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Bangladesh, a country in the South Asia region, having Low and lower middle income status, was recorded to have a national population of about 175 million in the year 2024.

The urban population share in total is about 41%. The age wise distribution of the national population accounts for 32% and 10% of <18 years old (minors) and >60 years old (seniors) population, respectively. The GDP per capita (PPP) for the year 2022 was 7,398 USD.

The motorisation rate of the road transport vehicles for the year 2022, for all vehicles combined, stood at 32 vehicles per thousand population. Similarly, the rate for 2&3 wheelers, LDV, freight vehicles and buses were 23, 4, 1, and 1 respectively.

Introduction to the profiles: The Asian Transport Outlook (ATO) project serves as a comprehensive data repository that organizes transport-relevant data and information from various official and secondary sources. These profiles are meticulously crafted using data from this extensive collection and draw upon a carefully curated selection of key indicators from a pool of over 500 transport-related metrics (visit https://asiantransportoutlook.com/snd for more information).

These profiles also provide comprehensive summaries of national targets that are relevant to the Aichi 2030 Declaration goals as contained in ATO's national policy trackers. The profile is structured by goals, followed by policy insights and enumeration of sample projects by the MDBs corresponding to the 6 Goals.

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Goal 1a – Low-Carbon (climate change mitigation):

By 2030, aim to peak transport CO2 emissions and initiate reductions in transport related CO2 emissions with the intention to move towards decarbonization of the transport sector by 2050, or shortly thereafter (Based on SDG 7.2, 9.1, 13.2, Paris Agreement)

Transport CO2 emissions (fossil)

Growth of transport fossil CO2 emissions, total fossil CO2 emissions, population and GDP (PPP) (1990 - 2022)



(EDGAR, 2023)

Transport fossil CO2 emissions per capita (2022)



• The motorization rate is 32 vehicles per 1000 people (2022), primarily dominated by 2&3 wheelers.

• Between 2015 and 2022, transport fossil CO2 emissions increased at an average annual rate of 6%, exceeding the Asia-Pacific average of 1%.

• Transport CO2 emissions per capita (0.08 tonnes) and intensity (10.8) are significantly lower than the Asia-Pacific averages.

• The share of transport in total CO2 emissions rose from 11% to 13% (2015-2022).

• Road transport dominates CO2 emissions (77%), followed by railways (12%).



Transport CO2 emissions per unit of GDP (2022)





(EDGAR, 2023)

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Transport energy consumption



Transport CO2 emissions per unit of energy consumption and GDP per capita (2021)

(EDGAR, 2023)



Growth of transport $\rm CO_2$ emissions by mode



(EDGAR, 2023)





Share of transport in renewable energy consumption:

(Data not available)

(EDGAR, 2023)

Goal 1b - Resilience:

By 2030, increase resilience and adaptive capacity of transport system to climate-related hazards and pandemics such as COVID-19. (Based on SDG 13, Paris Agreement and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030)

Estimated average annual losses to transport infrastructure due to hazards

Average annual losses to transport infrastructure due to hazards, as a share of GDP, in Asia-Pacific (2023)



(CDRI, 2023)

Climate change vulnerability

National road vulnerability index (NRVI) ranking (2023)



(Koks, et al., 2023)

Goal 1 c – Air pollution:

By 2030, reduce air pollution and contamination caused by traffic, including PM2.5, other air pollutants and noise. (Based on SDG 3.9, 11.6).

Transport air pollution health impact

Transport air pollution health impact (PM 2.5)



• PM2.5, NOx, SOx, and BC emissions from road transport increased despite GDP growth (2015-2022).

• Road transport contributes significantly to NOx (14%) and BC (18%) emissions.

• Estimated deaths due to PM2.5 and ozone pollution from transport increased by 7% annually (2017-2019), with non-road sources being the primary contributor.

In Bangladesh, the total attributable deaths due to the PM2.5 and ozone air pollution from the transport sector changed from 5,671 to 6,465 between 2017 to 2019.
The numbers for Asia-Pacific were about 236 thousand and 253 thousand, respectively, for the same time period.

