



# FAMILY PLANNING: Equity and choice in the SDG Agenda

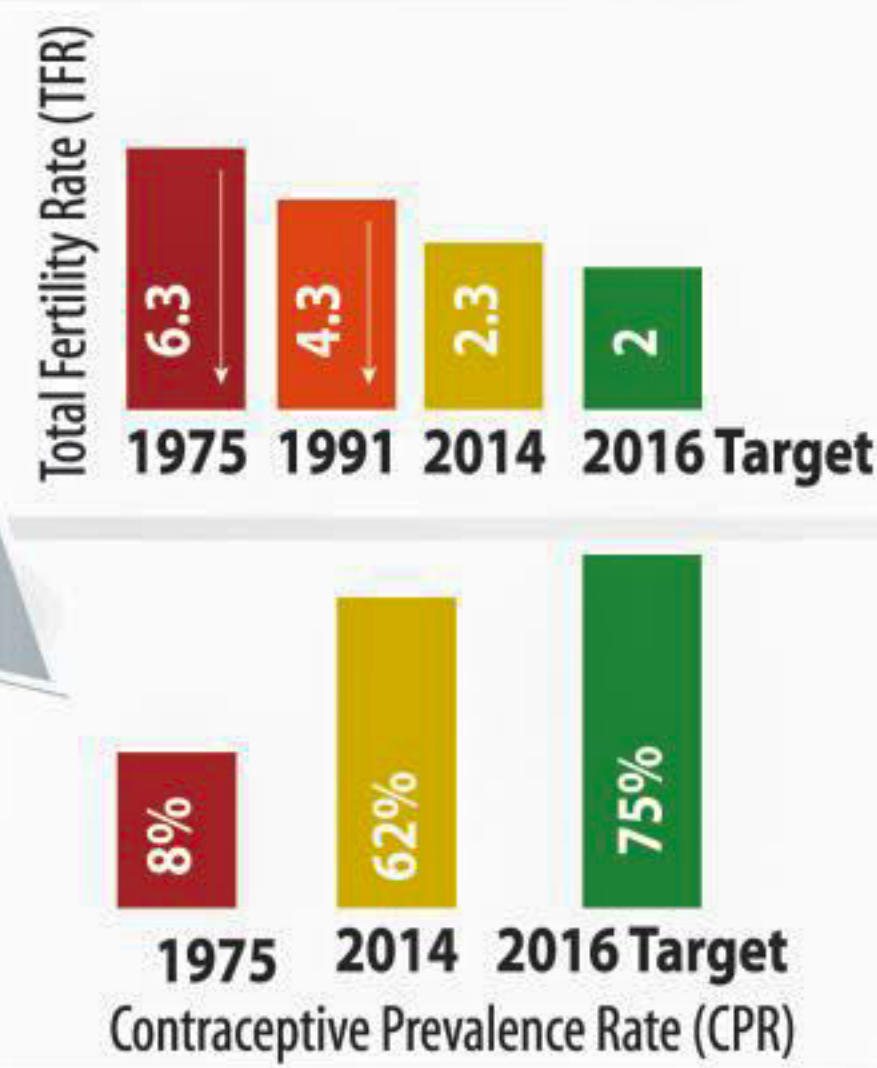


Family Planning brings about change. With access to modern contraception girls and women can decide for themselves if and when they are physically, emotionally and financially ready to bear a child. Mothers are then in a position to provide their child with better nutrition, education and health care, opening up a world of opportunities for child and parent alike.

The 2012 London Summit on Family Planning, which the Bangladesh Government participated in, called for modern contraception to be made available globally to an additional 120 million women and girls worldwide by the year 2020 (FP2020) of which 6.75 million will be from Bangladesh.

Some progress has been made towards the pledges, but still the existing efforts have not been enough to deliver on promises and can affect the overall development of Bangladesh. Because FP2020 goals are not stand-alone but important milestones on the way to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in 2030, which call for access to contraception for all.

