Country Profile

People's Republic of BANGLADESH

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General Data

General info

- Capital: Dhaka
- Type of State: Unitary parliamentary republic
- Location: Asia - Area: 147,570,857 Km^2
- Time zone: GMT + 6

Demography

- Population : 166 303 494 - 2021
- Natural increase: 1% - 2021
- Official language: Bengali
- Business language: English

Currency

- Bangladeshi Taka (BDT)
- 1 USD = 101.68 Taka

macro economy

- GDP: 416.26 MM USD Growth: 6.9 % - 2021
- GDP per capita: 2,503.0 USD – 2021
- Employment rate of people aged 15 and over: 54 % - 2021

International trade

- Imports - 2021: 73,029 MM USD
- Exports - 2021: 52,941 M M USD

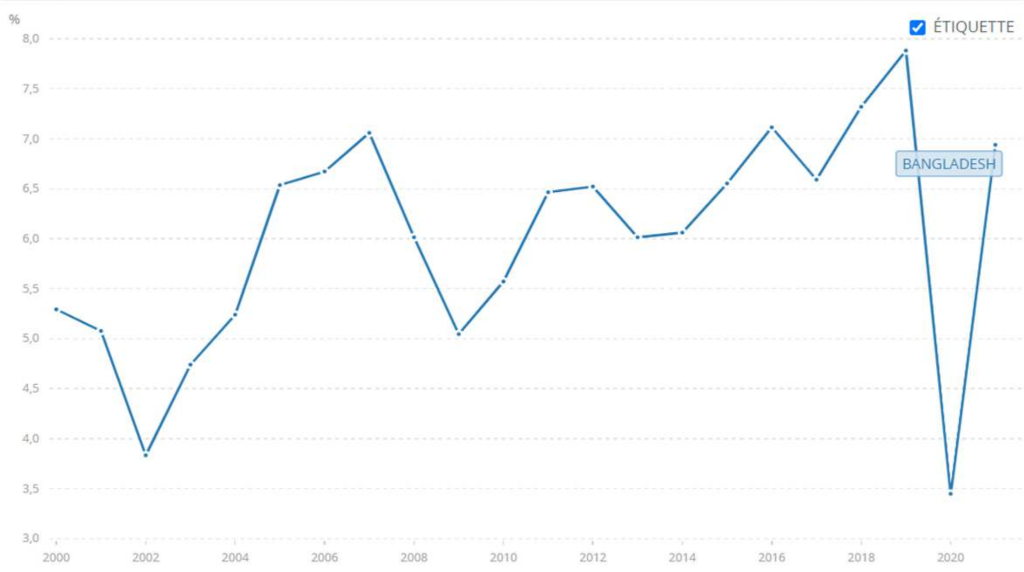
FDI

- FDI stocks in 2020: 19.394 MM USD
- Inward FDI flows in 2020: 2.564 MM USD

Strong facts

- **A competitive clothing sector**
- **Large remittances from expatriate workers;**
- **Favorable demographics: 1/3 are under 15 years old.**
- **Improving financial inclusion through microfinance and mobile services**

GDP growth (annual %)



Bangladesh represents an inspiring exemple of growth and development (GDP growth of more than 7% for 10 years) based essentially on its textile industry and the openess of the European market to its products.

Growth is expected to reach 6.5% in 2022 and 7.2% in 2023. Post-pandemic global economic recovery and private consumption have been boosted by strong foreign remittance flows; the Bangladeshi diaspora across the world are expected to be the main drivers of growth in 2022.

Rankings of Doing Business 2020 by Domain

The country ranks 156th in the Doing Business 2020 ranking , an increase of 8 places compared to last year due to notable progress made in the areas of:

Start a business	Bangladeshi
Procedures (number)	9
Time (days)	19.5

- Starting a business: reduced name approval and registration fees
- Connecting to electricity: reduced security deposit for a new connection.
- Obtaining loans: Expanded coverage of the credit information bureau.

