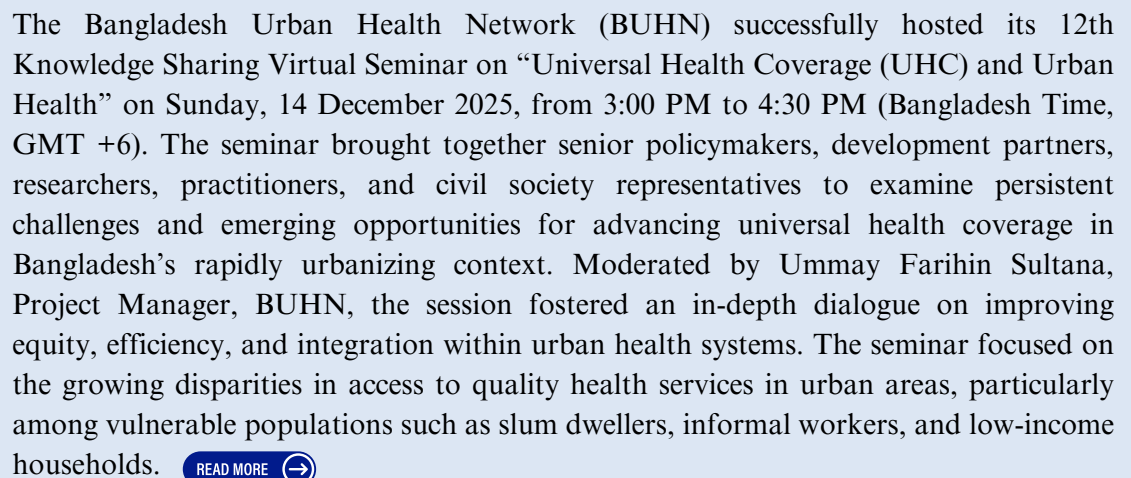
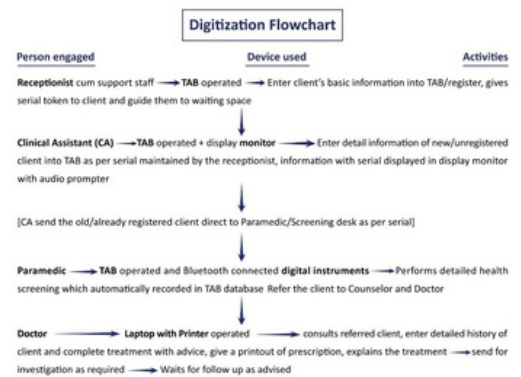


BUHN 12th Knowledge Sharing Virtual Seminar on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and Urban Health



The digitization of Primary Health Care (PHC) services in Bangladesh through the Aalo Clinics model marks a significant milestone in the country's journey toward modern, efficient, and patient-centered healthcare delivery. Introduced as the first fully digitized PHC initiative at scale, the Aalo Clinics project has drawn widespread attention from visitors and stakeholders for its innovative service delivery approach, particularly because digitization at the PHC level has historically lagged behind the limited automated systems seen in a few private tertiary hospitals.



Prof. Dr. Ferdousi Begum. FCPS | Professor & Head, Dept. of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Institute of Women & Child Health | Prof. Ibrahim Medical College, Dhaka | Chairman, OGSB Hospital & IRCH | Past President, Obstetrical & Gynecological Society of Bangladesh (OGSB)

Rapid urbanization has outpaced the availability of quality maternal, child, adolescent and elderly health services. Housing societies in Dhaka, Chattogram, Khulna and other cities increasingly function like independent communities—yet lack structured, life-cycle-oriented health facilities.

A planned Primary Health Care (PHC) point inside every housing society can ensure preventive, curative and rehabilitative care close to home. [READ MORE](#) 

On 25 November 2025, a devastating fire broke out in the Boubazar block of Karail slum, rapidly engulfing thousands of densely packed homes. Within hours, over 3,000 households were destroyed, leaving poor families without shelter, possessions, or access to basic services. In the midst of this humanitarian crisis, immediate and coordinated health response became crucial.

Located only 300 meters from the burn affected area, the Karail Aalo Clinic supported by UNICEF with funding from SIDA and implemented by the PHD-led Consortium has fortunately been saved and kept fully functional and activated its emergency response system within 15 minutes of the fire incident.



BNYCFP2025: A Decade of Youth-Led Health Revolution



On December 11, 2025, the halls of the Liberation War Museum, Agargaon, Dhaka echoed with conviction, courage, and collective hope as over 500 young leaders, policymakers, researchers, and development partners gathered for the Bangladesh 10th National Youth Conference on Family Planning (BNYCFP 2025).

