

# Bangladesh



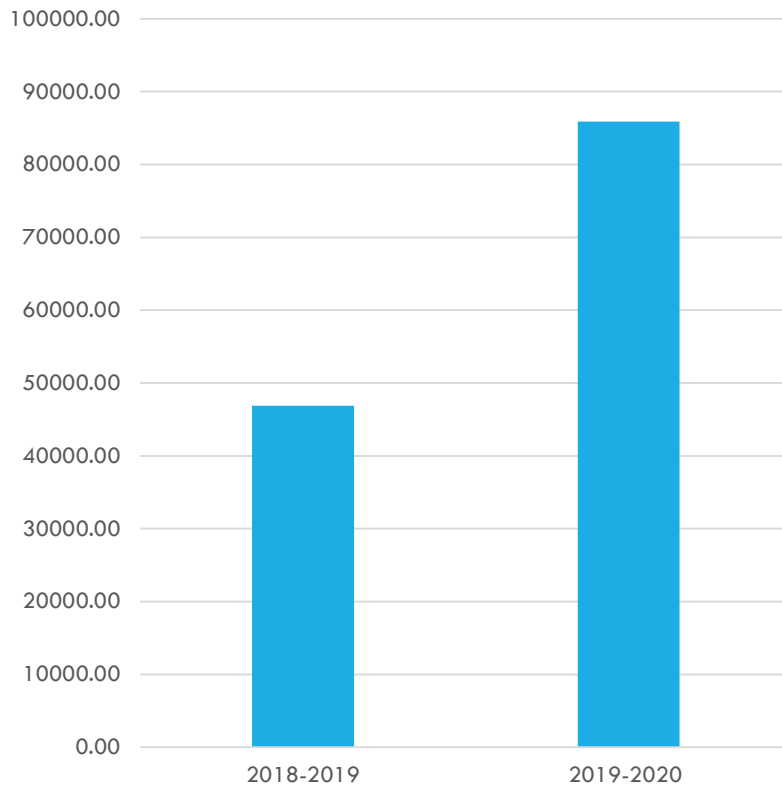
## Strengthening Family Planning through Advocacy



- National level : Family planning policies and programs
- Sub-national level: Bagerhat, Barisal, Pirojpur and Khulna districts
- 40.6 million women of reproductive age

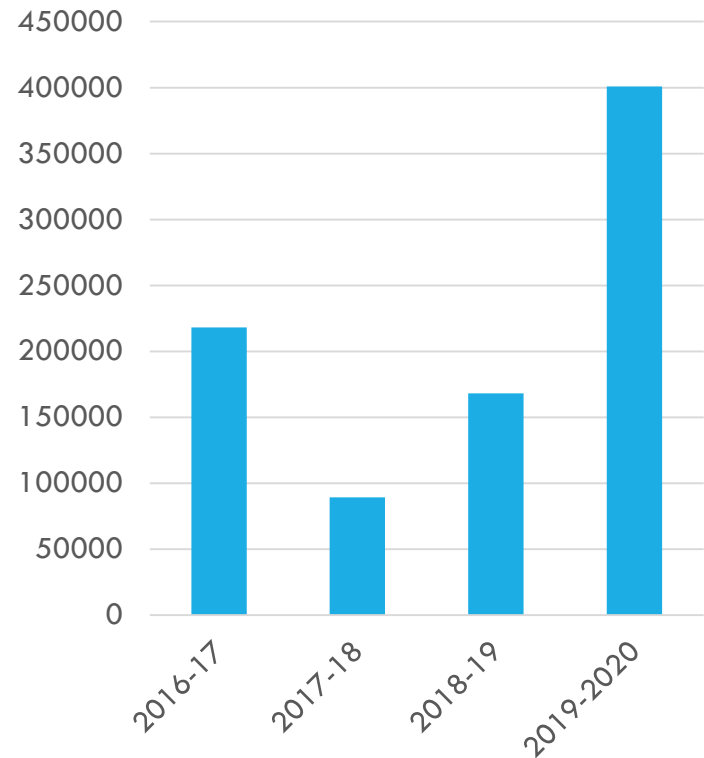
# NEW AND INCREASED FUNDS FOR FAMILY PLANNING