## The Bangladesh story of success



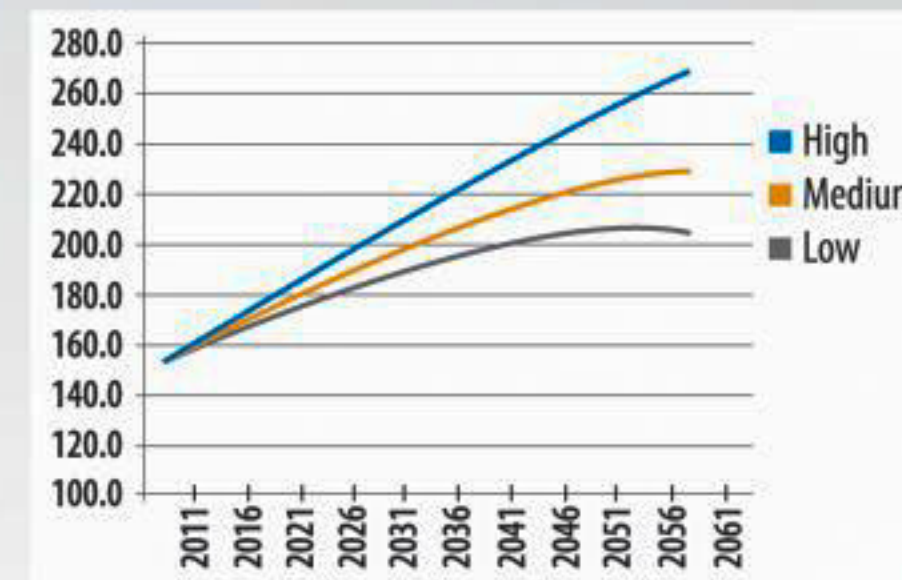
Bangladesh is widely cited as a success story when it comes to Family Planning (FP)

The story of success however seems to have come to a halt. In the past five years the TFR has remained stagnant, in some regions it has even begun to rise slightly. The picture varies across Bangladesh, what was once a clear East-West divide, with the Eastern divisions Sylhet and Chittagong Division faring worst in terms of CPR, TFR and unmet need for contraception and the Western divisions Rangpur and Rajshahi performing best on those indicators, has changed somewhat. The Eastern regions are beginning to catch up, but a worrying trend is discernible in the central Dhaka division where the TFR is actually increasing. One of the main reasons for a stagnating or rising TFR is the large and still growing population.

For example: It requires at least 450,000 new women to accept any modern FP method to achieve just a 1% increase in CPR.

These figures alone point to the need for a revitalization of family planning in Bangladesh.

## Why is family planning so important?



Bangladesh is today the most densely populated country in the world, placing enormous pressure on services, infrastructure and environment and impeding economic development. The current scenario of population growth is daunting, even a low growth scenario of 52 million additional people between 2011 and 2060, as stated in the 2015 UNFPA supported Demographic Impact Study (DIS 2015), would lead to enormous challenges for labour force participation, urban population growth, and environmental sustainability. To minimize further population growth, fertility rates need to reach replacement level as early as possible as it will take 20 to 30 years more to stabilize population growth even after that.

## Recommendations

### Reaching newly married and couples with high unmet need for family planning

Besides the relatively low rate of women and men who agree to long-acting or permanent methods the age of marriage has a decisive impact on fertility in Bangladesh. A higher age at marriage of girls would mean opening potential roles for women beyond motherhood. Higher levels of education and literacy could lead to formal employment, contributing to economic growth and individual empowerment. Use of family planning services before the birth of the first child among married adolescent girls still remains too low. Currently only 51% of 15-19-year olds are using a FP method.

Special attention needs to be given to girls and women living in rural and hard to reach areas for whom services are especially hard to come by. This also applies to girls and women working in tea plantations, belonging to ethnic minorities, refugee populations, fishing communities, and those living in urban slums.



