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BUHN Hosts 16th Knowledge Sharing Seminar on Building Resilient Urban Health Systems through Improved Medical Waste Practices.

17th Knowledge Sharing Virtual Session

Topic: From Awareness to Action: Scaling Up Mental Health Interventions in Urban Communities
29 June 2026 | Time: 2:30 - 4:00 PM BDT
Virtual Platform: Zoom

Meet Resource Personnel

Chief Guest

Dr. Halida Hanum Akhter
Chairman, BDRCS

Special Guest

Dr. Kedar Marahatta
Mental Health Specialist
Mental Health, WHO, Nepal

Welcome Remarks

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

Presenter

Ms. Mahmuda
Chief Executive Officer
Living With Wellness

Panelists

Prof. Kamal Uddin
Dept of Clinical Psychology, DU

Ms. Anika Tasnim Hossain
Associate Scientist
MNCH, icddr

Prof. Dr. Md Iqbal Alam Khan
Dept of Development Studies, DU

Ms. Nageema Islam Bhuiyan
Sr. MHPSS Officer
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Moderation

Ummay Farhin Sultana
AO, Eminence Bangladesh
Project Manager, BUHN

With The Bangladesh Urban Health Network (BUHN) hosted its 17th Knowledge Sharing Virtual Session on “From Awareness to Action: Scaling Up Mental Health Interventions in Urban Communities” on Monday, 29 June 2026, from 2:30 PM to 4:00 PM (Bangladesh Time, GMT +6) through the Zoom platform. The session served as an important platform to discuss the growing need for scaling up evidence-based mental health interventions in urban communities and translating awareness into practical action. The discussion highlighted the increasing burden of mental health challenges in rapidly urbanizing settings, where social, economic, and environmental factors continue to affect the psychological well-being of urban populations. Participants emphasized that strengthening accessible, inclusive, and community-based mental health services is essential for promoting well-being, reducing stigma, and improving the quality of life of urban residents. The session explored experiences and best practices in integrating mental health into urban health systems through collaborative efforts among government agencies, development partners, academia, healthcare providers, and civil society organizations.

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Bangladesh unveils \$77 billion budget, eyes 6.5% growth

Bangladesh unveiled a 9.38 trillion taka (\$77 billion) national budget on Thursday, targeting 6.5% economic growth and 7.5% inflation as the government seeks to revive an economy strained by high prices, weak investment and financial sector fragility. The budget, for the fiscal year beginning in July, marks a political and economic turning point after the ouster of former prime minister Sheikh Hasina in 2024. Prime Minister Tareque Rahman’s new administration is pushing reforms while seeking fresh loans from international lenders, including the International Monetary Fund. It adopts a more expansionary stance than the previous interim government, with overall spending rising 19% and development expenditure jumping 47% to 3.16 trillion taka.



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Bangladesh: Situation Report - Measles Outbreaks



Bangladesh has reported more than 95,760 suspected and 11,390 confirmed measles cases and 596 suspected and 93 confirmed deaths across all 64 districts as of 25 June, with children under five accounting for 81 per cent of reported cases. Recent reporting suggests suspected cases are gradually declining, with the latest 7-day average at around 980 cases per day. However, transmission remains significant, with 996 suspected cases reported in the last 24 hours. More than 18.4 million children have been vaccinated through the nationwide measles rubella (MR) campaign, surpassing the initial target of 18 million children and reaching 102 per cent coverage.

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National Dialogue on Disaster, Climate Change and Urban Health Charts a Path Toward Resilient Cities



On 15 June 2026, the Bangladesh Urban Health Network (BUHN), with financial support from the Embassy of Sweden and technical support from UNICEF Bangladesh, convened a high-level Roundtable Discussion on "Disaster, Climate Change and Urban Health" at Hotel Sarina, Dhaka. The event brought together senior government officials, development partners, urban planners, disaster management experts, public health professionals, academics, and local government representatives to examine the growing intersection of disaster risk, climate change, and urban health in Bangladesh. The dialogue served as a strategic platform to generate evidence-informed recommendations for strengthening disaster preparedness, resilient urban health systems, climate adaptation, and multisectoral governance.



