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Highlights

- In FY26, the agricultural credit disbursement target has been set at BDT 39,000 crore, representing a 2.63 percent increase from the target of BDT 38,000 crore in FY25 and a 4.48 percent rise over the actual disbursement of BDT 37,326.52 crore in FY25.

- In November 2025, all scheduled banks disbursed BDT 4,164.90 crore in agricultural credit, marking a 21.13 percent increase from BDT 3,438.30 crore in the previous month and a 12.88 percent increase compared to BDT 3,689.79 crore disbursed in November of FY25.

- Agricultural credit recovery by all scheduled banks reached BDT 3,826.97 crore in November 2025, increased by 11.03 percent from BDT 3,446.85 crore in the previous month and 2.13 percent higher than BDT 3,747.08 crore recovered in November 2024.

- At the end of November 2025, the outstanding balance (including interest) of agricultural credit for all scheduled banks stood at BDT 60,718.03 crore, reflecting a 10.78 percent increase from BDT 54,809.59 crore at the end of November 2024.

- At the end of November 2025, overdue of agricultural credit for all scheduled banks reached to BDT 22,297.95 crore which was 91.12 percent increase compared to BDT 11,667.11 crore in November 2024. This increase in overdue loans was primarily attributed to rise in overdue of State-owned Specialized Banks (SOSBs) and Private Commercial Banks (PCBs).

- In November 2025, Grameen Bank and ten Large NGOs collectively disbursed BDT 19,784.12 crore as microcredit, reflecting a 14.31 percent increase compared to November 2024. They recovered BDT 17,108.70 crore in November 2025, which was 13.49 percent higher than the same month of 2024. The outstanding microcredit balance for these organizations was BDT 127,288.63 crore, with overdue loans amounting to BDT 8,743.26 crore (representing 6.87 percent of the outstanding balance) at the end of November 2025.

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1. Agricultural Credit

1.1 Disbursement

The agricultural credit disbursement target has been set at BDT 39,000 crore for all scheduled banks in FY26, marking a 2.63 percent increase compared to the disbursement target of BDT 38,000 crore for the previous fiscal year. The target of agricultural credit disbursement comprises BDT 3,657.00 crore for state-owned commercial banks (SOCBs), BDT 10,223.00 crore for state-owned specialized banks (SOSBs), BDT 23,527.00 crore for private commercial banks (PCBs), and BDT 1,593.00 crore for foreign commercial banks (FCBs) for FY26.

In November 2025, agricultural credit disbursement by all scheduled banks amounted to BDT 4,164.90 crore, which was 21.13 percent higher than BDT 3,438.30 crore disbursed in the previous month and 12.88 percent higher compared to BDT 3,689.79 crore disbursed in November 2024 respectively (Table 1).

Table 1: Agricultural Credit by Scheduled Banks

(BDT in Crore)

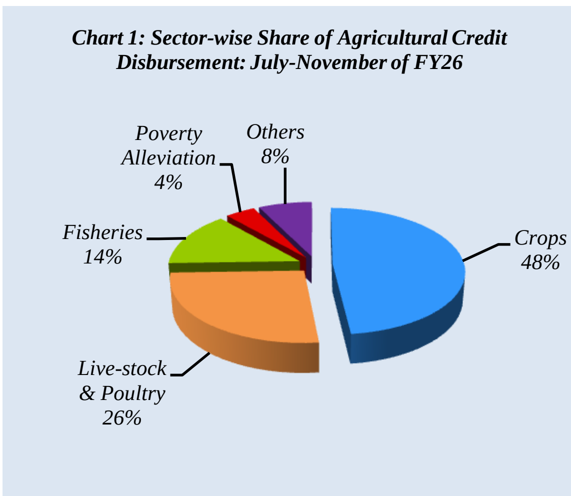
Month	Disbursement		Recovery	
	FY25	**FY24**	**FY25**	**FY24**
July-June	37326.52	37153.90	38024.50	35571.62
	FY26	**FY25**	**FY26**	**FY25**
July	2154.03	1790.71	2953.62	2553.79
August	2672.00	2080.20	3119.96	2891.67
September	3663.44	2587.27	4470.81	3764.51
October	3438.30	2933.18	3446.85	3112.45
November	4164.90	3689.79	3826.97	3747.08
Total	**16092.67**	**13081.15**	**17818.21**	**16069.5**

