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Bangladesh Urban Health Network Hosts 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

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

The Bangladesh Urban Health Network (BUHN) successfully convened its 14th Knowledge Sharing Virtual Seminar titled “Innovations in Urban Health Service Delivery: Digital Tools & Community Platforms” on Wednesday, 25 February 2026, from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM (Bangladesh Time, GMT +6). The session brought together government officials, development partners, health professionals, academics, technology experts, and civil society representatives to explore emerging innovations transforming urban health service delivery. The seminar focused on the integration of digital tools and community-based platforms to improve access, efficiency, and quality of healthcare services, particularly for underserved urban populations. It also examined policy and programmatic pathways for embedding digital health solutions within existing urban health systems while ensuring inclusivity, data protection, and long-term sustainability.

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Measles outbreak: What you need to know - How to keep your child safe from measles

Children across the country are being infected with measles. Although this disease is preventable, infection can lead to various complications, even death. Vaccination can protect children from measles.

Former head of the Department of Paediatrics at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, Prof Dr Lutfunnesa, told The Daily Star that measles is a highly contagious airborne disease that spreads rapidly through breathing, sneezing and coughing. Its rate of infection, or reproduction, is much higher than that of Covid. A person infected with measles can transmit the virus to 12 to 18 healthy individuals.



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Bangladesh launches emergency measles-rubella campaign with UNICEF, WHO and Gavi to protect over 1.2 million children in 30 upazilas



The Government of Bangladesh, with support from UNICEF, WHO and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, is launching an emergency measles-rubella vaccination campaign to protect more than 1.2 million children aged 6 months to 5 years across 30 upazilas in 18 high-risk districts, with a phased expansion and gradual scaling up to additional districts and City Corporation areas nationwide. “Due to the current outbreak of measles in the country, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has taken swift and effective measures. I would like to express my sincere thanks to UNICEF Representative Ms. Rana Flowers for providing the necessary technical support and ensuring the rapid supply of vaccines for the successful implementation of this large-scale campaign.

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Members and Partners Update



How forever chemicals are impacting international trade



Ten Charts that Explain the Global Waste Crisis

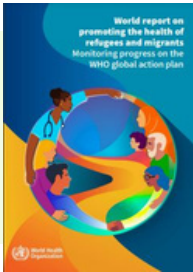
Three Invisible barriers that limit urban mobility and how to overcome them



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



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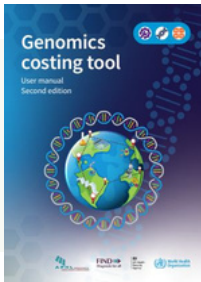
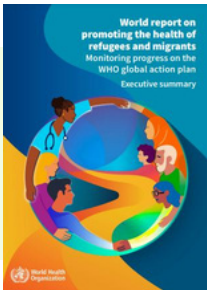


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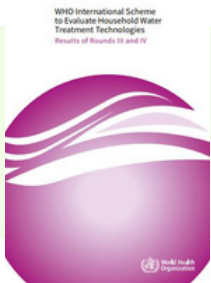
Framework for health emergency preparedness and response capabilities for national public health agencies



World report on promoting the health of refugees and migrants: monitoring progress on the WHO global action plan: executive summary



Genomics costing tool, user manual, 2nd edition



WHO international scheme to evaluate household water treatment technologies: results of Rounds III and IV

Regional Consultation with Member States on regional priorities for Programme Budget 2026-2027



Target product profiles for new antibacterial agents



Malaria surveillance assessment toolkit: implementation reference guide, 2nd ed.



