



e-Newsletter on Urban PHC

January 2026 - March 2026

Upcoming BUHN April Events

15th Knowledge Sharing Virtual Session
Topic: Leveraging Public-Private Partnerships for Equitable Urban Health Systems in Bangladesh.

Meet Resource Personnel

Welcome Speech
Dr. Margub Aref Jahangir
Health Specialist (Urban)
UNICEF Bangladesh

Session Chair
Dr. Dewan Md Emdadul Haque
Health Manager
UNICEF Bangladesh

Chief Guest
Mr. Shah Imam Ali Reza
Additional Secretary (Planning Wing), HSB, MoHFW

Panelists
Dr. Iftekhar I. Mannan
Director
Popular Medical College Hospital

Dr. Sharmim Mizan
Public Health Specialist
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Dr. Asif Iqbal
Assistant Director
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Ms. Shaila Purvin
Chief Executive Officer
Surfer Health Network

Presenters
Masuda Begum
Director-Health & Nutrition
HAI, MoHFW

Dr. Inran Ahmed Chowdhury
Head, Health Systems
Transformation & Innovation
BRAC Health Program (BRAC)

Closing Remarks
Dr. Md. Shamim Haider Talukder
CEO, Eminence Bangladesh
Member Secretary, BUHN

Moderation
Ummay Farhin Sultana
Member Secretary, BUHN

13 April 2026
Time: 2.30 - 4.00 PM BDT
Virtual Platform: Zoom



BUHN 15th Knowledge Sharing Virtual Seminar on Leveraging Public-Private Partnerships for Equitable Urban Health Systems in Bangladesh

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- e-Newsletter of March-2026
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BUHN Lead Events

BUHN 12th Knowledge Sharing Virtual Seminar on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and Urban Health

12th Knowledge Sharing Virtual Seminar
Seminar Topic: Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and Urban Health.

Date: December 14, 2025 (Thursday) | Time: 11:00 - 12:30 Bangladesh Time (GMT+6)

Chief Guest
Dr. Md. Faizul Haque
Secretary, Health Services Division, MoHFW

Session Chair
Dr. Muhammad Zahurul Islam
Health Manager, UNICEF Bangladesh

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13th Knowledge Sharing Virtual Session
Topic: Urban Health and Youth Engagement
09 February 2026 | 3.00 - 4.30 PM BDT | Zoom

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BUHN 13th Knowledge Sharing Virtual Seminar on “Urban Health and Youth Engagement”

BUHN 14th Knowledge Sharing Virtual Seminar on “Innovations in Urban Health Service Delivery: Digital Tools & Community Platforms”

14th Knowledge Sharing Virtual Session
Topic: Innovations in Urban Health Service Delivery: Digital Tools & Community Platform

Date: 25 February 2026 | 2.00 - 3.00 PM BDT | Virtual Platform: Zoom

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BUHN Newspaper Articles

- নগর স্বাস্থ্য : নতুন সরকারের কাছে নগরবাসীর প্রত্যাশা
- নগর স্বাস্থ্য : তরুণদের অংশগ্রহণ ও ক্ষমতায়ন
- শহুরে খাবারে লুকানো বিষ, বাড়ছে ডায়াবেটিস-হৃদরোগ ঝুঁকি
- সর্বজনীন স্বাস্থ্যসেবায় বাংলাদেশ : অগ্রগতি, সীমাবদ্ধতা ও আগামীর পথরেখা
- A vision for urban health reform

Member and Partner Update



Public-Private Collaboration in Health: From Market Failure to Public Value

The economics of reuse: Bangladesh's shift toward industrial water reuse



Tracking Universal Health Coverage with updated indicators in the World Development Indicators

When heat drains growth: The human cost of rising temperatures in Bangladesh



IOM Launches First Nationwide Estimate of Disaster-Induced Internal Displacement in Bangladesh

WHO International Scheme to Evaluate Household Water Treatment Technologies
Results of Rounds III and IV

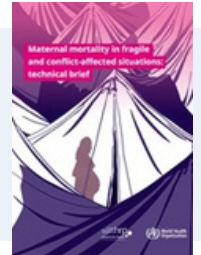
WHO international scheme to evaluate household water treatment

Member and Partner Update



Mainstreaming antimicrobial resistance into primary health care: international workshop report

Maternal mortality in fragile and conflict-affected situations: technical brief



New Report: Ten priorities to tackle climate disinformation



Blended learning platform for primary health care and community level workers: user guide to Learning on TAP