Main sectors of activity

12.6 %	Share of agriculture in GDP	It employs 38.3% of the population
28.8 %	Share of industry in GDP	It employs 21.3% of the population
54.6 %	Share of services in GDP	They employ 40.4% of the population

Sector Strategies

Bangladesh Vision 2041 (Vision '41) is a national strategic plan aimed at improving the socio-economic status of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. Under a five-year forward plans to be undertaken between 2022 and 2041, Bangladesh strives to achieve high income status through industrialization. The initiative encourages the expansion of manufacturing capacities and investment in human capital development to expand Bangladesh's exports.

Its objectives are:

- A per capita income of $12,500
- Maintain 9% GDP growth by 2031.
- Increase the investment/GDP ratio to 46.9
- Increase tax revenue to 15% of GDP.
- Export diversification.
- Increase export revenues to $300 billion.
- Increase life span to 80 years.
- Expand universal health care to 75% of the population.
- Increase adult literacy rate to 100% by 2031

Infrastructure

Maritime

3 major seaports, in Chittagong, Dhaka and Mongla . Chittagong port is the main port of Bangladesh (92% of trade), an incoming flow in 2019 of 8.3 million tonnes of goods, 7 million tonnes of exports, 2.9 million TEU containers handled and 3,699 ship calls

Airport

16 airports including 2 international airports (Chittagong and Dhaka). Dhaka airport is capable of handling 25 million passengers and 1.2 million tons of cargo per year

Railway

The railway system of Bangladesh has a total length of 3,600 kilometers In 2009, Bangladesh Railway had 34,168 employees. In 2014, Bangladesh Railway transported 65 million passengers and 2.52 million tons of freight. The railway traveled 8,135 million passenger-kilometres and 677 million tonne-kilometres.

Promising Sectors

01 **Textile** : 84% of exports; 16% of GDP in 2018 with 4 million workers. Strengths: Worldwide demand for a sustainable and environmentally friendly production method; young and competitive human capital. China's shift to manufacturing is a opportunity for bangladesh to regain its market share

02 **IT :** Opportunities for software and application development products and services such as AMD, IT helpdesk and web development. Asset: Abundance of young, trainable workers; Low operating cost; strong government commitment.

03 **Pharmaceutical industry:** Growth of the global generic market; Ability to produce any patented medicine; Opportunity for import substitution drugs; Vast domestic market with growing revenues.

04 **Agro-food:** Agrarian country with a tropical climate perfectly suited to the production of a variety of crops, fruits and vegetables, livestock, fishing and forestry with a growing domestic demand. Manufactured products: Milk & Milk Powder; Biscuits & Confectionery; Beverage; Frozen snacks and processed chicken

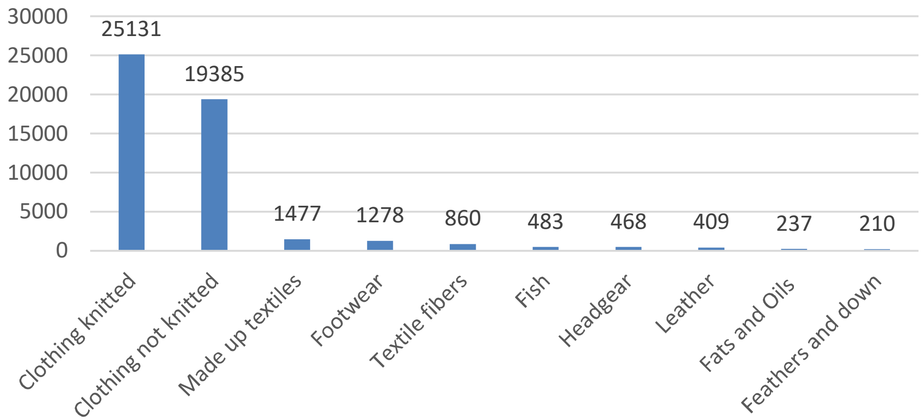
05 **Jute industry:** a natural fiber extracted from the jute plant. Around 95% of the world's jute is grown in India and Bangladesh. Strengths: increased demand for environmentally friendly products; application of jute in the automotive industry on the rise.

