

Lead News

Bangladesh Urban Health Network Hosts 13th Knowledge Sharing Virtual Seminar on “Urban Health and Youth Engagement”

13th Knowledge Sharing Virtual Session

Topic: Urban Health and Youth Engagement
09 February 2026 | 3.00 - 4.30 PM BDT | Zoom

Meet Resource Personnel

Chief Guest

Dr. Halida Hanum Akhter
Chairman
Bangladesh Red Crescent Society

Session Chair

Dr. Md Zahirul Islam
Senior Health Advisor
Embassy of Sweden

Welcome Speech

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

Panelist

Dr. Dewan Md Emdadul Haque
Health Manager
UNICEF Bangladesh

Azmat Hossain
Program Analyst-Urban Health
UNFPA Bangladesh

Sayed Rubayet
Country Director
IPAS

Dr. Md Saidur Rahman
Team Leader
Partners in Health and Development (PHD)

Presenter

Songita Sarker
Program Manager-ISRHRD
SERAC Bangladesh

Nahidul Haque
Youth Representative
President-FBS Debating Club
University of Dhaka

Closing Remarks

Dr. Shahin Akter
Technical Operations Director
Eminence Associates for Social Development

Moderation

Maliha Khan Majlish
Associate
BUHN

The Bangladesh Urban Health Network (BUHN) successfully convened its 13th Knowledge Sharing Virtual Seminar titled “Urban Health and Youth Engagement” on Monday, 09 February 2026, from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM (Bangladesh Time, GMT +6). The session brought together senior government representatives, development partners, humanitarian leaders, health experts, academics, youth representatives, and civil society organizations to critically examine the role of young people in advancing equitable and sustainable urban health systems in Bangladesh. The seminar objectives were clearly articulated: to enhance understanding of key urban health challenges and opportunities; to highlight the role and responsibilities of youth in improving urban health outcomes; to explore mechanisms for meaningful youth engagement in community-based initiatives; to facilitate knowledge exchange on policies and best practices.

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Health Sector Reform Emerges as a Central National Priority Ahead of Bangladesh Elections: Experts Call for Strong Primary Healthcare and Financial Protection

With Bangladesh preparing for its national election, health sector experts across medical, policy, and academic circles have underscored the urgent need to prioritize accessible, affordable, and quality healthcare for all citizens, particularly through strengthening primary healthcare systems and reducing catastrophic out-of-pocket expenses. As political parties finalize their manifesto pledges, these recommendations highlight systemic deficiencies in urban and rural health services and propose strategic reforms to embed universal health coverage (UHC) into the country’s development agenda.

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EXPERTS’ SUGGESTIONS FOR NEXT GOVT

- Strengthen quality primary healthcare, especially in urban areas
- Reduce out-of-pocket healthcare expenditure
- Integrate health into all government policies, activities
- Allocate at least 15% of national budget to the sector
- Improve governance, functionality of govt hospitals
- Bring private healthcare facilities under an accreditation council
- Ensure quality education, training for health professionals

The "New Frontier" of Vector-Borne Diseases: Post-Election Accountability

The month of February 2026 marked a pivotal shift in the national health discourse as the post-election transition coincided with a significant surge in mosquito infestations across major metropolitan areas. Following the February 12 general election, the newly appointed Health Minister signaled a "zero-tolerance" approach toward administrative negligence during an emergency inspection of mosquito control operations in Dhaka on February 25. For BUHN, this moment represents a critical window for advocacy. The "Mosquito Menace" is no longer a seasonal inconvenience but a year-round urban health crisis driven by unplanned urbanization and poor waste management.

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Members and Partners Update



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



How Georgia is using medical education to build better health care—and better jobs

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



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



Mainstreaming antimicrobial resistance into primary health care: international workshop report

WHO malaria terminology 2025

WHO malaria terminology 2025, Third edition

Report of the 18th FAO/WHO Joint Meeting on Pesticide Management, Geneva, Switzerland and online, 7-10 October 2025



Summary of the Fortieth Meeting of the International Task Force for Disease Eradication (ITFDE), October 28-29, 2025

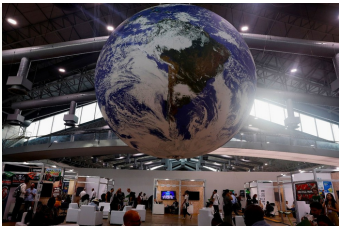


Following COP30 and the AI Impact Summit, Brazil and India launch the Open Planetary Intelligence Network (OPIN).