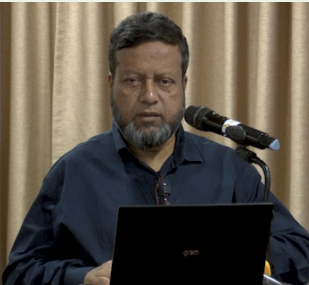
"A resilient health system begins with a disaster governance framework that clearly defines the health sector's responsibilities before, during, and after emergencies."- Dr. M. A. Muhit, MoHFW

"Disaster preparedness is a shared civic responsibility that must begin within every community and every ward."- Md. Shafiqul Islam Khan, DNCC



"Prepared health workers, informed communities, and resilient primary healthcare systems are the first line of defense against disasters and climate-related emergencies." - Dr. Malalai Ahmadzai, UNICEF Bangladesh

"Building climate-resilient cities requires coordinated action across health, environment, local government, and disaster management sectors."- Mohammad Zahirul Islam, BUHN

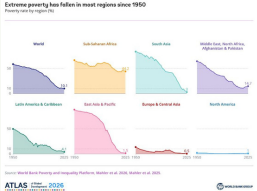


"Evidence-based policy dialogue must guide investments in climate-resilient and disaster-ready urban health systems."- Dr. Kazi Saifuddin Bennoor, BMRC



"Disaster preparedness is a shared civic responsibility that must begin within every community and every ward."- Md. Mohiuddin Al Helal, PMO

Members and Partners Update



Extreme poverty: hard-won gains, new risks ahead



From Strategic Investment to Tangible Results: Notable examples from the Human Capital Trust Fund

Harnessing AI and private innovation to close health gaps



Who is most at risk? A global vision indicator to measure climate vulnerability



Resilience built to last: countries turning adaptation into everyday practice



When disasters strike farms, what can protect farmers and lenders?

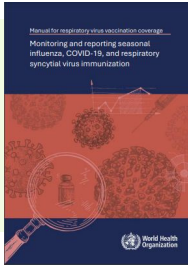
Understanding Risk is Key to Growth and Jobs in Pacific Cities



Natural Hazards Cost the World 90 Million Jobs Every Year

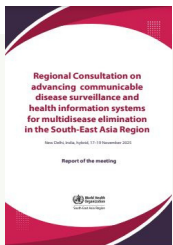


Blueprint for strengthening responses to fungal disease and antifungal resistance

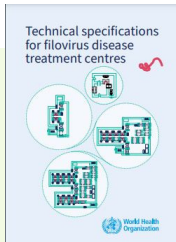


Manual for respiratory virus vaccination coverage: monitoring and reporting seasonal influenza, COVID-19, and respiratory syncytial virus immunization

Regional Consultation on advancing communicable disease surveillance and health information systems for multi-disease elimination in the South-East Asia Region

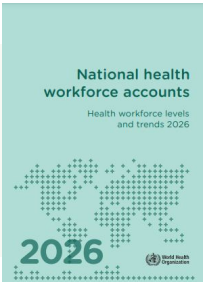


Technical specifications for filovirus disease treatment centres



National health workforce accounts

National health workforce accounts: health workforce levels and trends 2026



Health effects of air pollution: evidence and implications

Health effects of air pollution: evidence and implications: technical brief



Behavioural insights glossary for public health practitioners

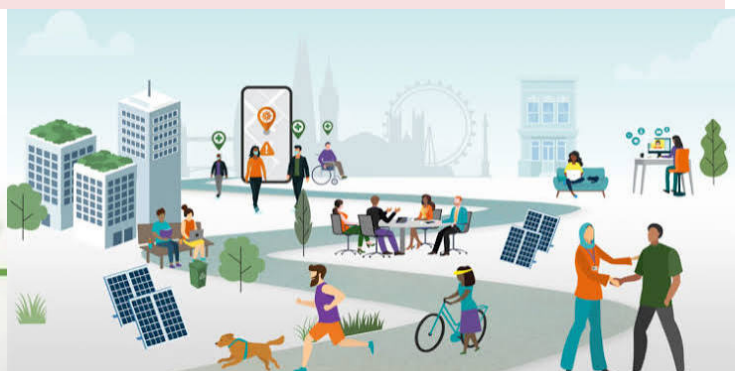


12th edition, Epidemiological Bulletin WHO Health Emergencies Programme WHO Regional



