



## Government Partnerships

WFP maintains partnerships with the Government of Bangladesh at all levels—from the sub-national and national—to support the country in reaching its long-term development objectives and assist in the Rohingya humanitarian response.

WFP strives to strengthen local capacities by providing technical assistance to its partners, both inside and outside of the Government, on nutrition-sensitive programming, supply chain management, fortified rice production and more.

### PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH

At the national level, WFP liaises with a number of government ministries, including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA); Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MODMR), Economic Relations Division (ERD), Ministry of Women and Children Affairs (MoWCA), Ministry of Social Welfare, the Cabinet Division, Ministry of Primary and Mass Education (MoPME); Ministry of Food (MoFood), Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Planning.

WFP also engages with sub-district and district-level Upazila Nirbahi Officers across all WFP programme locations. In 2021, WFP supported MoWCA in developing

the second-phase Action Plan for the National Social Security Strategy (2021-2026). In 2021-22, WFP worked closely with the Bangladesh National Nutrition Council (BNNC) and the Cabinet Division to enhance nutrition sensitivity of social safety net programmes through better coordination, targeting, and effective transfer modalities.

In 2021, WFP worked with other UN agencies to support the Government in Nutrition for Growth Summit preparation. WFP has provided technical support to MoFood to advocate for commercial availability of fortified rice and strengthen capacities of rice producers and millers with an aim to scale up fortified rice distribution.

In Cox's Bazar, the Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner (RRRC), Deputy Commissioner, Camp-in-Charge (CiC) Offices and Bangladesh Armed Forces are WFP's key partners.

As the co-lead for the National Logistics Cluster together with MoDMR, WFP worked with local authorities and humanitarian partners to establish effective coordination and information sharing mechanisms during the 2020 and 2021 national lockdowns, ensuring rapid cargo release and customs clearance and facilitating movement of vehicles carrying relief items across the country.



## DONOR PARTNERSHIPS

WFP Partnerships unit facilitates high-level donor missions to project locations throughout Bangladesh.

Flexible funding from the donor community enables WFP to address urgent needs in emergencies and critical funding gaps in WFP programmes. In 2021, multi-year grants were received from Canada, Australia, the USA, Republic of Korea, Sweden and the World Bank. This flexible funding allowed WFP to continue working with the Government to expand and strengthen its social safety net programmes, provide special COVID-19 cash assistance to 460,000 host-community members in Cox's Bazar, and continue providing life-saving assistance to refugees.

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**Photo 1:** Together with senior government officials, WFP attends the November 2022 launch event of fortified rice in Bangladesh (*Janata Bangladesh*).

**Photo 2:** The former U.S. and Japanese Ambassadors, and current Ambassador of Australia, observe WFP refugee operations in the Cox's Bazar camps (*WFP/Nihab Rahman*).

**Photo 3:** Delegates from the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) visit the WFP resilience programme in disaster-prone, Kurigram, northern Bangladesh (*WFP/Sayed Asif Mahmud*).

