

Bangladesh

Helen Keller Intl works closely with the Government of Bangladesh, development partners, and local communities. Its core focus includes improving maternal, infant, and young child nutrition; strengthening food systems and household food security; expanding access to quality eye health and vision care services; and supporting health systems to address malnutrition and preventable diseases. Through evidence-based, community-centered, and partnership-driven approaches, Helen Keller aims to create sustainable impact and enable individuals and communities to reach their full potential.



Number of staff: **51**
 People reached annually: **191,000**



Office opened: **1978**
 Operating budget: **\$3.5 million**

Challenges



Around 4 million children under 5 years of age suffer from acute malnutrition, leading to mortality and morbidity.



An estimated 2 million people live with diabetic retinopathy, and 3.3 million suffer from uncorrected refractive errors, impacting their quality of life and earning power.



About 16 million Bangladeshis experience acute food insecurity at crisis or worse levels.

Where We Work



- Bandarban
- Barishal
- Bhola
- Dhaka
- Dinajpur
- Habiganj
- Khagrachari
- Kurigram
- Manikganj
- Netrakona
- Noakhali
- Rangamati
- Satkhira
- Sherpur
- Sirajganj
- Sunamganj

Our Solutions



Generate evidence, engage in policy advocacy, and build community resilience to strengthen health systems and implement quality nutrition interventions.



Expand access to quality eye care by equipping communities to detect diabetic retinopathy and refractive error early, prevent cataract blindness, and deliver affordable vision services.



Support people living in poverty to build sustainable livelihoods through entrepreneurship, expanded cash and food assistance, and improved access to essential services, credit, and markets.



Our Impact

- ✓ Screened nearly 53,000 children under the age of 5 and provided more than 3,600 malnourished children with treatment and care.
- ✓ Screened more than 78,200 patients for diabetic retinopathy and vision problems, and referred nearly 18,300 for treatment.
- ✓ Supported nearly 6,800 households through climate-smart agricultural interventions and access to livelihood-sustaining assistance.

Key Partners: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Cure Blindness Project, Lavelle Fund for the Blind, MetLife Foundation, BestinBrands

About Helen Keller Intl

Guided by our founder's remarkable legacy, Helen Keller Intl works to improve the lives of people around the world by protecting vision, enhancing nutrition, and fighting disease. Working in 20 countries—across Africa, Asia, Europe, and the United States—we help families grow and eat nutritious food, stave off malnutrition, strengthen their immune systems, access life-saving medical treatments, avoid blindness, and protect their vision. Together, with a global community of supporters, we're building a world where every person can live a healthy life filled with potential.

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