



Strengthening Bangladesh's Women

Business Network

- A brief presentation of BWCCI

ABOUT BWCCI

- ❑ **A non-profit, non-political organization**
- ❑ **Established in June 2001. Now Around 5000 members**
- ❑ **Country's first women chamber of commerce- a Trade body working exclusively for women's economic empowerment**
- ❑ **Registered under the Ministry of Commerce, Govt. of Bangladesh**
- ❑ **Affiliated with FBCCI- the apex trade body**
- ❑ **UN Consultative Status with Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)**

BWCCI'S ACHIEVEMENTS

- ❑ A separate allocation of BDT 1 billion (US\$12.5 million) for women entrepreneurs is made in the national budget since 2012**
- ❑ Collateral free loan for women entrepreneurs at single digit interest rate**
- ❑ Country's first ever Women's National Business Agenda (WNBA)**

BWCCI'S ACHIEVEMENTS

- Activities throughout all 64 districts.**
- 27 projects successfully implemented with the support of 23 partners including Government of Bangladesh**
- Capacity and skill development trainings organized for 52,077 women in 1,709 batches (Till November 2018)**
- 47 international trade fairs participated by 440 women and 263 national trade fairs by 4094 women**

HOW BWCCI WORKS TO ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVES

- ❑ **Provide skills & entrepreneurship development training**
- ❑ **Support for having trade license, bank loan & other services**
- ❑ **Create linkages with the successful WEs**
- ❑ **Create market & stakeholders linkage**
- ❑ **Increase international market opportunity through participation in trade fairs**
- ❑ **Organize Progressive Award Program**

HOW BWCCI WORKS TO ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVES

- ❑ **Raise awareness through meeting, workshop, seminar, courtyard & counseling session with different stakeholders,**
- ❑ **Printing & distribution of IEC materials, TV show, displaying banner etc.**
- ❑ **Policy advocacy**
- ❑ **Increase awareness on the use of social network & ICT, E-commerce, Web portal development**



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