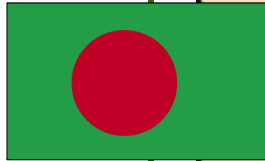
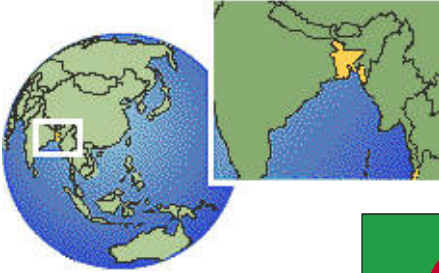


# BANGLADESH

## SIZE:

Slightly smaller than Iowa



## POPULATION:

154 Million people  
51 Million are under  
the age of 14 (33%)

## LANGUAGE:

Most everyone speaks Bangla (or Bengali) and some speak English.

## RELIGION:

83% Muslim, 16% Hindu, and  
1% Other

## MISC:

Approximately 45% of Bengalis  
live below the poverty line and  
less than 1/2 of the population  
over 15 can read and write.



Thirty million children live in poverty, without access to education or basic health care. For many girls, marriage is the only economic option; 58 per cent marry between the ages of 16 and 18. Many of these young women are victims of domestic violence.

Despite a successful initiative to end child labor in the garment industry, 3.3 million children are still working in Bangladesh, many in hazardous occupations.



## PRAYER POINTS

1. Young people are strategic but little is done to meet their spiritual needs. Over half the population is under the age of 16, most living in poverty. Pray for the development of children's and youth workers that will be dedicated to reaching kids.
2. Because most of the population is Muslim, pray that Jesus will reveal Himself to them through dreams and visions like He has been doing in other Muslim countries.
3. Pray for Psalm 91 protection for the missionaries and for the growing number of national leaders that are stepping up to lead.
4. People are needed to help share the gospel and teach the Bible since many people can not read it for them selves.

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