

## Lead News

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

**16th Knowledge Sharing Virtual Session**  
Topic: Building Resilient Urban Health Systems through Improved Medical Waste Practices

**Meet Resource Personnel**

**Welcome Speech**  
Dr. Margub Aref Jahangir  
Health Specialist (Urban), UNICEF Bangladesh

**Presenters**  
Capt Raquib Uddin BN (Retd.)  
Director, PRISM Bangladesh Foundation

**Panelists**  
Dr. Mohammad Delwar Hossain Hawlader  
Professor & Director, NSU Global Health Institute (NGHI)  
Air Commodore Md. Mahabubur Rahman Talukder  
Chief Waste Management Officer, Department of Health Services  
Dr. Md. Enayatul Haque  
Deputy Chief Health Officer, DMCC  
Dr. Bilkis Banu  
Associate Professor, Dept. of Public Health, Independent University, Bangladesh  
Md. Mostafizur Rahman  
Professor, Dept. of Environmental Sciences, Jahangirnagar University

**Closing Remarks**  
Dr. Shahin Akter  
Technical Operations Director, Eminence Bangladesh

**Chief Guest**  
MD. Mamunur Rashid  
Joint Secretary (World Health Wing), HSD, MoH&FW

**Moderation**  
Mehna Khan Mujib  
T&D Manager, Eminence Bangladesh, BUHN Project Associate, UNICEF

**13 May 2026  
Time: 2.30 - 4.00 PM BDT  
Virtual Platform: Zoom**

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The Bangladesh Urban Health Network (BUHN) successfully organized its 16th Knowledge Sharing Virtual Seminar on “Building Resilient Urban Health Systems through Improved Medical Waste Practices” on 13 May 2026. The seminar brought together policymakers, urban health experts, city corporation representatives, academics, development partners, and healthcare professionals to discuss the critical role of safe medical waste management in strengthening resilient urban health systems in Bangladesh.

The session was inaugurated with welcome remarks from Dr. Margub Aref Jahangir, Health Specialist (Urban), UNICEF Bangladesh, who highlighted the growing challenges posed by rapid urbanization, environmental degradation, climate-related risks, and increasing healthcare waste. He emphasized that effective medical waste management is essential for infection prevention, environmental protection, and sustainable urban health development.

The keynote presentation was delivered by Captain Raquib Uddin BN (Retd.), Director of PRISM Bangladesh Foundation (PBF), who shared PRISM’s two decades of experience in managing hazardous healthcare waste across Bangladesh.

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### Climate-health budget share falls despite rising climate risks: study

Ahead of the FY2026-27 national budget, policymakers, researchers and public health experts today called for urgent reforms to Bangladesh's climate-health financing system, warning that budget allocations for the sector have declined despite growing climate-related health risks across the country.

The call came at a high-level policy dialogue titled, “Climate-Responsive Health Financing and Health System Resilience in Bangladesh”, organised by the Center for Participatory Research and Development (CPRD) in collaboration with HEKS/EPER and Shushilan at Brac Centre Inn in Dhaka.



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### Bangladesh's next health breakthrough



BA mother in a rural village should not have to travel hundreds of kilometres to Dhaka for a service that ought to be available at her local health facility. Yet this remains the reality for many Bangladeshis. While the country has earned global recognition for reducing maternal and child mortality and expanding immunisation coverage, millions still struggle to access basic healthcare close to home. The problem is not a lack of success stories. It is a lack of investment where it matters most: primary health care. Bangladesh's public health achievements over the past three decades are remarkable. Life expectancy has increased, maternal and child mortality have fallen substantially, and immunisation coverage has become a global success story.

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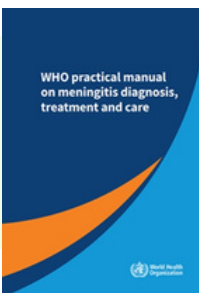
## Harnessing AI and private innovation to close health gaps



## WHO emergency guidance on the use of licensed Ebola virus vaccine during Bundibugyo virus disease outbreaks, 28 May 2026

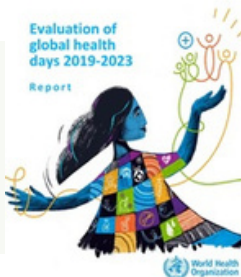


## WHO guidance for mass gathering events attended by individuals from areas with documented Bundibugyo virus detection, May 2026