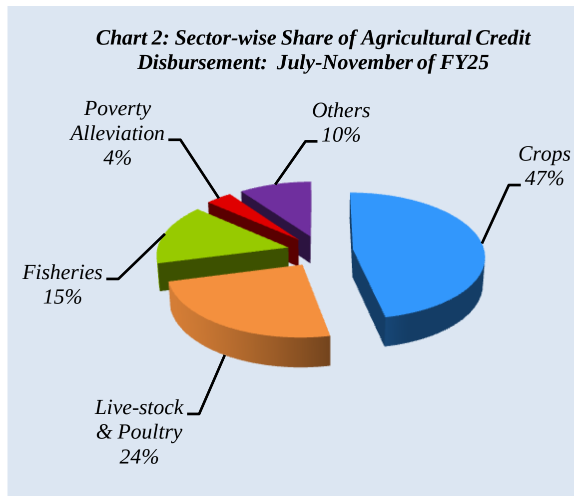
Source: Agricultural Credit Department, Bangladesh Bank.

In July-November of FY26, all scheduled banks disbursed BDT 16,092.67 crore, reflecting a 23.02 percent increase from BDT 13,081.15 crore disbursed in the same period of FY25. The significant rise was primarily driven by higher disbursements of Foreign Commercial Banks (FCBs) and State-Owned Commercial Banks (SOCBs) while State-Owned Specialized Banks (SOSBs) and Private Commercial Banks (PCBs) also increased moderately, reflecting relatively lower disbursement level in July-November of FY26 compared to the same period of FY25.

1.2 Sector-wise disbursement

During July-November of FY26, share of agricultural credit disbursement in crops, and livestock & poultry increased from 47 percent to 48 percent and 24 percent to 26 percent respectively compared to same period of FY25. In contrast, the share of agricultural credit disbursement in fisheries and other sectors decreased to 14 percent and 8 percent from 15 percent and 10 percent respectively compared to July-November of FY25. The share of poverty alleviation was 4 percent during July-November 2025 showing same as before. During July-November of FY26, composition of agricultural credit disbursement shifted modestly toward crops and livestock & poultry. In contrast, the share allocated to fisheries and other sectors declined. Overall, the data reflect a gradual reorientation of agricultural credit toward core production activities from social welfare, suggesting limited progress in expanding targeted financing for vulnerable groups.





Source: Agricultural Credit Department, Bangladesh Bank.

1.3 Recovery

Recovery of agricultural credit by all scheduled banks was BDT 3,826.97 crore in November FY26, reflecting an 11.03 percent increase from BDT 3,446.85 crore recovered in October FY26 and a 2.13 percent increase compared to BDT 3,747.08 crore recovered in November FY25. In July-November of FY26, the recovery of agricultural credit by all scheduled banks increased by 10.88 percent to BDT 17,818.21 crore compared to BDT 16,069.50 crore during the same period of FY25 (Table 1). This increase was primarily driven by the 122.38 percent rise in recoveries from Foreign Commercial Banks (FCBs), 37.23 percent rise in recoveries by State-Owned Commercial Banks (SOCBs), and 22.11 percent rise in recoveries by State-owned Specialized Banks (SOSBs). In contrast, Private Commercial Banks (PCBs) recorded a decline of 2.45 percent in recovery in July-November 2025 (Annexure).

1.4 Outstanding and Overdue

At the end of November 2025, the outstanding balance of agricultural credit (including interest) for all scheduled banks was BDT 60,718.03 crore, an increase of 10.78 percent from BDT 54,809.59 crore at the end of November 2024. The overdue agricultural credit increased by 91.12 percent to BDT 22,297.95 crore at the end of November 2025 as compared to BDT 11,667.11 crore at the end of November 2024. This sharp increase was mainly driven by the rise in overdue balance of State-owned Specialized Banks (SOSBs) and Private Commercial Banks (PCBs). The overdue balance of State-owned

Commercial Banks (SOCBs) decreased by 12.99 percent at the end of November 2025 compared to November 2024. However, this decrease was not significant enough to offset the overall increase. The loan classification criteria effective from April 2025 also contributed to this significant rise in overdue at the end of November 2025. The rise in overdue loans signals growing concerns over credit recovery and requirement for stronger oversight and risk management to address the credit recovery challenges in the sector.

