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RESPONSES OF DORP TO COVID-19

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Covid-19 Response of DORP Bangladesh



After identification of Corona-virus Bangladesh is now facing lot of challenges. In this prevailing situation DORP is very close to field colleagues and CSOs at local and national level. Since the beginning of Covid-19 crisis we have responded through various ways. DORP has tried to ensure availability of mask in the peoples hand, disseminate awareness messages to prevent Covid-19 to spreading etc.

DORP is a national non-government organization working since 1987 with a vision of a poverty free society, where all the deprived individuals become self-propelled in realizing their potentials and enjoy their rights with dignity. We work with the poor, particularly with the women, Children and excluded communities, for bringing a positive shift in their socio-economic condition. Our role is to develop and promote sustainable models of capacity strengthening and facilitating people's access to necessary inputs. As a national CSO we have taken initiative to fight against Coronavirus within our working approach and capacity.



On 12 January 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) confirmed that a novel coronavirus was the cause of a respiratory illness in a cluster of people in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. The case fatality ratio for COVID-19 has been much lower than SARS of 2003 but the transmission has been significantly greater, with a significant total death toll. The COVID-19 pandemic was confirmed to have spread to Bangladesh on March 2020. Infections stayed low till the end of April but saw a steep rise in May. The Government of Bangladesh did not announce lockdown but cancel all communication countrywide and general leave was applied all over Bangladesh. Emergency services were continuing but people have to stay at home. DORP has implementing activities different way like virtual meetings and discussions over phone with CSO and stakeholders. DORP also responded with various activities for fighting against Covid-19 pandemic.

Mohammad Zobair Hasan, Director of Research, Planning and Monitoring Division at DORP: "We are working on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) at very remote areas which are hard to reach in Bangladesh since 2005. We have achieved recognitions from national and international institutions for contributing in this sector, for instance, 'UN Best Practices Award-2013'. Our 5th Strategic Plan (2016-20) is coming to an end with a plan of reaching 325,000 marginalized people under 4 thematic areas focusing 'Connecting the Disconnects'. Covid-19 has very hard impact on achieving this target and diverted our plan of action in each program area."

Hence forward you will have an overview of the current situation in the areas mostly coastal

¹. <http://dorpb.org/>

regions where we work and of our approach and how we adapt our work and activities to the current reality of the pandemic. As DORP works in more than twenty districts in Bangladesh, we are very concerned about the effects and impact of the coronavirus outbreak in these different districts and sub-districts. We have been working with local CSO, government and networks to improve the WASH situation and well-being of most marginalized including women, disabled, nomadic and socially excluded people. We did the following activities during Corona crisis at different region of Bangladesh focusing excluded people.

Watershed empowering citizens

This program is being implemented at Bhola Sadar Upazila, Bhola since 2017 and lately scaled up in Ramgati Upazila, Lakshmipur. Objective is “strengthen capacity of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) to advocate and lobby in the interrelated fields of IWRM and WASH to ensure equity and social inclusion, as well as sustainable usage of water resources.” Under this program Water Management Citizen Committee, a local CSO, comprising 37 members from different strata of society has taken below initiatives.

Activity with dates

Distributed leaflet to the marginalized people of four Unions (Veduria, Dhania, Char Alexander and Char Badam) from 20th to 25th March 2020 keeping social distance.



Gave text messages over mobile phones from 26th March to 1st April 2020

<https://rsr.akvo.org/en/project/6150/update/28952/>

Advocacy with Veduria and Dhania Union Parishad of

Bhola sadar and Char Alexander and Char Badam of Ramgati sub-district to organize Miking (loudspeaker) giving awareness messages from 7th to 9th April and 17th to 19th April 2020 respectively.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VLkR_g9DCYQ&feature=youtu.be

Aware CSO members and stakeholders through Facebook and messenger groups from 1st April and ongoing.