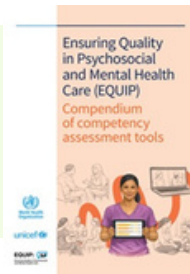


## WHO practical manual on meningitis diagnosis, treatment and care

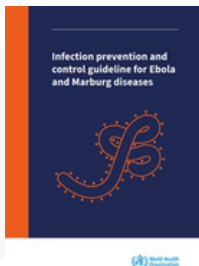
## Evaluation of Global Health Days 2019-2023: Report



## Ensuring Quality in Psychosocial and Mental Health Care (EQUIP): compendium of competency assessment tools



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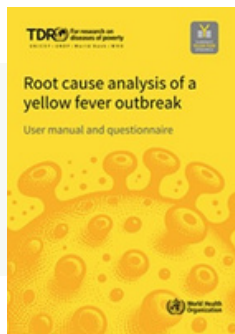
## Improving public health in health systems: guidance for country-level policies and actions



## World health statistics 2026: monitoring health for the SDGs, sustainable development goals



## Root cause analysis of a yellow fever outbreak: user manual and questionnaire



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## Prevention and control of diabetes mellitus: Lessons for service delivery from countries in the WHO South-East Asia Region





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- [The Path Toward Affordable Green Housing and Green Mortgage Standards in Malaysia](#)
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- [Pesticide residues in food: report 2025: Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues](#)
- [Guidelines for the prevention of bloodstream infections and other infections associated with the use of intravascular catheters: part 2: central venous catheters](#)
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- [Global status report on neurology: executive summary](#)
- [9th edition, Epidemiological Bulletin WHO Health Emergencies Programme WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia, 5 May2026. Reporting period: 20 Apr-3 May 2026](#)
- [WHO guideline for screening and treatment of cervical pre-cancer lesions for cervical cancer prevention: use of human papillomavirus \(HPV\) DNA genotyping](#)
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# Key Stakeholders Message/ Urban Voices



**Captain Raquib Uddin BN (Retd.)**  
**Director, PRISM Bangladesh Foundation (PBF)**

Medical waste management is no longer simply an environmental concern; it is a critical public health and urban governance issue. As Bangladesh continues to urbanize and expand healthcare services, the volume of healthcare waste generated each day is increasing significantly. Ensuring the safe segregation, collection, treatment, and disposal of medical waste is therefore essential to protect healthcare workers, patients, communities, and the environment.

Over the past two decades, PRISM Bangladesh Foundation has worked closely with government institutions, city corporations, healthcare facilities, and development partners to establish and strengthen medical waste management systems across the country. While important progress has been made, substantial challenges remain, particularly in ensuring compliance, strengthening infrastructure, and expanding services beyond major urban centers.

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**Md. Mamunur Rashid**  
**Joint Secretary (WHO Health Section)**  
**Health Services Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**

A resilient healthcare system extends beyond the delivery of clinical services; it also requires effective systems for managing healthcare waste safely and sustainably. Improper medical waste management poses significant risks to public health, environmental safety, and infection prevention efforts. Addressing these challenges requires coordinated action across sectors and institutions.

The Government of Bangladesh remains committed to strengthening healthcare waste management through policy development, institutional capacity building, and service improvements.

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## Upcoming Events & Conferences



**11th International Conference on Global Public Health 2026**



**The 1st International Online Conference on Urban Sciences**



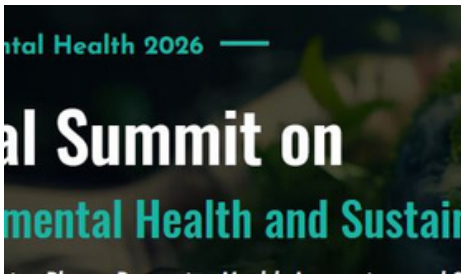
**26th International AIDS Conference**



**International Conference on Climate Change and Human Health Impacts**



**World Health Summit 2026**



**Global Summit on Environmental Health and Sustainability**



**ICUH 2026**



**12th Public Health Conference [PHC2026]**



**5th International Conference on Global Healthcare and Medicine**



# Recent Publications

- [Implementing the commitments of the World Health Assembly kidney health resolution: a key opportunity to improve health for millions](#)
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- [Mitigating the Urban Heat Island Effect: Strategies for Urban Planning and Public Health](#)
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- [Workplace Stress, Overcommitment, and Maternal Health as Predictors of Postpartum Depression: A Case-Control Study Among Employed Married Women in Bangladesh](#)
- [The Nipah virus threat in India: Epidemiological trends, risk drivers, and lessons for pandemic preparedness](#)
- [urrent Scenario of Pharmaceutical Waste Management in Chattogram District, Southern Bangladesh: A Comprehensive Cross-Sectional Study](#)
- [Infant and young child feeding practices and factors associated with early initiation of breastfeeding among ultra-poor slum mothers of Bangladesh](#)
- [Mpox Awareness and Infection Control Practices Among Hospital Nurses and Healthcare Workers in Bangladesh](#)

