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Lead News

Muhit stresses urgent action to protect children from climate-related health risks



State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr MA Muhit today called for urgent action to protect children from the growing health risks posed by climate change and rapid urbanization. “There is no scope for further delay. A lot of time has already been lost. We have to act now,” he said while speaking as the chief guest at a citizen dialogue on “Climate Change Induced Risks to Urban Slum’s Child Health: Challenges and the Way Forward”. Children Watch Foundation (CWF) organised the dialogue at the Daily Star Bhaban in the city this morning.

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Bangladesh plans €250m investment in women's health

The 2027-2031 initiative aims to reach 47 million women and girls through expanded healthcare services.

Bangladesh’s planned €250 million investment in women’s health aimed to target approximately 47 million women and girls over five years, highlighted at the opening press conference of the World Health Summit 2026 in Berlin on Sunday where global health leaders gathered to discuss ways to build more resilient and equitable healthcare systems.



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Bangladesh reports 3 more suspected measles deaths, toll reaches 741



A father holds his dengue-stricken child close as the little one sleeps on his chest at Mugda Medical College Hospital in the capital. At least four dengue patients died while 1,181 others were hospitalised in 24 hours till 8:00am yesterday.

At least 90 dengue patients died and 28,820 were hospitalised in the first 16 days of October, raising concerns over the worsening outbreak.

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Members and Partners Update



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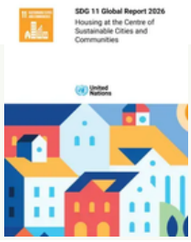


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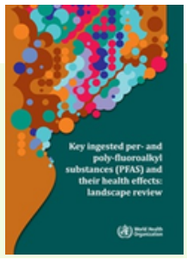


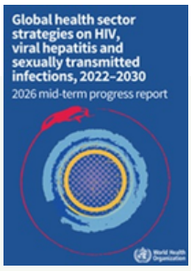
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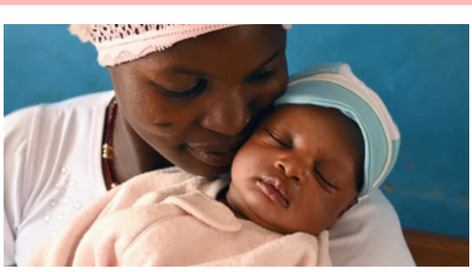


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- World Habitat Day 2026 Marked with Call for Adequate Housing for All
- Five Housing Initiatives Recognized with 2026 UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour Award
- Bangladesh Announces EUR 250M Investment in Womens Health and Resilient Health Care
- WHO Issues First Global Guidelines on Child and Adolescent Physical Health
- WHO Urges Shift from Institutional to Community-Based Mental Health Care
- icddr,b Second Round Preventive Oral Cholera Vaccine Drive in High-Burden Thanas
- Asia-Pacific Countries Sharpen Plans to Fight Antimicrobial Resistance.
- World Sight Day 2026: Regional Eyecare Expansion in Primary Clinics
- Urban October 2026: Solutions to Global Housing Crisis and Health Resilience
- World Bank Water Forward Initiative: Reliable Water Security for 1B+ Urban Residents
- Root cause analysis of low yellow fever vaccination coverage: user manual and questionnaire
- Target product profile – developing in vitro diagnostics for low- and middle-income settings
- Risk reduction of cognitive decline and dementia: WHO guidelines, second edition
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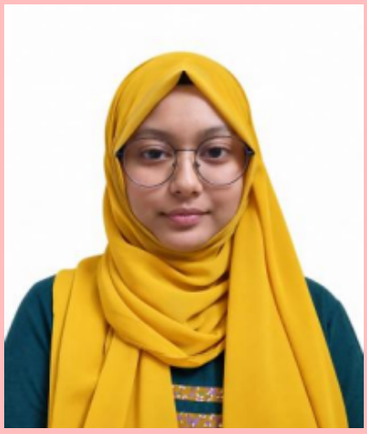


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Bangladesh's cities are growing rapidly, but this growth presents a significant public health challenge. The country is facing an increasing burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) alongside the impacts of climate change. For many urban residents, especially those in low- and middle-income communities, these two issues are closely interconnected. Climate change is not just an environmental concern; it has become an essential factor influencing health in urban areas and requires urgent action from policymakers, healthcare professionals, and city leaders.

