



BANGLADESH COUNTER TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS (BC/TIP)

The five-year Bangladesh Counter Trafficking-in-Persons (BC/TIP) Program, funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development and implemented by Winrock International, works in 25 trafficking-prone districts. The project began in October 2014 and ends in October 2019.

BC/TIP provides robust interventions in all four of USAID's areas of emphasis: prevent trafficking-in-persons (TIP), protect survivors, prosecute crimes of perpetrators, and engage all levels of society as change agents in curbing trafficking. BC/TIP works collaboratively to reduce human trafficking in Bangladesh by:

- Strengthening the **capacity of communities to identify** trafficking victims and take action;
- Improving trafficking **victims' access to assistance**;
- Increasing the **responsiveness of criminal justice actors** to trafficking victims;
- Facilitating effective and **coordinated partnerships** among stakeholders to combat trafficking.

Results to Date

As of September 2017, BC/TIP achieved the following results:

- **4,034 people** (at-risk or survivors) **identified** by focus communities and **referred** to at least one support service
- **80 Counter Trafficking Committees (CTCs)** **established** and fully functioning, and 90 percent of their members trained
- **4,498 migrant workers** received BC/TIP training on **safe migration**, TIP, migrants' rights and redress mechanisms
- **59 counselors, social workers and other health care workers** received training on using TIP-specific trauma and care tools
- **10 district-level referral directories** of service providers developed
- **90 percent of criminal justice personnel** given increased knowledge on rules and laws governing TIP, migration and legal support for TIP survivors

Prevention

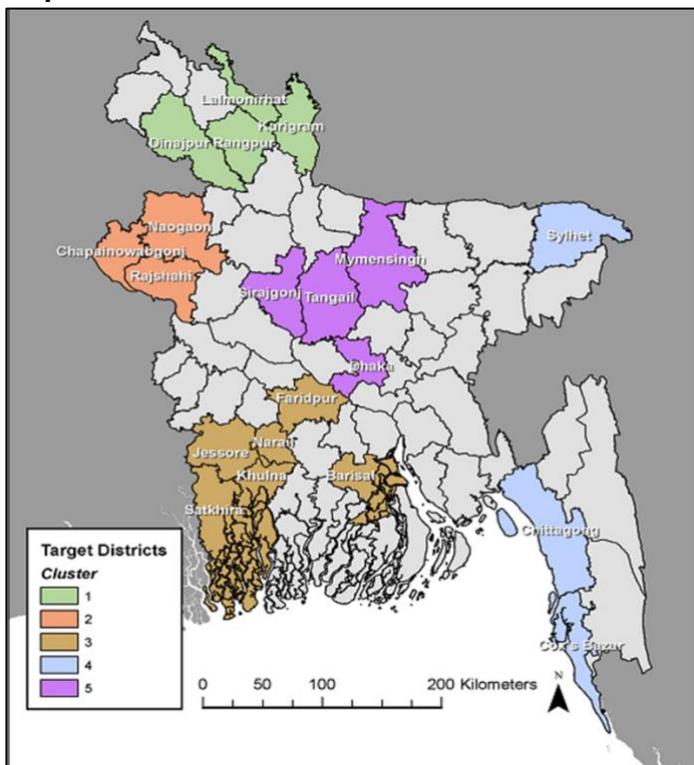
BC/TIP increases the capacity of targeted communities to identify TIP victims and at-risk individuals. BC/TIP works to equip students, migrants and local leaders with tools and support to inform and mobilize communities. Community

members can then identify TIP incidents/traffickers, promote safe migration, connect survivors to services and address root causes of TIP, especially gender-based violence. Through youth education and leadership, BC/TIP reaches at-risk groups and implements public mobilization activities in targeted areas. BC/TIP trains migrants on safe migration, monitors recruitment agencies, activates counter-trafficking committees, and improves the capacity of government officials to perform their duties.

Protection

Winrock uses a victim-centered approach to improve the consistency and quality of support offered to trafficking survivors. To improve access to assistance, protection activities build comprehensive referral systems, integrated assistance, survivor leadership and community-based reintegration support. BC/TIP trains local partners in service standards, case management and psychosocial support to ensure consistent, high-quality services that meet survivors' needs.

Map of BC/TIP Focus Districts



Prosecution

To increase the responsiveness of criminal justice actors to trafficking, BC/TIP conducts multi-disciplinary trainings, networking and capacity-building on rules and laws governing TIP, migration and witness protection. Criminal justice actors have an increased understanding of their roles and responsibilities in prosecuting traffickers and providing support to TIP survivors. These efforts, coupled with coordinated advocacy to expand government oversight and improved monitoring of labor recruitment agencies, will increase arrests and prosecutions.

Partnerships

Under BC/TIP, Winrock partners with multiple government ministries, the private sector and civil society, and coordinates with other international organizations. BC/TIP fosters partnerships at the national, regional, district and union levels to strengthen the policy environment, provide targeted support to government, and connect local government and community efforts with national policies and legal procedures. Partnerships support community prevention efforts to prevent TIP, monitor migration, strengthen protection and services, improve criminal justice actors' understanding of law enforcement, and contribute to an improved understanding of TIP in Bangladesh.

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