



# ADB's strategy for Bangladesh -Achieving higher, inclusive and sustainable economic growth

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# BANGLADESH –

## A Land of Opportunity

- Total population 163.7 million in 2018, with rapidly growing young population (1.4 million new entrants in the labor market)
- Strong economic growth of 6.5% during the last decade
- Surpassed lower-middle income threshold in July 2015
- Attained the first eligibility for graduation from Least Developed Country in March 2018
- GDP per capita \$1,670 in FY2018 from \$703 in FY2009
- Steady gains in poverty reduction (from 31.5% in 2010 to 24.3% in 2016)

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Source: *The World Factbook* 2018. Washington, DC: Central Intelligence Agency, 2018.





# ADB in Bangladesh - Strategy

Higher, Inclusive and Environmentally Sustainable Growth

Economic Diversification

Balanced Regional Development

Strategic Objectives:

- Easing infrastructure constraints
- Improving human capital
- Promoting economic corridor development
- Improving rural livelihoods
- Providing climate and disaster resilient infrastructure and services

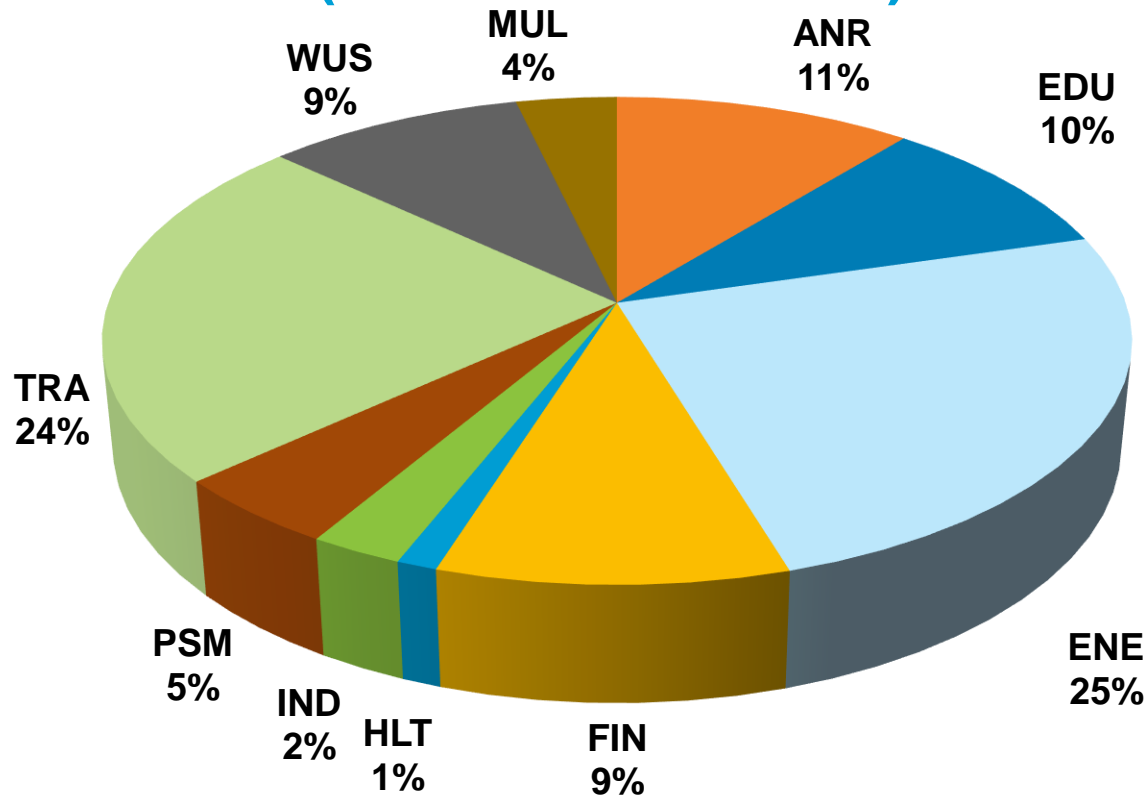
Thematic Objectives:

- Creating conditions for greater private sector participation
- Addressing institutional capacity constraints and improving governance
- Deepening regional cooperation and integration
- Promoting gender equality



