

## Lead News

### 9<sup>th</sup> Knowledge Sharing Virtual Seminar Session

Seminar Topic: Environment and Climate Change in Urban Health

DATE: October 12, 2025 (Sunday)

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

**Chief Guest**  
**Dr. Md. Khairul Islam**  
Regional Director, WaterAid South Asia Region

**Panel Discussion**

**Dr. Priscilla Wobil**  
Health Specialist, UNICEF

**Professor Dr. M. H. Faruque**  
Professor and Head  
Dept. of Occupational and Environmental Health  
Bangladesh University of Health Sciences (BUHS)

**Fatema Showkat Jahan Rozy**  
Senior Deputy Director  
Partners in Health and Development (PHD)

**Dr. Md. Shakhaat Hossain**  
Associate Professor & Chairman  
Department of Public Health and Informatics  
Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka, Dhaka

**Dr. Evana Akhtar**  
Assistant Scientist, ICDH-1

**Dr. Mohammad Zahurul Islam**  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Public Health, South South University

**Khondker Rebeeka Sun-Yat**  
Executive Director  
Coalition for the Urban Poor (CUP)

**Dr. Sohana Shafique**  
Project Coordinator, Urban Health and LISC  
Health Systems and Programs, UNICEF, UNDP

**Welcome Speech**  
**Dr. Margub Aref Jahangir**  
Health Specialist, UNICEF Bangladesh

**Closing Remarks**  
**Dr. Md. Shamim Hayder Talukder**  
Chief Executive Officer (CEO)  
Eminence Associates for Social Development

**Moderator**  
**Ummay Farihin Sultana**  
Project Manager  
Bangladesh Urban Health Network

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### 9<sup>th</sup> Knowledge Sharing Virtual Seminar on Environment and Climate Change in Urban Health

The Bangladesh Urban Health Network (BUHN) hosted its 9th Knowledge Sharing Virtual Seminar on October 12, 2025, confronting the critical intersection of environment, climate change, and urban health in Bangladesh. The session, moderated by Ummay Farihin Sultana, Project Manager at BUHN, synthesized expert perspectives on the challenges faced by rapidly urbanizing areas, particularly affecting marginalized populations. The overwhelming consensus was the need for intersectoral collaboration and systemic reform to build resilient health systems.

The seminar began with Dr. Md. Shamim Hayder Talukder, CEO of Eminence Associates for Social Development and BUHN Member Secretary, who highlighted the severe crisis facing urban Primary Healthcare (PHC). He noted that climate change and internal migration have strained the system, with urban PHC coverage reaching only a critical nine percent. Citing a significant funding crisis and the national health system's failure to serve migrants...

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### World Mental Health Day 2025 Knowledge Sharing Virtual Seminar Session on Stronger Minds in Challenging Times: Youth and Urban Health

The Bangladesh Urban Health Network (BUHN) hosted a crucial virtual knowledge-sharing session, "Stronger Minds in Challenging Times: Youth and Urban Health," on Thursday, October 09, 2025, in commemoration of World Mental Health Day 2025, aligning with the theme "Access to Services – Mental Health in Catastrophes and Emergencies." The session gathered a diverse audience of students and young professionals to confront the severe mental health challenges impacting urban youth. The discussions highlighted a crisis characterized by immense stigma and a profound service gap, despite rising awareness, with speakers providing sharp critiques of the educational and social environment and offering actionable solutions.

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### World Mental Health Day 2025 Knowledge Sharing Virtual Session

Topic: Stronger Minds in Challenging Times: Youth and Urban Health

Date: October 09, 2025 (Thursday)

Time: 03.00 - 04.30 PM Bangladesh Time (GMT +6)



Ms. Wahiduzzaman  
Eminence Associates for Social Development



**Dr. Shahin Akter**  
Technical Operation Director  
Eminence Associates for Social Development



**Dr. Susmita Sarkar**  
Assistant professor, Department of Psychiatry  
Adikari Memorial Medical College Hospital



**Tanjina Farhana Upoma**  
Health Officer, UNICEF, Bangladesh

#### GUEST SPEAKER



**Dr. Syeda Fatima Alam**  
Director of Research  
Asian University for Women



**Nahidul Haque**  
University of Dhaka



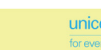
**Abid Zian Hasan**  
Waggon East High School



