March 2022 marked the 50th anniversary of BRAC’s founding in Bangladesh in the wake of a civil war that secured the nation’s independence and a devastating cyclone that left it paralyzed. From those humble beginnings, BRAC has evolved to become one of the world’s largest global development organizations. Today, thanks to our committed supporters and partners, we reach more than 100 million people across South Asia and Africa with proven poverty innovations, including those outlined in this report.

From the entire BRAC family, we thank you.

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INVESTING IN HOPE

On Monday, June 20th, BRAC acknowledged World Refugee Day. And although major news outlets have shifted their focus toward other humanitarian disasters, this summer also marks the fifth year since the sudden peak of the continuing Rohingya crisis. By now, more than 900,000 Rohingya, over half of which are children, have fled from Myanmar to Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh. Furthermore, the violence and aggression that has driven these families out of their homes has been followed by deadly fires, public health concerns, food insecurity, and other fallout from their displacement. As the crisis progresses, BRAC and partners continue to stand with this embattled community. Our teams have provided primary care such as first aid, nutrition, and water, but also other critical resources such as child-friendly, play-based education spaces, specifically designed for humanitarian settings; artisanal skills training for adult women; emergency shelters for children separated from their families; and psychosocial support for victims of gender-based violence.

This human-made disaster exemplifies the need for compassion and investment in our most important asset throughout our world -- people. And not only people, but especially women and youth, whose communities rely on their ingenuity and growing knowledge and skills. Ultimately, our approach to “unmaking” poverty and protecting citizens in this community, and others who face such adversity, is to invest in creating hope by meeting our participants’ basic needs and unlocking their potential by building back better.

MEETING BASIC NEEDS

This year, BRAC has continued to prioritize meeting basic needs through programs in health and nutrition; water, sanitation, and hygiene; and humanitarian response. Our network of more than 50,000 community health workers provided critical primary health care to families around the globe while spreading knowledge about COVID-19 to over 80 million people. In Uganda, health workers were trained on a digital health application to better deliver critical frontline care. And through a new partnership to empower water entrepreneurs in Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh, BRAC created affordable, sustainable access to clean water for 12,000 people.

| 4K+ | Community health workers in Uganda trained on digital health application to better deliver critical frontline care |
| 56M | Masks distributed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Bangladesh |
| 6   | New water treatment plants providing clean water in Bangladesh |
| 700K+ | Rohingya refugees received comprehensive support |
UNLOCKING POTENTIAL

BRAC’s flagship early childhood development model, Play Labs, continues to reach young children in Bangladesh, Tanzania, and Uganda in-person and through remote learning opportunities on the radio, television, internet, and phones. New research from Bangladesh revealed that Play Labs improve children’s developmental outcomes and reduces gaps among learners. Leveraging lessons from its girls’ empowerment program, Empowerment and Livelihoods for Adolescents, BRAC also reaches youth in 11 countries across Africa, directly engaging teens to decrease pregnancy and drop-out rates, and increasing graduation and vocational opportunities.

BUILDING BACK BETTER

The pandemic has pushed 100 million people into extreme poverty, reversing decades of progress and exacerbating challenges that existed long before the emergence of COVID-19. BRAC has resolved to build back better by empowering communities with the tools for economic success. Most recently, BRAC’s Ultra-Poor Graduation Initiative worked with governments and partners in Egypt, India, the Philippines, Rwanda, and Tunisia to support programs that enable women to “graduate” out of extreme poverty by providing resources and training to help them gain an income, expanding on our flagship Graduation approach developed in Bangladesh. BRAC continued to offer additional financial inclusion offerings and services, growing to reach approximately 12 million clients around the globe who are borrowers or savers. And in Liberia, BRAC launched a new phase of an agriculture program that will train more than 7,000 farmers in climate-smart agriculture or in raising poultry and livestock.

| 2.1M+  | Households graduated out of extreme poverty in Bangladesh |
| 12M    | Microfinance borrowers and savers accessing financial services globally |
| 2.1K   | Farmers trained in climate-smart agriculture or poultry and livestock farming in Liberia |

1.4M Young children reached with remote learning opportunities since March 2020
11 Countries across Africa reached through youth empowerment programming
12M Children graduated from BRAC schools
50 YEARS OF IGNITING HOPE

Your support ignites the hope of more than 100 million people, including in communities such as Shwe Nat Tuang, Myanmar, where Khin Thu (pictured below) runs a pig farm. At first, Khin Thu struggled to get her business off the ground. But when she applied for a low interest agriculture loan from BRAC, she was able to invest in her business by purchasing more piglets and feed. Since then, her monthly income has tripled, and she is using her increased earnings to invest in her family’s future and deposit a portion in her BRAC savings account each month.

“I love spending time with my family and grandson. I have enough money now and I am planning to build a big farm outside of my house like I have always dreamt of.”

- Khin Thu

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