National Level



**BDT 79,73106**

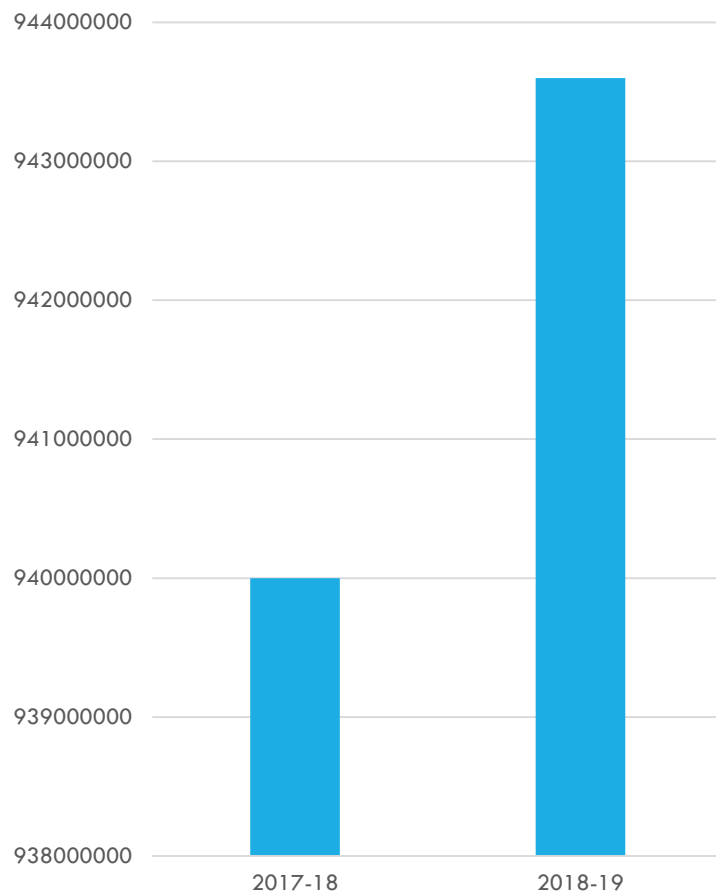
Sub-national Level



**BDT 7,36,20204**

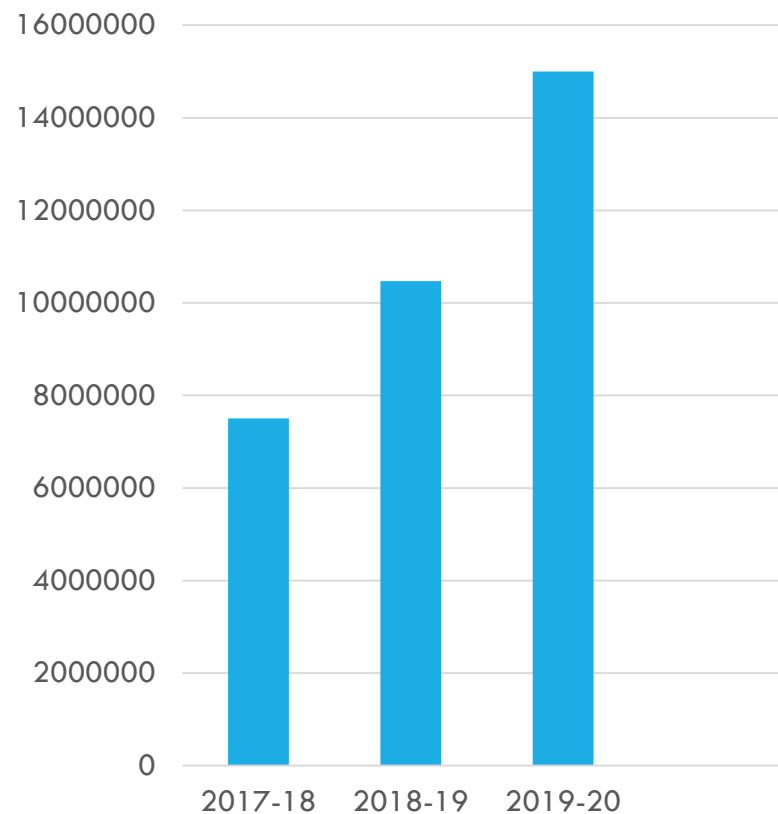
# EXPENDITURE TRACKING:

