

## CSOs and NGOs working for Human Rights<sup>1</sup>



**Name of Organisation:** Bandarban Hill District Council - Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Facility, CHT, 2003

**Website of Organisation:** <http://www.bhdcbd.org/> or [http://www.bd.undp.org/content/bangladesh/en/home/operations/project/s/crisis\\_prevention\\_and\\_recovery/chittagong-hill-tracts-development-facility/chtfd-home.html](http://www.bd.undp.org/content/bangladesh/en/home/operations/project/s/crisis_prevention_and_recovery/chittagong-hill-tracts-development-facility/chtfd-home.html)

**Facebook of Organisation:** <https://www.facebook.com/Bandarban-Hill-District-Council-985772921442382/>

**Organisation of DTP Alumni Y/N:** Yes

The Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Facility (CHTDF) is a multi-dimensional development programme that has been supporting the Government of Bangladesh since 2003. The programme promotes sustainable development and confidence-building in a sensitive post-conflict region, and is guided by the Chittagong Hill Tracts Accord. The current project “Strengthening Inclusive Development in Chittagong Hill Tracts” started on 1 October 2016, with an interim phase of the first three months.

CHTDF’s work is focused on strengthening the capacity of Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) institutions to effectively manage services and to encourage communities to take charge of their own development. CHTDF’s approach is based on the principles of local participation and decentralized development. As a result, over 3,500 communities are now managing their own development affairs and increasing their livelihood options.

UNDP has achieved significant results in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, contributing to policy change, implementation of the Peace Accord, confidence building in local communities, improved local institutional capacity, community empowerment, economic development, more responsive health and education systems, increased access to basic services, agriculture development, gender equality, etc. The partnership initiative “Promotion of Development and Confidence Building in the CHT”, which ended in September 2016, brought together the Government of Bangladesh, CHT institutions, donors and UNDP, and has been first largest scale development intervention implemented in CHT.

In partnership with the Government of Bangladesh, the Facility is committed in continuing the development and confidence building of the people in the region, whilst engaging with key stakeholders at national, regional and local levels along the way.

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