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Urban Bangladesh Slum Dwellers' Health Risks and the need for inclusive healthcare is an important matter of topic. A significant number of people in Bangladesh migrate to urban areas annually in search of a better way of life, but this journey is seldom accompanied by a better job, adequate housing or medical care. Poverty, lack of jobs and opportunities are reasons why many move from rural areas, and climate related hazards like floods and river erosion can cause the loss of homes, agricultural land and livelihoods.

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Upcoming Events & Conferences



The 19th World Congress on Public Health is coming in 2028



World Bio Summit 2026



Urban Health



The 13th International Conference on Public Health 2027



UN High-Level Meeting on Universal Health Coverage 2027



World Health Assembly



Breast Cancer Awareness Month 2026



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Recent Publications

- Prevalence and Risk Factors of Hypertension in Rural and Peri-Urban Populations: A Cross-Sectional Study
- Qualitative Evaluation of Women Health Access and Hygiene Management in Urban Informal Settlements
- Lessons Learned from the Deployment of Oral Vaccines in Controlled
- Temperature Chains in Urban Settings
- Socioeconomic and Demographic
- Determinants of Early Infant Feeding Practices
- Unplanned Urbanization and Public Health Risks in Mega-Cities: A Systematic Review
- Supporting Healthy Diets and Safe Foods in Urban Food Environments: A Municipal Policy Framework
- Global Air Pollution Exposure and Attributable Health Burden Across 32000 Cities
- Patient Safety in Urban Asthma Care: Environmental Triggers and Inhaler Compliance
- Combining Local Knowledge and Geospatial Data for Climate Resilience in Informal Urban Settlements
- Quadripartite One Health Implementation: Urban Zoonotic Surveillance and Food Safety
- Expanding Health Service Access for Migrants and Displaced Populations in Primary Care
- Updated Diagnostic Recommendations for Hyperglycaemia in Pregnancy in Primary Healthcare
- Ethical Governance of Artificial Intelligence in Health Research and Clinical Diagnostics

Call for Proposal

- Pure Earth Bangladesh - Environmental Health Consultancy
- Standard Operating Protocol (SOP) on Women in Action
- RFP for Water, Sanitation, and Climate Adaptation Infrastructure
- Expanding Local Partnerships to Advance Child and Youth Rights
- External Independent Evaluation of Certificate Course Development in Practice
- Baseline Study of Child Protection & Primary Healthcare Project
- Consultant for Emergency Education & Health Proposal Development
- Event Management & Communications - Renewable Energy Fest (RE Fest)
- Consultancy for Interactive Popular Theatre Shows on Child Health

Job Opportunities

- Senior Officer - Health & Nutrition Programme
- Project Manager - Urban Health Governance
- Research Associate - Public Health & Epidemiology
- Technical Specialist - Advocacy & Campaign
- Junior Dietitian & Clinical Nutritionist
- Associate Officer - Finance & Admin (CBT)
- Gender & Social Norms Specialist
- Counselor & Social Worker

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Newspaper and Media Update



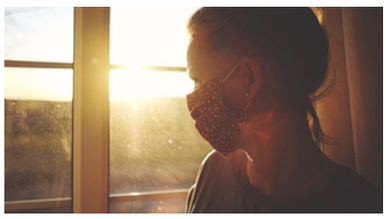
INTERPOL and WHO sign agreement to strengthen global health and security protection



WHO Pandemic Hub sets ambitious goal to detect new outbreaks within 24 hours



New global roadmap launched to tackle hypertension in pregnancy, a leading cause of maternal and newborn deaths



World Mental Health Day



WHO releases new guidance to prevent heat-related illness at mass gatherings



WHO expands safe options for contraception



Chile becomes first country in South America validated for eliminating dog-transmitted rabies as a public health problem



Member States advance negotiations on pathogen access and benefit-sharing ahead of UN General Assembly meeting on pandemics



WHO and Commonwealth Secretariat renew partnership to strengthen health systems and advance universal health coverage

More News

National

- **Govt Formulates Policy to Integrate Urban Health System into Mainstream Ministry Governance**
- **Bangladesh, EIB Plan €250m Push for Women's Health & Resilient Services**
- **Health, Education Spending to Reach 5% of GDP by 2031: Planning Commission PPRC Study: Only 22% of Public**
- **Healthcare Facilities Maintain Essential Drug Stocks**
- **WHO & MOHFW Technical Consultation on Bangladesh Universal Health Coverage (UHC) Roadmap 2026–2035**
- **Epidemiological Assessment of Dengue Surge and Hospitalization Dynamics in Bangladesh**
- **Bangladesh Launches Independent Review to Strengthen National Immunization Programme**

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