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Mapped in Bangladesh (MiB) is a digital map for the ready-made garment (RMG) industry of Bangladesh. It contains all the export-oriented RMG factories in the country with essential data and information.

"Mapped in Bangladesh", or in short MiB, is being implemented by Centre for Entrepreneurship Development (CED) of Brac University.

The goal of MiB is to facilitate linkage between factories and international buyers by developing this digital map.

Descrive of MiB

The project aims to collect primary data about the export-oriented RMG industry and present the information to the public in the form of an interactive online map.

The objective of MiB is to provide accurate, credible and updated RMG factory information to all industry stakeholders in a manner that enables greater efficiency, productivity, accountability and transparency.

Driven by a collective action approach, Mapped in Bangladesh is collecting inputs from all stakeholders through public crowdsourcing in order to keep the data accurate and up-to-date.



Important features of the map:



This is the first-ever digital initiative of this kind

The map shows real-time, credible data through an online platform

The platform is like Google Maps, showing location of factories on a digital map

It covers all export-oriented RMG factories in Bangladesh that are exporting directly/indirectly

The map is a transparency mechanism enabling accountability of the sector

The map has a detailed industry-wide database of the RMG factories in the country

MiB is perfectly aligned with the nation's Digital Bangladesh Vision 2021 mandate

The Map has the following factory data/information:



Factory Name



Type of Product(s)



Major Brands / Buyers / Agents



Postal Address



Factory Premises Type [shared/standalone, etc.]



Participation Committee / Safety Committee



GPS Location



Number of Workers



Inspection Listing /
Certifications [Accord, Alliance, NI,
BSCI, ISO, LEED, WRAP, SEDEX, etc.]



Type of Factory [woven/knit/sweater/composite, etc.]



Exporting Countries



Distance to nearest hospitals and fire service stations



Year of Establishment



Membership/ Registration Status [Registered with/member of BGMEA/BKMEA/EPB, etc.]



Factory Contacts

The Map is:



Free and Interactive:

It is an interactive live public map, based on Google Maps, with advanced search options, with free registration option for users.



Customizable:

Users can generate customized reports as per their own interests from the map.



Updated:

The map is regularly updating factory information by following a robust data verification and validation protocol.



Using Crowdsourcing:

Users can suggest information through a vetted system for endorsement and updating.



Dependable:

The map presents the most essential and relevant factory data focusing on the export-oriented RMG industry.

Why MiB?

The RMG industry has been playing a significant role in the economic development of Bangladesh.

In this age of information technology, it is important that international brands and buyers can find relevant information about the industry and factories, so that they can order products easily.

Because of the growing demand, there should be credible and updated data about the industry.

How can industry stakeholders use the MiB?

BRANDS AND BUYERS

- Pull custom reports on partner factories
- Strategize new, efficient sourcing partnerships with factories
- Mitigate risk by augmenting brands' support
- Inform parallel chains of brands, buyers, suppliers, and sub-contractors of new business and investment opportunities

FACTORY OWNERS

- Gain access to free globally accessible platform to promote business development
- Highlight specialized products and key features like international certificates to gain new business
- Identify and learn from best practices in the sector to increase competitivity in the market
- Increase internal accountability
- Better understand investment opportunities within the sector

WORKER ADVOCACY GROUPS/CSOs

- Highlight challenges and roadblocks around specific aspects of the sector, such as worker participation or safety committees
- Design better targeted programs and interventions
- Improve advocacy efforts for different groups in the industry

GOVERNMENT ACTORS

- Build effective legislation and policy reform, like social safety net programs and decent work campaigns
- Ensure compliance of existing legislation
- Aid in factory registration
- Assist inspection teams in locating factories
- Help achieve Bangladesh's goal to double its RMG sector's value to \$50 bilion by 2030
- Help achieve Bangladesh's "Vision 2021: Digital Bangladesh" by increasing market competition using digital technology











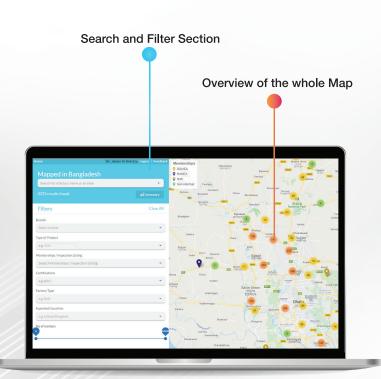
How to Register and Login to the Map?



