

ADB approves loan to deliver drinking water supply in Bangladesh

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The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$90 million loan to develop infrastructure and systems that will provide clean drinking water in Bandarban, Lama and Rangamati towns in the Chattogram Hill Tracts (CHT) region in Bangladesh.

“Most households in the CHT region rely on shared tube wells in remote areas or on untreated surface water, exposing the population to risks of diseases affecting their health and economic opportunities,” said Elma Morsheda ADB Urban Development Specialist. “The project will deliver a continuous supply of drinking water and promote sanitation and solid waste management in the region, specifically benefitting women who are spending considerable productive time daily collecting water.”

ADB's support will develop water treatment plants with a total capacity of 44 million litres per day in Bandarban, Lama, and Rangamati (towns), as well as transmission lines and distribution networks to connect to households.