

Topic 3

Government Actors in Housing Sector of Bangladesh

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Government Actors in Housing

Two ministries are directly involved in planning and governing housing:

- Ministry of Housing and Public Works (MoHPW)
- Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives (MoLGRDC)

Ministry of Planning (MoP) is also related to housing to some extent



Government Actors in Housing

MoHPW	MoLGRDC	MoP
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development Authority (RAJUK, CDA, KDA, RDA, CoxDA)• Urban Development Directorate (UDD)• Public Works Department (PWD)• National Housing Authority (NHA)• Housing and Building Research Institute (HBRI)• Department of Architecture (DoA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local Government Engineering Department (LGED)• City Corporation and Paurashava• Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (WASA)• Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE)• Rural Development Authority (RDA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning Commission

Ministry of Housing and Public Works and Associated Agencies

- **Public Works Department** (PWD) and **National Housing Authority** (NHA) under this ministry play the lead role in **direct housing delivery** in Bangladesh
 - PWD constructs residential buildings and apartment blocks for **only government employees**
 - NHA does the same, but for all citizens of the country
 - Most projects of NHA are intended for poor people
- **Specific city development agencies** for Dhaka, Chattogram, Khulna, Rajshahi, Cox's Bazar and Gazipur, namely **RAJUK, CDA, KDA, RDA, CoxDA, GDA** are mainly working for **land use planning** and **land development** for residential area.

Ministry of Housing and Public Works and Associated Agencies

- **Urban Development Directorate (UDD)** prepares land use and development plans for towns and cities having no development authority
 - It prepared 392 land use plans/ master plan for district and upazila centers during 1980s.
 - UDD has also prepared a couple of (semi) regional plans
- **Housing and Building Research Institute (HBRI)** does research on durable structure, low cost construction material, eco-friendly and energy efficient houses, etc.
- **Department of Architecture** under this ministry has been engaged in very few residential project constructed by PWD (mostly for high level government officials).

Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives (MoLGRDC) and Associated Agencies

- Agencies associated with MoLGRDC mainly provides infrastructure related utilities, amenities, transport etc.
- **Local Government Engineering Department (LGED)** mainly provides **access roads, drainage facilities** to housing projects.
 - They also provide '**Asrayan**' projects for poor villagers and climate refugees.
 - In the last decade LGED has been involved in **land use plan** preparation of small and medium **pourashavas** (around 250 plans for paurashavas)
- **Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE)** is entrusted with duties for ensuring **water supply and sanitation** of the people of the entire country except those living in the jurisdiction of **WASA**. For Dhaka, Chattogram and Khulna cities, the same duties are done by respective Water Supply and Sewerage Authorities (WASAs).

Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives (MoLGRDC) and Associated Agencies

- **All the paurashavas and city corporations** are mandatorily required to have plans. But none of them have capacity to prepare such plans. LGED and UDD mainly helps paurashavas in this regard.
- These local government bodies are responsible for ancillary facilities for housing like waste management, parks, open space, playground, street lighting etc.
- **Rural Development Authority (RDA)** is entrusted with responsibilities for training, research for development of rural areas, etc.

Ministry of Planning

- **Planning Commission** under the Ministry of Planning (MoP) prepares Five-Year Plans, and other national level plans, which includes different section for housing.



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