

C&A Foundation launches 'Mapped in Bangladesh'

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The C&A Foundation, affiliated to Belgium-based global apparel retailer C&A, recently launched 'Mapped in Bangladesh', an initiative aimed at improving transparency in the [country's](#) garment sector. The project was launched by its partner BRAC University in Dhaka to digitally map all export-oriented ready-made garment (RMG) factories across the Dhaka district.

The project has collected essential primary data on export-oriented factories across the district and published it online in an interactive, digital map. Enumerators used a door-to-door approach, visiting each factory to gather the data, according to a statement from the foundation.

The public database maps each factory's name, GPS location, postal address, number of workers, products produced, [export](#) countries, brands and buyers, and memberships, affiliations, and certifications. Data updates will be crowd-sourced to the public and then verified to ensure that information remains current.

'Mapped in Bangladesh' is guided by an expert project advisory committee, which includes representatives from rights-based organisations, research organisations, international brands, non-governmental organisations, major industry associations, and the Bangladesh [Government](#), inspiring shared responsibility across the industry.

An expanded map, incorporating factories from across the country, is expected to be completed in 2021. (DS)