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WFP field presence in Bangladesh

Bringing humanitarian and development support closer to communities

WFP's presence across Bangladesh is strategically positioned to address the complex and diverse needs of vulnerable populations. From the cyclone-prone southern coastal belt and flood-affected northern districts, to the densely populated Rohingya refugee camps in Cox's Bazar, WFP operates through **one area office** and **six field offices**. This extensive footprint enables rapid emergency response, long-term development programming, and close collaboration with the Government of Bangladesh to reach those most in need.

Area office and sub-offices

The **Cox's Bazar area office** manages the emergency response for the Cox's Bazar Rohingya population and host communities. Through it, WFP provides lifesaving food assistance to all Rohingya refugees, now over 1 million people, alongside nutrition support, school feeding and resilience-building activities. On Bhasan Char Island, where a relocated Rohingya population resides, WFP mirrors these efforts and leads critical

logistics and accommodation support for humanitarian partners in this isolated setting.

The **Khulna field office** covers 21 districts across Khulna, Barishal, and parts of the Dhaka division. The region is highly susceptible to cyclones, tidal surges, flooding, salinity intrusion, and prolonged waterlogging. WFP supports emergency preparedness by disseminating early warnings, raising community awareness, and implementing anticipatory actions to reduce disaster impact. Through Disaster Risk Reduction programmes, communities are engaged in building and rehabilitating infrastructure such as embankments and roads to reduce further shocks create local jobs. The Khulna office also supports government social safety net programmes – the Mother and Child Benefit Programme (MCBP), the Investment Component for Vulnerable Group Development (ICVGD), and the Vulnerable Women Benefit Programme (VWBP), as well as government rice fortification and school feeding initiatives.

In the northeast, the **Sylhet field office** covers a fragile wetland ecosystem prone to sudden flash floods, where communities face persistent food insecurity. WFP's approach here blends emergency response with resilience-building through early warning systems, shock-responsive social protection, and support for climate-smart livelihoods. Collaboration with local authorities includes infrastructure projects such as elevated roads and embankments. Since 2025, the Sylhet office has run the McGovern-Dole-funded School Feeding Programme in Habiganj, benefiting nearly 32,000 children and boosting their health and nutrition.

The **Rangpur field office** covers 16 districts - about 23 percent of Bangladesh's land and population. The region's alluvial plains and dense river network expose communities to frequent floods, riverbank erosion, and cold waves. Although poverty rates have declined, they remain significantly above the national average in many areas. WFP implements integrated resilience programmes, highlighted by the Integrated Risk Management (IRM) project in Kurigram, combining forecast-based financing (early warnings, preparedness training, anticipatory cash transfers), seasonal livelihoods support (cash grants, entrepreneurship training, income-generating activities), climate risk insurance, and disaster risk reduction (community asset creation, road improvements, plinth raising). The field-office also partners with local governments to implement national social safety net programmes across Rangpur and Rajshahi.

The **Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT)** is a remote and underserved region characterized by mountainous terrain, limited infrastructure, and high levels of vulnerability. Since 2000, WFP has partnered closely with the Ministry of Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs, local authorities, and traditional institutions to improve food security and nutrition, aligning its work with the region's unique cultural and governance systems. WFP supports implementation and joint monitoring of MCBP and VWBP, while also supporting the distribution of fortified rice. Preparedness efforts target households in high-risk areas such as Bandarban, with forecast-based anticipatory action plans. In 2025, the field-office will also support school feeding through the distribution of fortified biscuits.

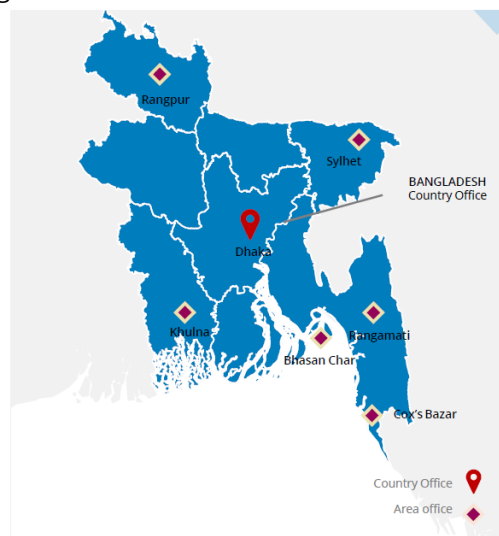
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The **Dhaka field office** covers 19 districts from diverse regions of the Dhaka, Mymensingh and Chattogram divisions. The divisions of Dhaka, Mymensingh, and Chattogram face unique challenges related to poverty, food insecurity, malnutrition, and disaster vulnerability. Dhaka, despite its economic prosperity within the city, has poor urban populations living in informal settlements with limited access to basic services, making them highly vulnerable to social and economic disruptions. Mymensingh, with its predominantly agricultural-based economy, struggles with rural poverty, which impacts food security. Chattogram, vulnerable to natural calamities such as cyclones, flooding, and erosion due to its coastal location, faces risks to food security and livelihoods, particularly for fishing and coastal communities. The Dhaka Field Office supports the implementation of government-funded social safety net programmes and implements Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and resilience projects. Additionally, emergency response and preparedness are among its core functions.



Supply chain and logistics

WFP's robust supply chain network underpins its capacity to deliver lifesaving assistance across Bangladesh's challenging geography. Managing **10 strategically located warehouses**, WFP pre-positions food, nutrition products, and essential supplies for rapid deployment during emergencies such as cyclones, floods, and refugee influxes. The logistics system leverages multimodal transport – road, river, and sea – to overcome seasonal flooding, river erosion, and infrastructure challenges. This ensures timely last-mile delivery to vulnerable households in remote and isolated areas.

With its wide field presence, agile logistics, and trusted partnerships, WFP continues to deliver timely, life-saving assistance and long-term development support to the most vulnerable across Bangladesh.