### Increasing uptake of long-acting or permanent methods

Long-acting or permanent methods are an ideal option for couples who already have all the children they desire, but who remain fertile for a long period of time. This will help reduce the high number of pregnancies which are terminated annually - 1.3 million or about 30% of all pregnancies in the country. Long-acting methods also show a much lower rate of discontinuation, compared with short-acting methods, such as pill or condoms, an important factor, considering that the discontinuation rate is still quite high at 30% (BDHS 2014).

### Post-partum Family Planning

The unmet need for FP in Bangladesh stands at 12%, however during the first two years after a birth it is as high as 44%. The post-partum IUD can be provided directly after delivery in a pain-free and time-saving manner. Combining post-natal care visits with family planning services needs to be strengthened, a task which the newly established cadre of professional midwives will be able to provide.

### Integrated quality services and personnel

- Bangladesh requires an increased number of skilled providers for family planning, especially for long-acting or permanent methods. Services at upazila and union level facilities need to be strengthened to put more focus on clinical contraception. At the same time community outreach activities should be refocused.
- The quality of services is crucial: FP services need to be accessible, available and affordable. This means services need to be within geographic reach of people, clients need to be clearly informed about service hours and it needs to be affordable to get there and receive the services.
- FP service providers need to be trained to provide a confidential, supportive, professional and private environment to clients, providing counselling on the array of methods available and the right choice for each individual. The primary role of the FP service provider is to provide information and counselling

- on delaying the first pregnancy and thereafter spacing births, as well as limiting the number of children per family.
- Service providers also need to provide follow-up to ensure discontinuation rates decrease and clients are informed about possible side-effects and complications, with referrals when needed.
- FP services should be better integrated with other medical services, such as immunization and other child health services, but also health sector response to Gender Based Violence or services for the treatment of sexually transmitted infections.
- The BDHS 2014 reports that 44% of modern contraceptive users get their supplies from a private sector facility, with pharmacies being the most important source. To ensure the quality of services and counselling these private sector providers need to be supported and closely monitored.

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## Invitation for Tender (IFT)

