

Country: BANGLADESH		Status: <b>CANCELLED</b> Application approved: 17/JUN/2011	Key Sector(s): Integrated Slum Upgrading, Climate resilient green urban infrastructure	
City: RAJSHAHI				
<b>PROONENTS</b>		<b>Geography and Population</b>		
Rajshahi City Corporation Rajshahi, Bangladesh		A.H.M. Khairuzzaman Liton Mayor Rajshahi City Corporation		<p><b>Area:</b> 96.7 km<sup>2</sup></p> <p><b>Population:</b> 475,000</p> <p>The city of Rajshahi is located in the north-west of the country on the northern banks of the river Padma.</p> 
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<b>Central State Partner</b> Local Government Engineering Department		<b>Other Partners</b> Urban Partnerships for Poverty Reduction Programme		<p>Rajshahi is famous for its silk industries. Fine and cheap silk products of Rajshahi have earned it the nickname Silk city.</p> 
<b>KEY CITY DEVELOPMENT ISSUES</b>				
The overall city's development plans focus on the following areas:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- improvement of access to basic services, land and housing for the poor considering that the urban poverty level in Rajshahi is 49%.</li> <li>- preservation of water bodies and ponds to cope with the challenges of climate change and contribute to environmental sustainability.</li> <li>- as other cities in Bangladesh, Rajshahi also has to deal with negative impacts of climate change and related natural disasters such as torrential rains and droughts among others.</li> </ul>				
<b>DETAILS OF COOPERATION</b>				
Envisaged CDIA activities included:				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare a strategy and investment program for integrated slum upgrading;</li> <li>Prepare Pre-Feasibility Study on Integrated slum upgrading</li> <li>Prepare a Climate Change and Urban Resilience Strategy and Action Plan</li> <li>Linkage of identified investments to potential financiers</li> <li>Institutional strengthening needed to manage and implement identified projects</li> </ol>				
<b>Cancelled due to political changes.</b>				
<b>EXPECTED DEVELOPMENTAL IMPACTS</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Preservation of water bodies and improved wastewater management/ treatment is expected to contribute significantly to environmental sustainability.</li> <li>- Investments in environmental infrastructure provision for the urban poor are expected to contribute to better living conditions of the urban poor and provide economic opportunities.</li> </ul>				
<b>PROJECT PERIOD</b>		-		
<b>CDIA SUPPORT</b>		-		
<b>CITY CONTRIBUTION</b>		-		
		<b>EXPECTED INVESTMENT FOLLOW UP</b>		
		Est. infrastructure investment value		-
		Potential sources of financing		

Intervention Areas Source of Maps: Wikipedia.org



Low income communities in Rajshahi



Absence of proper waste water treatment/ management in nearby water bodies