(McDuffie et al., 2021)

Transport air pollutant emissions

Growth of road transport air pollutant emissions



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Goal 2 - Road safety:

By 2030, halve the number of deaths and injuries from road traffic accidents in Asia compared to 2020, with specific attention to vulnerable road users. (Based on SDG 3.6 and second UN Decade of Action on Road Safety 2021 – 2030, Stockholm Declaration on Road Safety)

Road traffic crash fatalities



(WHO, 2023)

Road traffic crash fatalities (absolute values)



• Estimated road traffic fatalities vary significantly across sources (32,000 - WHO, 4,000 - Country, 11,000 - GBD).

• Fatality rate (19.8) exceeds the Asia-Pacific average (15.7).

• Fatalities and serious injuries cost 5% of GDP.

• Vulnerable road users (pedestrians, bicyclists) account for 34% of fatalities.

• Road infrastructure quality for pedestrians and bicyclists is poor.

Share of vulnerable groups

Share of road crash fatalities by age



Share of road crash fatalities by mode



(GBD, 2021)

Goal 3 - Economic sustainability:

By 2030, realize sustainable economic and employment growth by leveraging science, technology and innovation and green investments in quality passenger and freight transport infrastructure and services in a manner that fully incorporates environmental and social impacts throughout the lifecycle of the transport infrastructure and services, (Based on SDG 8.4, SDG 9.1, 12.1 and 12.c)



Transport employment

Growth of transport sector employment





2000 2005 2010 2015 2020 2022 40% 20% 15% 13% 0% Asia-Pacific Bangladesh Estimated using (ILO, 2024)

Transport investments

Official development assistance for Transport



(OECD, 2022)

Public Private Partnership in Transport



(WB, 2023)

Freight sector

Domestic Logistics Performance Index, Rank change (2016 - 2023)



(WB, 2022)

Goal 4 - Rural access:

By 2030, realize accessible, inclusive, safe, affordable, and resilient rural transport infrastructure and services, thus facilitating improved access to markets, basic utilities and services including health and education by the farming community, and other rural population including physically disabled and vulnerable groups (Based on SDG 2 and SDG 9.1)

Rural access

Rural access index



(CIESIN-rural, 2023)

Share of Secondary and Tertiary roads in Total road network



Goal 5 - Urban access:

By 2030, ensure access to accessible, inclusive, safe, efficient, affordable, and sustainable transport facilities, systems and services for urban dwellers, including physically disabled and vulnerable groups through the development of urban transport infrastructure and services (Based on SDG 11.2 and 11.7)

Urban rapid transit infrastructure

Rapid transit infrastructure to resident ratio (RTR)

(Data not available)

Urban rapid transit infrastructure length

(Data not available)

Urban access

Share of cities by level of urban access (out of 139 cities)



• Only 3 out of 139 sampled cities have urban access above 50%.



(CIESIN-urban, 2023)

Goal 6 - National access and connectivity:

By 2030, facilitate inclusive multi-modal national (including rural-urban) and regional (cross-border) connectivity through the provision of sustainable multi-modal freight and passenger transport infrastructure and services (Based on SDG 9.1)

Transport infrastructure

Growth of transport infrastructure



(IRF, 2024) (UIC, 2024) (ITDP, 2022) (ATO and Country estimates)

Road transport infrastructure availability (2022)



(IRF, 2024) (ATO and Country estimates)

Rail transport infrastructure (including HSR) availability (2021)



• Road and heavy rail length increased marginally.

- Bus motorization index improved but remains low compared to the Asia-Pacific average.
 - Airport connectivity and liner shipping connectivity improved.
 - Container port traffic is substantial but lags behind other EST countries.
 - Mobile network coverage is extensive, and internet usage increased significantly.

Transport connectivity





Transport Policy insights:

The insights are based on the transport policy trackers developed by the ATO. Trackers include analysis of policy measures and targets from all the transport relevant policy documents for a country published after the adoption of the Aichi 2030 Declaration, i.e. 2021.