COP30 advances the collective development of the NAP Implementation Alliance

Report: Impact and Insights on Organic Waste Management in SIDS



Agenda to Action: Implementation of the New Urban Agenda in Nine Cities Across the Globe



- Report of the 49th meeting of the WHO Global Advisory Committee on Vaccine Safety, 27-28 November 2025
- 05th edition, Epidemiological Bulletin WHO Health Emergencies Programme WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia, 11 March 2026. Reporting period: 23 Feb - 08 Mar 2026
- Applying communication for health: research tools: focus group discussions
- WHO Drug Information - Volume 39, No. 4
- COP30 Presidency Releases Executive Report and Outlines Next Steps to Accelerate Global Climate Implementation
- More than 30 Brazilian cities will accelerate climate action projects through the Mutirão Program
- President and CEO of COP30 take part in preparatory meetings for COP31
- WHO guideline on environmentally friendly and less invasive oral health care for preventing and managing dental caries
- Encouraging progress in inclusive health policies for refugees and migrants
- WHO welcomes IOM into the Global Digital Health Certification Network
- Types of data requested to inform May 2026 COVID-19 vaccine antigen composition deliberations
- WHO Member States agree to extend negotiations on key annex to the Pandemic Agreement
- Message from the Director - continuing sexual and reproductive health and rights progress in turbulent times
- WHO recommends new diagnostic tools to help end TB
- WHO and partners launch new initiative to expand use of digital health wallets
- Towards responsible AI for mental health and well-being: experts chart a way forward
- Progress in reducing child deaths slows as 4.9 million children die before age five
- Conflict deepens health crisis across Middle East, WHO says
- Without big changes, this is what the environment will look like in 2050
- Safe Disposal of Unused Medicines - A One Health approach for national systems
- Our Planet. Our Purpose: UNEP Annual Report 2025
- Progress in reducing child deaths slows as 4.9 million children under five die in 2024
- WHO is now a Green Climate Fund accredited entity
- Singapore sets global first by reaching WHO's highest classification for medical device regulation
- Statement of the Forty-fourth Meeting of the Polio IHR Emergency Committee
- WHO releases updated Health Inequality Data Repository and Health Equity Assessment Toolkit
- An average of 19,000 children displaced daily as escalating violence uproots 20 per cent of Lebanon's population in three weeks
- UNICEF Chief calls for urgent global support as children in Somalia face worsening malnutrition
- Remarks by UNICEF Executive Catherine Russell on World Water Day 2026: Where water flows, equality grows
- UN ADVISORY BOARD NAMES 20 CITY LEADERS IN ZERO WASTE
- WOMEN LEADING SANITATION MANAGEMENT IN INDIA
- Global Climate News
- AI Tools Show Promise for Diagnosing Advanced Heart Failure
- PMNCH unites voices and accelerates action at IMNHC 2026
- Climate Risk Index 2026
- Urban October Report 2025: responding to crises and advancing people-centred smart cities
- Climate Risk Index 2026



Key Stakeholders Message/ Urban Voices



Prof. Zahidul Quayyum
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Digital innovation and Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based solutions in urban health are opening up a profound and transformative opportunity. These technology-driven initiatives not only enhance the speed and efficiency of healthcare delivery but also help reduce disparities in access, thereby fostering a more inclusive health system. Particularly in the context of rapid urbanization where the demand for healthcare services is continuously increasing and marginalized populations are often left underserved digital health solutions are increasingly being recognized as an effective and sustainable pathway.

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Md. Shahrir Habib

Postgraduate Student, MS, Business Analytics, Aston University and Former Operations Manager, Augmedix, Bangladesh:
Artificial intelligence might change public health in urban Bangladesh by making it possible to find disease outbreaks earlier, better predict risks, and respond more quickly and effectively. AI-powered solutions can help shift healthcare from a reactive paradigm to a preventative and intelligence-led one in cities that are developing quickly and have a lot of people living close together, moving about, and dealing with air pollution, climate-related stress, and uneven access to care.

