# Acronyms

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| ADB | Asian Development Bank |
| ADP | Annual Development Programme |
| AIDS | Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome |
| APB | Action Policy Brief |
| APTA | Asia Pacific Trade Agreement |
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| BADC | Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation |
| BANBEIS | Bangladesh Bureau of Education, Information and Statistics |
| BAPEX | Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration & Production Company Limited |
| BARC | Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council |
| BARD | Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development |
| BARI | Bangladesh Agriculture Research Institute |
| BASIC | Bangladesh Small Industries and Commerce (Bank) |
| BB | Bangladesh Bank |
| BBA | Biman Bangladesh Airlines |
| BBC | Bangladesh Biman Corporation |
| BBS | Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics |
| BCAS | Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies |
| BCF | Billion Cubic Feet |
| BCIC | Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation |
| BELA | Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers' Association |
| BEPZA | Bangladesh Export Processing Zone Authority |
| BFDC | Bangladesh Fisheries Development Corporation |
| BFDC | Bangladesh Film Development Corporation |
| BFFWT | Bangladesh Freedom Fighter Welfare Trust |
| BFIDC | Bangladesh Forest Industries Development Corporation |
| BGIIB | Bangladesh Government Islamic Investment Bond |
| BHB | Bangladesh Handloom Board |
| BIMSTEC | The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation |
| BINA | Bangladesh Institute of Nuclear Agriculture |
| BIST-EC | Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka and Thailand Economic Cooperation |
| BIT | Bangladesh Institute of Technology |
| BIWTA | Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority |
| BIWTC | Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation |
| BJC | Bangladesh Jute Corporation |
| BJMA | Bangladesh Jute Mills Association |
| BJMC | Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation |
| BKB | Bangladesh Krishi Bank |
| BLPA | Bangladesh Land Port Authority |
| BMD | Bangladesh Meteorological Department |
| BMRE | Balancing, Modernisation, Rehabilitation and Expansion |
| BNH | Bangladesh National Herbarium |
| BO | Beneficiary Owners |
| BOC | Bangladesh Oxygen Company |
| BOGMC | Bangladesh Oil, Gas and Minerals Corporation |
| BOI | Board of Investment |

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| BOP | Balance of Payments |
| BOST | Board of Investment Online Service Tracking |
| BOT | Build, Operate and Transfer |
| BPC | Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation |
| BPC | Biman Poultry Complex |
| BPC | Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation |
| BPD | Bangladesh Postal Department |
| BPDB | Bangladesh Power Development Board |
| BR | Bangladesh Railway |
| BRAC | Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee |
| BRDB | Bangladesh Rural Development Board |
| BRRI | Bangladesh Rice Research Institute |
| BRTA | Bangladesh Road Transport Authority |
| BRTA | Bangladesh Rural Telecom Authority |
| BRTC | Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation |
| BSB | Bangladesh Shilpa Bank |
| BSC | Bangladesh Shipping Corporation |
| BSCIC | Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation |
| BSEC | Bangladesh Steel and Engineering Corporation |
| BSFIC | Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation |
| BSIC | Bangladesh Standard Industrial Classification |
| BSRS | Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha |
| BSTI | Bangladesh Standard and Testing Institution |
| BTB | Bangladesh Tea Board |
| BTL | Bangladesh Telecom Private Ltd. |
| BTMA | Bangladesh Textile Mills Association |
| BTMC | Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation |
| BTRC | Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission |
| BTTB | Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board |
| BUET | Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology |
| BWDB | Bangladesh Water Development Board |
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| c.i.f. | Cost, Insurance and Freight |
| CAA | Civil Aviation Authority |
| CBN | Cost of Basic Needs |
| CCU | Coronary Care Unit |
| CCULB | Cooperative Credit Union League of Bangladesh |
| CDA | Chittagong Development Authority |
| CDF | Credit and Development Forum |
| CDM | Clean Development Mechanism |
| CDWMB | Chittagong Dock Workers Management Board |
| CEPZ | Chittagong Export Processing Zone |
| Cft | Cubic Feet |
| CMIS | Computer-based Management Information System |
| CNG | Compressed Natural Gas |
| COE | Committee of Expert |
| CPA | Chittagong Port Authority |
| CPI | Consumer Price Index |
| CPP | Cyclone Preparedness Programme |
| CPR | Contraceptive Prevalence Rate |
| CRR | Cash Reserve Requirement |

