

BRAC WASH Programme overview—1

Building a sustainable legacy for safe water, sanitary latrines and hygiene

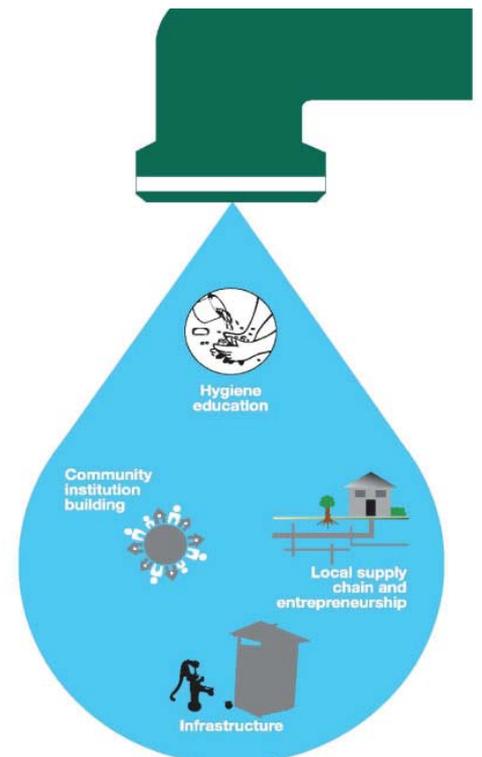
The BRAC water, sanitation and hygiene programme was launched in May 2006 in 152 upazilas (sub districts) of Bangladesh to contribute to attaining the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

BRAC WASH provides integrated water services, sanitation and hygiene promotion, and expanded

into hard-to-reach areas and to under-served populations in collaboration with government and other stakeholders. By the end of 2013 BRAC WASH:

- was bringing hygiene promotion to 65 million people
- had supported 30.7 million people to achieve hygienic sanitation, directly (grants, loans and repairs) or indirectly (by promoting demand)
- had extended safe drinking water coverage to 1.92 million people, through loans, grants and cost sharing for new connections and repairs. Innovative technologies and piped water systems have been introduced where tubewells cannot be provided.

By 2014, BRAC WASH was active in 250 upazilas, working with whole communities with a focus on poor and ultra poor households that lacked access to safe water and sanitary latrines.



BRAC WASH Programme overview—2

How BRAC WASH has been supported by international donors



BRAC WASH I May 2006- September 2011

The first phase of the programme was supported by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (EKN), in 152 upazilas (sub-districts) of rural Bangladesh. This was seen as a learning process for a successful WASH programme at scale.

BRAC WASH II October 2011–April 2015

The second phase of the programme has been funded by EKN and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), in the original 152 upazilas and in 25 new areas. BRAC WASH II is designed to ensure sustainability and build capacity, networking and collaboration with private and non-governmental sectors. An action research element was introduced to address challenges.

BRAC WASH III July 2012–December 2015

BRAC WASH III, funded by the BRAC Strategic Partnership Arrangement (SPA) between BRAC, DFID and AusAID, extends the programme to 73 more upazilas. The SPA maximises opportunities for learning from BRAC programmes and supports innovation and best practice.