**A H Maruf**  
President, Government College



**Sabith Hasan Khan Joy**  
Lahore University



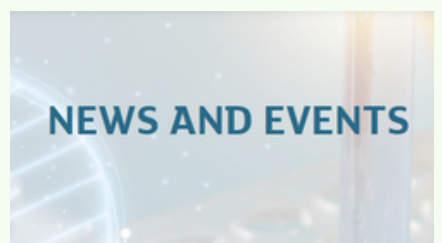
## MEMBER AND PARTNER UPDATE



ICUH 2025 Conference Program



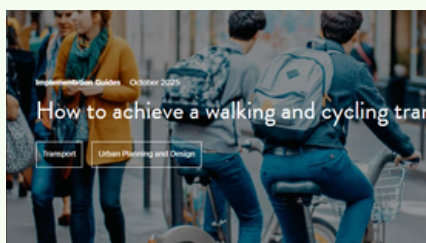
WHO calls for a new era of strategic urban health action with global guide to unlock healthy, prosperous and resilient societies



Gut Microbiota-Restoring Food for Undernourished Children – A TIME Best Invention 2025



UN-Habitat at the 2025 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP30)



How to achieve a walking and cycling transformation in your city



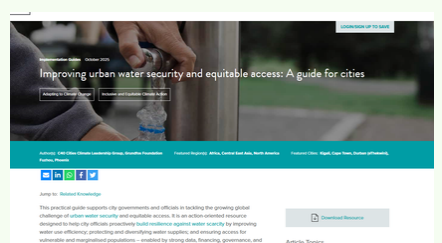
This new dataset tracks urban emissions from space



Why Cities for Children? At Least 24 Reasons

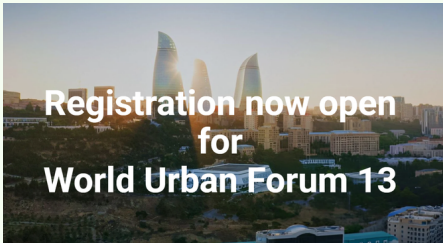


Toward a Climate-Resilient Bangladesh: NDC 3.0 Puts Children's Rights at the Heart of Action



Improving urban water security and equitable access: A guide for cities

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE



Registration is now open for the thirteenth session of the World Urban Forum (WUF13)



Climate study finds overheating world will add 57 superhot days a year



Member States welcome new policy roadmap for adequate housing



Clean air is the new frontier of global cooperation



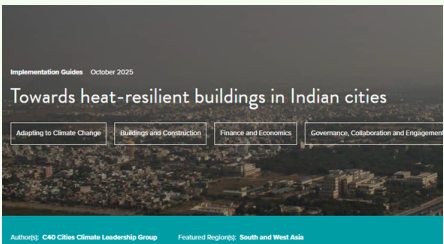
Nature-based Solutions in Urban Regeneration



Why is New Delhi making it rain artificially?



Bill Gates makes a stunning claim about climate change



Towards heat-resilient buildings in Indian cities



Monitoring progress on universal health coverage and the health-related Sustainable Development Goals in the South-East Asia Region: 2025 update

KEY STAKEHOLDER MESSAGE



**Mr. Md. Mamunur Rashid**  
*Joint Secretary (World Health Wing), Health Services Division  
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)*

Mr. Md. Mamunur Rashid has consistently emphasized the importance of strengthening Bangladesh’s urban health system through evidence-based, collaborative, and equitable approaches. During BUHN’s 3rd Knowledge Sharing Virtual Seminar on “Urban Health and Nutrition” (January 14, 2025), he highlighted the necessity of a coordinated... [READ MORE](#)

**Dr. Mohammad Zahirul Islam**  
*Senior Programme Officer and Health Advisor  
Embassy of Sweden*

Dr. Mohammad Zahirul Islam has consistently emphasized the importance of strategic governance, integrated planning, and inclusive partnerships in advancing Bangladesh’s urban health agenda.

At various BUHN-led dialogues and seminars, Dr. Islam underscored that Bangladesh’s loosely regulated private sector has contributed to the rapid and unplanned growth... [READ MORE](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS & CONFERENCES



ICUH 2025 Pre-Conference SYMPOSIUM



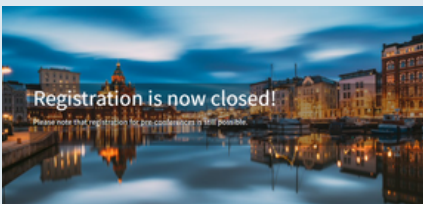
International Public Health Conference



UN Climate Change Conference - Belém, November 2025



Global Hunger Index Event



18th European Public Health Conference 2025



The 1st International Online Conference on Urban Sciences



UN Environment Assembly (UNEA-7)