<https://www.facebook.com/messages/t/2946812312071947>



Distributed more than 800 masks to the marginalized people of four Unions (Veduria and Dhanias of Bhola sadar, Char Alexander and Char Badam of Ramgati Sub-district) from 6th April to 30th April 2020 keeping social distance.



Aware marginalized people at Bhola to fetch water from shared water source keeping in mind about social distancing from 20th to 26th April.

<https://rsr.akvo.org/en/project/6150/update/29025/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wJFLYDYz1go&feature=youtu.be>

Hanged 4 awareness banners at selected places at Unions (Veduria and Dhanias) of Bhola Sadar sub-district on 10th April 2020.



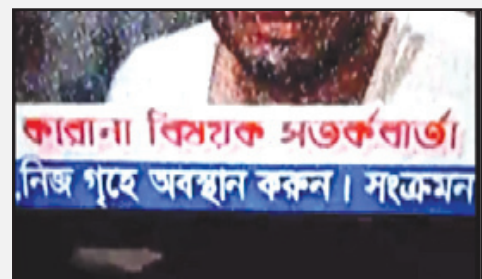
Four messages prepared by CSO and contacted with radio station (Meghna Radio) at Charfession Sub-district (80km south from Bhola Sadar sub-district) for broadcasting daily for next 15 days from 2nd May 2020.

<https://rsr.akvo.org/en/project/6150/update/29076/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V34geUbQtMs&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dZqy9t-kQVc&feature=youtu.be>

Contacted with local dish TV channel to show awareness messages on the screen from 7th April and continue at Both Bhola sadar and Ramgati Upazila.



Communicating with Union Parishads to distribute relief to actual poor and marginalized people from 15th April 2020 and continue.

Lot of people has to work daily to buy food but according to government information people have to stay at home. In this context the CSO members have distributed reliefs with their personal fund to 15 CSO members who really needed on 12th April 2020.



On 12th of May CSO at Ramgati set a hand washing device near local market to fight against Corona-virus. The CSO at Ramgati was newly formed compared to Bhola but they are responding immediately shows their capacity is built within short time. The CSO then bring it and set up with repairmen and necessary materials. Awareness campaign of DORP through loudspeaker, leaflet and text messages also helps them to initiate discussion with DPHE and set up a device.



The central team has participated in various webinar as well as Skype meeting internationally to learn and share about the situation and initiative took at Bhola by CSO and

DORP during Covid-19 crisis. Here are some references as example.

English webinar: COVID-19's implications for rural water supply! <https://vimeo.com/410927570>

"Covid-19 – The Regulators' Response"

<https://iwa-network.org/learn/covid-19-a-regulators-response/>

Eliminating Inequalities in the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Response to COVID-19 on Thursday, 23 April

<https://unicef.zoom.us/j/91529770725>

Demystifying the human right to safe drinking water in rural areas

English: <https://vimeo.com/409483810>

The Watershed team has discussed among members over phone daily and Skype call two times in every week for sharing the updates of implementation of planned activities as well as response to Covid-19.

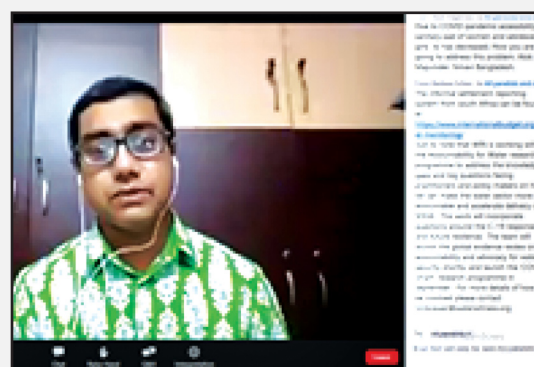
Ramgati Municipality is rejuvenating a public toilet near market and bus stand for the people ensuring separate toilet for women. DORP has supported with the painting of awareness messages to fight against Corona-virus where washing hands is very crucial.





