

Review of: "Strengthening Healthcare in Bangladesh: Challenges and Pathways to Equity and Quality"

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Overall, the manuscript contains a very rich and thought-provoking description of the healthcare system and its problems. Below are some suggestions.

- In recent years, the Bangladesh government has prioritised healthcare as a key development area, aiming to improve healthcare infrastructure, expand services, and strengthen the overall healthcare system: from which period?
- Despite facing many challenges, Bangladesh has made remarkable progress in achieving health and population indicators, particularly in achieving health-related Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), such as MDG 4 and MDG 5, concerned with improving infant survival and maternal health, respectively: what was this advance? What were the results of the indicators before per year, and how are they now? In what period?. You can read an example of how to describe this in <https://www.scielo.br/j/csc/a/PZrpLj6TvBJRNrTvrJkZXgK/?lang=en>
- I suggest adding a description of the type of government, general population, territory, a brief history of the health system, and its main characteristics according to indicators such as: doctors per 1000 inhabitants; nurses per 1000 inhabitants; beds per 1000 inhabitants; Primary Care coverage; child mortality; maternal mortality; main causes of mortality
- Regarding financing, I suggest including data on the percentages of public and private spending over time.
- It could better describe the attention to the rural population. What are these rural hospitals like? What type of services do they offer?
- I missed, in the proposals, including a proposal to expand primary health care coverage instead of reinforcing the hospital-centered model. It could improve the sustainability of the healthcare system. You can read more in: <https://www.scielo.org/pdf/csp/2019.v35n3/e00012219/en>
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