President and CEO of COP30 take part in preparatory meetings for COP31

At Mumbai Climate Week, COP30 Presidency Accelerates Shift to Climate Implementation



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

Report of the eighteenth annual meeting of the Global Alliance against Chronic Respiratory Diseases

Report of the eighteenth annual meeting of the Global Alliance against Chronic Respiratory Diseases: virtual meeting, 28 October 2025

WHO Drug Information - Volume 39, No. 4



Recycle Organics Rallies Global Partners to Scale Methane Action



Members and Partners Update

- COPs 30 and 31: reinforcing multilateral cooperation for climate action
- COP30 secures carbon neutrality certification
- Urban Impact Issue 30
- Maternal deaths spike during war and instability, new report warns
- New recombinant mpox strain detected in UK and India, WHO urges continued monitoring
- 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



- Deepfake abuse is abuse
- Preventive cholera vaccination resumes as global supply reaches critical milestone
- Over four million girls still at risk of female genital mutilation: UN leaders call for sustained commitment and investment to end FGM
- Remarks by UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell at the first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board
- Measles cases dropped in Europe and Central Asia in 2025 compared to the previous year, but the risk of outbreaks remains – UNICEF and WHO
- WHO water, sanitation, hygiene and waste strategy 2026-2035
- Air quality monitoring for enhanced understanding of health impacts and beyond
- Lunar Year of the Horse: Four environmental lessons we can learn from equines
- Opinion: Africa's future depends on investing in women, children, adolescents
- Global Climate News
- An evaluation of Odisha's urban public health system
- Guide to creating urban public SPACES for children
- Next-generation influenza vaccines could save millions of lives, finds WHO
- Conflict and instability make pregnancy more dangerous
- ICD-11 2026 Release
- WHO launches landmark consolidated operational handbook to strengthen the global STI response amid rising infections
- WHO's Executive Board reviews progress on Immunization Agenda 2030
- Update on the 20th International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities (ICDRA)
- WHO calls for mental health to be central to neglected tropical disease care
- Four in ten cancer cases could be prevented globally
- WUF12 Report
- Climate Risk Index 2026

Key Stakeholders Message/ Urban Voices



Dr. Halida Hanum Akhter
Chairman, Bangladesh Red Crescent Society

The Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) is not merely a humanitarian organization; it is a symbol of reliable trust in disaster management and the service of distressed humanity in Bangladesh. Established in 1973 by a Presidential Order following the Great War of Liberation in 1971, the organization has stood by the people of Bangladesh for over half a century.

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Nahidul Haque Nahin
President (Administration), FBS Debating Club, University of Dhaka.

Rapid urbanization is reshaping cities across the globe, particularly in developing countries where urban growth is occurring at an unprecedented pace. While cities are often seen as engines of economic growth and innovation, they are also becoming epicenters of complex public health challenges. In this context, urban health and youth engagement are deeply interconnected. Ensuring healthy cities requires not only improved infrastructure and services but also the meaningful involvement of young people as active contributors to urban development.

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Upcoming Events & Conferences



International Public Health Conference



11th International Conference on Global Public Health 2026



The 1st International Online Conference on Urban Sciences



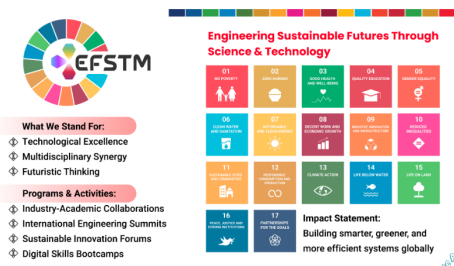
International Conference on Climate Change and Human Health Impacts



