COUNTRY PROFILE

BANGLADESH

Location: Southern Asia, bordering the Bay of Bengal, between Burma and India
Capital: Dhaka
Government Type: Parliamentary Republic
Area:
  Total: 148,460 sq km
  Land: 130,170 sq km
  Water: 18,290 sq km
Population: 156,186,882 (July 2016 est.)
Population Density: (per sq KM) 1,237 (2015)
Population Growth Rate: 1.05% (2016 est.)
Population below Poverty Line: 31.5% (2010 est.)
Ethnic Groups: Bengali at least 98%, ethnic groups 1.1%
Climate: Tropical; mild winter (October to March); hot, humid summer (March to June); humid, warm rainy monsoon (June to October)
Natural Resources: Natural gas, arable land, timber, coal
Languages: Bengali 98.8% (official, also known as Bengali), other 1.2% (2011 est.)
Religions: Muslim 89.1%, Hindu 10%, other 0.9% (includes Buddhist, Christian) (2013 est.)
Land Use:
  Agricultural Land: 70.1%, (arable land 59%; permanent crops 6.5%; permanent pasture 4.6%)
  Forest: 11.1%
  Other: 18.8% (2011 est.)
Natural Hazards: Droughts; cyclones; much of the country routinely inundated during the summer monsoon season
Literacy: 61.5%
GDP - Real Growth Rate: 6.9% (2016 est.)
GDP - Per Capita (PPP): $3,900 (2016 est.)
Exports: $33.32 billion (2016 est.)
Export Commodities: Garments, knitwear, agricultural products, frozen food (fish and seafood), jute and jute goods, leather etc.
Improved Drinking Water Source: 86.9% of population
Improved Sanitation Facility Access: 60.6% of population