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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



ICUH 2026



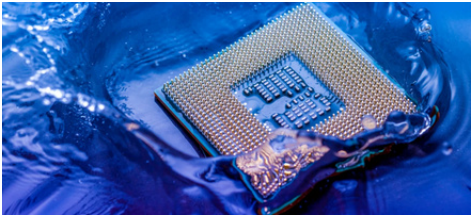
Global Summit on Environmental Health and Sustainability



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

- [Urban heat stress and health: A systematic literature review of dimensions and indicators for planning and design](#)
- [Exploring the relationship between mental health and urban green space soundscapes: A scoping review](#)
- [Urban health research: shaping integrated policies for health, equity, sustainability, and climate](#)
- [Adolescent Health Concerns in Urban Ethiopia: Stakeholders' Perspectives](#)
- [Why urban communities in low- and middle-income countries participate in global health research: A scoping review and fuzzy cognitive mapping summary](#)
- [Mental health under gender imbalance: evidence from bachelors in urban China](#)
- [Association Between Excess Body Weight and Mental Health Disorders Among Reproductive-Aged Women in Bangladesh](#)
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- [Health-related quality of life and associated factors among hospitalized dengue patients in Bangladesh: a cross-sectional study](#)
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- [Water security challenges in coastal Bangladesh: a multi-dimensional approach](#)
- [Living clean, living well: a qualitative study on sanitation and hygiene among rural garment workers in Bangladesh](#)

Call for Proposal

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- [The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies \(IFRC\), Bangladesh Delegation invites sealed proposals from reputable, licensed, and experienced insurance companies for the provision of insurance services covering IFRC office assets in Bangladesh.](#)
- [Ecosystem Mapping and Diagnostic Study under the Project Bridging the Gap: Unlocking Small Business Finance through Fintech Partnerships](#)
- [Request for Proposal, Water & Sanitation for Urban Populations \(WSUP\)](#)
- [Request for Quotation \(RFQ\) RO Water Filtration Plant](#)
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- [CONSULTANT To conduct Need Assessment On Dairy Value Chain and Breed Improvement](#)
- [Terms of Reference \(ToR\)](#)
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- [REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL, Caritas Bangladesh](#)
- [Terms of Reference \(TOR\) Impact Assessment of the Milk for School Project \(Phase one\) Ullapara, Sirajganj](#)
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- [Optometrist, Bangladesh Red Crescent Society](#)
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A vision for urban health reform



Health minister: National E-health Card to launch by June



PM Tarique orders launching of 'e-Health card' without delay.



Govt reassesses tobacco control ordinance



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'Super fungus' in Dhaka ICUs: icddr, b study.



What digital health is teaching us about rural Bangladesh

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- What are plasticizers, and are they bad for our health?
- Unhealthy air persists in Dhaka, ranks 8th globally
- Measles outbreak raises alarm in Bangladesh: Causes, symptoms and prevention
- A nation gasping
- Thalassaemia spreads as prevention plan stalls
- Bangladesh faces vaccine shortage for 10 diseases: Health services secretary
- Bangladesh launches protocol for early detection and treatment of kidney disease in primary healthcare settings
- 70% of kidney disease cases preventable with awareness, healthy lifestyle: Experts
- Advances in surgical oncology bringing new hope to Bangladesh
- স্বাস্থ্য খাতের স্বাস্থ্য ফেরাতে এই মুহূর্তে যা করতে হবে
- Bangladeshi researcher advances AI-driven cancer detection

International

- Pollution exposure linked to mental health problems: EU agency
- Cancer drug facility, religious site hit in Israeli-US strikes on Iran
- 'Truly junk': E-waste from rich nations floods local markets in Nigeria
- Mexico will continue accepting Cuban medical workers despite US pressure
- UN experts urge Israel to free Gaza doctor amid reports of 'severe torture'
- Argentina officially withdraws from World Health Organization, following US
- India's Supreme Court allows first-ever passive euthanasia death
- 'The other side' of IITs: Student suicides haunt India's top tech schools
- Antibiotics losing power: A growing global health crisis
- Global partners launch \$54m effort to boost maternal nutrition in Africa
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