1.5 Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB)

The Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB) has a disbursement target of BDT 1,486.10 crore for FY26. In November of FY26, agricultural credit disbursement by BRDB was BDT 111.67 crore, decreased 9.12 percent from BDT 122.88 crore in November 2024, while recovery rose by 6.20 percent to BDT 117.45 crore in November of FY26 from BDT 110.59 crore in November of FY25 (Table 2). During July-November of FY26, BRDB disbursed BDT 519.85 crore and recovered BDT 532.57 crore, representing a 3.50 percent decrease and 12.46 percent increase, respectively, compared to the same period of FY25.

Table 2: Agricultural Credit by BRDB and BSBL

(BDT in Crore)

	Target of FY26	November'25		November'24	
		Disbursement	Recovery	Disbursement	Recovery
BRDB	1486.10	111.67	117.45	122.88	110.59
BSBL	25.00	0.10	0.12	0.00	0.15
Total	**1511.10**	**111.77**	**117.57**	**122.88**	**110.74**
(Percent)	(3.73)	(2.61)	(2.98)	(3.22)	(2.87)

Source: Agricultural Credit Department, Bangladesh Bank.
Note: figure in the parenthesis shows % share of total agriculture credit arrangement of BRDB and BSBL in total amount of all group of Banks, BRDB and BSBL.

1.6 Bangladesh Samabaya Bank Limited (BSBL)

BSBL, a non-scheduled bank, has a disbursement target of BDT 25.00 crore for FY26. The agricultural credit disbursement of BSBL in November was BDT 0.10 crore. BSBL recovered BDT 0.12 crore in November of FY26 which was BDT 0.15 crore in November of FY25 (Table-2). The agricultural credit disbursement of BSBL during July-November 2025 was BDT 0.70 crore. BSBL recovered BDT 1.05 crore in July-November of FY26 which was BDT 0.43 crore in July-November of FY25.

2. Refinance Facility

Facility from Bangladesh Bank under Government Guarantee

During July-November of FY26, no funds have been sanctioned for short-term agricultural refinance facility in favor of BKB and RAKUB from Bangladesh Bank. However, in view of the application of RAKUB, BB approved refinancing facility of

BDT 1,000 crore for a period of 01 year at the prevailing bank rate (4 percent) in favor of RAKUB with guarantee of Finance Department, Ministry of Finance for continuation of agricultural credit disbursement and smoothing socio-economic activities. RAKUB paid BDT 1.67 crore as interest payment to BB of the short-term refinance credit in November 2025. The outstanding balance of refinance credit for BKB and RAKUB was BDT 2,019.76 crore as of November 2025 which was 9.53 percent lower compared to BDT 2,232.47 crore as of November 2024.

3. Rural Finance

3.1 Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation

In November 2025, Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) disbursed BDT 1,160.48 crore to 289 partner organizations (POs) and recovered BDT 657.11 crore. These figures represent 14.45 percent and 40.71 percent increase in disbursement and recovery compared to November 2024 (Table-3).

Table 3: Rural Credit by PKSF

(BDT in Crore)

Month	Disbursement		Recovery	
	FY25	**FY24**	**FY25**	**FY24**
July-June	9357.74	7553.11	7073.29	6139.10
	FY26	**FY25**	**FY26**	**FY25**
July	51.00	32.00	444.74	439.56
August	575.96	433.32	634.73	475.77
September	854.45	1050.27	814.67	693.45
October	666.59	709.52	509.28	432.03
November	1160.48	1013.99	657.11	467.01
Total	**3308.48**	**3239.10**	**3060.53**	**2507.82**

Source: Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF).

In July-November of FY26, total disbursement of Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) was BDT 3,308.48 crore which was 2.14 percent higher as compared to the disbursed amount of BDT 3,239.10 crore in July-November of FY25. The recovery amount was BDT 3,060.53 crore in July-November of FY26 which was 22.04 percent higher as compared to the recovery of BDT 2,507.82crore in the same period of FY25.