06 **Shipbuilding:** Growing domestic market; Availability of qualified engineers and workers; Availability of the shipbuilding division; Increased competitiveness in ship segments. Opportunities in Ship Maintenance and Repair Services, Supply of Parts, Components and Fittings and Shipyard Development

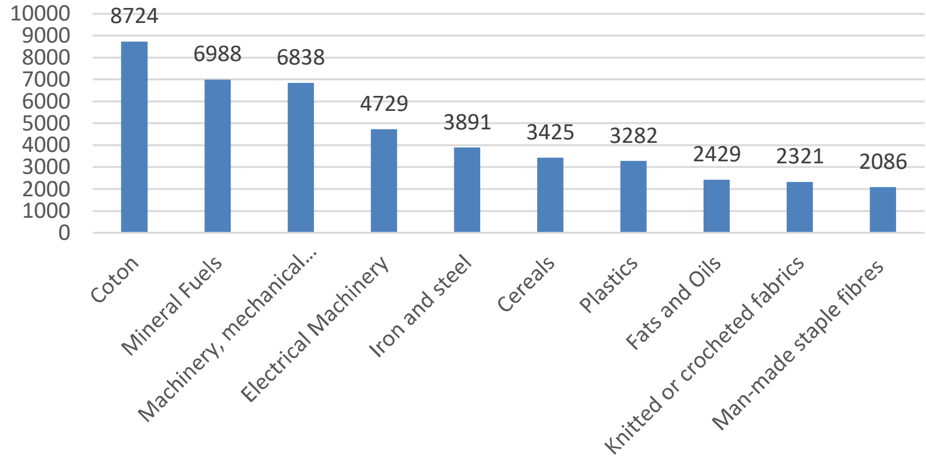
07 **Industry:** Motorcycle parts; automotive assembly; Plastic for the building and construction industry; Untapped Automotive Plastic Market; Recycling of plastic waste; packaging industry; electrical equipment and components; Telephony; toys Manufacturing .

International trade

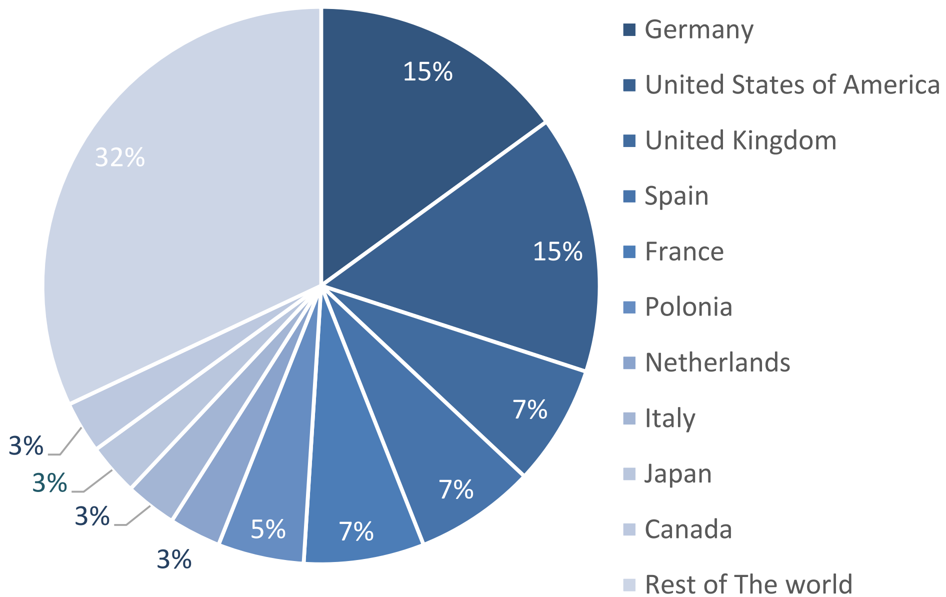
Main exported products by Bahrain in 2021 - MUSD