Two billboards have set up at Ramgati Upazila for awareness messages on Covid-19 for the people. It includes pictures so that all people can understand the messages.

Zobair Hasan, Director of DORP and South Asia Representative from CSO in SWA has been speaking in the Webinar regarding HLPF organized by SWA. He spoke about the responses happening in Bangladesh by CSOs to fight against Covid-19. He also shared CSO engagement in the Budgeting and accountability mechanism in Bangladesh.



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WASH-SDG Program

This program is being implemented in Barguna district jointly with SLOPB. The areas covered are 6 unions (Gaurichanna, Phuljhuri, Badarkhali, Barguna sadar union, Naltona and Dhalua) of Barguna Sadar Upazila and 2 Municipalities (Amtali and Patharghata) since 2018. Objective is to ensure sustainable and equitable use of WASH by all through Improved demand and use of equitable and sustainable services, Increased Participation of women & Socially Included, Improved Public Sector Sustainable and WASH equitable Service delivery & Governance, and Improved private sector sustainable & equitable WASH service delivery. Under this program DORP and local CSO have taken following initiatives during Corona crisis in the program areas.

Activity with dates:

Radio Program and message dissemination from 26th March- 9th April 2020 for 15 days @ 10 times per day # 2 minutes

Online Message Dissemination by Face book page from 13 March- continue.

<https://www.facebook.com/dorp.barguna.16>



Health message leaflet prepare and distribution from 15 March -15 April 2020.

https://rsr.akvo.org/en/project/6892/update/28941/?fbclid=IwAR1xKb_1heG_M1bh4HjVkygH7IDRSVB-CYwe-tlw8SdefmJ2cdrJ6rP5YUY

Phone call to target people/ stakeholder/ Entrepreneurs/LGI representatives etc. from 15 March- continue

300 mask preparation and distribution by the entrepreneurs from 10 April – 30 April 2020



<https://rsr.akvo.org/en/project/6892/update/29077/?fbclid=IwAR35tPMys71LPn7HK2idDbOCm317R7xRrIA5vuNMrrSkVi2JdYfDELAmyrE>

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Message dissemination by Micking on Rikshaw at 5 Intervention area @2days from 5 April & 8 April 2020



500 Soap distribute among excluded people for use on hand washing from 10 April – 30 April 2020



Antiseptic spray Hand Sanitizer from 5 April & 8 April 2020 in one Municipality.



Corona precautionary message disseminate by TV channel on scroll from 1 May-continue.

Gave awareness messages to keep social distance while fetching water from shared water source from 20th April 2020

<https://rsr.akvo.org/en/project/6892/update/2-9070/?fbclid=IwAR0EWnnoTvqFGxz685eIJYF4qEDcaYUwCIBerliMgEXuhgOHJOlyTkNP6WI>



Youth groups distributed relief to marginalized people from 15th April to 25th April 2020

Communication among DORP staffs have done through mobile phones, Skype calls and email working from home and keeping social distance.

WASH in School:

This program is being implemented in 30 schools of Bhola Sadar sub-district and Ramgati sub-district since 2018. Initial objective was to generate evidence from the TAPA perspective that can provide for a basis for further advocate for addressing the integrity gaps in implementing WASH in Schools. The project will generate evidence and data according to the 'service ladder' under JMP, and the SDG criteria on schools, which will be a contribution to the monitoring process of the SDGs. DORP and local CSO along with School Management Committees taken some initiative to fight against Covid-19. Though schools are closed but DORP field staffs are in close communication with teachers and school management committee by whom these unerring awareness messages about COVID-19 can reach to the guardians of the school students.



