



# Mobile Money Consultative Group Overview

The Mobile Money Consultative Group (MMCG) aims to support the development and use of mobile money and other mobile financial services by providing a platform for development organizations, mobile financial service (MFS) providers, and other relevant actors to explore the opportunities, challenges, gaps, and benefits of using mobile financial services in Bangladesh.

The MMCG enables cross-learning and sharing of best practices for integrating mobile money into development projects. It also allows development organizations to exchange ideas with mobile financial service providers to encourage innovation of products and services to better serve the needs of development organizations and their beneficiaries. Ultimately, the MMCG envisions and supports a more inclusive and responsive mobile money ecosystem in Bangladesh where all segments of society have access to formal financial services, particularly those at the base of the pyramid.

The MMCG hosted its [introductory meeting](#) in August 2014. It has met on a roughly quarterly basis in Dhaka since then. Participation is open to any organization, donor, provider, or association with an interest in or current experience using mobile financial services. To participate in future events, please contact Majidul Haque at [mhaque@fhi360.org](mailto:mhaque@fhi360.org).

## Background

The MMCG was developed as an initiative of [USAID's Mobile Solutions Technical Assistance and Research \(mSTAR\) project](#). mSTAR/Bangladesh supports the acceleration and adoption of mobile money and electronic payments within USAID/Bangladesh's programs. As part of its mandate, mSTAR/B is working to increase the financial inclusion of underserved communities and to promote the development of a mobile money ecosystem in Bangladesh that is responsive to their needs. mSTAR/B produces a variety of different learning publications about mobile financial services that showcase successes with using mobile money. These publications aim to promote cross-learning and cross-sharing among USAID implementing partners and MMCG member organizations.

## Regular Participants

### Development Organizations/Donors:

1. Access to Information (a2i)
2. ACDI/VOCA
3. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
4. Business Finance for the Poor in Bangladesh (BFP-B)
5. BRAC
6. CGAP
7. Char Livelihood Program (CLP)
8. DFID
9. Dnet
10. English in Action
11. FHI 360
12. HelpAge International, Bangladesh
13. International Finance Corporation (IFC)
14. Save the Children
15. SwissContact
16. University Research Co. (URC)
17. USAID/Bangladesh
18. WorldFish

### DFS Providers:

1. bKash
2. Dutch Bangla Bank Limited
3. IFIC Bank Limited

*Regular participants refers to organizations that have attended at least two MMCG meetings. This list is presented alphabetically.*

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