

Lead News



Bangladesh Urban Health Network (BUHN) at ICUH 2025

The Bangladesh Urban Health Network (BUHN) had a prominent and impactful presence at the 21st International Conference on Urban Health (ICUH 2025), held from 17–21 November 2025 in Wellington, New Zealand. Organized by the International Society for Urban Health (ISUH), the conference — titled “Healthy Cities, Resilient Futures: Weaving Climate Action, Equity, & Wellbeing from Asia Pacific to the World”— brought together global leaders, researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to advance urban health agendas focused on sustainability, equity, and climate resilience. Throughout the event, BUHN contributed to multiple high-profile sessions... [READ MORE](#)

11<sup>th</sup> Knowledge Sharing Virtual Seminar on Nutrition and Urban Health

The 11th Knowledge Sharing Virtual Seminar Session, hosted by the Bangladesh Urban Health Network (BUHN) on November 12, 2025, focused critically on "Nutrition and Urban Health," addressing the intensifying challenge of urban malnutrition fueled by rapid urbanization and concurrent lifestyle shifts. The session, moderated by Maliha Khan Majlish, Project Associate at BUHN and featuring Chief Guest Dr. Md. Rizwanur Rahman, Director General of Bangladesh National Nutrition Council, aimed to explore how urbanization fundamentally reshapes food environments, share evidence on nutrition transitions, and disseminate findings on food quality and safety in low-income urban areas. The consensus among the key resource personnel, including representatives from UNICEF, IPHN, and BFSA, was the urgent need for robust, multi-sectoral, and integrated approaches to create resilient urban health systems... [READ MORE](#)

11<sup>th</sup> KNOWLEDGE SHARING VIRTUAL SEMINAR

Seminar Topic: Nutrition and Urban Health

Date: November 12, 2025 (Wednesday)

Time: 15.00 - 16.30 Bangladesh Time (GMT +6)

CHIEF GUEST



Dr. Md. Rizwanur Rahman  
Director General  
Bangladesh National Nutrition Council (BNNC)

SPECIAL GUEST



Dr. Mohammed Faruk Ali  
Executive Director  
Bangladesh Food Safety and Standards Authority (BFSA)

SPECIAL GUEST



Dr. Mohammed Mostafa  
Executive Director  
Bangladesh Institute of Public Health (BIPH)

PANEL SPEAKERS



Dr. Mustafa Parveen  
Executive Director  
UNICEF Bangladesh



Dr. Masay Kanti Mithra  
Executive Director  
ICDDR,B: Bangladesh Centre for Infectious Disease Research and Control



S. M. Shaukat  
Executive Director  
ICDDR,B: Bangladesh Centre for Infectious Disease Research and Control



Ummy Farhin Sultana  
Executive Director  
Bangladesh Institute of Public Health (BIPH)

WELCOME SPEECH



Dr. Wajidul Anwar  
Executive Director  
UNICEF Bangladesh

CLOSING REMARK



Dr. Md. Shamsul Haque  
Executive Director  
ICDDR,B: Bangladesh Centre for Infectious Disease Research and Control

SESSION MODERATOR



Maliha Khan Majlish  
Project Associate  
Bangladesh Urban Health Network (BUHN)

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Committee Meeting of Bangladesh Urban Health Network: BUHN Selected its New President and Sets Strategic Directions for Urban Health Advancement in Bangladesh

The Bangladesh Urban Health Network (BUHN) convened its Committee Meeting on Sunday, 9 November 2025, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the UNICEF Office in Agargaon, Dhaka, bringing together representatives from government offices, partner organizations, and network members to review progress, discuss ongoing initiatives, and plan future activities aimed at strengthening the urban health landscape of Bangladesh. The meeting served as a key milestone for BUHN, marking the selection of a new president, outlining major national and... [READ MORE](#)

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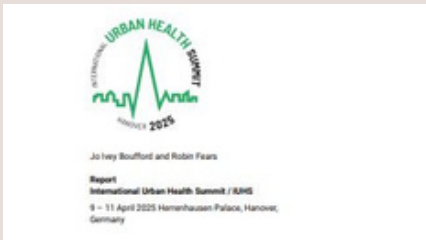




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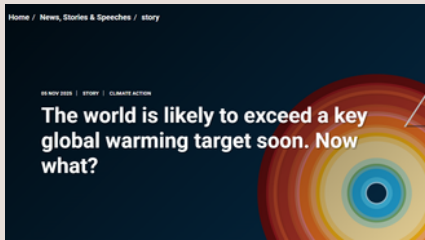
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World Cities Day 2025: Smart cities must put people first



