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In 2022, Bangladeshi households spent an average of 46 % of their income on food according to a BBS survey<sup>663</sup>. In 2024, the cost of living, including food, reached its highest point in a decade<sup>664</sup> and some parts of the population were experiencing food insecurity. In February–March 2024, around 14.6 million, 20 % of the analysed population, experienced high levels of acute food insecurity, being level three (crisis) or above on the International Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) five-tier scale. This included about 328 000 persons experiencing food insecurity at level four (emergency)<sup>665</sup>. Meanwhile, WFP reported on more than 23.6 million people, more than 26 % of the population, facing food insecurity as of March 2025.<sup>666</sup> A study of BIDS and WFP, as reported by local media, further found that food insecurity was increasing in 2022–2024, amid rising poverty levels.<sup>667</sup>

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