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**BRAC Selected a Devex Top 40 Innovator**

*The Most Innovative International Development Organizations Named*

Washington, D.C. — BRAC was selected as a Devex Top 40 Development Innovator based on a poll of thousands of Devex members, who collectively comprise one of the largest networks of global aid and international development professionals.

Devex announced the Top 40 Development Innovators on April 18 on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/devex](http://www.facebook.com/devex). Many of the top 40 innovators also participated in a Q&A on innovation, designed to spur a broader dialogue in the development community (see Facebook for links to specific Q&As).

"Solving the big global challenges we face – from climate change to poverty – will require innovation,” Devex President Raj Kumar said. “We are proud to honor these 40 organizations that are leveraging innovative techniques and approaches to solve complex problems.”

“We are honored to be selected by the Devex community as a Top 40 Development Innovator, especially as the only South-based NGO to be chosen” said Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, Founder and Chairperson of BRAC. “BRAC strives towards continuous innovation in its holistic approach to addressing poverty. Our real success has been in adapting these creative solutions to differing contexts and being able scale up quickly to make significant impact. And we strive do this while keeping a focus on the lives of individuals and communities.”

The Devex Top 40 Development Innovators include four types of international development organizations: donor agencies & foundations, development consulting companies, implementing NGOs, and advocacy groups. The selection is based on a survey Devex emailed to more than 100,000 aid workers and international development professionals.

All honorees will be recognized at a reception at the House of Sweden in Washington, DC on April 21st with Chris Thomas, Chief Strategist at Intel and Sonal Shah, White House Director of Social Innovation as featured speakers. BRAC Executive Director Dr. Mahabub Hossaid and BRAC USA President & CEO Susan Davis will represent BRAC at the reception.

*The Devex Top 40 Development Innovators (alphabetical)*

 **Donor Agencies & Foundations**

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| Aga Khan Development Network |
| Australian Government Overseas Aid Program (AusAID) |
| Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation |
| William J. Clinton Foundation |
| U.K. Department for International Development (DfID) |
| Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) |
| Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW) |
| Open Society Institute |
| TheGlobal Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria |
| UNICEF |

 **Implementing NGOs**

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| BRAC |
| CARE |
| Conservation International |
| Médecins Sans Frontières  |
| Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation |
| Habitat for Humanity International |
| International Rescue Committee (IRC) |
| Management Sciences for Health  |
| Norwegian Refugee Council  |
| Oxfam International |
| Partners in Health |
| Plan International **Consulting**

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| Abt Associates |
| AECOM |
| Booz Allen Hamilton |
| Deloitte  |
| DAI |
| DHV Group |
| ECORYS Research & Consulting |
| GFA Consulting Group |
| GOPA Consultants |
| Sweco Group |

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| PSI |
| Save the Children |
| World Wildlife Fund |

 **Advocacy**

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| Amnesty International |
| Greenpeace |
| Human Rights Watch |
| International Federation for Human Rights  |
| Transparency International |

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**About BRAC**

BRAC is a global development organization dedicated to alleviating poverty by empowering the poor to bring about change in their own lives. BRAC’s holistic approach aims to achieve large scale, positive changes through economic and social programs that enable women and men to realize their potential. BRAC was launched in Bangladesh in 1972 and today reaches more than 138 million people in Africa and Asia through its programs that address poverty by providing micro-loans, self-employment opportunities, health services, education and legal and human rights services. Learn more at [www.bracusa.org](http://www.bracusa.org/).

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