National Level



BDT 34,44000

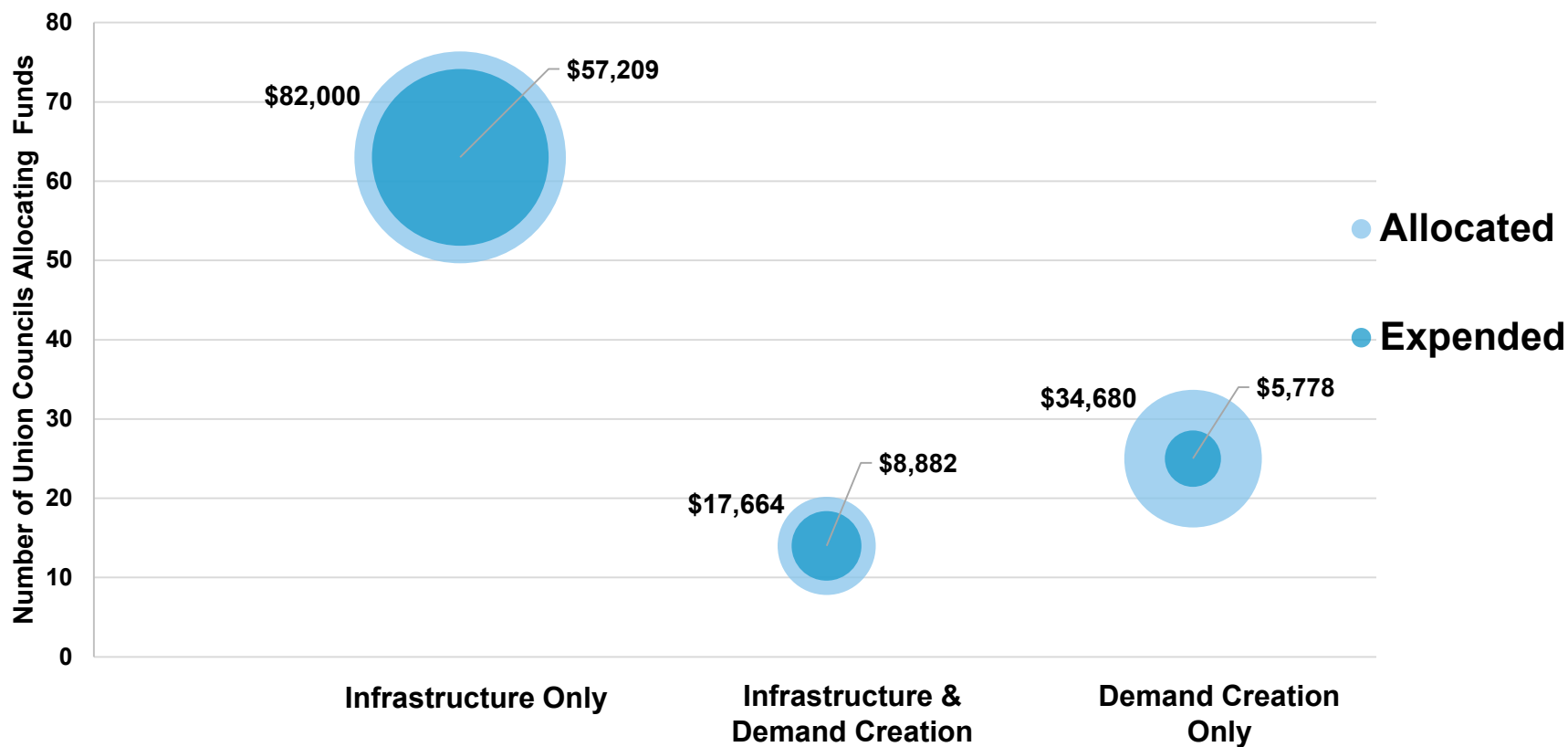
Sub-National Level



BDT 3,29,77000

# TRACKING EXPENDITURE AT SUB-NATIONAL LEVEL

Union councils in Barisal and Pirojpur districts expended more than half of fiscal year 2017-18 funds allocated to improve family planning services



Bubble size = Amount of funds (USD)

# IMPROVING QUALITY OF FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES

The National Technical Committee (NTC) approved the use of tubal hook and uterine elevators for use in sterilization procedures in the National Family Planning program

NTC approved Laparoscopic method for female sterilization procedures in the National Family Planning program

The Directorate General of Family Planning approved a revised curriculum focusing for Intrauterine Device (IUD) and trained 160 master trainers and service providers to improve quality



## **Expected outcome:**

Approximately, 90,000 women that undergo sterilization and 183,000 women that choose IUD each year as their preferred family planning method will benefit from these improved policies.

## **Impact:**

**Increased uptake of long acting and permanent methods**



# INCREASING ACCESS TO FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES

Task-shifting provision of family planning services to nurses by updating the nursing curriculum to include training and hands on skills on service provision.