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- WHO guidelines for the clinical management of filovirus disease: executive summary
- World Cities Report 2026: The Global Housing Crisis: Pathways to Action
- Growing leadership and momentum on environmental action
- UNEP, partners ramp up efforts to address major methane leaks as UN chief urges rapid cuts
- The hidden environmental cost of your jeans – and what's being done about it
- Nine ways to stay cool during a heatwave
- Chemical safety: How national action is turning global goals into reality
- Four ways climate technologies are turning ambition into action
- UNEP and GEF kick off global initiative to strengthen monitoring of toxic chemicals and mercury
- As the planet swelters, World Environment Day 2026 focuses on urgent climate action
- The AI skills divide in Europe and Central Asia: Who benefits and who gets left behind
- A Warning Shot for Human Capital: Evidence of an AI Learning Penalty
- Empowering South Asia with skills for a 'green jobs' future
- Closing the skills gap: why industry must help lead the way
- Pacific emergency management teams build disaster readiness in Brisbane, Australia
- WFP scales up assistance for families hit by Venezuela earthquakes
- Pakistan strengthens anticipatory action to reduce the impact of climate-related disasters
- Japan and WFP strengthen health and education in Somalia
- WFP warns assault on Sudan's El Obeid area threatens to deepen the country's hunger crisis
- As Ebola spreads in Eastern DRC, WFP warns food, livelihoods and access are critical to containing the outbreak
- From Access to Choice: How WFP is Driving Better Diets Through Behavior Change
- Pope Leo XIV Visits the World Food Programme in Show of Solidarity Against Rising Global Hunger
- Lions Clubs International Foundation and World Food Programme scale up locally sourced school meals for children in Nepal
- WFP welcomes announcement of major U.S. contribution as global hunger reaches record levels
- New FAO-WFP report warns worsening hunger puts 13 hotspots at significant risk
- WFP and Government of Nepal Launch Innovation Accelerator for Climate and Food Security
- WFP warning becomes a reality for millions as Middle East crisis pushes poorest families further into hunger
- Nearly half of the population in Government-controlled areas of Yemen face acute food insecurity as humanitarian support sharply declines
- Joint statement by the Committee on the Rights of the Child and UNICEF on the plight of migrant children in South Africa
- UNICEF aid shipment lands in Venezuela following devastating earthquakes
- As Ebola cases hit 1,000, almost 3 million children and adolescents face rising risks in eastern DR Congo – UNICEF
- Children increasingly exposed to overlapping climate risks worldwide, UNICEF warns
- Nearly half of the world's children exposed to at least three overlapping climate threats – UNICEF
- WHO update on the assessment of Wolbachia population replacement for the control of Aedes-borne diseases
- Unsafe food causes 866 million illnesses and 1.5 million deaths annually, young children at highest risk
- New WHO discussion paper sets out opportunities and risks of AI in evidence-informed health policy
- Caring for non-communicable diseases during pregnancy, expert convening
- Macao workshop boosts global action on quality and safety of traditional, complementary and integrative medicine practices



Key Stakeholders Message/ Urban Voices



Dr. Kedar Marahatta
Mental Health Specialist, WHO Nepal

Urbanization undoubtedly creates opportunities for economic growth and improved access to services; however, it also introduces new and often overlooked mental health challenges. Across Nepal and many countries in the region, we observe that urban residents face increasing levels of psychological stress driven by social isolation, migration, insecure employment, housing instability, environmental pressures, poverty, and widening socioeconomic inequalities. Despite living in densely populated environments, many individuals experience loneliness, weakened community ties, and reduced social support as traditional family structures evolve and migration separates families and social networks. While specialized mental health services are more likely to be located in urban centres than in rural areas, physical proximity does not necessarily translate into equitable access. Financial barriers, uneven distribution of qualified professionals, long waiting times, stigma, and limited confidence in public health services continue to prevent many people from seeking timely care.