Climate Change and Emerging Contaminants: Risks and Responses in Asia and Beyond



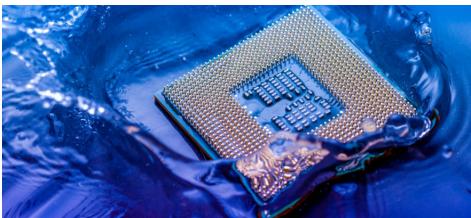
Global Summit on Environmental Health and Sustainability



International Conference on Urban Housing Markets, Poverty, and Public Policy



4th International Conference on Global Healthcare and Medicine



12th Public Health Conference [PHC2026]

Recent Publications

- [Targeted protein degradation as a novel therapeutic strategy against infectious diseases](#)
- [Global implications of recent changes in U.S. vaccine policy: ethical and trust challenges for immunization programs](#)
- [Examining Atopic Dermatitis Through the One Health Concept Lens](#)
- [Oral Health Determinants of Frailty in Older Adults: An Umbrella Review of Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses](#)
- [COVID-19 in retrospect: Public health lessons from a global crisis](#)
- [Perinatal mental health: Screening and impact on health outcomes](#)
- [Global Health Solidarity: A Multidimensional Framework](#)
- [Investigation of Epistemic Equity in Urban Green Space and Mental Health Research: A Systematic Review](#)
- [Differences in Digital Health Use of Rural-Urban Medicare Beneficiaries](#)
- [Urban-rural disparities in primary health care utilization in Indonesia: a cross-sectional study](#)
- [Urban environmental determinants and their effects on mental health, physical function, and quality of life in older adults: a multidimensional study in Shiraz, Iran](#)
- [Urban heat stress and adolescent health: impacts and adaptation strategies in Indonesia](#)
- [Socioeconomic and regional disparities in postnatal care utilization in Bangladesh: Evidence from the Bangladesh Demographic and Health Survey 2022](#)
- [Opportunities and challenges of implementing an urban primary healthcare delivery model: Programmatic lessons from Aalo Clinic, Bangladesh](#)
- [A cluster-level study for the identification of the disparities in birth intervals between rural and urban areas of Bangladesh](#)
- [Epidemiological Characteristics of Dengue Infection in Bangladesh: A Systematic Review](#)
- [Elimination of visceral leishmaniasis as a public health problem in Bangladesh: Lessons learned and questions remaining](#)
- [Patient and provider perspectives of pluralistic primary care services in urban Bangladesh: a qualitative study](#)
- [Using Smartphone-Based Digital Phenotyping to Predict Relapse in Serious Mental Disorders Among Slum Residents in Dhaka, Bangladesh: Protocol for a Machine Learning Study](#)
- [Assessment of childhood undernutrition in India using National Family Health Surveys: Severity of anthropometric failure and contributing factors](#)
- [Cervical Cancer, HPV, and HPV Vaccine Knowledge and Willingness to be Vaccinated Among Adolescent Girls in Dhaka, Bangladesh: A Cross-Sectional Study](#)
- [Understanding digital health needs: a qualitative study to explore urban and peri-urban user experiences and challenges in strengthening digital health services in Bangladesh](#)
- [Healthcare needs and service gaps among urban older adults in Bangladesh](#)

Call for Proposal

- [Procurement of Packaging Items for Soap Making](#).
- [TERMS OF REFERENCE \(TOR\): FOR HIRING AGENCY TO DEVELOP BRANDING AND CAMPAIGN MATERIALS FOR CAMPAIGN ON CHILD MARRIAGE](#)
- [Study on the “Resilience and Adaptive Resistance of Indigenous and Climate-Vulnerable Communities in the face of Climate Change](#)
- [Baseline Study for the "Making Markets Work for the Last Mile \(M4L\) Project - Phase II", Jamalpur](#)
- [Production of a Video Documentary on Project Impact – CREA Project](#)
- [Provide technical support to deliver Dual Training System \(DTS\)/Apprenticeship-based quality-assured competency-based training \(CBT\) skills development training aligned to the BNQF](#).
- [Call For External Collaborator – For Communications, Visibility, Branding Of Reintegration For Migrant Workers Project](#)
- [Implementation Support To ILO In The Waste Management And Recycling Value Chain By Promoting Community Participation As Micro-Enterprises For Jobs And Income Generation In Cox’s Bazar](#)
- [Data collection for conducting baseline Study for An Integrated, Inclusive Resilience Model Project](#)
- [External Independent Evaluation of the Certificate Course “Development in Practice” run by Friendship Academy & Department of Development Studies, University of Dhaka](#)

