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Urban health services to expand through 192 centres: Minister



Health and Family Welfare Minister Sardar Md Sakhawat Hossain on Thursday said the government has taken an initiative to expand primary healthcare services through 192 urban health centres across the country. He made the remarks at a discussion titled “Expansion of Primary Healthcare in Urban Areas” at a hotel in the capital.

The Health Minister said that the government is working to ensure that urban residents can easily access primary healthcare without having to wait in long lines at the Upazila Health Complex.

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One in 13 Bangladeshi Women Experience Early Menopause – Icddr,b study finds

Dhaka, Bangladesh, 14 July 2026 — Around one in every 13 Bangladeshi women experiences menopause before the age of 45, according to the largest multi-country study led by researchers at icddr,b. Published last week in BMJ Global Health, the study analysed health data from 716,648 women across 44 low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). It found that one in every 14 women living in LMIC countries experiences premature or early menopause.

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Bangladesh reports 3 more suspected measles deaths, toll reaches 741



Measles outbreak shows no sign of easing as patients continue to arrive. Photo taken at Bangladesh Shishu Hospital and Institute in Dhaka on 5 July 2026.

Three more children died with symptoms consistent with measles in 24 hours until 8:00 am today, Monday, bringing Bangladesh’s combined tally of confirmed and suspected measles-related deaths to 741.

The Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) has classified the latest deaths as suspected measles fatalities.

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Dr. Salman Mahmud Siddique
Kobe University, Japan

In the dense informal settlements of Bangladesh's metropolitan centers, Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) threatens to dismantle decades of public health progress. In overcrowded urban slums where inadequate water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) infrastructure prevails, resistant bacterial pathogens spread rapidly across communities.
The AMR crisis in urban settings is driven by extreme economic vulnerability and structural governance gaps. Facing out-of-pocket healthcare expenditures exceeding 68% of total health spending, slum residents frequently bypass formal primary healthcare centers. Instead, they rely on unregulated retail drug shops that dispense over-the-counter prescription antibiotics without formal diagnosis.

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Dr. Safkat Faruk Sezan
Jinzhou Medical University, China

Annual city budgets are still dominated by the view that it is a costly financial drain to invest in public health, when it is actually the smartest and highest return investment a city can possibly make, as proven by health economics. The people who appear in the background of every frantic street, local market, factory, bus line, domestic worker, and teacher are real people, parents, street vendors, factory workers, bus drivers, domestic workers, and teachers working every day to keep our urban economies going. But millions of these crucial workers are in squalid informal settlements and poor neighborhoods with little access to clean water, garbage is left uncollected, and polluted air is inhaled with each breath, leaving them continually at risk of avoidable illness.

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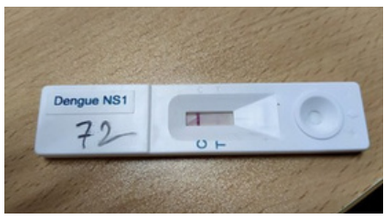
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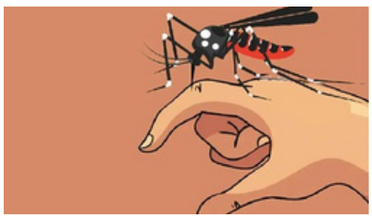
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