

Chittagong Hill Tracts

At A Glance



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Location & Land

- Situated in south-east part of Bangladesh
- Surrounded by India & Myanmar
- Covers an area of 5093 sq. miles
- A land of hills & uplands;
- Uneven topography with steep to very steep hills; 300-1000 metre above the sea.
- A paradise of natural beauty

Classification of Land



Class A land:

Suitable for wet rice Cultivation

3.2%



Class B land:

Suitable for horticulture & only partly for rice terraced

2.9%



Class C land:

Suitable for horticulture & tree crops with intensive soil conservation

15.5%



Class C-D land:

intermediate class between C & D

1.4%



Class D land:

Suitable only for forestry & less than 10% of Class D land was suitable for horticulture

77%

Community

CHT is home of Twelve ethnically minority communities :

- Chakma
- Marma
- Tripura
- Tanchagya
- Pankho
- Khumi

- Lusai
- Mro
- Bowm
- Khyang
- Chak &
- Rakhain

Distinction with Plain Land

CHT is distinct from main land in terms of

- Land's pattern
- Geography
- Social structure
- Culture
- Lifestyle
- Religion
- Language
- Physical feature of the people

Livelihood of CHT people

The main source of earning of CHT are:

- JUM Cultivation (Shifting Cultivation)
- Flow land Cultivation
- Forest & Horticulture
- Wood collection & selling
- Livestock
- Vegetable Gardening
- Agriculture

Problems CHT people

The indigenous people of the CHT facing the following problems:

- **Health Insecurity**
- **Education Insecurity**
- **Food Insecurity**
- **Community Disenfranchisement**

Problem: Health Insecurity

People get sick frequently due to:

- **Access to Health facilities & Quality of Health Care in the Facilities is Poor**

- Remoteness of villages from Health Centres
- Poor Quality of Services at the Health Centres
- High Dependents on Traditional Doctors & Faith Healers
- Poor attention to maternal & Child care

- **Access to Clean Water & Sanitation is poor**

- Poor Installation & Maintenance of Tube wells
- Living in an unhygienic environment & are subject to water borne diseases.

Problem: Education Insecurity

Children's attendance & retention is very low, due to:

- **Low Demand**

- Costs of education & opportunity costs are high
- Children are not taught in their mother tongue.
- Discrimination in school

- **Inadequate Supply**

- Schools are located far from the villages
- Poor infrastructure & facilities

- **Poor Quality of Education**

- Inadequate numbers of teachers
- Teachers do not attend regularly
- Poor community's less participation in School management

- **Girls' Education is Undervalued**

- Girls Education is not encouraged
- Women are absent from community affairs

Problem: Food Insecurity

JUMMAS experience moderate to severe food insecurity due to

- **Access to Jum & Agriculture Land is Decreasing**
- **Jum production is declining rapidly**
- **Access to and conflict over Forest Products**
- **Exploitation by DADONDARS & Middlemen**
- **Dependence on Non Institutional Credit**

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Problem:

Community Disenfranchisement

**People have no sense of Empowerment
resulting in virtually no community
initiatives to solve their problems**

Right violation in CHT



Land Problem

Land which is existence of life is

- not properly distributed,
- forcedly occupied and
- Displaced



Social Conflict

Political resettlement makes conflict and misunderstanding



Conflict against Peace Accord

Disagreement on Peace Accord by against party later make conflict and blood shade



Unplanned Development

Played negative impact on land possession and maintaining different culture



Un-plan wise Natural Resource Collection

Resulted abolishing and destruction natural resource and deprivation of resource ownership.

Right violation in CHT

- **Kidnap & Money grabbing**
Due to non- existence of government policy, accountability, or transparency on CHT affairs resulting undesirable political incidents and mainly kidnapping and money grabbing.
- **No access in decision making process**
- **Inadequate access to Education**
- **Violence Against Women**
- **Discrimination between male & female**
- **Kidnapping of Child & Women**
- **Engagement of Child Labour**
- **Lack of Entertainment/Recreation**
- **Existence of Early Marriage tendency**
- **Women deprivation from Land & property**
- **Harassment, illegal arrest by Law enforcement agencies**

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