How to Search or Find a Factory?

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- Enter the name/area/nearby police station of the factory, and it will show up on the map.

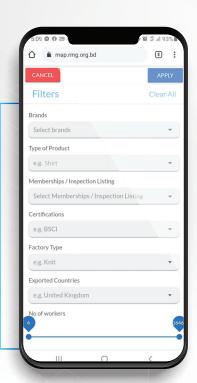
You can also search a factory by brand name, type of product, memberships/inspection listing, certifications, factory type, exported countries, and/or number of workers.



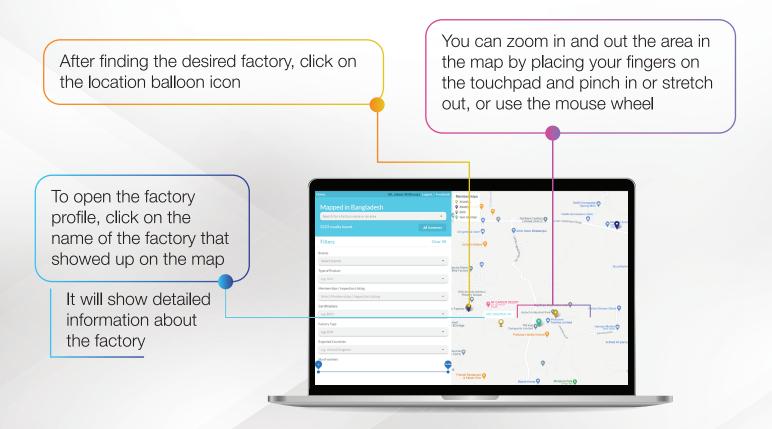
Select or enter your preferred filter option in the filter area.

For example, if you want to search for a brand name like "H&M", go to the filter section and enter the name "H&M" in the brand name section.

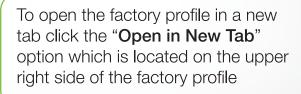
The information related to the brand "H&M" will show up on the map with a location balloon icon, at the right side of the map.



How to View a Factory Profile?



To get back to the map click the "Back to map" option which is located on the upper left side of the factory profile

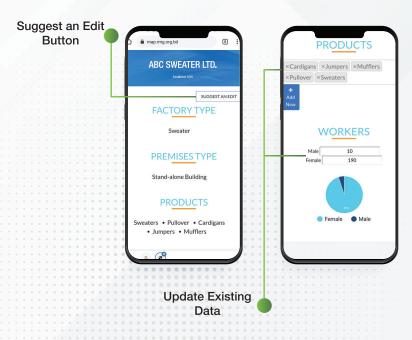




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How to Update / Suggest an Edit Factory Information in the Map?



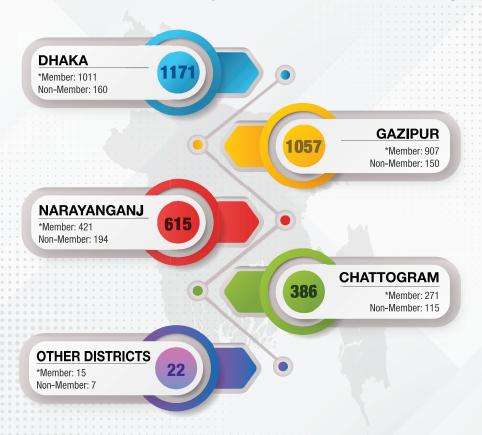
- To update the factory data, click on the "Suggest an Edit" button from the factory profile.
- It will open a new tab to update the existing data.
- You can add or delete your existing data from your factory profile.
- After suggesting the edit, you need to click the submit button to submit your suggestion.



After verification, your suggestion will be updated in your profile.

^{*} ONLY REGISTERED USERS CAN SUGGEST AN EDIT

So far, MiB has covered 3251 export-oriented RMG factories in Bangladesh



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