DMPA-SC operational research is approved and in hard to reach areas the method is introduced contributing to reduced drop out rate and increase access

Involvement of community people and local government in FP program made significant changes to increase access of rural women



## Expected outcome

- Increased access to family planning services through nurses; each year nearly 100,000 women in urban and 1,100,000 in rural area will benefit by improved access to family planning information and services
- Access to DMPA-SC will improve the continuation rates in hard to reach areas

## Impact:

**Reduced unmet need and drop out rate, increased continuation rates**

# INCREASING ACCESS FOR YOUTH & ADOLESCENTS

Established new public-private partnerships between DGFP and private medical colleges leading to family planning counselling and service provision for urban youth and adolescents

Established partnerships between fishing companies and DGFP resulting in increased access for women; especially adolescent girls

The Directorate general of Family planning approved an Action Plan to provide SRHR and FP services to the youth and adolescents



## **Expected outcome**

- Approximately 6000 youth and adolescent benefited by receiving FP information and services in the urban areas
- Approximately 4,000 adolescent girls received family planning counseling and services from most backward rural areas

## **Impact:**

- **Increased access to and uptake of contraceptive services and reduced un-safe abortion among adolescents and young people**
- **Improved knowledge on FP and SRHR issues**



# SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

DGFP appoints Marie Stopes Bangladesh as a key civil society organization to track and recommend effective utilization of family planning budgets

Bagerhat, Barisal, and Pirojpur district family planning offices approve and initiate community based monitoring of family planning expenditure



## Expected outcome

- Social accountability of family planning program both at the national and sub-national level
- Increased utilization of family planning funds
- Strengthened budget monitoring and tracking system

## Impact

- **Bangladesh meets its FP2020 financial commitments**

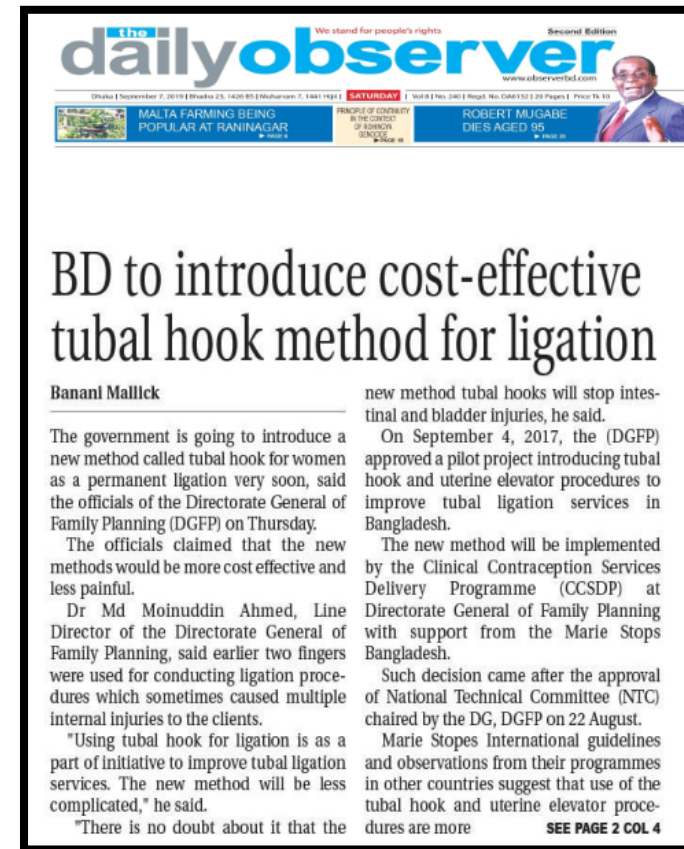
# MEDIA ADVOCACY

Established journalist forum for Media Advocacy

Space allocated by print and TV channels for focused family planning stories

More than 100 news stories published since September 2019

18 key newspapers engaged and publishing regular family planning stories



## Expected outcome

- Increased proactive and responsive journalist groups covering FP issues
- Increased support from media groups and policy makers
- Improved skills journalist and FP champions to conduct media advocacy

## Impact:

- **Sustained media advocacy on family planning**
- **Increased access to and uptake of quality family planning services**





# SUSTAINING AND TRACKING ADVOCACY

- **Ensure** policy level changes at the national level sustain and lead to implementation at the sub-national level
- **Formalize, legalize, or integrate** national and sub-national AWGs within the DGFP
- **Diffuse** AFP SMART approach and **integrate** within the DGFP's comprehensive strategic plan for family planning
- **Advocate to scale-up and expand** innovations – public-private partnerships, community based monitoring of expenditures, local resource allocations for FP, etc.
- **Graduate** sub-national advocacy efforts and **establish** a monitoring system to track continuation of working groups and their initiatives, and allocation and expenditure of resources



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