



Initiatives From Saidpur Municipality on WASH During COVID-19

Saidpur Municipality

- Populous city in Nilphamari District, Bangladesh
- 'A' category municipality
- Came into existence on 30 April 1958 as a municipality
- Total population: 127,104 (Male- 65,060; Female- 62,044)
- Population density: 4,442 people per sqkm
- Total households: 26,311

Source: BBS, 2011



Installation of Handwashing Station



- A total of 150 handwashing devices with inclusive, accessible design have been installed at the entry points of slums
- Around 49,765 people are getting the benefit of the devices installed at the entry points of their slums with support from Local NGOs and INGOs

Disinfection of Community Toilet



Disinfecting 30 community managed toilets (CMTs) and public toilets (PTs) in a certain period which serve 17,692 people



Hygiene Kits Distribution

Distributed hygiene kits among 47,282 people from 11,022 low-income households in slums with soap and masks

Disinfection of Low-Income Community Areas



46 low-income communities with 54,281 people have been covered with this disinfection process

Raising Awareness with Message Display Board



58,996 people in slums have been reached with awareness-raising materials

Other Initiatives



- Distributed basic food items among 26,000 poor and marginalized households, and households with COVID-19 patients with the support of volunteers
- Provided cash support among 4,577 poor families
- Public announcement about COVID-19 dos and don'ts.
- Distributed 182 sets of health and safety gears to waste workers to ensure the health and safety for doing waste management work under the lockdown.

Factors enabled action and response

- A committee has been formed with various professions to implement all the circulars/policies issued by the government on COVID-19
- Various development organizations working in the municipality are asked to carry out awareness programs while maintaining social distance.

Interventions and areas required for the long-term resilience of WASH services especially for the Urban poor

- Make the ward Committee more accountable and through them formulate poverty friendly plan
- Give responsibility to the councilors, sub committees and CBOs to keep the running WASH services functional.



Acknowledgement

Thank You