Job Opportunities

- [Phase-in-Manager, Dhaka, Bangladesh](#)
- [Communications Specialist, Dhaka, Bangladesh](#)
- [National Support Officer - Public Mobilisation, Dhaka, Bangladesh](#)
- [National Consultant-\(Data Processing, Tabulating and Analyzing Expert\), Dhaka, Bangladesh](#)
- [Manager - Procurement and Supply Management \(HIV/AIDS\), Dhaka, Bangladesh](#)
- [Project Assistant \(IT & Logistics\), Khulna, Bangladesh](#)
- [Project Associate \(ICT\), Khulna, Bangladesh](#)
- [Field Attendant, Dhaka](#)
- [Lead Business Development, Marketing & Advocacy, Bangladesh](#)
- [Senior Officer – Women’s Economic Empowerment Project](#)
- [IEC & BCC Materials Development and Training Consultant under Caritas Central Office](#)
- [Project Coordinator](#)
- [Finance Assistant, SC5, Cox's Bazar](#)

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Newspaper and Media Update



**নগর স্বাস্থ্য : নতুন সরকারের কাছে
নগরবাসীর প্রত্যাশা**



**নগর স্বাস্থ্য : তরুণদের অংশগ্রহণ ও
ক্ষমতায়ন**



**Protecting mothers and children is non-
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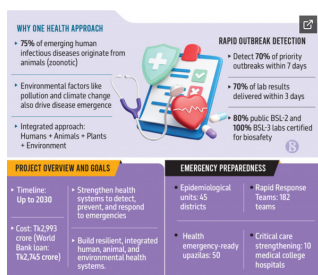
**Health Minister announces on-the-spot
monitoring of doctors' services**



**'No need to run after doctors, services to
reach doorsteps'**



Better health starts with our meals



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More News

National

- 'No need to run after doctors, services to reach doorsteps'
- No alternative to better public health
- GNH marks World Cancer Day, honours 10 media profess
- ATMA calls for introducing Tobacco Control Ordinance in parliament
- Bangladeshi researcher in the US advances AI-driven healthcare solutions with global impact
- IEDCR warns Nipah virus is no longer seasonal, flags new transmission routes
- Amid mosquito surge, health ministry to test insecticide effectiveness
- স্বাস্থ্য খাতে অবহেলা দারিদ্র্য বিমোচনে চ্যালেঞ্জ বাড়াবে: হোসেন জিল্লুর রহমান
- Two new modern hospitals in Chattogram on cards
- China-funded 1,000-bed hospital to transform northern Bangladesh
- Think video games are bad? New research says otherwise
- Silent transformation of urban ecology
- Take urgent action to curb unnecessary C-sections
- Effective strategies for health care

International

- New study highlights growing urban inequality in Asia-Pacific
- Four out of every 10 cancer cases are preventable: WHO
- 99% of heart attacks tied to 4 risk factors: Study
- Women and underserved communities face biggest gaps in cataract care!
- Continued international support key to strengthening Bangladesh's Rohingya response: UNHCR
- Plastic emissions could double health damage by 2040
- World not ready for rise in extreme heat: scientists
- People screened at Asian airports after Nipah virus breaks out in India
- Migrants are not responsible for the UK's healthcare crisis
- US says that it will review Moderna flu vaccine it previously declined
- WHO says fatal case of Nipah virus confirmed in Bangladesh
- Yemen's crumbling health system leaves patients without treatment options
- Spain launches probe as expired vaccines given to 253 children
- Why is India's Nipah virus outbreak spooking the world?
- New HIV drug may end multi-pill regimen for older people
- Young Europeans still drawn to tobacco — WHO report
- 99% of heart attacks tied to 4 risk factors: Study