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| CSD | Centre for Sustainable Development |
| CSE | Chittagong Stock Exchange |
| CTG | Chittagong |
| CVDP | Comprehensive Village Development Programme |
| CY | Calendar Year |
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| DAP | Di-Ammonium Phosphate |
| DC | Developed Countries |
| DCI | Direct Calorie Intake |
| DESA | Dhaka Electric Supply Authority |
| DESCO | Dhaka Electric Supply Company |
| DFID | Department for International Development |
| DMB | Deposit Money Bank |
| DoE | Department of Environment |
| DoF | Department of Fisheries |
| DoL | Department of Livestock |
| DPP | Development Project Proforma |
| DSE | Dhaka Stock Exchange |
| DSL | Debt Service Liabilities |
| DTCB | Dhaka Transport Coordination Board |
| DTW | Deep Tubewell |
| DUTP | Dhaka Urban Transport Project |
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| ECA | Ecologically Critical Area |
| ECP | Emergency Contraceptive Pill |
| EDP | Environmentally adjusted net Domestic Product |
| EGBMP | Enterprises Growth and Bank Modernisation Project |
| EGCB | Electricity Generation Company of Bangladesh |
| ENI | Environmentally adjusted Net Income |
| EPB | Export Promotion Bureau |
| EPI | Extended Programme for Immunization |
| EPP | Express Parcel Post |
| EPZ | Export Processing Zone |
| ERC | Energy Regulatory Commission |
| ERD | Economic Relations Division |
| ESCAP | Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific |
| EU | European Union |
| ExML | Extendable Markup Language |
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| f.o.b. | Free on Board |
| FAO | Food and Agriculture Organisation |
| FAP | Flood Action Plan |
| FCB | Foreign Commercial Bank |
| FDI | Foreign Direct Investment |
| FEI | Food Energy Intake |
| FFW | Food for Work |
| FFWC | Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre |
| FI | Financial Institution |
| FPMU | Food Planning and Monitoring Unit |
| FSSAP | Female Secondary School Assistance Programme |

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| FTA | Free Trade Area |
| FWV | Family Welfare Visitor |
| FY | Fiscal Year |
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| G 2 G | Government to Government |
| G2B | Government to Business |
| GCB | General Cargo Berth |
| GDH | Geological Drill Hole |
| GDP | Gross Domestic Product |
| GEF | Global Environment Facility |
| GEMS | Global Environmental Monitoring System |
| GEP | Guaranteed Express Post |
| GIS | Geographical Information System |
| GMP | Good Medicine Practice |
| GNI | Gross National Income |
| GoB | Government of Bangladesh |
| GR | Gratuitous Relief |
| GSB | Geological Survey of Bangladesh |
| GT | Gas Turbine |
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| HBFC | House Building Finance Corporation |
| HES | Household Expenditure Survey |
| HID | Human Development Index |
| HIES | Household Income and Expenditure Survey |
| HIV | Human Immunodeficiency Virus |
| HNP | Health, Nutrition and Population |
| HNPP | Health, Nutrition and Population Programme |
| HNPPP | Health, Nutrition and Population Programme Proposals |
| HNPSP | Health, Nutrition and Population Sector Programme |
| HP | Hewlett Packard |
| HS | Harmonised System |
| HYV | High Yielding Variety |
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| ICAO | International Civil Aviation Organisation |
| ICB | Investment Corporation of Bangladesh |
| ICB AMCL | ICB Asset Management Company Limited |
| ICD | Inland Container Depot |
| ICT | Information and Communication Technology |
| ICZMP | Integrated Costal Zone Management Plan |
| IDA | International Development Assistant |
| IDB | Islamic Development Bank |
| IDLC | Industrial Development Leasing Company |
| IFADP | Integrated Food Assisted Development Project |
| IMED | Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division |
| IMF | International Monetary Fund |
| IMO | International Maritime Organisation |
| IPO | Initial Public Offering |
| IPP | Independent Power Producer |
| IRC | Import Registration Certificate |
| ISP | Internet Service Provider |