করোনা ভাইরাস কোভিড-১৯ সংকটকালীন সময়ে ইন্টিগ্রিটি ইন স্কুল ওয়াশ প্রকল্পের আওতায় সম্পাদিত কার্যক্রমসমূহ



বৈশ্বিক মহামারি করোনা ভাইরাস কোভিড-১৯) বাংলাদেশে প্রথম সংক্রমণ ঘটায় ৮ মার্চ ২০২০। তাই করোনা ভাইরাস মোকাবেলায়, সামাজিক দূরত্ব বজায় রাখতে সরকারি-বেসরকারি শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহে সাধারণ ছুটি ঘোষণা করা হয় ১৭ মার্চ থেকে। ওয়াটার ইন্টিগ্রিটি নেটওয়ার্কের (WIN) সহায়তায় ডরপ এর ইন্টিগ্রিটি ইন স্কুল ওয়াশ রিয়্যালিটি চেক ইন বাংলাদেশ শীর্ষক প্রকল্পটি ভোলা সদর উপজেলা এবং লক্ষীপুর জেলার রামগতি উপজেলায় ২০১৭ সাল থেকে চলমান রয়েছে। ইন্টিগ্রিটি ইন স্কুল ওয়াশ প্রকল্পের মাধ্যমে মাধ্যমিক স্কুলের পানি, স্যানিটেশন ও হাইজিন খাতে স্বচ্ছতা, জবাব দিহিতা ও অংশগ্রহণ নিশ্চিতকরণে শিক্ষক, অভিভাবক, ম্যানেজিং কমিটি

এবং ছাত্র/ছাত্রীদের সম্পৃক্ত করা। বর্তমান বৈশ্বিক মহামারি করোনা যেহেতু একটি হাইজিন রিলেটেড ব্যাধি তাই এই লকডাউনের মধ্যে ও আমাদের পরিচ্ছন্নতা বিষয়ক সচেতনতা বার্তা এবং পরিচ্ছন্নতার সঠিক উপায়গুলো স্কুলের শিক্ষক, অভিভাবক, শিক্ষার্থী এবং ম্যানেজিং কমিটির সদস্যদের কাছে পৌঁছে দেয়ার কাজ করে যাচ্ছি।

ম্যানেজিং কমিটি এবং শিক্ষকদের সহায়তায় বিদ্যালয়ের শিক্ষার্থীদের সাথে মোবাইল ফোনে যোগাযোগ করে দৈনন্দিন স্বাস্থ্য সচেতনতা মূলক বার্তা তাদের কাছে পৌঁছানোর ব্যবস্থা করা হচ্ছে। এ ছাড়াও বিদ্যালয়ের শিক্ষকদের সাথে সম্পৃক্ত থেকে শিক্ষার্থীদের খোঁজ খবর নেওয়া, লকডাউন উঠার পরে কিংবা করোনা পরবর্তী সময়ে হাইজিন বিষয়ক বিভিন্ন পরিকল্পনা গ্রহণের লক্ষ্যে নিয়মিত যোগাযোগ করা হচ্ছে। ইতিমধ্যে রামগতি উপজেলা এবং ভোলা সদর উপজেলার বিভিন্ন বিদ্যালয়ের নিজস্ব অর্থায়নে হ্যান্ড ওয়াশিং ডিভাইস স্থাপন করা হয়েছে। কিছু বিদ্যালয়ে প্রক্রিয়াধীন রয়েছে। সকল বিদ্যালয়ের প্রধান শিক্ষক, ম্যানেজিং কমিটির সভাপতি, সাংবাদিক, উপজেলা মাধ্যমিক

শিক্ষা কর্মকর্তা, ডিপিএইচইর স্বতঃস্ফূর্ত অংশগ্রহণে ইন্টিগ্রিটি ইন স্কুল ওয়াশ নামক ম্যাসেঞ্জার এড গ্রুপ তৈরী করে করোনা বিষয়ক সকল আপডেট, সচেতনতা মূলক ম্যাসেজ এবং মতামত ও সুপারিশসমূহ সকলের মাঝে পৌঁছানো এবং অন্যদের মতামত ও এ গ্রুপের মাধ্যমে শেয়ার করা হয়।