• 15 policy documents adopted since 2015, 3 after the Aichi 2030 Declaration.

• Since 2015, the focus of published documents has been heavily skewed towards climate change mitigation (Goal 1a), with 80% offering extensive coverage. Air pollution (Goal 1c) and road safety (Goal 2) received some attention, with 27% and 13% extensive coverage respectively. Goals related to resilience, economic sustainability, rural access, urban access, and national connectivity have been largely overlooked in these documents.

Transport relevant policy documents

Red - Poor coverage; Orange - Moderate coverage; Green - Extensive coverage

Doc.	Document Name	Year	oal 1a	oal 1b	oal 1c	oal 2	oal 3	oal 4	oal 5	oal 6
1	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Master Plan up to 2030	2015	U	U U	U U	G	U	U	U U	С С
2	Intended Nationally Determined Contributions	2015								
3	Final Report on Updating Railway Master Plan	2017								
4	Road Transport Act 2018	2018								
5	Roadmap and Action Plan for Implementing Bangladesh NDC	2018								
6	Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100 Vol. 3.b	2018								
7	Bangladesh. National Communication (NC). NC 3	2018								
8	Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100 Vol. 3.a	2018								
9	Eighth Five Year Plan	2020								
10	First Nationally Determined Contributions (Interim Updated)	2020								
11	Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) 2020	2020								
12	Draft National Solar Energy Roadmap, 2021-2041	2020								
13	First Nationally Determined Contributions (Updated)	2021								
14	Mujib Climate Prosperity Plan	2021								
15	Automobile Industry Development Policy 2021	2021								

(ATO National policy tracker)

Poor coverage Moderate coverage Extensive coverage

Transport relevant national targets

Doc. No.	Target	Year	Goal 1a	Goal 1b	Goal 1c	Goal 2	Goal 3	Goal 4	Goal 5	Goal 6
1	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Master Plan up to 2030									
	According to the EE&C target of EE&CMP, the Government aims to improve energy intensity (i.e., national primary energy consumption per gross domestic product/GDP) by 15% by 2020 and by 20% in 2030 compared to the 2013 level.	2030	x							
2	Intended Nationally Determined Contributions									
	An unconditional contribution to reduce GHG emissions by 5% from Business as Usual (BAU) levels by 2030 in the power, transport and industry sectors, based on existing resources. A conditional 15% reduction in GHG emissions from BAU levels by 2030 in the power, transport, and industry sectors, subject to appropriate international support in the form of finance, investment, technology development and transfer, and capacity building.	2030	x		x					
	A target to reduce energy intensity (per GDP) by 20% by 2030 compared to 2013 levels	2030	x		x					
	To achieve a shift in passenger traffic from road to rail of up to around 20% by 2030 compared to the business as usual.	2030	x		x	x				
	Unconditional = 4 MtCO2 Conditional = 9 MtCO2	2030	x							
3	Final Report on Updating Railway Master Plan									
	To permit the passage of broad gauge rolling stock on the entire network by 2040 and on the core network by 2035 BR plans to update ATP and train control systems before 2040. The Railway will install: 1. Automatic Train Protection (ATP)/Train Protection Warning System (TPWS) on all main line sections. 2. Communication Based Train Control (CBTC)/European Train Control System (ETCS) on corridors identified as international TAR (Trans Asian Railway) routes.	2040	x		x	x				x
7	Bangladesh. National Communication (NC). NC 3									
	Improveme nt of road traffic congestion % improvement in fuel efficiency High = 15% Medium = 10% Low = 5%	2030	x		x	x				x
12	Draft National Solar Energy Roadmap, 2021-2041									
	the government can take an initiative to install solar charging stations in all 64 districts, with special emphasis on the eight divisional cities. By 2041 a total of 121 MW of solar charging station capacity can be installed, 8.125 MW in each divisional city and 1 MW in the remaining 56 districts.	2041	x		x				x	
	Bangladesh has made a commitment in its NDC to reduce GHG emissions unconditionally 5% by 2030 in the power, transport and industry sectors and a conditional 15% reduction in GHG emissions by 2030.	2030	x		x					
	In this document, GOB has declared the intention in necessary details to reduce 20% primary energy consumption per GDP by the year 2030	2030	x							
9	Eighth Five Year Plan									