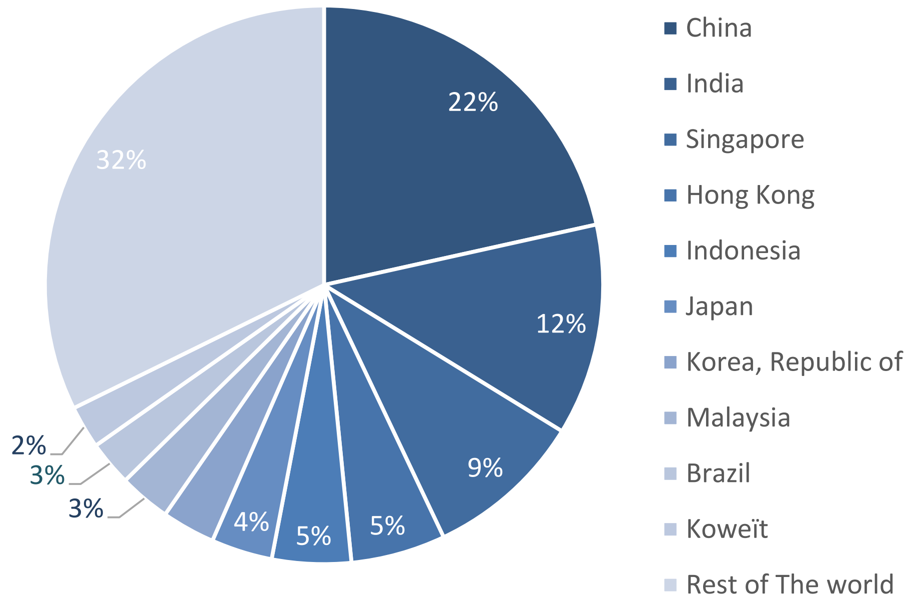
Main Imported products by Bangladesh in 2021 - MUSD



