveillance capacity and involves highly dependent fishermen to participate actively in the monitoring and sustainable fishing. Enhancing the coordination among different departments, Ministries and other stakeholders is a key-factor for the better protection of the SoNG area. Women and youth of the coastal are engaged in promoting the benefits of biodiversity conservation.





## FEMINIST DEVELOPMENT POLICY

GIZ continues to be involved in fostering peaceful and inclusive societies. Work here concerns two areas – good governance and displacement and migration. On good governance, GIZ is working to improve access to justice for the poor and vulnerable, especially for women. The programme is based on the following three main pillars- Access to justice, Policy Framework for addressing mediation and gender-sensitive dispute resolution as well as support to reducing excessive backlog of cases in courts. The programme has expanded its activities to the community level and is building a network of trained mediators, including female to resolve disputes at the local level and outside of court proceedings. Its activities are directed at strengthening the national legal aid system to provide legal aid services that are accessible, effective, and credible for those in need, especially women and at the same time finding ways to reduce case backlog through effective filtering, early disposal and diversion.



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## DISPLACEMENT AND MIGRATION

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GIZ is also working to address displacement and migration through Supporting Host and Rohingya Communities (SHRC) project. The project is strengthening the livelihoods of host communities affected by the Rohingya crisis, reducing negative coping strategies through improved access to psycho-social services and supporting gender-inclusive conflict resolution mechanisms.

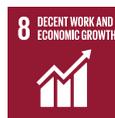




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In Bangladesh, GIZ InS is working to generate demand for Employment Injury Insurance (EII) for the workers in the ready-made garment industry and promote overall sustainability and innovation in the textile sector. GIZ InS is also implementing a scholarship programme for students with a focus on females and those from disadvantaged backgrounds. The programme promotes access to local education and creates an additional international educational path for the students in Bangladesh.



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