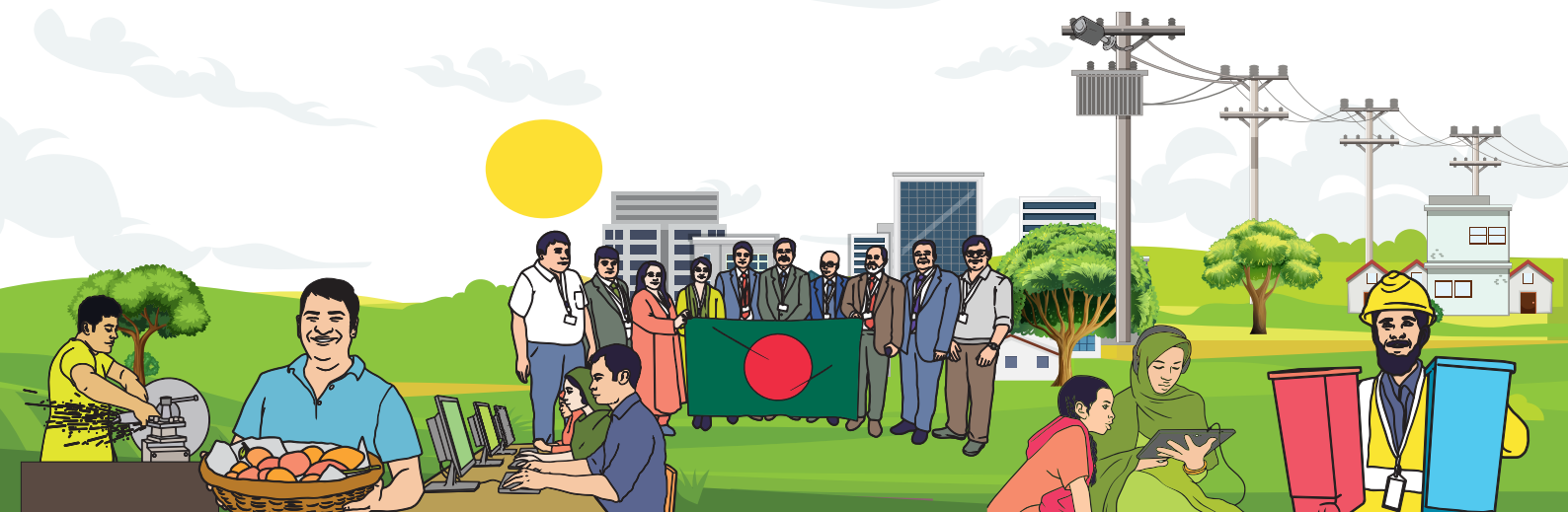




Empowering Local Governments



ABOUT MAB

The Municipal Association of Bangladesh (MAB) is the umbrella organization of all 329 municipalities of Bangladesh. The non-profit organization was established in July 2003 by many municipal officials and representatives. MAB is committed to collaborating with international organizations and local governments to deliver the best services for urban and rural dwellers in different municipalities in Bangladesh. Achieving excellent governance in Bangladesh necessitates administrative decentralization.

MAB acknowledges the vital role of Bangladeshi municipalities in advancing decentralization,

and democratization at the local government level, thereby offering the benefits of urbanization to their residents.

Consequently, MAB is committed to strengthening and empowering these municipalities through advocacy, capacity building, policy development, and research initiatives.





OUR ASPIRATION

To unite all the municipalities across Bangladesh, empowering them to become pillars of development and prosperity for the nation. Through this unity, MAB aims to catalyze progress and foster a thriving future for Bangladesh.



OUR VISION

To unite all the municipalities of Bangladesh as a cohesive family by fostering a collective voice to make the local government dynamic, effective, strong, and public-friendly through democratic decentralization and good governance.



OUR MISSION

To empower and modernize the municipalities of Bangladesh by fostering robust democratic governance, transparency, and sustainable development. By leveraging ICT best practices, promoting collaboration among diverse stakeholders, and securing resources, MAB aims to ensure the well-being and prosperity of all communities.

OUR GOALS & OBJECTIVES

01

Uphold the civil rights of municipal residents.

02

Advocate for strong and effective democratic local self-government.

03

Implement measures to enhance the effectiveness of municipalities through improved management, finance, and administration.

04

Promote participatory democratic management.

05

Conduct capacity-building initiatives for elected representatives, officers, and staff.

06

Establish municipalities as corruption-free institutions through transparency and accountability.

07

Foster constructive relationships among residents, administration, national service-provider organizations, government bodies, NGOs, donor agencies, media, and municipalities, while undertaking various projects.

08

Initiate policy reforms and advocate for good governance.

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Utilize ICT best practices and facilitate knowledge exchange domestically and internationally.

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Reform conflicting circulars and policies through negotiation with the national government and other activities that serve municipalities' interests.

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Serve as a facilitator and coordination body with the Urban Wing of the Local Government Division of the National Government of Bangladesh.

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Secure support and resources from national and international sources to maintain our network and implement programs benefiting municipalities and the association.

OUR ONGOING PROJECTS

01. PRABRIDDH

LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MAB PARTNERSHIP

This is a collaborative endeavor between the Municipal Association of Bangladesh (MAB) and PRABRIDDH - Local Economic Development (LED) project, funded by the Government of Bangladesh and Switzerland and implemented by the Local Government Division (LGD) and Swisscontact. The Local Economic Development (LED) process entails fostering inclusive, sustainable, and enriching economic activities within municipalities. It facilitates collaboration among diverse stakeholders, encompassing both public and private sectors, to collectively address challenges, capitalize on opportunities, and formulate strategies aimed at advancing economic growth at

the local level. Through participatory analyses, innovative interventions, and enhanced market governance, the project aims to stimulate economic development, improve services, and create a favorable environment for local entrepreneurs. By leveraging their combined expertise and resources, they aspire to enhance the overall well-being of the community, promote sustainable livelihoods, and drive economic growth at the grassroots level.

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03. MAB'S COLLABORATION WITH WATERAID BANGLADESH

MAB collaborated with WaterAid Bangladesh to implement the National and Bilateral WASH Advocacy (NaBWASHA) Project for three years. The objective of the project is to empower MAB to connect municipalities, guide Local Government Institutions (LGIs) in adopting the City Wide Inclusive Sanitation (CWIS) approach in sanitation planning, and integrate the Institutional and Regulatory Framework (IRF).

04. MAB'S INITIATIVES WITH UNDRR

- Launched a Nationwide Campaign in March 2012 focusing on disaster risk reduction and building resilient cities, and incorporated DRR as a core principle, and created a dedicated secretary position.
- Organized 8 regional workshops and 1 central workshop for DRR Training and provided training opportunities to all municipalities from July 2013 - June 2015.
- Conducted a day-long workshop for representatives from 32 municipalities on Disaster Resilience Scorecard Assessment in September 2016.
- Ongoing Monthly meetings since 2013 with UNDRR and disaster resilience experts and collaborations to reduce disaster risks and improve urban living conditions.
- Organized and facilitated the Regional Scorecard Workshop and MCR2030 Sign-up with trainers' assistance, which enabled 329 municipalities to access and update a centralized dashboard with essential information.

05. MAB'S COLLABORATION WITH DUSTHASASHTHYA KENDRA (DSK), PRACTICAL ACTION, AND ITN-BUET TO CONDUCT COUNTRY FSM SITUATION ANALYSIS.

The collaboration aimed to evaluate the current state and practices of Fecal Sludge Management (FSM) and to collect feedback, comments, and recommendations from municipal representatives to enhance FSM services in municipalities.

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