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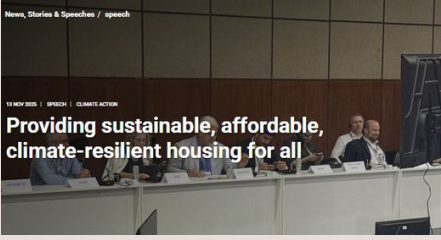
Global Climate News



Introducing urban climate action: What, why and how



Food Waste Breakthrough launches to help cities halve food waste, cut methane emissions and reduce hunger



Providing sustainable, affordable, climate-resilient housing for all



Slow climate adaptation threatening lives and economies



Summary document of the Ministerial Meeting at COP30

KEY STAKEHOLDER MESSAGE



Dr. Margub Aref Jahangir  
Health Specialist (Urban), Health Section  
UNICEF Bangladesh

Across multiple national dialogues, seminars, and policy discussions of Bangladesh Urban Health Network (BUHN), Dr. Margub Aref Jahangir repeatedly underscored that Bangladesh’s rapid urbanization had created both urgent challenges and meaningful opportunities for improving equitable health outcomes. Throughout these engagements, he consistently advocated for a people-centered urban health system grounded in equity, accountability, and collaborative action. [READ MORE](#)



**Dr. Md. Khairul Islam**  
*Regional Director, WaterAid South Asia &  
Former President, BUHN*



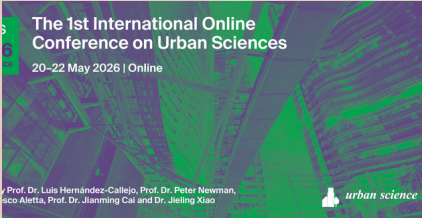
Across various BUHN engagements, Dr. Md. Khairul Islam consistently underscored the urgency of addressing emerging urban health challenges and strengthening governance structures to ensure sustainable reforms. As Chief Guest and a central voice in multiple seminars and meetings, he drew attention to critical issues that required immediate policy and programmatic action.

He emphasized the rising threat of lead poisoning — particularly from sources such as battery-powered rickshaws — as a public health emergency that demanded rigorous research, rapid mitigation efforts, and evidence-based policymaking...[READ MORE](#) ➔

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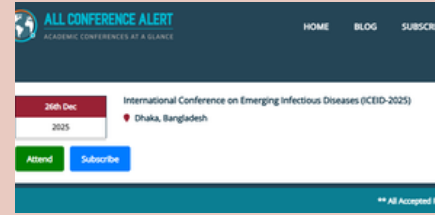
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RECENT PUBLICATIONS

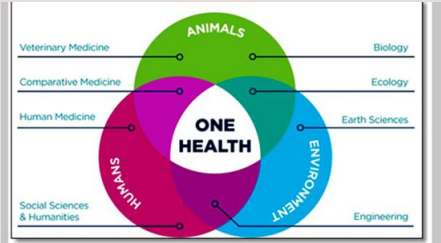
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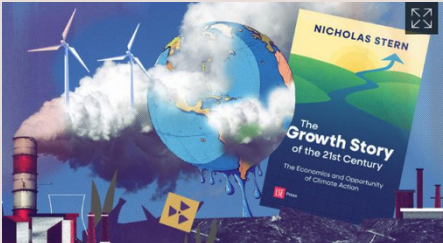
- Invitation for Conducting Baseline and Technical Assessment on "Strengthening Resilience through Gender Responsive and Integrated Services (RISe)" project in Barishal City.
  - Collaborative Network for Climate-Resilient Communities in South and Southeast Asia
  - Accelerating Development of Innovative, Exceptionally Low-Cost Maternal and Child Nutrient Ingredients and Products
- Accelerating Innovation in Vaginal Formulations in Support of Women's Health
  - For development of a proposal for a Climate Resilient Sanitation Marketing program for rural and semi-urban areas in Bangladesh.
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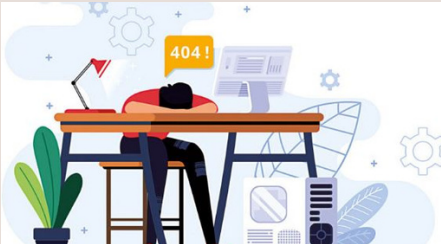
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