|  |   |  |                          |                          |
|--|---|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1.                                     | Ministry/Division   | Ministry of the Local Government, Rural Development & Co-operatives/Local Government Division.   |                          |                          |
| 2.                                     | Agency  | Sylhet City Corporation.   |                          |                          |
| 3.                                     | Procurement entity name   | Mayor, Sylhet City Corporation.  |                          |                          |
| 4.                                     | Procuring entity district   | Sylhet.  |                          |                          |
| 5.                                     | Invitation for  | Procurement of works.  |                          |                          |
| 6.                                     | Invitation reference No.  | Memo No: SCC/Engr/PW-1/503   |                          |                          |
| 7.                                     | Date  | 28-03-2016   |                          |                          |
| <b>Key Information</b>                 |   |  |                          |                          |
| 8.                                     | Procurement method  | Open Tendering Method (OTM) SI. No-01 & Limited Tendering Method (LTM) SI. No-02.  |                          |                          |
| <b>Funding Information</b>             |   |  |                          |                          |
| 9.                                     | Budget and source of funds  | GOB (Under the project of Construction of Road, Drain, Retaining wall & Culvert at undeveloped area of SCC SI No-01 & Development & Expansion of important infrastructure of SCC SI No.-02). |                          |                          |
| 10.                                    | Development partners  | N/A  |                          |                          |
| 11.                                    | Project/programme code (If applicable)  | N/A.   |                          |                          |
| 12.                                    | Project/programme name (If applicable)  | Construction on Road, Drain, Retaining wall & Culvert at undeveloped area of SCC and Development & Expansion of important infrastructure of SCC.   |                          |                          |
| 13.                                    | Tender No.  | 43/2015-16   |                          |                          |
| 14.                                    | Tender package name   | N/A.   |                          |                          |
| 15.                                    | Tender publication date   | 28-03-2016   |                          |                          |
| 16.                                    | Tender last selling date  | 12-04-2016, Time: Bank Hour.   |                          |                          |
| 17.                                    | Tender closing date and time  | 13-04-2016, Time: 2:00pm.  |                          |                          |
| 18.                                    | Tender opening date and time  | 13-04-2016 Time: 3:00pm.   |                          |                          |
| <b>Name &amp; Address of Offices:-</b> |   |  |                          |                          |
| 19.                                    | Selling tender document (principal)   | Office of the Chief Engineer, Room No: 311, Nagar Bhaban (Extension Office), Sylhet City Corporation.  |                          |                          |
|  | Selling tender document (others)  | a) Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Sylhet Division, Sylhet.<br>b) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Sylhet.  |                          |                          |
|  | Receiving tender document   | Sylhet City Corporation Extended Office, Room No: 203, (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor) Tupkhana, Sylhet.   |                          |                          |
|  | Opening tender document   | Sylhet City Corporation Extended Office, Room No: 203, (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor) Tupkhana, Sylhet.   |                          |                          |
| 20.                                    | Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)  | N/A.   |                          |                          |
| <b>Information of tenderer</b>         |   |  |                          |                          |
| 21.                                    | Eligibility of tenderer   | As per terms and conditions of individual tender document.   |                          |                          |
| 22.                                    | Brief description of related services   | N/A.   |                          |                          |
| 23.                                    | Description of work:  |  |                          |                          |
| Group No.                              | Name of the work  | Tender security amount of Tk.  | Price of tender document | Completion time of works |
| 1.                                     | Construction of U Type Drain & Foot Over Bridge at Jallarpur (Jalla Chara).   | 1,95,000/-   | 4000/-                   | 90 days                  |
| 2.                                     | Construction of RCC Drop wall outside of walkway at Jhalopara, Sylhet   | 10,000/-   | 500/-                    | 90 days                  |
| 24.                                    | Name of official inviting tender  | Engr. Nur Azizur Rahman.   |                          |                          |
| 25.                                    | Designation of official inviting tender   | Chief Engineer (I/C).  |                          |                          |
| 26.                                    | Address of official inviting tender   | Sylhet City Corporation.   |                          |                          |
| 27.                                    | Contact details of official inviting tender   | 0821-719534.   |                          |                          |
| <b>Terms and conditions (LTM):</b>     |   |  |                          |                          |
| 1.                                     | Tender security amount in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee from any scheduled bank to be submitted in favour of Chief Executive Officer, Sylhet City Corporation.      |  |                          |                          |
| 2.                                     | 5% performance security in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee to be submitted in favour of Chief Executive Officer, Sylhet City Corporation before signing the contract. |  |                          |                          |
| 3.                                     | Validity of tender period shall be 120 days.  |  |                          |                          |
| 4.                                     | Detailed specification, terms & conditions shall be available in the individual tender document.  |  |                          |                          |
| 5.                                     | The rules regulation and procedure of RPPR-2009 shall be applied.   |  |                          |                          |
| 6.                                     | The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without assigning any reason.   |  |                          |                          |
| 7.                                     | If quoted rate is above 5% or less than 5% of official estimate it shall be annulled.   |  |                          |                          |
| 8.                                     | If quoted lowest prices are more than one, then contractor shall be selected through lottery.   |  |                          |                          |

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Sylhet City Corporation

**Water Resources Planning Organization**  
পানি সম্পদ পরিকল্পনা সংস্থা

## Invitation for Tenders

Tender Notice no. 01/WARPO(2015-16)