Main customers of Bangladesh in 2016

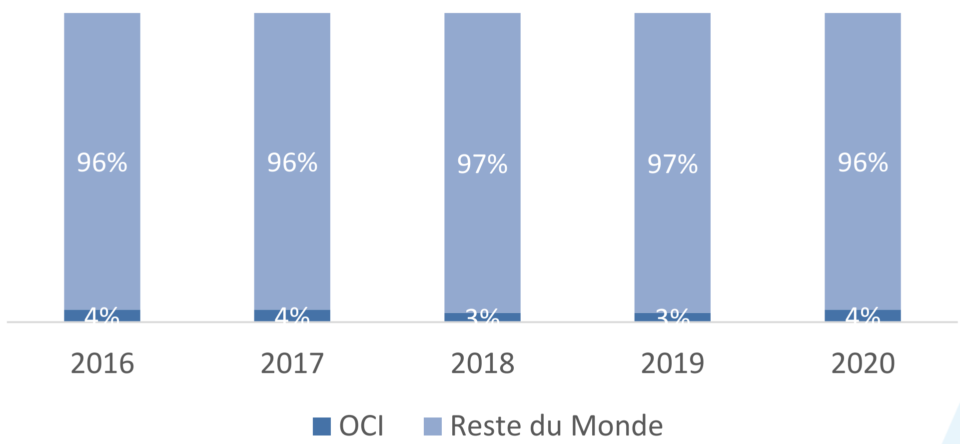


Main suppliers of Bangladesh in 2016



Intra-OIC Trade

Share of OIC in Bangladesh Exports



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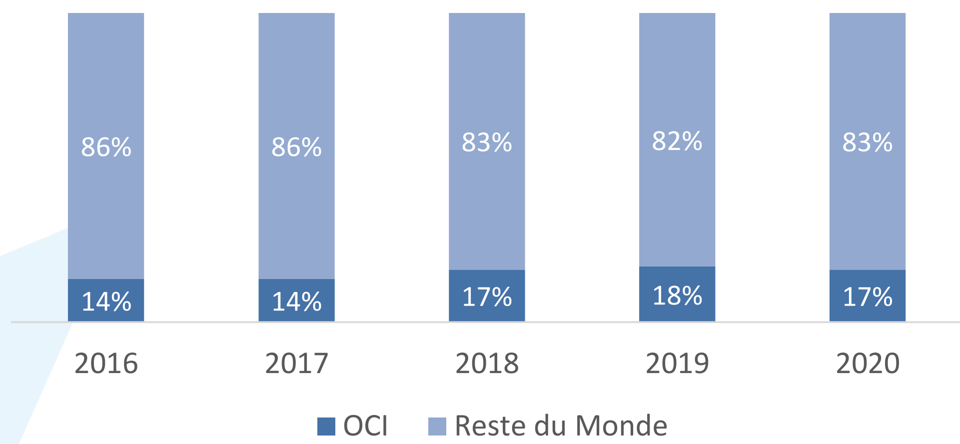


