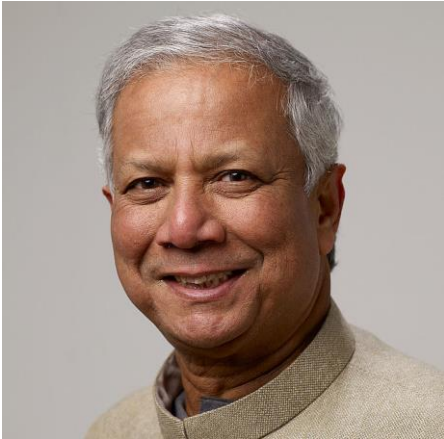


Muhammad Yunus



“We must put poverty in museums, that's where it belongs; it doesn't belong to any human society.”

A renowned Bangladeshi economist recognised for his groundbreaking work in poverty alleviation and empowering those in poverty; a Nobel Peace Laureate; Chief Adviser of Bangladesh’s 2024 interim government.

- Founded Grameen Bank, an institution that provides microcredit—small, collateral-free loans to impoverished individuals—helping them build creditworthiness and achieve financial self-sufficiency, 1983
- Jointly won the Nobel Peace Prize with Grameen Bank for their efforts to create economic and social development, 2006
- Founding member of The Elders, 2007-2009
- Appointed Chief Adviser to Bangladesh’s interim government, 2024

Work with the Elders

A pioneering civil society leader and founding member of The Elders, Muhammad Yunus was a founding member of The Elders. In 2009 he stepped down from his role in the organisation, expressing regret that he was unable to do justice to his membership due to the demands of his work, but has maintained a close relationship with other members of the group over the subsequent years.

Pioneering microcredit and founding Grameen Bank

Professor Yunus founded Grameen Bank, a pioneering microcredit institution dedicated to providing small loans to the poor to foster entrepreneurship and economic growth.

His groundbreaking efforts in poverty alleviation and empowering people in poverty earned him international recognition and a Nobel Peace Prize in 2006.

Leadership of 2024 interim government

In August 2024, Muhammad Yunus was entrusted with the responsibility of restoring stability and democracy to Bangladesh amid a national crisis.