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| ITU | International Telecommunication Union |
| IUCN | International Union for the Conservation of Nature |
| IUD | Intra Uterine Device |
| JDPC | Jute Diversification Promotion Centre |
| JETRO | Japan External Trade Organisation |
| JICA | Japan International Cooperation Agency |
| JMBA | Jumuna Multipurpose Bridge Authority |
| K Cal | Kilocalories |
| KAFCO | Karnafuli Fertilizer Company Limited |
| KDA | Khulna Development Authority |
| kg. | Kilogram |
| km | Kilometer |
| KSA | Kingdom of Saudi Arabia |
| KV | Kilo Volt |
| Kwh. | Kilowatt Hour |
| LAN | Local Area Network |
| LC | Letter of Credit |
| LDC | Least Developed Country |
| LGED | Local Government Engineering Department |
| LGRD | Local Government and Rural Development |
| LLP | Low Lift Pump |
| LPG | Liquefied Petroleum Gas |
| LT | Low Tension |
| LTU | Large Taxpayers Unit |
| MATI | Medical Assistance Training Institute |
| MCHTI | Maternal and Child Health Training |
| MDG | Millennium Development Goal |
| MDWMB | Mongla Dock Workers Management Board |
| MFA | Multi Fibre Agreements |
| MG | Meter Gauge |
| Mkwh | Million Kilowatt Hour |
| MLT | Medium and Long Term |
| MMIS | Market Monitoring and Information System |
| MoFL | Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock |
| MOP | Muriate of Potash |
| MOU | Memorandum of Understanding |
| MPA | Mongla Port Authority |
| MPO | Monthly Payment Order |
| MR | Menstrual Regulation |
| MSO | Mail and Sorting Office |
| mt. | Metric Ton |
| MTMF | Medium Term Macroeconomic Framework |
| MVA | Mega Volt Ampere |
| MW | Mega Watt |
| MW CC | Mega Watt Combined Cycle |
| MW CT | Mega Watt Conversion Turbine |
| MW ST | Mega Watt Stem Turbine |

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| NAPA | National Adaptative Programme of Action |
| NAPE | National Academy for Primary Education |
| NBFI | Non-Bank Financial Institution |
| NBR | National Board of Revenue |
| NCB | Nationalised Commercial Bank |
| NFA | Net Foreign Asset |
| NGO | Non-Government Organisation |
| NH | National Highway |
| NINP | National Integrated Nutrition Project |
| NNP | National Nutrition Project |
| NPKS | Nitrogen, Phosphate, Potassium, Sulphate |
| NPL | Non-Performing Loan |
| NSC | National Savings Certificate |
| NSV | Non Scalpel Vasectomy |
| NWD | Nation Wide Dialing |
| NWMP | National Water Management Plan |
| NWP | National Water Policy |
| NWRC | National Water Resources Council |
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| O&M | Operation and Maintenance |
| OCR | Ordinary Capital Resources |
| ODBC | Open Bata Base Connectivity |
| ODS | Ozone Depleting Substance |
| OFI | Other Financial Institution |
| OISCA | Organisation for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement |
| OTC | Over-The-Counter |
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| PA | Project Aid |
| PBS | Palli Bidyut Samity |
| PCB | Private Commercial Bank |
| PDBF | Palli Daridro Bimochan Foundation |
| PEDP | Primary Education Development Programme |
| PESP | Primary Education Stipend Project |
| PGCB | Power Grid Company of Bangladesh |
| PKSF | Palli Karma Sahayak Foundation |
| PMAP | Post-MFA Action Programme |
| PMS | Poverty Monitoring Survey |
| PO | Public Organisation |
| POL | Petrolium Oil Lubricant |
| PPR | Public Procurement Regulation |
| PRSP | Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper |
| PSC | Production Sharing Contract |
| PSO | Public Service Obligation |
| PTA | Performance Target Activities |
| PTI | Primary Teachers Training Institute |
| PVC | Poly Venal Chloride |
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| QIP | Quantum Index of Production |
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| R & HD | Roads and Highways Department |

