Bangladesh

Area (‘000 km²): 144
Population (million), 1998: 124.8
Population growth (annual aver.), 1990-98: 1.6
Official language: Bengali
Currency: Taka
GNP per capita ($), 1998: 350
Percentage shares in GDP, 1998:
   Agriculture, forestry and fishing 22.2
   Industry (including manufacturing) 27.9 (18.1)
   Services (private and public) 49.9
   Gross domestic investment 22.2
Exports of goods and serv. (% of GDP), 1998 13.8
Main employer (% of labour force), 1998: Agriculture 58

Life expectancy at birth (m/f), 1990-95: 59/59
Under-5 mortality rate, 1998: (per 1,000 live births) 106
Daily calorie intake per capita (% of minimum requirements), 1996-98: 116.2
Population with access to safe water (%, urban/rural), 1998: 99/95
Adult literacy rate (%, m/f), 1995: 49/26
Transport, 1998:
   Road network density (km/1,000 km²) 1,360
   Aircraft departures 12,000
Installed electricity capacity, 1996:
   (kW/1,000 inhab.) 27
Telephone (units per 1,000 inhab.), 1998: 3
Number of tourist arrivals, 1998: 172,000
Total exp. of goods and serv. ($ m), 1998: 5,886
Main export sector (% of total exp.), 1998:
   Garments 52.3
Main markets for exports of goods (%), 1998:
   Developed market economy countries 86.6
   Main destination: European Union 45.6
Main sources of imports of goods (%), 1998:
   Developing countries 52.9
   Main origin: Asia 52.4
Foreign direct investment inflows ($ m), 1998: 308
Total net financial inflows ($ m), 1998: 1,382.1
   of which: ODA ($ m/%) 1,251.5/90.6
External debt ($ m), 1998: 16,125
   As % of GDP 38
   Debt service as % of exports 12