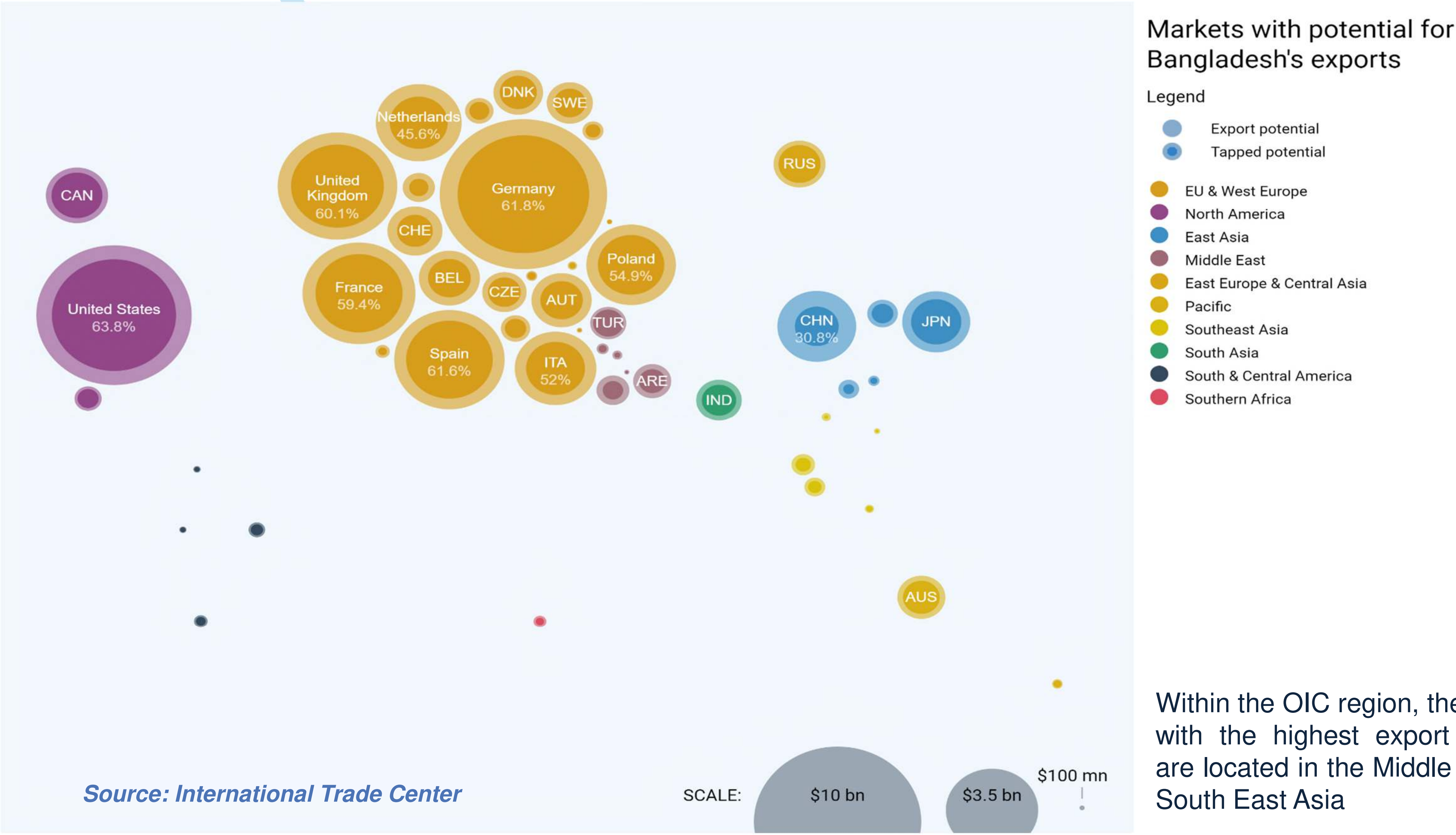
Top 10 Customers, OIC Members in 2020

1. Türkiye
2. United Arab Emirates
3. Saudi Arabia
4. Malaysia
5. Pakistan
6. Indonesia
7. Egypt
8. Qatar
9. Oman
10. Sudan

Top 10 Suppliers, OIC Members in 2020

1. Indonesia
2. Malaysia
3. Qatar
4. Saudi Arabia
5. United Arab Emirates
6. Pakistan
7. Benin
8. Türkiye
9. Nigeria
10. Mali

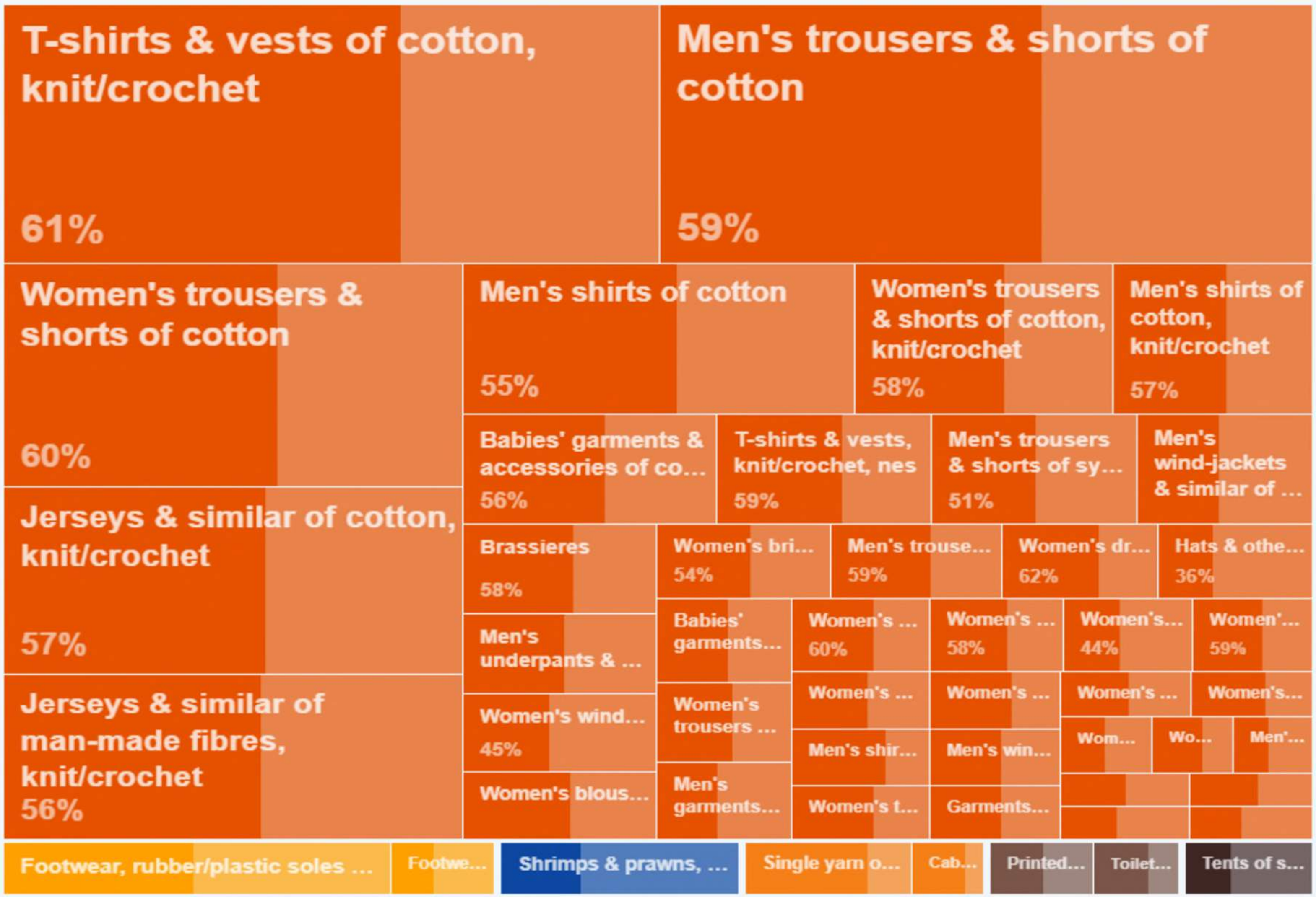
Export potential of Bangladesh by country of destination