Target 2025: Urban mass transit no. of cities = 1 Baseline 2019: Urban mass transit no. of cities = 0	2025	x		x	x		x	
Target 2025: Modernize Railway Workshop and other infrastructure. Improvement level crossing gates, other infrastructures and rolling stocks Construct new ICDs Procure adequate equipment to modernize railway maintenance Modernize signaling system of 222 stations to ensure safety. Modernize signaling system of 222 stations to ensure safety. Increase efficiency and improve performance of Bangladesh Railway Ensure full operational cost recovery by FY2025.	2025	x		x	x			x
Targets 2025: Rehabilitate/ Upgrade 846 km existing rail line. Target 2025: Transport Infrastructure quality Country ranking = 80 Score = 47 Baseline 2019: Transport Infrastructure quality Country ranking = 100 Score = 42 share of Fair to Good road surfaces will be increased from 81% to 90% for overall RHD Road Network	2025	x		x	x			x
Targets 2025: Construction of 798 km new rail line. Implement dual gauge double tracking of 897 km to increase line capacity. Construct 9 important railway bridges Procure 160 locomotives to enhance the efficiency, ensure reliability & punctuality of running trains and to introduce new trains. Procure 1704 passenger coaches and 2000 wagons to improve passenger service quality	2025	x	x	x				x
Target 2025: Construction of 4/6/8 lane roads = 550 kmConstruction of new roads lane = 150 km Improvement/Rehabilitation of National Highways = 1800 km Improvement/Rehabilitation of Regional & Zila Highways = 12,700 km Constructionof bridges/culverts = 37,500 meters Reconstruction ofbridges/culverts = 4,100 meters Construction of Flyover/Overpass =11,000 meters Construction of Rigid Pavement = 375 km WeighBridge/ Axle Load Control Station = 30 number	2025	x						x
Target 2025: Road safety accident death rate by country (WHO 2018) (Per 100,000) = 13 Baseline 2019: Road safety accident death rate by country (WHO 2018) (Per 100,000) = 14.43 in accordance with SDG Target no. 3.6 number of fatalities due to road traffic accidents on national highways will be reduced by 25% at the end of 8FYP	2025				x			
Target 2025: Passenger Traffic (billion passenger kilometres)Road =246 Inland water = 23 Railways = 15 Total = 284 Baseline 2019:Passenger Traffic (billion passenger kilometres)Road = 169 Inlandwater = 16 Railways = 10 Total = 195 Target 2025: Freight Traffic(billion-tonnes kilometres)Road = 31 Inland water = 7 Railways = 3Total = 41 Baseline 2019: Freight Traffic (billion-tonnes kilometres)Road = 24 Inland water = 5 Railways = 2 Total = 31 Target 2025:Air Traffic (million passengers / million tons)Passenger = 13.09 Freight = 0.41 Target 2025: Sea PortCargo Traffic (million numbers /million tonnes)Container = 3.6Tonnes = 122 Baseline 2019: Sea Port Cargo Traffic (million numbers/million tonnes)Container = 2.9 Tonnes = 98.24	2025	x		x	x			x

