

Fertility Decline

The total fertility rate has declined dramatically from



6.3 births per woman

in 1975 to

2.3 children

in 2014.



Challenges/ Opportunities

Weak law enforcement

Lack of data

Skewed sex ratio at birth at regional level

Gender-biased sex selection:

Policies/ Framework/ Government Response



Abortion is illegal in Bangladesh under the Penal Code of 1860.

Bangladesh

In 1979

menstrual regulation services were incorporated into the **national family planning programme**. Menstrual regulation is **illegal** after 12 weeks.

Bangladesh signed the **Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD)** and as such pledges to **eliminate discrimination against the girl child**, including son preference.



In 1984

Bangladesh ratified the **Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)**.



Constitutional guarantees of equality and participation as well as protective legislation to **combat violence**.