Smart Cities: The Future of Urban Development



Environment and Changing Climate: Global Strategies and Local Actions

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Influence of a pilot urban primary healthcare model on the use of medically trained healthcare providers among the low-income slum populations in Bangladesh: findings from an implementation research study
- ❖ City planning for the future
- ❖ Models of global primary care post-2030
- ❖ Long COVID: a neglected disability in primary care
- ❖ Climate change, disability, and water, sanitation and hygiene: A scoping review of evidence and interventions in low and middle-income countries
- ❖ The association between women's decision-making roles in sanitation and mental well-being in urban Bangladesh
- ❖ Decarbonizing Bangladesh: The Roles of Technological Innovation, Energy Transition, and Urban-Industrial Dynamics in Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- ❖ Assessment of Sexual Risk Behavior and Mental Health Status Among Urban Slum Dwellers in Bangladesh: A Cross-Sectional Study
- ❖ Socio-Economic, Behavioral, and Dietary Characteristics of Street Children in an Urban Area of Bangladesh
- ❖ Access to Health and Health Seeking Behaviors of Climate Migrants in Bangladesh: A Comparative Study on Rural and Urban Slums
- ❖ Rural-Urban migration in Southern Asia and urban employment solutions
- ❖ Urban health inequities and healthy longevity: traditional and emerging risk factors across the cities and policy implications
- ❖ Urban green spaces and flood disaster management: toward sustainable urban design
- ❖ Global urban greening and its implication for urban heat mitigation
- ❖ Intersectional forces of urban inequality and the global HIV pandemic: a retrospective analysis

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

- Research Grants in Tobacco Control
- Terms of Reference (ToR) for Conducting a perception and satisfaction survey on “Multi-stakeholder Initiative for Peace and Stability (MIPS)”
- Final Evaluation: Counter Trafficking Program to Address Human Trafficking in Bangladesh
- Terms of Reference for developing Module on leadership for the climate change young activist
- Request for Proposal (RFP) for Hiring a Firm/Individual Consultant for Youth-led Research Fellowship on Child-Centered Anticipatory Action for better preparedness of communities and institutions in Northern and coastal areas of Bangladesh
- Seeding The Future Global Food System Challenge
- Hiring Consulting Firm for Baseline Study for the Initiative for Human Rights and Environmental Protection (IHREP) Project
- Terms of Reference (ToR) for Conducting End of Project Evaluation and Knowledge Dissemination workshop of SHADE Project
- Letter of Invitation for Hiring a Research/Consultancy Firm to Conduct the End-line Evaluation of a Project.

NEWSPAPER AND MEDIA UPDATE



Is urbanisation in Bangladesh doomed?



Air pollution is not just an outdoor problem, but an indoor one too



Rebuilding Bangladesh’s Health System: Primary Health Care at the Core of State Repair



Heat stress, poor ventilation in factories lead to worker illness, productivity decline: Study



Why we need a new climate finance approach



Green cities, resilient future



From Dust to Danger: Air Pollution’s Impact on the Young



No safe level: act now to end lead exposure



Nature at the heart of climate action

### MORE NEWS

#### NATIONAL

- ▶ Bangladesh must shift from reaction to readiness to tackle climate hazards
- ▶ Bangladesh sees October as worst month for dengue deaths
- ▶ Health sector warrants urgent, comprehensive overhaul
- ▶ Air pollution: Dhaka logs month's worst air, health precautions urged
- ▶ From urban crisis to urban resilience
- ▶ Putting an end to food wastage
- ▶ Medical Waste Management: Lessons from Research, Pathways to Hope
- ▶ Youth trapped in social media: Scroll, click, repeat
- ▶ Waterlogging in Dhaka City: A case of governance failure
- ▶ Opting for energy-efficient building glass

#### INTERNATIONAL

- ▶ The hidden consequences of car dependency on population health
- ▶ WHO tobacco trends report: 1 in 5 adults still addicted to tobacco
- ▶ How to design a more walkable city
- ▶ Climate change intensified India's heatwaves in 2024 - Lancet study
- ▶ The Hidden Cost of Your Tea Time: Microplastics in Tea Bags and Effects on Health
- ▶ From Risk Zones to Safe Zones: The Case for Green Urban Planning
- ▶ Climate investment is only growth opportunity of 21st century, says leading economist
- ▶ 4,000 steps 1 or 2 days a week may help reduce heart disease risk in older women
- ▶ 11 million lives lost each year: urgent action needed on neurological care
- ▶ Nighttime light exposure may be linked with top killer disease worldwide
- ▶ How climate change is driving migrants from their homes to NYC

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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| <p>Manager, Health Service Innovation;<br/>BRAC Health Programme (BHP),<br/>Bangladesh</p> <p>APPLY NOW &gt;&gt;</p> | <p>Senior Director, Maternal and Child<br/>Health Division, Dhaka</p> <p>APPLY NOW &gt;&gt;</p>                                       | <p>Senior Director, Infectious Diseases<br/>Division, Dhaka</p> <p>APPLY NOW &gt;&gt;</p>                                    |
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