	achieve 80-110 kmph design speed with a level of Service 'B' for 900 kilometres of important highway corridors, which are now operating merely at 30-35 kmph	2025	x	x	x			x
10	First Nationally Determined Contributions (Interim Updated)							
	Bangladesh already aimed for an unconditional reduction of GHG emissions by 5% from Business as Usual (BAU) levels by 2030 equivalent to 12 MtCO2e in the power, transport and industry sectors. In the unconditional part of NDC, only those mitigation measures were considered which would be implemented on the basis of current local level capacity, and financed through internal resources. Contingent upon international funding and technological support, the country targeted to reduce GHG emissions in the same sectors up to 36 MtCO2e by 2030 or 15% below BAU emissions.	2030	x	x				
	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Master Plan up to 2030 Under this comprehensive plan, the government aims to lower energy intensity (national primary energy consumption per unit of GDP) in 2030 by 20% compared to the 2013 level: A total of 95 million toe (113 billion m3 of gas equivalent) is expected to be saved during the period.	2030	x					
13	First Nationally Determined Contributions (Updated)							
	In the unconditional scenario, GHG emissions would be reduced by 27.56 Mt CO2e (6.73%) below BAU in 2030 in the respective sectors. 26.3 Mt CO2e (95.4%) of this emission reduction will be from the Energy sector while 0.64 (2.3%) and 0.6 (2.2%) Mt CO2e reduction will be from AFOLU (agriculture) and waste sector respectively. In the conditional scenario, GHG emissions would be reduced by 61.9 Mt CO2e (15.12%) below BAU in 2030 in the respective sectors. This reduction is in addition to the proposed reductions in unconditional scenario. The conditional mitigation measures will be implemented by Bangladesh, only if there is external financial/technology support. The conditional scenario has 59.7Mt CO2e (96.46%) emission reduction from the Energy sector, while 0.4 (0.65%) and 1.84 (2.97%) Mt CO2e reduction will be from AFOLU (agriculture) and Waste Sector respectively.	2030	x	x				
	Unconditional: Modal shift from road to rail (10% modal shift of passenger-km) through different Transport projects such as BRT, MRT in major cities, Multi-modal hub creation, Padma Bridge etc. Conditional: Modal shift from road to rail (25% modal shift of passenger-km) through different Transport projects such as BRT, MRT in major cities, Multi-modal hub creation, new bridges etc.	2030	x	x	x		x	
	Unconditional = 3.39 MtCO2 Conditional = 6.33 MtCO2	2030	x					
14	Mujib Climate Prosperity Plan							
	We will enable EV manufacturing to contribute up to 10% of GDP by 2030.	2030	x	x				x
	Shift at least 30% of the transportation fleet to electric by 2030	2030	x	 x				x
	We will ensure 50% of the rideshare fleet is green/electric.	2025	x	x				x
	We will ensure 100% of the rideshare fleet is green/electric.	2030	x	 x				x
L	Reduce logistics cost by 25%	2025	x					x
	Reduce logistics cost by 50%.	2030	x					x

Bangladesh's 2020 NDCs note that the government aims to lower energy intensity (national primary energy consumption per unit of GDP) in 2030 by 20% versus the 2013 level: A total of 95 million tonnes of oil equivalent or 113 billion cubic meters of gas equivalent is expected to be saved during the period.	2030	x				
At least 50% of railway infrastructure made climate-resilient and energy efficient.	2030		x			x

(ATO National policy tracker)

Transport relevant sample projects:

A sample list of projects by the MDB highlights their focus with respect to the Aichi 2030 Declaration Goals.

Transport relevant projects

Year	Project name	Amount (million USD)	Goal 1a	Goal 1b	Goal 1c	Goal 2	Goal 3	Goal 4	Goal 5	Goal 6
2023	Improving Urban Governance and Infrastructure Program	301	x	x	x	x	x		x	
2023	Flood Reconstruction Emergency Assistance Project (FREAP)	231		x	x	x	x			x
2024	Dhaka Public Transport Improvement Project	475	x	x	x		x		x	
2021	Bangladesh: Mymensingh Kewatkhali Bridge Project	260		x			x	x		x
2023	South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Dhaka-Northwest Corridor Road Project, Phase 2 (Tranche 3)	300		x			x	x		x
2022	Coastal Towns Climate Resilience Project	250		x		х	х	x		
2022	Accelerating Transport and Trade Connectivity in Eastern South Asia – Bangladesh Phase 1 Project	754		x			x	x		x
2023	Bangladesh: Rampura- Amulia-Demra (RAD) Expressway Project	75				х	х			x
2022	Greater Dhaka Sustainable Urban Transport Project - Additional Financing	100		x			x		x	
2021	South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Dhaka–Sylhet Corridor Road Investment Project	1781		x			x			x

(MDB Projects database)

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