Source: International Trade Center

Within the OIC region, the markets with the highest export potential are located in the Middle East and South East Asia

Bangladesh Export Potential by Product



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Bangladesh's products with potential

Legend

- Export potential
- Tapped potential

- Apparel
- Footwear
- Fish & shellfish
- Flax, hemp and natural fabric n.e.s.
- Home textiles
- Textile products n.e.s.

The products with the greatest export potential are chemicals, clothing, footwear and shrimp

Market Access

Customs Duties and Taxes

Average rate: 12.1%
Average rate of agricultural products: 15.8%
Average rate of non-agricultural products: 11.5%

Trade agreements

Member of the WTO
Signatory to the Asia-Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA)
Signatory to the South Asian Free Trade Agreement (SAFTA)
Signatory of the South Asian Preferential Trade Arrangement (SAPTA)
Signatory to the Protocol on Trade Negotiations (PTC)
Member of the Global System of Trade Preferences among developing countries (GSTP)

Fairs and Exhibitions

For more information, visit the website: https://www.eventseye.com/fairs/c0_salons_bangladesh.html

Public markets

Bangladesh Tenders are published on the national e-Government portal Procurement (e-GP): https://www.eprocure.gov.bd

Investing in Bangladesh

Why Bangladesh

One of the fastest growing economies in the world (next Asian Tiger; economic stability); 7th most populous country in the world (fast growing domestic market); strategic hub linking India, China and ASEAN countries; Young and energetic workforce and support for industrialization and consumption; strategic location; most liberal investment regime in the region; attractive incentive policies and consistent reforms

Special Economic Zones

Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA): Chattogram EPZ • Dhaka EPZ
Bangladesh Hi-Tech Park Authority (BHTPA): Sheikh Hasina Software Technology Park Jashore • Janata Tower Software Technology Park

Implemented Measures

Reduced corporate tax from 5 to 10 years; Accelerated depreciation; Tariff refund or duty drawback mechanism; Bonded warehousing facilities; Import duty exemption for investment machinery and raw materials; Incentives and facilities for export-oriented industries; Eligible for income tax exemption for 50% of export earnings for export-oriented industries; Bonded warehousing facilities

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