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CSO initiatives for the empowerment and inclusion of disadvantaged social identity groups and for poverty reduction

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Outline

Crucial Issues

- Recognition of identity
- Disaggregated data by ethnicity
- Allocation in the National Budget
- Good Practices
- Opportunities



RECOGNITION

✓ **Constitution (15th Amendment)** – ‘tribes’, ‘minor races’, ‘ethnic sects and ‘communities’

✓ **Small Ethnic Group Cultural Institution Act, 2010 (Amendment 2019)**

✓ **CHT Accord 1997**

- **Power-sharing mechanism**

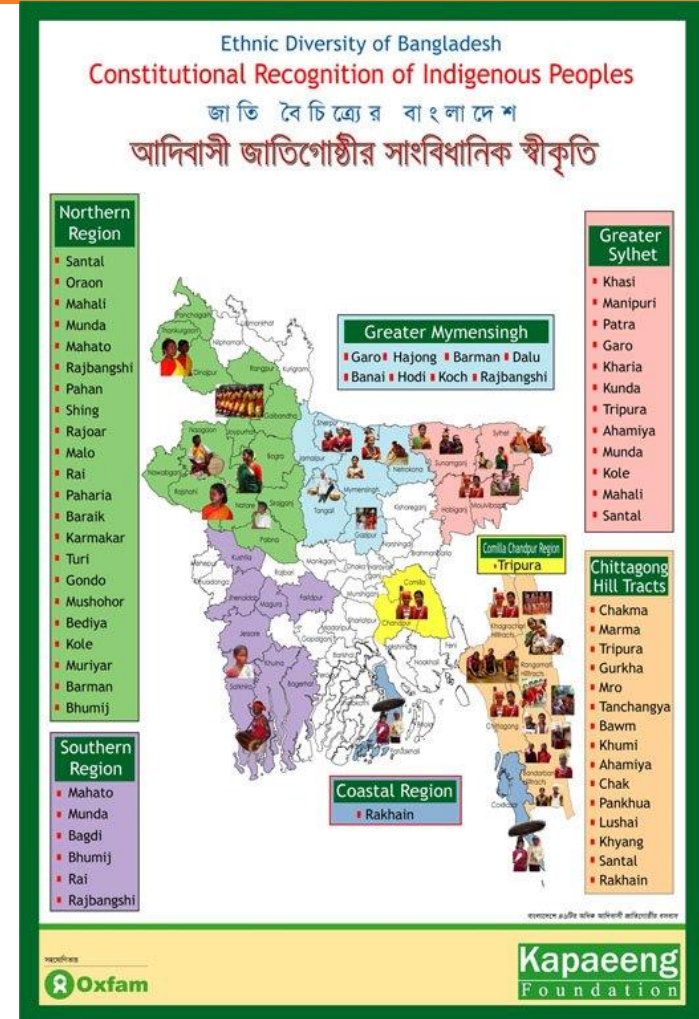
✓ **Creation of the Ministry of Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs**

- CHT Regional Council – IP lead council & women reserve seats

- Three Hill District Councils – IP lead council & women seats



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Disaggregated Data by Ethnicity

- ✓ National Census 2022 – included IPs for the first time
- ✓ Advocacy with BBS – holding special survey exclusively on IPs
- ✓ Generating community data – Indigenous Navigator



Engagement of IPs with Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics

Special Affairs Division under the Prime Minister's Office gets budget allocation for the plain land IPs

- 100 crore (2022-2023)

Budget Allocation for the Ministry of CHT Affairs

Year	Amount BDT (Crore)
2022-2023	1338
2021-2022	1182
2020-2021	1235
2019-2020	1198



Good Practices

Five Year Plan

8th FYP (2021-2025)

- Perspective Plan for the CHT
- Implementation of UNDRIP & Ratify ILO C 169

NHRC

- Ethnic minority representation in the NHRC

Parliamentary Caucus on IPs and Minorities



Opportunities

- ✓ **Constitute Minority Commission**
- ✓ **Implementation of Tribal Health Plan**
- ✓ **Establishment of a Land Commission for Plain Land IPs**
- ✓ **QUOTA – Affirmative action**
- ✓ **Anti-Discrimination Law**
- ✓ **BIPRA**
- ✓ **Ensure ‘meaningful’ engagement in SDGs**
- ✓ **Building partnership**



Let's celebrate the diversity Thank You!