At the end of November 2025, the outstanding balance of PKSF's loan program amounted to BDT 14,353.03 crore, with an overdue balance of BDT 101.10 crore. The outstanding balance increased by 14.35 percent at the end of November 2025 compared to BDT 12551.94 crore at the end of November 2024. Meanwhile, the overdue balance decreased by 36.46 percent at the end of November 2025, compared to BDT 159.10 crore at the end of the same month of previous fiscal year.

3.2 Microcredit Operations by Grameen Bank and Ten Large NGOs[2]

In November 2025, Grameen Bank and ten prominent NGOs disbursed BDT 19,784.12 crore for microfinance programs aimed at fostering productive rural activities, which was 14.31 percent higher as compared to the disbursed amount of November 2024.

Table 4: Microcredit Operation by NGOs in November 2025

(BDT in Crore)

NGOs	(Without Interest)			
	Disbursement	**Recovery**	**Outstanding**	**Overdue**
Grameen Bank	2525.33	2353.24	17169.46	641.91
BRAC	7650.15	6348.52	45175.93	2326.75
ASA	4080.74	3827.72	27806.55	3442.77
Proshika	201.51	196.60	1701.15	230.84
BURO Bangladesh	1879.16	1483.28	12813.66	409.65
TMSS	1114.27	975.86	7016.17	585.00
RDRS Bangladesh	252.25	218.75	1661.06	188.49
CARITAS Bangladesh	84.08	82.02	539.10	110.65
Jagorani Chakra Foundation(JCF)	718.04	577.52	5994.41	301.76
Society for Social Service (SSS)	995.09	778.76	5507.86	380.98
Shakti Foundation	283.50	266.41	1903.28	124.46
Total	**19784.12**	**17108.70**	**127288.63**	**8743.26**

Source: Grameen Bank and respective NGOs.

Approximately 37.66 million members accessed this loan facility through a total of 14,258 branches operated by the top 11 Microfinance Institutions (MFIs). Notably, Grameen Bank, BRAC, and ASA collectively accounted for 72.06 percent of the total microcredit disbursed in November 2025.

The recovery efforts of these MFIs in November of FY26 amounted to BDT 17,108.70 crore, reflecting a 13.49 percent increase from BDT 15,075.26 crore in November of FY25. As on November 2025, the outstanding balance of these MFIs stood at BDT 127,288.63 crore, marking a 12.45 percent rise compared to November 2024. Additionally, the overdue amount for MFIs remained at BDT 8,743.26 crore as on November 2025, representing a 12.22 percent increase as compared to the overdue amount of BDT 7,791.39 crore in November 2024 (Table-4). The significant rise in overdue balances is mainly due to erratic borrower behavior and payment difficulties caused by crop losses from natural disasters and rising living costs.

4. Conclusion

Agricultural and rural finance activities during July-November of FY26 showed steady expansion in credit disbursement and improved recovery performance, reflecting continued support to the productive sectors of the rural economy. The shift of agricultural credit toward crops and livestock & poultry indicates a stronger focus on core agricultural

[2]Grameen Bank, BRAC, ASA, Proshika, BURO Bangladesh, TMSS, RDRS Bangladesh, CARITAS Bangladesh, Jagorani Chakra Foundation (JCF), Society for Social Service (SSS), Shakti Foundation.

production. Recovery growth across the banks, PKSF, and major MFIs suggests enhanced collection efficiency and institutional resilience. However, the sharp increase in overdue agricultural credit, particularly among State-Owned Specialized Banks (SOSBs) and Private Commercial Banks (PCBs), raises concerns regarding asset quality, partly influenced by revised loan classification criteria, climate-induced crop damages, and rising living costs. Therefore, sustained progress underscores the need for strengthening credit supervision, improving risk mitigation mechanisms, and ensuring targeted support to vulnerable borrowers to maintain financial stability and inclusive rural growth.