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Dr. Halida Hanum Akhter
Chairman, Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS)

Bangladesh's health sector has achieved remarkable progress over the past few decades, particularly in reducing maternal and child mortality and expanding access to essential healthcare services. As our health system continues to evolve, our national priorities must also expand beyond traditional health indicators to embrace broader dimensions of well-being, including mental health, healthy ageing, and psychosocial resilience. Mental health is no longer a peripheral issue, it is a fundamental pillar of public health and an indispensable component of Universal Health Coverage. Our experience in strengthening maternal and reproductive health has demonstrated that the availability of effective interventions alone is not sufficient.



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- [Climate-induced vulnerability and health outcomes in urban Bangladesh: the mediating role of psychological stress](#)
- [Can cross-sector governance improve urban health resource supply? Evidence from China's Healthy City pilot policy](#)
- [Mortality and morbidity caused by pneumonia in children and adolescents are associated with socioeconomic and urban conditions in São Paulo, Brazil](#)
- [The Role of Public Health Services in Reducing Maternal and Newborn Health Inequalities in Urban India: A Survey Analysis of 200,000 Births Over Two Decades](#)
- [Study protocol for evaluating integrated urban development plans: impacts on health, social equity, and environmental sustainability in Germany](#)
- [Hybrid Governance: Negotiating justice for health services in informal urban settlements in Dhaka, Bangladesh](#)
- [Urban Waste Management, Air Quality, and Public Health: Assessing the Health Burden of Rapid Urbanization in Sub-Saharan Africa](#)
- [Influence of internal migration on antenatal care utilization in Bangladesh: Findings from a nationally representative cross-sectional survey](#)
- [Cultural capital and health literacy among urban communities in Malaysia: A cross-sectional study](#)
- [Socioeconomic and geographic inequalities in unmet healthcare needs in Cambodia: evidence from a national cross-sectional study](#)
- [Decomposing Wealth-Based Inequalities in Neonatal Mortality in India: Evidence from National Family Health Survey \(2019–2021\)](#)
- [Vaccination coverage and inequalities in childhood immunisation in Ethiopia: a secondary analysis of the PMA national longitudinal survey](#)
- [Trends and Associated Factors of Malnutrition Among Adolescents With Diarrhoea in Bangladesh: A Retrospective Cross-Sectional Surveillance Study Using Adaptive LASSO](#)
- [Reconfiguring Care Practices Through Technology-Supported Services: Pathways to Outpatient Satisfaction in Urban and Rural Public Hospitals](#)
- [Obesity prevention and sustainable food systems: rethinking the nexus through a health in all policies approach](#)
- [Hospital Closures Increase Emergency Care Travel Time: Rural-Urban Disparities](#)
- [Association of Park Size, Access and Neighbourhood Walkability with Physical Activity and Obesity: A Cross-Sectional Analysis](#)
- [Real-time impacts of air pollution on the health, well-being, and daily life of children and young people in Delhi and Dhaka](#)
- [Carbon emission governance and public health efficiency in transitional China: Regional differences and spatial aggregation](#)
- [Exploring Facility Revisit Intentions Among the Kidney Dialysis Patient's Attendance: Evidence from a Cross-Sectional Study in Dhaka, Bangladesh](#)
- [Nexus between urban poverty dynamics and rapid urbanization, economic shocks, and internal migration in Bangladesh](#)
- [Atmospheric Deposition of Potentially Toxic Elements in Bangladesh: Characterizing Sources, Transport Pathways, and Risks to Human and Ecosystem Health](#)

