

# Disaster, Environment and Climate Change (DECC)

BRAC Disaster, Environment and Climate Change (DECC) programme enhances BRAC's institutional capacity to respond to natural disasters, builds competence at the community level on disaster preparedness and increases coping ability during natural disasters with preventative and adaptive strategies. In the long run, all these measures are aimed at reducing vulnerability of the exposed population.

## Responding to Rana Plaza

When the Rana Plaza factory building in Savar collapsed on 24 April 2013, a number of BRAC programmes supported survivors and the families of victims in various ways from the early hours of the disaster. Emergency medical teams were immediately deployed during the rescue operations. Shortly afterwards, DECC and fashion company Benetton Group partnered to provide assistance and support to those who have been affected.

The project aims to enhance the physical and social mobility of a number of amputated survivors by providing them with functional upper limb prosthetic support through BRAC's limb and brace centre. Additionally, the project will provide livelihood support through seed capital and skills development training, psychosocial counselling, health protection scheme and monthly reserve funds.

## BLD initiatives at a glance

Project	Partial Disability	Disability
Assistance and support to victims of Rana Plaza and their families	30	18
Holistic support package for Rana Plaza clients	15	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>24</b>

## Network / Partnership

1. BRAC Limb and Brace Centre