5. Recent Measures by BB for Agriculture and Rural Finance

- Through ACD Circular No. 01 issued on 12 August 2025, Agricultural and Rural Credit Policy and Program for FY26 published (circular link: aug282025acdl02.pdf (bb.org.bd)).
- Through BRPD Circular No. 15 issued on 27 November 2024 and effective from 01 April 2025, Expected Credit Loss (ECL) methodology-based provisioning system was implement to manage credit risk more effectively (circular link: nov272024brpd15e.pdf (bb.org.bd)).
- As per ACD Circular Letter No. 02 issued on 28 August 2025, the deadline for disbursing loans at customer level by the banks under refinance scheme of BDT 1000 crore aimed at increasing wheat and maize production has been extended. (circular link: aug282025acdl02.pdf (bb.org.bd)).
- Through BRPD Circular No. 39 issued on 01 September 2024, loan repayment/ adjustment of borrowers affected by recent floods was facilitated (circular link: sep012024brpdl39.pdf (bb.org.bd)).
- As per ACD Circular No. 03 issued on 21 November 2023, facilitating most of the actual/marginal farmers under BDT 5000.00 crore refinance scheme, ceiling of new loan/investment in favor of single customer from livestock sector shall be BDT20 lakh (circular link: nov212023acdl03.pdf (bb.org.bd)).
- According to ACD Circular No 01 issued on 22 June 2023, banks were directed to recruit experienced people from NGOs/MFIs on temporary contractual basis for the post of ‘Agri Credit Supervisor (Contractual)’ following manpower requirement need for ensuring proper uses of agricultural credit (circular link: jun222023acd01.pdf (bb.org.bd)).
- According to ACD Circular No 02 issued on 21 March 2023, beef fattening sector was included into the refinance scheme of BDT 5000.00 crore (circular link: mar212023acdl02.pdf (bb.org.bd)).
- Following ACD Circular No: 01 of January 2023, agricultural credit on priority basis shall be disbursed to new farmers, and to more than one member of the same family based on rational consideration (circular link: jan012023acdl01.pdf (bb.org.bd)).
- As per ACD Circular No. 08 of 19 December 2022, fund titled ‘Bangladesh Bank Agricultural Development Common Fund (BBADCF)’ had been formed with the

unattainable portion of banks annual agriculture and rural credit disbursement target (circular link: dec192022acd08.pdf (bb.org.bd)).

- According to ACD Circular No. 07 of 17 November 2022, BB formed a refinance scheme of BDT 5000.00 crore for agriculture sector to ensure food security of the country (circular link: nov172022acd07.pdf (bb.org.bd)).

Annexure

Monthly Position of Agricultural Credit Performance by Scheduled Banks

(BDT in Crore)

Month	Disbursement		Recovery		Outstanding (at the end of Month)		Overdue (at the end of Month)	
	FY25	**FY24**	**FY25**	**FY24**	**FY25**	**FY24**	**FY25**	**FY24**
July	1790.71	1991.27	2553.79	2710.32	56894.54	52361.91	12131.73	8627.61
August	2080.20	3316.99	2891.67	2540.26	55822.75	53230.38	11844.20	8804.06
September	2587.27	3516.38	3764.51	2763.73	54927.74	54164.17	11754.32	8666.13
October	2933.18	3135.87	3112.45	2934.14	55084.42	54862.5	11931.74	8521.57
November	3689.79	3319.61	3747.08	3470	54809.59	54590.56	11667.11	8339.3
December	3177.96	3046.05	3047.76	3361.09	56018.85	55395.32	11600.25	8084.15
January	2956.37	2827.68	2660.09	2531.05	56407.31	55634.92	10590.51	9031.63
February	2910.50	2536.90	2646.36	2351.12	57066.94	55860.89	10234.61	9334.39
March	2734.58	2976.88	3019.60	2749.03	56965.12	56565.61	10096.93	10175.78
April	3239.23	3436.54	3362.50	3538.44	57153.48	56487.15	9992.80	9994.89
May	4111.79	3191.92	3085.05	3426.43	58320.80	56331.17	9851.40	9937.85
June	5114.94	3857.81	4133.64	3196.01	60232.42	58119.59	21629.76	9368.20
Total	**37326.52**	**37153.90**	**38024.50**	**35571.62**	60232.42	58119.59	21629.76	9368.20
	FY26	**FY25**	**FY26**	**FY25**	**FY26**	**FY25**	**FY26**	**FY25**
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September	3663.44	2587.27	4470.81	3764.51	59500.11	54927.74	22120.06	11754.32
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