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Both cooperatives and microfinance NGOs generally target low-income households.

The Microfinance NGOs Act was signed in 2015 to recognize the role of microfinance NGOs in providing financial services to marginalized sections of society and paving the way for the sector's effective functioning.

Microfinance in the banking system

		2018 Q4	2019 Q4	
Microfinance	Banks	159	154	
	Borrowers	1,986,683	2,410,677	
	Amount (in million pesos)	22,615.4 (US\$452m)	27,294.7 (US\$545.8m)	

Microfinance outside the banking system

Cooperatives	2017	2018	
Number of member depositors (in millions)	8.0	9.4	
Outstanding loans (in billion pesos)	194.1 (US\$3.8 b)	276 (US\$5.5 b)	
Microfinance NGOs	2018	2019	
Number of clients (in millions)	4.3	5.2	
Outstanding loans (in billion pesos)	28.6 (US\$572 m)	41.9 (US\$838 m)	



MARKET POTENTIAL on the next three (3) years

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Preferred LOAN FEATURES

LOAN SIZE

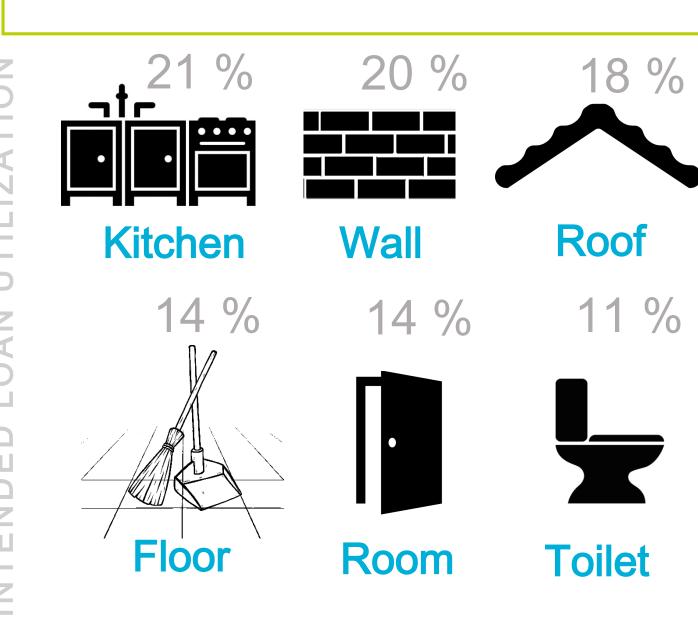
\$900

LOAN TENURE

24 months

INSTALLMENT

\$40





Housing Microfinance Potential

- Significant opportunity exists among existing as well as new customer base
- Role of financial institutions serving the low-income segment is critical

\$1.56 Billion

Market Potential

among existing
Microfinance Borrowers





Bangladesh

KEY PLAYERS IN THE HOUSING FINANCE SYSTEM

Specialized housing finance providers

- House Building Finance Corporation (HBFC)
- Delta-Brac, Housing Finance (DBHF)
- National Housing Finance Investments Limited (NHFIL)

Banks

- Private Commercial Banks (PCB)
- State Owned Commercial Banks (SCB)
- Other Banks (foreign and specialized)

Other Financial Institutions (including NBFCs)

Microcredit Lenders

The total outstanding housing loans from banks and financial institutions as of the end of June 2019 amounted to BDT 902 billion (USD 10.63 billion), which was 8.9% of the total credit to the private sector. Private banks with a good deposit base have expanded their housing loan portfolio and had the highest market share in 2019. The SCBs had the second-largest share.

LENDERS	TOTAL HOUSING LOANS OUTSTANDING						
	June-17		June-18		June-19		
	BDT billion	% of Total	BDT billion	% of Total	BDT billion	% of Total	
Specialised housing finance providers	77.2	11.59%	76.1	9.48%	88.0	9.75%	
i) HBFC	29.9	4.48%	31.0	3.86%	32.5	3.60%	
ii) DBFC	39.1	5.87%	37.1	4.62%	43.9	4.86%	
iii) NHF	8.2	1.23%	8.0	0.99%	11.6	1.28%	
Banks	533.2	80.06%	675.7	84.19%	738.9	81.91%	
i) PCB	372.8	55.9%	473.8	59.04%	491.6	54.5%	
ii) SCB	140.4	21.08%	176.7	22.01%	211.9	23.49%	
iii) Other banks	20.0	3.00%	25.2	3.14%	35.4	3.92%	
Other Fls	55.3	8.3%	50.0	6.235	74.0	8.2%	
Microcredit lenders	0.3	0.04%	0.7	0.08%	1.1	0.12%	
Grameen Bank	0.3	0.04%	0.7	0.08%	1.1	0.12%	
Total	666.0		802.5		902.0		

Source: Bangladesh Bank, Annual Report 2018-19. (accessed in February 2021)