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Sir Fazle Abed's life was a great gift to humanity. His nearly 50 years of visionary leadership at BRAC transformed millions of lives in Bangladesh and beyond, and changed the way the world thinks about development. Driven by an unwavering belief in the inherent dignity of all people, he empowered those in extreme poverty to build better futures for themselves and their families.

I will always be grateful for the chance to see his life-changing programs in action in Bangladesh when I was President, for his many years of work with the Clinton Global Initiative, and for the kindness, friendship, and inspiration he gave Hillary and me—including the grace and courage of the final months of his life. His legacy will live on in all the people whose lives are better, healthier, and more secure because of his remarkable service.