



Bangladesh



Introduction to BANGLADESH

THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH, previously known as East Pakistan, broke off from India with Pakistan in 1955, but further ceded from that union in 1971 under its current name. Frequent flooding and natural disasters slow the growth of the small, densely-populated nation surrounded by the eastern arm of India. Bangladesh is home to Sundarbans National Park, home to the famous Bengal tigers.

The BANGLADESHI people

Total population:	156,050,883
Children under 15:	53,979,586
Average Life Expectancy:	60.25 years
Per capita annual income:	\$1,500
% children in primary school:	87.98%
Average years of education:	8 years
Literacy rate:	47.9%
Internet users:	556,000
Cell phones in use:	45.75 million
Major/official language(s):	Bangla (Bengali), English
Risk issues impacting children:	

- Millions of children are malnourished. Roughly half of all children under age 5 are underweight.
- Those in slums are often denied access to education.
- Many children work as laborers.

More about BANGLADESH

Capital city:	Dhaka
Type of government:	Parliamentary Democracy
Square kilometers:	143,998
General terrain:	Mostly flat, alluvial plain; hilly in southeast
Major industries/jobs:	Agriculture, cotton textiles, jute, garments, tea processing
National motto:	"Nationalism, Secularism, Socialism and Democracy"
Major airport(s):	Osmani International Patenga Chittagong

Reaching BANGLADESH

Currently classified as World B: Somewhat Reached

Major religions:

- Muslim - 83%
- Hindu - 16%
- Other - 1%

Christian groups:

- Independent - 51.4%
- Roman Catholic - 25%
- Protestant - 23.6%

Unreached People Groups:	353 (98.4% of pop)
Average annual Christian growth:	0.031
Average annual baptisms:	25,281
Foreign missionaries:	1,100
Per million:	7.18
National Christian workers/pastors:	2,400
Per million:	15.66
Number of churches/congregations:	2,748

Children's ministry in BANGLADESH

Overview: • There has been a lot of work done with children by Christian NGOs (non-governmental organizations) in Bangladesh, leading to a growing acceptance of the importance of work with children among leaders.

- In the face of severe economic challenges, many churches offer hostels for children.

Focus for Prayer

Training children's leaders for outreach in
2,748 congregations

Strategies for reaching and discipling
53,979,586 children for Christ