Memo No. ৪২.১০২.০১০.০৪.০০.০২৮.২০১৬ - ২৫৩      Date: ২৮/০৩/২০১৬ খ্রিঃ

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|---------|---|---|--|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1.      | Ministry/Division   | Ministry of Water Resources   |  |                              |                         |
| 2.      | Agency  | Water Resources Planning Organization (www.warpo.gov.bd)  |  |                              |                         |
| 3.      | Procuring Entity Name   | Water Resources Planning Organization acting through its designated officer   |  |                              |                         |
| 4.      | Procuring Entity District   | Dhaka   |  |                              |                         |
| 5.      | Invitation for  | Tender No. 01/WARPO (2015-16)   |  |                              |                         |
| 6.      | Invitation Reference No.  | Not applicable  |  |                              |                         |
| 7.      | Date  | 28/03/2016  |  |                              |                         |
| 8.      | Procurement Method  | Open Tendering Method (OTM)   |  |                              |                         |
| 9.      | Budget & Source of Funds  | GoB   |  |                              |                         |
| 10.     | Tender Package No.  | WARPO:LAN   |  |                              |                         |
| 11.     | Tender Package Name   | WARPO:LAN Design, Installation and Configuration of Local Area Network at WARPO Bhaban  |  |                              |                         |
| 12.     | Tender Last Selling Date  | 17/04/2016 up to office hours   |  |                              |                         |
| 13.     | Tender Closing Date & Time  | 18/04/2016 at 12:00 hours (noon)  |  |                              |                         |
| 14.     | Tender opening Date & Time  | 18/04/2016 at 12:30 PM  |  |                              |                         |
| 15.     | Name & Address of the Office(s)   |   |  |                              |                         |
|         | a) Selling Tender Document  | a) Accounts Section of WARPO<br>WARPO Bhaban<br>72 Green Road, Dhaka-1215.<br>b) Manager, Sonali Bank Ltd., Green Road Branch<br>Dhaka-1205.  |  |                              |                         |
|         | b) Receiving Tender Document  | a) Office of the Director General<br>Water Resources Planning Organization<br>WARPO Bhaban<br>72 Green Road, Dhaka-1215.  |  |                              |                         |
|         | c) Opening Tender Document  | Office of the Director General<br>Water Resources Planning Organization<br>WARPO Bhaban<br>72 Green Road, Dhaka-1215  |  |                              |                         |
| 16.     | Eligibility of Tender   | Any well reputed firm or supplier who fulfills the criteria stipulated in PPR 2008 and Standard Tender Document.  |  |                              |                         |
| 17.     | Brief Description of Goods  | Network Switch, WiFi Router, UTP CAT-6 Cable, Modular Jack, Face Plate, Patch Cord, Patch Panel, Fiber Optics Cable, SFP Module, Pigtail, UPS, PVC Pipe, PVC Box, 225 node installation and other accessories |  |                              |                         |
| 18.     | <b>Price of Tender Documents:</b>   |   |  |                              |                         |
| Sl. No. | Identification Package  | Location  | Price of Tender Documents Tk. (Non-refundable) | Tender Security Amount (Tk.) | Completion time in days |
| 1       | 2   | 3   | 4  | 5                            | 6                       |
| 1       | WARPO:LAN   | WARPO Bhaban<br>72 Green Road, Dhaka-1215.  | 500.00   | 30,000/=                     | 42                      |
| 19.     | Name of Official Inviting Tender  | Fahmida Akhtar  |  |                              |                         |
| 20.     | Designation of Official Inviting Tender   | Principal Scientific Officer(CIS)   |  |                              |                         |
| 21.     | Address of Official Inviting Tender   | Water Resources Planning Organization<br>WARPO Bhaban<br>72 Green Road, Dhaka-1215  |  |                              |                         |
| 22.     | Contact Details of Official Inviting Tender   | Telephone: +8801552349908, E-mail: pso_cis@warpo.gov.bd   |  |                              |                         |
| 23.     | Public Procurement Regulation 2008 will be strictly followed in all stages of procurement.  |   |  |                              |                         |
| 24.     | Tender Security shall be submitted in the form of Demand Draft or in the form of Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in of favor Director General, WARPO. |   |  |                              |                         |
| 25.     | The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of tenders without assigning any reason.   |   |  |                              |                         |

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