

Poverty reduction through empowerment and education of women



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Overall programme goal	The Health and Community Development Programme (HCDP) aims to improve the quality of life of the most disadvantaged young women in Bangladesh regardless of their origin, religion or culture. Through support in the areas of health, non-formal education and economic independence the programme supports the sustainable development of the beneficiaries and their social and economic environment.
Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health: The health and hygiene of children and mothers are improved. The beneficiaries have a greater awareness for vitally important health issues like primary healthcare, reproductive health and HIV/AIDS. They show positive change in health-related behaviour. • Education: Young women have learned to read and write and have expanded their awareness of life-relevant issues. They are able to improve their situation and shape the development of their family. • Income: The social and economic situation of women has improved and women have a greater influence on society.
Participants	66'000 direct participants in the slums of 13 towns and villages
Programme sum 2018	Contribution Horyzon incl. associated costs CHF 275'000 The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC supports this programme.
Duration and phase	Phase 2014-2018; Planning 2019-2022
Certifications	ZEWO, ISO 9001, audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers, PWC

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