

## DevInfo in Action

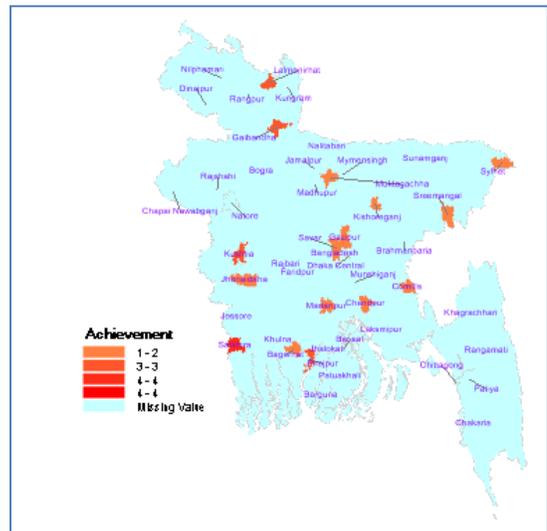
### Transparency International Bangladesh: Using DevInfo to Help Fight Corruption

Among the various development challenges faced by Bangladesh is the plague of corruption. According to the Corruption Perception Index released annually by Transparency International, the level of corruption in Bangladesh was perceived to be the highest in the world from 2001 to 2004.<sup>1</sup>



In this context, the work undertaken by the independent NGO [Transparency International Bangladesh](#) (TIB) takes on heightened importance. TIB works to promote institutions, laws and practices for combating corruption in Bangladesh and establishing transparency in governance, politics and business.

Since early 2012, TIB has begun using the [DevInfo](#) database system to help track its programme activities across the country and to monitor progress towards organizational goals. TIB's approach to data transparency is very much aligned with a growing global commitment to open data.

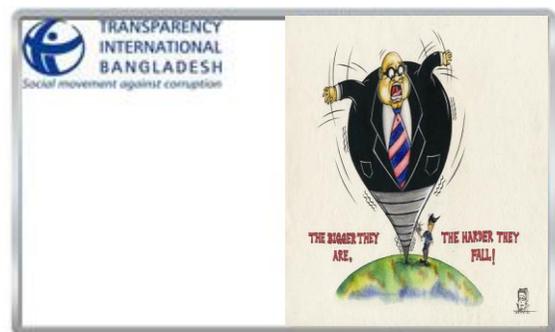


Number of TIB Committee of Concerned Citizen (CCC) meetings held, Oct-Dec 2011

According to Md. Aminul Hoque Chowdhury, Manager, Management Information Systems, TIB, the organization first learned about the software when he attended at a Water, Sanitation and Hygiene conference in Mumbai, India in October 2011.

“There was a conference session that featured the use of DevInfo to support monitoring,” recounted Mr. Chowdhury. “After a short workshop session, I decided this software was something that we could use.”

Upon his return to Bangladesh, Mr. Chowdhury went through the various [DevInfo e-learning courses](#) and, with some help from the DevInfo Support Group, was able to create a TIBInfo database and adaptation. TIBInfo is envisioned to help streamline data management for the organization, by consolidating data from TIB's 45 field



<sup>1</sup> Transparency International Bangladesh website, accessed at [http://www.ti-bangladesh.org/index.php?page\\_id=264](http://www.ti-bangladesh.org/index.php?page_id=264) on 12 March 2012.

offices in a single online portal.

“We track a variety of indicators related to social mobilization activities, such as the number of anti-corruption meetings held, the number of participants, etc.” explained Mr. Chowdhury. “The database will not only help us track our activities, but will also enable us to compare our achievements to date against our yearly plan, to monitor organizational progress.”

In March 2012, TIB began piloting the database in five of the country’s CCC level field offices as a data management tool. If all goes well, the plan is to roll out the database across the entire country.

“Despite a few technical challenges that we are still working through, our staff overall is extremely pleased with what they have seen so far,” declared Mr. Chowdhury.

Once the database system is deployed nationwide, TIB plans to make the data publicly available, in alignment with the global open data initiative. The public database is expected to facilitate deeper engagement and greater empowerment of citizen stakeholders.

“We see this initiative as a very important one, because TIB is considered one of the leading International NGOs in Bangladesh,” stated Mr. Chowdhury. “Many in the country are watching what we are doing, and we are eager to use DevInfo to make our own organizational information transparent to everybody.”

With DevInfo in place, TIB moves one step closer to fostering greater transparency in Bangladesh.

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