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- [REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST \(EOI\) FOR TEACHER’S CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING IN SYLHET DIVISION](#)
- [Consultancy Services for the Formulation of Risk Management Policy and Comprehensive Review of Procurement Policy](#)
- [Invitation for Re-Tender - RFQ for Supply of Medicine](#)
- [Request for Proposal \(RFP\): “Endline Evaluation of Partnership for Resilient Livelihoods in CHT Region \(PRLC\) Project”.](#)
- [Improving the protective environment for self-reliance of affected populations across the Myanmar displacement axis \(DRC-funded Economic Recovery Project under DANIDA SPA 2026\).](#)
- [Engaging a Youth-Membership-Based Local Organization Through a Safe Migration Task-Specific Policy Advocacy Consultancy for the SIMS II Project](#)
- [Developing Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence \(HREDD\) Guidelines \(Playbook\) and HREDD Risk Assessment Toolkit for the Ready-Made Garment \(RMG\) Sector](#)
- ["Mapping International Buyers and Purchasing Practices in Aquaculture"](#)
- [ToR for hiring Consultant/Expert for SHGs and WDFs Assessment for SDDB Project](#)
- [“Promoting Gender Responsive Enterprise Development and TVET Systems \(ProGRESS\)”](#)

# Job Opportunities

- [Programme Associate \(Nutrition\), G6, Cox's Bazar](#)
- [Programme Specialist - Climate Resilience and Disaster Risk Reduction](#)
- [Young Professional - Children and Youth Leadership \(CYL\)](#)
- [Project Delivery Specialist- Utility Strengthening Project](#)
- [Project Delivery Expert- Climate Resilience](#)
- [Young Professional - Climate Resilience](#)
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- [Senior Climate Change Specialist](#)
- [Manager, Finance & Accounts \(Contractual\)](#)
- [Officer – Programme Development & Donor Reporting](#)
- [Logistics Manager Bangladesh](#)
- [Social Behavioral Change Communication \(SBCC\) Camp Officer, Ipas Bangladesh](#)
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Kangaroo Care model can crucially reduce neonatal death: BMU VC



10 more children die from measles, symptoms in 24 hours



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Health ministry to take over 192 Urban Primary Healthcare Centres



The mental health void: A silent emergency



Dengue situation could worsen this year, fear experts



Vaccine gaps could worsen antimicrobial resistance in Bangladesh, policy brief warns



PM directs immediate operation of six unused children's hospitals

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- Public health experts stress strengthening primary healthcare amid decline in family planning programme
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- A public health imperative
- Air pollution is a public health emergency
- Free health camp held in Rajshahi
- Allegation of Tk50cr transaction rocks EDCL MD appointment
- CRP briefs PM on rehabilitation services for people with disabilities
- 20% of country's population suffering from thyroid disorders: Experts
- Bangladesh seeks stronger global collaboration on cancer prevention
- Excessive screen use harms sleep, mental health of Dhaka children: icddr, b
- Oxford researcher explores new way to reduce antibiotic overuse in Bangladesh
- Nearly 2cr people in Bangladesh carry thalassemia gene
- Millers for nutrition coalition highlights business potential of fortified wheat flour

### International

- NHS cancer jab eradicates tumours
- WHO declares first Ebola recovery in Congo outbreak
- Japan pharmaceutical firm warns against rare diseases drug after deaths
- WHO confirms eight cases of Andes hantavirus
- Hypertension taking heavy toll amid lack of sustainable financing
- Work not over after hantavirus evacuation: WHO chief
- Hantavirus outbreak risk to public absolutely low: WHO
- WHO warns of more hantavirus cases in 'limited' outbreak
- Mental health disorders affect nearly 1.2 billion people globally, study finds
- India, African Union postpone key summits amid Ebola concerns
- Warned interim govt at least 10 times over measles vaccine shortage since 2024: Unicef
- WHO kicks off annual assembly amid hantavirus, Ebola crises
- What is hantavirus and how does it spread?
- WHO: Global health efforts delivering results but progress fragile, insufficient
- Millions of breast cancer patients could safely avoid chemotherapy, study suggests
- WHO says hantavirus outbreak differs from Covid pandemic
- 'Planned cities key to better public health'
- Ebola risk upgraded to 'very high' in DR Congo: WHO chief
- A ship, a virus, and the warning the world cannot ignore
- WHO warns of Gaza medical shortages