

Project Closing Report (PCR)

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EALG COVID 19 Project

COVID-19 Support

COVID-19 has put Bangladesh into an unforeseen challenging situation that led the Government of Bangladesh to ask for the shutdown of all economic activities except for emergency services and to urge people to restrict mobility and stay at home since March 2020. GoB has emphasized emergency support through local government administration and representatives. It increased the workload of UP/UZP representatives and the local administration and caused a higher risk of getting them infected by COVID 19. Considering these issues, EALG build a partnership with 251 UPs and nine district administrations and facilitated different initiatives to increase awareness and change the community's behavioural practices.

Preventive materials distribution

A total of 35,629 beneficiaries received various protective materials for COVID-19 response, i.e. mask, sanitizer, hand gloves, soap, etc. and among them, 7,781 beneficiaries (M: 6,772 and F: 1,009) received PPE. PPE distribution among the front-line public representatives increased their confidence in combatting coronavirus.

Awareness Raising Activities

EALG hired a professional singer to sing a song related to COVID-19 awareness-raising and recorded while announcing the coronavirus, VAW, human rights issues. The idea of recording music was so innovative to promote knowledge and build awareness on COVID-19. Through loud miking (amplifying microphone), Postering, Facebook campaign, approximately 1,050,165 people were aware of wearing the mask, washing hands, maintaining social distance, do's and don'ts during the lockdown, protecting Human Rights, and preventing VAW issues.

Engaging Temporary Worker and Union Focal Point

To reduce UPs staff members and representatives' burden, EALG has supported 251 UPs with temporary additional human resources to coordinate COVID 19 functions, improved COVID response, better documentation and improved transparency. The temporary workforce reduced the workload of UPs and strengthened the support to people. 251 Union Focal Point informed 50,536 people on COVID 19 prevention mechanism.

Hand Washing Facilities

EALG has provided financial and technical support to install 549 handwashing points in 251 intervention UPs, where 259,060 people have used the facilities. It is worth mentioning that, EALG's support to UPs for installation of handwashing points are scaled up by the LGD across the country.

Hand sanitizer manufacture and distribution

In a first-of-its-kind collaboration with the local administration and Khulna University's Pharmacy Department, the EALG project, together with UNDP-LoGIC Project and GoB-LGSP project, has initiated the manufacturing of 6,000 bottles of 100ml hand sanitizers and distributed them for free to the government officials, the poor in the communities, who were the front-line COVID 19 fighters in Khulna.

Lessons Learned

Effective coordination among public representatives and government officials in combatting COVID-19 and other public service delivery helps accelerate LGIs' performance and intensify their efforts for COVID-19 response.

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Budget regarding COVID-19

Items	COVID-19 response (USD)									
	SDC		DANIDA		UNDP (TRAC I)		UNDP (TRAC II)		Total	
	Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure	Budget	Expenditure
Preventive Materials	70,577	69,231	93,410	90,851	50,499	50,288	49,077	27,647	263,563	238,017
Awareness Raising	7,308	7,893	14,617	15,786			21,652	21,652	43,577	45,331
Hand wash Facilities	11,016	11,897	18,298	19,762	47,051	47,051	31,504	31,504	107,869	110,214
Temporary Worker and logistics	-	-	-	-	7,450	7,450	11,371	11,401	18,821	18,851
PPE	-	-	-	-	-	-	115,702	115,702	115,702	115,702
First Contact Point	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,694	20,694	20,694	20,694
Technical Expert	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,903	-	5,903
Total	88,901	89,021	126,325	126,399	105,000	104,789	250,000	234,503	570,226	554,712

Photo



Photo (from the left): Village police wearing PPE and performing their duty, Awareness raising on COVID 19, VAW and human rights through loud miking, People washing their hands at Union Parishad Premises