



## EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM IN BANGLADESH

The educational system in Bangladesh consists of 5 years of primary education and 7 years of secondary education (junior education 3 years, secondary education 2 years, higher secondary education 2 years), then tertiary education (university). The students must pass the national examination for completion certificate to proceed through the primary and secondary education. Thus, some students are unable to proceed through levels of education.

Today, primary education is free of charge. The enrollment rate which was only 70% in 1990 has now reached 100%. The completion rate, however, is only 81%, and the percentage of students proceeding to junior education is only 67%. Regarding the gender gap, in 1991, the male literacy rate was 44% and female literacy rate was 25%. In the year 2018, the male literacy rate increased to 77% and female to 71% showing a rapid improvement. Moreover, the expansion of Women's scholarships support led to a greater number of female students completing primary education and proceeding to secondary education.

On the other hand, the gender gap within secondary education has become an issue. The government has set indicators taking into consideration the girls and students with disabilities aiming for a 100% completion rate in primary and junior education by 2030, and achieving the SDGs of "No one left behind".

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