এছাড়াও রামগতি উপজেলার ৫টি মাধ্যমিক বিদ্যালয়ের স্কুল ওয়াশ টিমের ১৫ জন ছাত্রীর সাথে সামাজিক দূরত্ব বজায় রেখে স্বাস্থ্য সচেতনতামূলক সেশন পরিচালনা করা হয়। ছাত্রীদের মাঝে মাস্ক বিতরণ করা হয়। করোনা ভাইরাস প্রতিরোধে ছাত্রীদের বর্তমান করণীয়, নিয়মিত মাস্ক ব্যবহার করা, সামাজিক দূরত্ব বজায় রাখা, যৌথ টয়লেট ব্যবহার, টিউবঅয়েল থেকে পানি সংগ্রহে ৬ ফুট দূরত্ব বজায় রাখা এবং ২০ সেকেন্ড সময় নিয়ে সাবান পানি দিয়ে হাত পরিষ্কার করা। এ সময় কম খরচে কিভাবে হাত পরিষ্কার করা যায় সে জন্য পানি-ডিটারজেন্টের সমন্বয়ে সোপি ওয়াটার তৈরী করে দেখানো হয়। করোনা সংকটকালীন সময়ে ছাত্রীদের যাতে নিরাপদ মাসিক স্বাস্থ্য ব্যবস্থাপনার সমস্যা না হয় সে জন্য ছাত্রীদের মাঝে স্যানিটারী ন্যাপকিন সরবরাহ করা হয়। আর এ সকল বার্তাসমূহ ছাত্রীদের নিজ নিজ পরিবারের সদস্য এবং পার্শ্ববর্তী অন্যান্য প্রতিবেশীদের মাঝে পৌঁছানোর জন্য উদ্বুদ্ধ করা হয়। প্রোগ্রাম চলাকালীন সময়ে ড্রপ আরপিএম ডিভিশনের প্রোগ্রাম কো-অর্ডিনেটর ডাঃ তারেক আলম ভিডিও কলের মাধ্যমে সংযুক্ত হয়ে পানি, স্যানিটেশন ও হাইজিন এবং এমএইচএম সংক্রান্ত বিভিন্ন বিষয়ে ছাত্রীদের প্রশ্নের উত্তর প্রদান করেন ও প্রয়োজনীয় দিক নির্দেশনা প্রদান করেন।

প্রতিবেদন প্রস্তুতকারী

গুলশান সুলতানা ও শান্তা আক্তার

স্কুল মোবাইলাইজার, ইন্টিগ্রিটি ইন স্কুল ওয়াশ

Panii Jibon:

This program is being implemented by DORP since 2016 in 6 Unions of Morrelganj Sub-district of Bagerhat district and scaled up in 8 Unions of Paikgascha and Koyra sub-districts of Khulna district. Objective of this program is “Contribute to build resilience and reduce well-being loss of climate change affected disadvantaged communities, and particularly vulnerable women and youth, in the disaster-prone areas of South West Bangladesh”. Local Budget Club and DORP jointly responded to the crisis happened for Coronavirus pandemic.

Activity with dates:

Leaflet Distribute (COVID-19) for CORONA virus from March 18-24 and April 08, 11, 12, 2020 in all Unions.



Drinking water collection through social distance from PSF from 6-4-20 to 2-5-20 at Kopilmuni, Raruli, Amadi, Koyra sadar PSF sites.

Drinking water collection through social distance from Tub well from 18-4-20 to 30-4-20 at Kopilmuni, Amadi, Godaipur of Paikgascha sub-district.



Assist relief work with DC Khulna and UP chairman on 25-4-2020 at Kopilmuni, Paikgascha sub-district.