# ADB in Bangladesh - Sector Focus

## Cumulative ADB Commitment by Sector (as of 31 Dec. 2017)

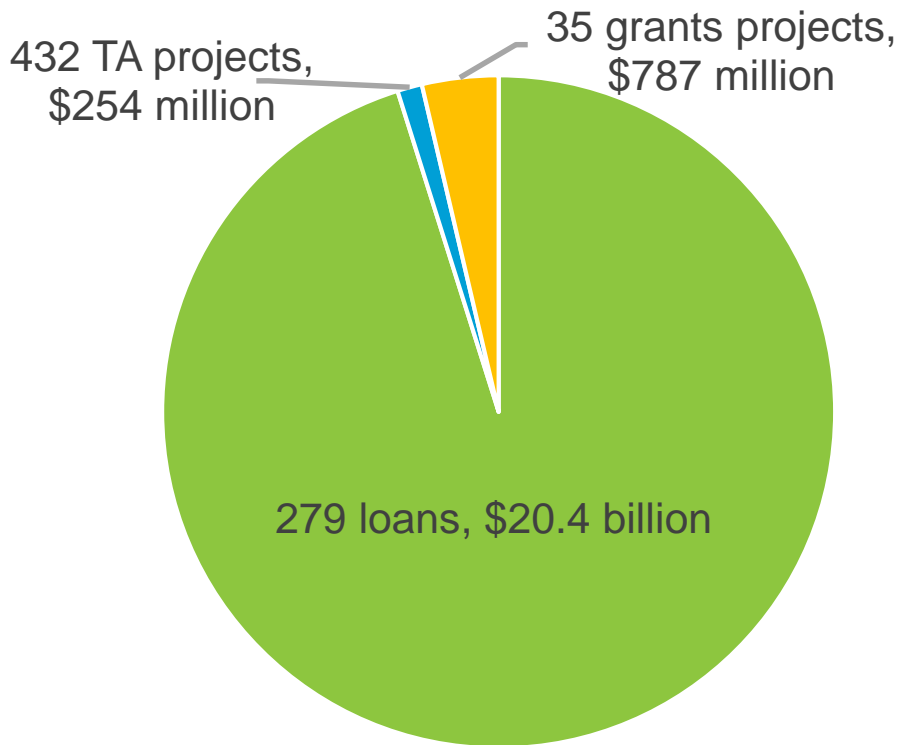


ANR = agriculture, natural resources, and rural development; EDU = education, ENE = energy, FIN = finance, HLT = health, IND = industry and trade, MUL = multisector, PSM = public sector management, TRA = transport, WUS = water and other urban infrastructure and services.

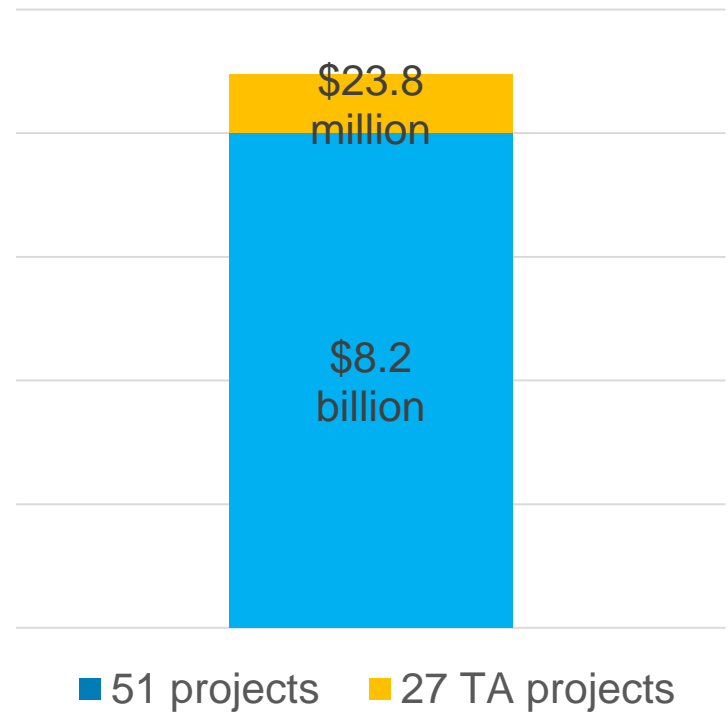


# ADB in Bangladesh - Achievements

## Historical (as of 31 Dec. 2017)



## Current portfolio





# ADB in Bangladesh - Achievements

## ADB Operations, 2015-2018

(\$ million)

	2015	2016	2017	2018 (by Aug)
Approvals	1,185	1,119	1,959	1,495
Commitments	1,522	706	2,001	1,185
Contract Awards	722	995	1,027	954
Disbursements	687	853	857	544

- Approvals and Commitments: Sovereign and non-sovereign operations
- Contract awards and disbursements: Sovereign operations
- 2018 approvals and commitments include \$100 million grant for displaced persons from Myanmar livings in camps in Bangladesh



# Infrastructure Development







# Human Resources Development





# Agriculture and Rural Development





# Moving Forward

- Aligning to Strategy 2030, achieving a prosperous, inclusive, resilient and sustainable Bangladesh
- Key area of support:
  - Enhancing connectivity
  - Expanding power generation capacity and regional interconnections
  - Modernizing urban area and services
  - Facilitating regional cooperation and integration
  - Strengthening support for human capital development
- Finance with knowledge and partnerships



# Key Messages

- Bangladesh has made good progress, and continues to do so
- ADB is a valuable and reliable partner for Bangladesh
- ADB has contributed to Bangladesh's economic and social transformation
- ADB will continue to help Bangladesh



Thank you.