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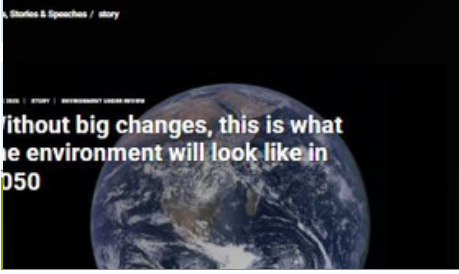
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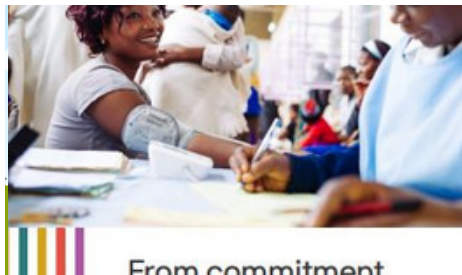
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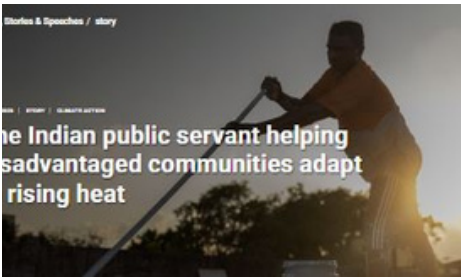


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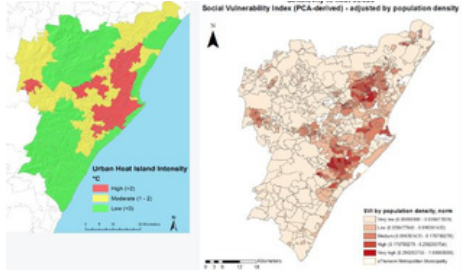
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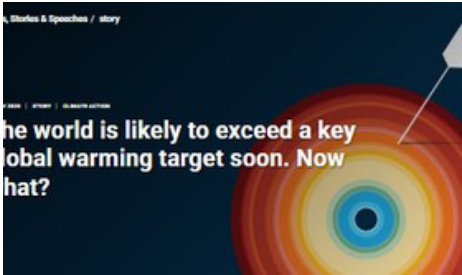
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Mr. Khondoker Md. Nazmul Huda Shamim
Project Director, UPHCSDP-II & Joint Secretary, Local Government Division (LGD), MoLGRDC

Across multiple seminars and meetings of the Bangladesh Urban Health Network (BUHN), Khondoker Md. Nazmul Huda Shamim consistently emphasized the importance of institutional reform, strong leadership, and accountability — alongside improved coordination with city authorities and sustainable financing — to ensure the continuity and effectiveness of urban primary healthcare systems in Bangladesh.

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Mr. Rui Liu
Senior Health Specialist
Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Across multiple meetings with the Bangladesh Urban Health Network (BUHN), Mr. Rui Liu, Senior Health Specialist at the Asian Development Bank (ADB), consistently emphasized the vital role of governance, sustainable financing, and evidence-informed policymaking in strengthening urban primary healthcare in Bangladesh.

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- Letter of Invitation for Hire a consultant to develop training module on health, WASH and safeguarding messages to deliver at Learning Centres (LCs) (As per ToR)
- Planning Division
- Terms of Reference (ToR) for Consultant hiring for staff capacity building training on five selected modules
- Terms of Reference (ToR) for Climate Finance Strategy and Reporting & Monitoring Framework Development and Implementation
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- Administrative Officer, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- Project Manager
- Research & Development Specialist
- Population Health Research Specialist
- Senior Officer - Advocacy & Communication
- Senior Project Officer, GBV Case Manager, Protection, HCMP
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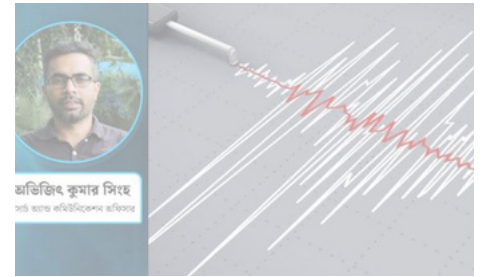
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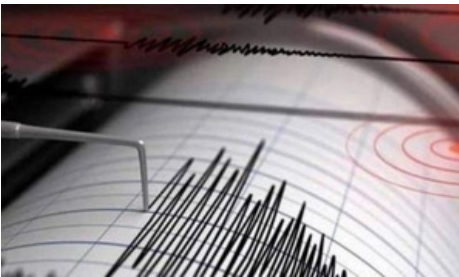
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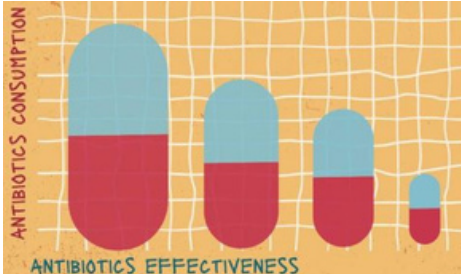
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