Sanitation Bitan (Uchash):

“Uchash” is an endeavour of DORP launched in 2014 at Sirajganj. Aim of this is to make available with competitive price of WASH related product in remote areas. The initiative has been scaled up in 3 coastal Upazilas of different districts. Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation-BSCIC has registered this social entrepreneurship. From Barguna, Ramgati and Bhola the entrepreneurs supported local CSOs with preparation of more than 1000 masks immediately and sell those to prevent coronavirus in the community.



Samriddhi:

This is a project being implemented by DORP since 2014 at Razapur Union, Belkuchi sub-district of Sirajganj district. The Enrich program aims to facilitate the best utilization of the existing capabilities and resources of the poor households and at the same time, help to enhance both their capabilities and resources in order to enable them to come out of poverty and move ahead towards a life of human dignity. It also focuses on health, nutrition and education assistance program for poor families to reduce poverty by increasing the capacity of agents and resources. In this area DORP staffs along with local government have taken important initiatives to support people during coronavirus pandemic.

Activity with dates:

Lot of people has to work daily to buy food but according to government information people have to stay at home. In this context DORP has provide relief to marginalized people in the Union from 10 to 20th April 2020 at Belkuchi sub-district.



Set up hand washing device in front of satellite clinic at Razapur Union on 8th April 2020.

Entrepreneurs Response during Covid-19

Shefali Akter Morium, Age: 34 wife of Md. Nesar Uddin from South Khajurtala village from Barguna, Upazila of Barguna district. Morium was a housewife and fully depends on husband income. She had no voice in the family. Income of her husband was not sufficient to maintain family expenditure. In 2015, Morium being with WASH Alliance project and inspired to involve in business to produce low cost sanitary napkin for women girls. She received training from Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries under Ministry of Commerce. She also obtained trade license from Union parishad for legal entity of her business. Initially, she received loan BDT 29,700 (316 Euro) from DORP micro credit programme to initiate the business in a small scale at Barguna Upazila. She was struggling with her business and in 2017 business was not running well. In 2018, Morium joined in the WAI WASH SDG programme as a entrepreneur and also member of WASH SDG Citizen Committee. She received guidance support WAI from programme. DORP, a partner of WAI WASH SDG provided her on the job training on how to expand business and also market promotion. She is participating in the community sessions of WAI WASH SDG programme to motivate mothers and girls. WAI programme also facilitating her to conduct session at schools and health centers. DORP also lined her with the Union Parishad and she is getting administrative and legal support from local government. These initiatives of WAI programme immensely helped to increase her number of clients and sell of product. She is now involved in the demand creation by raising awareness at the community meetings, schools and health centers. According to need of the customers, she introduced 3 types of packets (5,7 and 10 pads per packet), which facilitate to increase demand.

Her income and business has increased compare previous year and earning Tk. 3000.00 (35 Euro) per month. This business has changed her life from house wife to entrepreneur. She has employed another 2 women who are working with her to produce and sell of sanitary napkin. She has no problem to run the business. However, more finance is needed to expand her business. She is feeling comfortable and her decision making at home increased. She has access to LGI meetings and can raise people demand at the Local government Institutions. She is now providing financial support to the family members in their need.



Conclusion:

DORP hopes that this crisis will be over soon and situation become normal but it will have an impact in our professional and personal life. What we should not forget is washing our hand regular to prevent all kind of diseases and for that sustainable water service is very much required. The hope for the post-COVID-19 world, if we use human rights to guide us, is to be in a stronger position than before. Human rights are keys in shaping the pandemic response, both for the public health emergency and the broader impact on people's lives and livelihoods.

People living in slums, nomadic, rural populations, women, children, older persons, people with disabilities, migrants and all other groups vulnerable to the effects of the pandemic need to have continuous access to sufficient and affordable water. Only this will allow them to comply with the recommendations of health institutions to keep strict hygiene measures. Throughout our mandates, we keep insisting on the need to ensure that 'no one is left behind.' Governments must pay special attention to marginalised groups who are rarely at the center of public policies related to water and sanitation.



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