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| RADP | Revised Annual Development Programme |
| RAJUK | Rajdhani Unnayan Kartipaksha |
| RAKUB | Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank |
| RDA | Rajshahi Development Authority |
| RDA | Rural Development Academy |
| RDRS | Rangpur Dinajpur Rural Sevice |
| RE | Rural Electrification |
| REB | Rural Electrification Board |
| REER | Real Effective Exchange Rate |
| REN | Royal Netherlands Embassy |
| RH | Regional Highway |
| RMC | Rural Maternity Centre |
| RMG | Readymade Garments |
| ROA | Return on Asset |
| RPC | Rural Power Company |
| RPM | Rural Maintenance Programme |
| RSS | Rural Social Services |
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| S&D | Special and Differential |
| SAARC | South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation |
| SAFTA | South Asian Free Trade Area |
| SAPTA | South Asian Preferential Trade Agreement |
| SB | Specialised Bank |
| SEA-ME-WE | South-East-Asia, Middle East, WesternEurope-4 |
| SEC | Securities and Exchange Commission |
| SEEA | System for Environment and Economic Accounts |
| SESIP | Secondary Education Sector Improvement Project |
| SFI | Specialised Financial Institution |
| SME | Small and Medium Enterprise |
| SOE | State Owned Enterprise |
| SPARRSO | Space Research and Remote Sensing Organisation |
| SRLP | South-west Rehabilitation Loan Programme |
| SSC | Secondary School Certificate |
| SSP | Single Super Phosphate |
| STOL | Short Take-Off and Landing |
| STW | Shallow Tubewell |
| SUB | Strategic Business Unit |
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| T&D | Transmission and Distribution |
| T&T | Telegraph and Telephone (Board) |
| TB | Tuberculosis Bactius |
| TCB | Trading Corporation of Bangladesh |
| TCF | Trillion Cubic Feet |
| TFR | Total Fertility Rate |
| TIN | Tax Identification Number |
| TK. | Taka |
| TMSS | Thengamara Mohila Sabuj Sangha |
| TNC | Trade Negotiation Committee |
| TR | Test Relief |
| TRADE | Tariff Relief Assistance for Developing Economies |
| TRIPs | Trade Related Aspect of Intellectual Property Rights |

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| UAE | United Arab Emirates |
| UCD | Urban Community Development |
| UK | United Kingdom |
| UN | United Nations |
| UNCED | United Nations Conference on Environment and Development |
| UNCSD | United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development |
| UNCTAD | United Nations Conference on Trade and Development |
| UNDP | United Nations Development Programme |
| UNEP | United Nations Environmental Programme |
| UNESCO | United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation |
| UNFCCC | United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change |
| UNFPA | United Nations Fund for Population Activities |
| UNICEF | United Nations Children's Emergency Fund |
| UNSO | United Nations Statistical Office |
| USA | United States of America |
| USAID | United States Agency for International Development |
| UW AV | Unweighted Average |
| VAT | Value Added Tax |
| VDP | Village Defence Party |
| VGD | Vulnerable Group Development |
| VGF | Vulnerable Group Feeding |
| VOIP | Voice Over Internet Protocol |
| VSAT | Very Small Aperture Terminal |
| WAN | Wide Area Network |
| WASA | Water and Sewerage Authority |
| WSSD | World Summit on Social Development |
| WSSD | World Summit on Sustainable Development |
| WTO | World Trade Organisation |
| WVA | Weighted Average |
| WZPDC | West Zone Power Distribution Company |