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- [REQUEST FOR QUOTATION](#)
- [Leadership Development Training Consultancy](#)
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- [Request for Proposal Supply of Accommodation, Venue & Catering Service \(Rajshahi Division\)](#)
- [Baseline Survey for “Civil Society–Led Transformation Toward Gender-Responsive Climate Resilience in Coastal Bangladesh” \(CSGRC\) Project](#)
- [Hiring an event management agency to support organizing two activities \(9 events\) under the Large-Scale Food Fortification Program \(RF\) in Bangladesh](#)
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- [Local Contractor for Site Preparation, Foundation, Assembly and Finishing Works for CBFT Pilot Housing Units](#)
- [Identifying Demand-Driven Gender responsive Skills, GBV prevention and Market Pathways and Access to Finance for Refugees in Cox's Bazar](#)
- [Consultant - Rohingya to English \(Cox's Bazar\) translator / interpreter for translating interviews with women and children](#)
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- [Senior Manager/Assistant Officer \(VAT & Tax\)](#)
- [Programme Associate \(Food Security Sector/Information Management\)](#)
- [Protection Information Management Specialist](#)
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- [Impact Finance Expert - South Asia \(Re-advertisement\)](#)
- [Technical Expert Training](#)
- [Officer \(CDP Admin\)](#)
- [Community Health Supervisor](#)
- [Community Health Coordinator](#)
- [Project Officer - Technical](#)
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Newspaper and Media Update



মানসিক স্বাস্থ্যকে স্বাস্থ্য মন্ত্রণালয়ের প্রকল্পে অন্তর্ভুক্তি জরুরি: বাজেট আলোচনায় উপেক্ষিত এক খাত



Inside Bangladesh's community clinics: Promise, pressure and persistent gaps



National Vitamin A Plus Campaign begins across Bangladesh



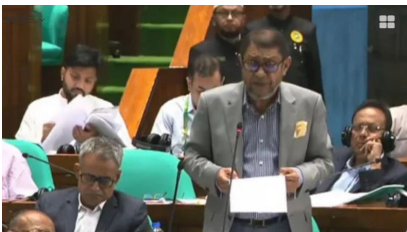
State minister: Health budget prioritises disease prevention, reforms over unplanned hospital construction



Vitamin A campaign targets 5.8m more children than measles vaccination drive



Muhit: Children with disabilities to be brought under public healthcare



Health Minister: Govt taking multi-pronged steps to curb measles, cut child mortality



PROGGA calls for major investment in NCDs control to save lives



School tiffin time reveals a deeper story of malnutrition

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- ৪ হাজার কোটি টাকার ইনজেকশন: বরাদ্দ বাড়ছে, তবু কেন সুস্থ হচ্ছে না স্বাস্থ্যখাত?
- Five specialised children's hospitals set to open in 5 divisions
- Study: Menstrual disorders affect two-thirds of rural girls
- Health minister: Bangladesh medicine exports reach over 140 countries
- Research finds bacterial contamination in 80pc food samples
- All upazila health complexes to be upgraded to 101-bed facilities
- Buildings almost ready, equipment missing: Specialised hospitals project delayed to 2028
- DGHS orders monitoring of doctors' attendance at private hospitals, clinics
- Abdus Salam appointed chairman of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society
- Beximco Pharma launches affordable generic cystic fibrosis drug Triko
- Climate-health budget share falls despite rising climate risks: study
- ADP for health doubles, delivery still a concern
- Govt committed to taking effective tobacco control measures: Ziauddin Hyder

International

- WHO: Unsafe food claims 1.5m lives annually, children most at risk
- Ebola deaths exceed 300 in DR Congo: authorities
- Unsafe food kills around 1.5 million people yearly, warns WHO
- Cervical cancer deaths for vaccinated young women fall to zero in England
- Cancer researchers present advances, emerging treatments
- Study links higher vitamin C levels to better brain health in older adults
- H5 bird flu detected in second Australia state
- WHO, Africa CDC launch \$518m plan to combat Ebola outbreak
- Ebola death toll in DR Congo climbs to 101
- More than 70 medics infected with Ebola as DRC outbreak spreads 'fast'
- Alarm as Ebola spreads into new areas of DR Congo
- WHO chief lauds Uganda's response to Ebola outbreak
- 'Daily cuts... infections': India's e-waste workers face toxic health risks
- WHO and Africa CDC unveil \$518m Ebola plan as DRC, Uganda death tolls rise
- Google mosquito army: Scientists say 'we must take action'
- Climate change: Heat wave costs the German economy billions
- European heat wave is not normal summer weather
- Urban parks help cities cool off, study finds
- Heatwave caution urged as London pavements hit 57C