

# How to Partner with BRAC UPGI

**To eradicate extreme poverty, the global community must come together to scale and sustain proven, holistic solutions that enable people to lift themselves from extreme poverty long term. BRAC UPGI is partnering with key stakeholders such as governments, multilateral institutions, and NGOs to achieve our vision of empowering 4.6 million households to escape extreme poverty by 2026. We believe this is possible through partnership and scaling the Graduation approach through national economic inclusion and social protection programming and policies and contributing to global and regional development agendas.**

## History of BRAC UPGI Partnerships

BRAC launched the Ultra-Poor Graduation Initiative (UPGI) in 2016 to partner with key governments and development institutions around the world to support the scale-up of the Graduation approach. Through technical assistance, policy influencing strategic communications, and learning and evidence sharing, BRAC UPGI supports the global efforts to end extreme poverty through adopting the Graduation approach, adapting it to local contexts, and integrating it into existing social protection systems to maximize reach, impact, and sustainability.

BRAC UPGI partners with multilateral and regional institutions, civil society actors, academic institutions, and non-profit organizations to contribute to global and regional agendas, as well as government efforts to eradicate extreme poverty. Past partners range from the Governments of Kenya, Lesotho, Rwanda, Tanzania, Guinea, Zambia, Pakistan, the Philippines, and State Governments in India to the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, International Fund for Agricultural Development, and UNICEF, as well as BOMA Project, Jameel Abdil Poverty Action Lab, Fundación Capital, and the Sawiris Foundation.

## Increasing Reach and Impact of Graduation

To date, BRAC has reached more than 2.1 million households in Bangladesh with 95 percent of participants developing sustainable livelihoods and “graduating” from extreme poverty long-term.

BRAC has also supported implementation and provided technical assistance for Graduation programs in 13 additional countries. Adaptation of the approach by more than 100 partner organizations has reached an additional 3.1 million households in over 40 countries.

## Partnership is Key to Eradicating Extreme Poverty

Scaling through governments is critical for eradicating extreme poverty. By integrating Graduation into existing government policies and programs, governments can drive radical, scalable, and lasting change to enable people to escape extreme poverty and access pathways toward sustainable and resilient livelihoods. While governments are key agents of scale, we believe various actors across the global community can come together to support and sustain these efforts in order to reach our shared vision of ending extreme poverty by 2030.

The good news is that many governments are committed to addressing poverty through elements of social protection and have set aside resources to tackle this issue. BRAC UPGI is committed to collaborating with governments toward effective solutions that leverage available resources to achieve the long-term benefits demonstrated by using Graduation programming.

BRAC UPGI is partnering with governments to empower 4.6 million more households to escape extreme poverty by 2026. In service of this mission, we are collaborating closely with various stakeholders across partner organizations and governments to influence global dialogue around poverty eradication, support policies for anti-poverty programming, share findings from research and work at local level, provide technical program assistance, and influence greater worldwide uptake of Graduation.

With governments at the helm and with strong partnerships, we have an incredible opportunity to improve existing poverty reduction systems, policies, and programs and reach millions more people living in extreme poverty.

## Partnering at the National, Regional and Global Levels

In order to influence existing and upcoming systems, policies, and programs to become more inclusive, adaptive, and comprehensive, BRAC UPGI works to contribute to global dialogue on extreme poverty and effective implementation of Graduation programming.

At the global and regional levels, BRAC UPGI strives to shape discourse and influence policies on poverty alleviation by convening governments, facilitating partnerships, monitoring and evaluating programming, and promoting learning and innovation to improve overall effectiveness and impact.

At the national level, BRAC UPGI explores context-specific pathways to integrate Graduation into government social protection and poverty reduction policies and programs. By providing technical assistance and evidence-based policy recommendations, and supporting effective implementation, BRAC UPGI supports partners' efforts to enact nationwide change.

At the Global and Regional Level	At National and Subnational levels
BRAC is engaging strategic stakeholders and donors to ensure a focus on the needs of the poorest populations in global and regional priorities	BRAC is partnering with governments to integrate the Graduation approach into existing social protection systems to make them more inclusive, adaptive, and comprehensive
BRAC is engaging coalitions and supporting visibility campaigns on the need to address extreme poverty through evidence-based solutions, like Graduation, that can make a meaningful contribution to SDG 1 if scaled	BRAC is engaging reformers within governments to promote evidence-based policy recommendations focusing resources on people living in extreme poverty
BRAC is building effective communication strategies to create awareness and promote evidence and learnings for the adoption and scale of the Graduation approach	BRAC is developing in-country presence to provide local support and contextualized programming and informed policy support
BRAC is participating in high level events to develop new and enhance existing relationships with key stakeholders and influence dialogue around poverty reduction policies and programming	BRAC is promoting greater inter-ministerial coordination to enhance involvement from local community and local governments in the design and implementation of national social protection systems
BRAC is sharing evidence and learnings to raise awareness around the approach through communications including events, reports, and research	BRAC is facilitating access to global knowledge and evidence and boosting learning between local governments to inform local programs and policies
BRAC is engaging in long-term research to support the global Graduation learning agenda	BRAC is establishing dynamic monitoring systems to support government efforts to ensure transparency and maximize outcomes of government systems
BRAC is facilitating partnerships between key global actors at the national, regional, and global levels around policies and programming for poverty alleviation	BRAC is providing technical and advisory support around program design and implementation, vulnerability and capacity assessments, curriculum and staff training

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