











TRANSFORMING FOOD SYSTEMS THROUGH INSIGHTS FROM THE BANGLADESH FOOD SYSTEMS DASHBOARD

BACKGROUND

Bangladesh aims for sustainable development, targeting high-income status by 2041. Simultaneously, it strives to become Developed Country by 2026 and improve food systems by 2030. Guided by strategic plans, including the Perspective Plan: 2021-2041 and the 8th Five Year Plan, efforts are underway to combat undernourishment, achieve SDGs, and transform food systems by 2030. These commitments to Food Systems Transformation were made by Her Excellency Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in UN Food Systems Summit (UNFSS) in 2021, reaffirmed at UNFSS+2 in 2023 at Rome, also aligning with Nutrition for Growth (N4G) and Cooperation of Parties (COP) commitments. The government involving all its relevant ministries with support from development partners, created the National Pathway document, with an upcoming action plan for biennial reporting at UNFSS until 2029. In line with the Prime Minister's commitment, the Government of Bangladesh developed the Bangladesh Food Systems Dashboard (BDFSD) to facilitate this reporting using selected indicators for food systems transformation.



This Bangladesh Food Systems Dashboard (BDFSD) is a useful tool to visualize and understand data relevant to food production, marketing, consumption, availability, accessibility, governance, social protection, and other important areas of the food systems for evidence-based policy decision-making.

Objective

To support policymakers and stakeholders to better designed and more data-based policies and projects in support of food systems that contributes to positive outcomes for health, sustainability, environment, livelihood, and equity

Outcome

Improved food systems planning and coordination at subnation, national and global levels

Features

- Centralized food systems data to track nationally committed indicators for example SDG, N4G, COP, CIP etc
- Multistakeholder platform
- Data authenticated by the BBS
- Currently National, Divisional and District data is displayed
- Key national priority indicators are highlighted for example

WHO ARE INVOLVED

Ministry of Food, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), and Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) are working together to develop Bangladesh Food Systems Dashboard. GAIN is supporting the process in partnership with the Columbia Climate School and FAO in collaboration with different ministries including Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Planning, Ministry of Agriculture, and other relevant ministries, departments, agencies, IFAD, WFP and other development partners, academia, and private sector.

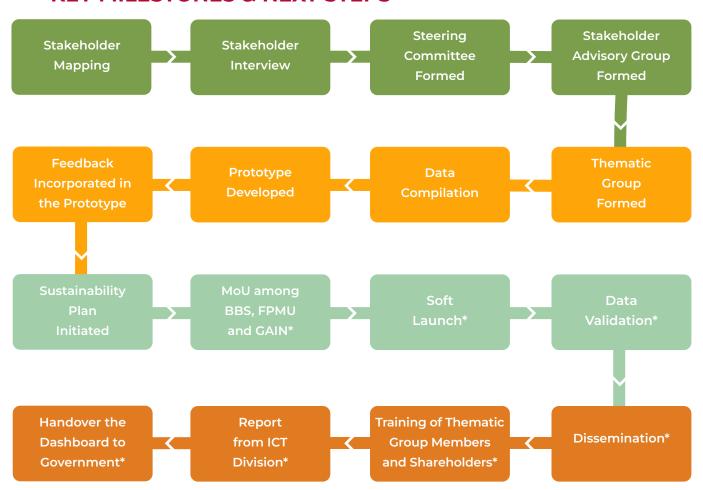
WHO CAN USE IT

The BDFSD website is accessible to all users but is being designed with a focus on catering to the needs of policymakers for evidence-based decision-making and other stakeholders involved in food systems.

SUSTAINABILITY AND FUTURE FUNDING

At present, GAIN funds the BDFSD until June 2024, encompassing dashboard development, stakeholder engagement, and government official capacity building. Transitioning it to the government website entails joint maintenance cost calculation and continued fundraising.

KEY MILESTONES & NEXT STEPS



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