- Shaping the urban climate agenda: Key takeaways from COP30
- Age restrictions alone won't keep children safe online
- Seventh UN Environment Assembly commits to multilateral solutions for a more resilient planet
- Without big changes, this is what the environment will look like in 2050
- Global Waste Management Outlook 2024
- Going beyond growth: How Bangladesh can tackle poverty and inequality through job creation
- Towards a stable and inclusive financial sector in Bangladesh
- UN lauds \$6 billion US funding approval towards ending HIV/AIDS
- Nearly 40 per cent of cancer cases could be prevented, UN study finds
- Executive Board: Protecting and advancing progress for every child to survive and thrive
- Preventive cholera vaccination resumes as global supply reaches critical milestone
- Measles cases dropped in Europe and Central Asia in 2025 compared to the previous year, but the risk of outbreaks remains – UNICEF and WHO
- Our Planet. Our Purpose: UNEP Annual Report 2025
- WHO guideline on environmentally friendly and less invasive oral health care for preventing and managing dental caries
- WHO Drug Information - Volume 39, No. 4
- Report: Impact and Insights on Organic Waste Management in SIDS
- President and CEO of COP30 take part in preparatory meetings for COP31
- COP30 advances the collective development of the NAP Implementation Alliance
- More than 30 Brazilian cities will accelerate climate action projects through the Mutirão Program
- Health minister: National E-health Card to launch by June
- Health minister: Build yourself as compassionate specialist doctors
- Health minister: Govt moving to restore discipline in public hospitals
- What are plasticizers, and are they bad for our health?
- PM Tarique orders launching of 'e-Health card' without delay
- Unhealthy air persists in Dhaka, ranks 8th globally
- Healthcare must be a priority
- Think video games are bad? New research says otherwise
- Foods that support brain health and sharpen memory
- Can simple outdoor play really protect your child from needing glasses?
- Health threat of global plastics projected to soar
- Centralization holds back health care
- Study shows how fast lost-weight return after stopping taking drugs
- China-funded 1,000-bed hospital to transform northern Bangladesh
- Unplanned Urban Growth Fuels Environmental Risks in Bangladesh
- Two new modern hospitals in Chattogram on cards
- Silent transformation of urban ecology
- Nipah risk demands urgent vigilance
- Regulating ultra-processed foods
- Better health starts with our meals
- Children don't smoke, yet they suffer
- Risk of nipah spread low after cases in india Bangladesh who
- Govt mulls Tk2,993cr 'One Health' project to boost pandemic preparedness

Key Stakeholder Voices



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- [Patient and provider perspectives of pluralistic primary care services in urban Bangladesh: a qualitative study](#)
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WHO ARE WE?

Established in 2009, the **Bangladesh Urban Health Network (BUHN)** is a civil society network dedicated to advancing health equity in urban areas. Secretarial support for Social Development is provided by Eminence Associates, facilitating the network's operations. BUHN serves as a platform that unites diverse stakeholders in the urban health sector, fostering effective collaboration. Moreover, it collaborates with other organizations to host conferences aimed at addressing challenges within the urban health sector and seeking potential solutions.

Affiliated with the International Society for Urban Health (ISUH), BUHN has its well-developed website. The site serves as a comprehensive repository featuring resources, articles, and insights, facilitating information sharing within the community. Additionally, the website includes blogs and monthly e-newsletters to enhance communication and knowledge dissemination among its members.

BUHN Thematic Areas

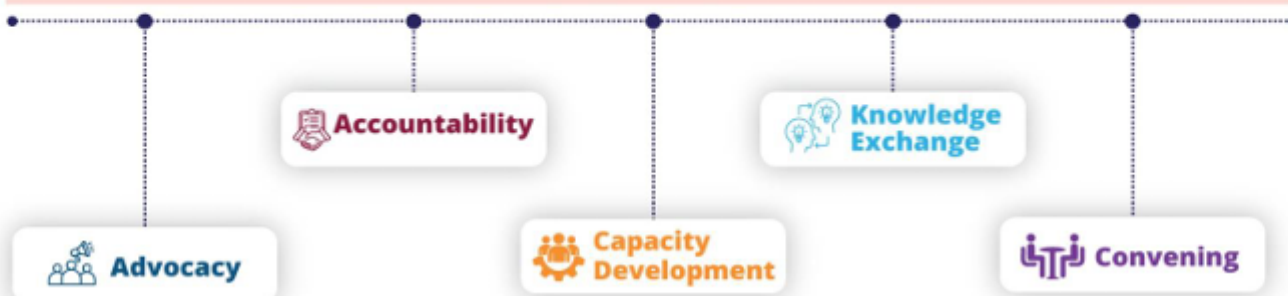
The following thematic focus areas are included for the activities of BUHN, but it will not be limited to these, and can extend beyond the following:



Why Urban Health?



What We Do?



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