

Policy Lab- Urban Poor Communities and Covid-19 - The response of Local Governments on new WASH priorities in South Asia

Nagar Panchayat, Bakshi ka Talaab (BKT), Lucknow



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Demography and Key Features of BKT

PROJECT LOCATION:	BAKSHI KA TALAB LUCKNOW UTTAR PRADESH
Town Name: District Name: State Name:	Bakshi Ka Talaab Lucknow Uttar Pradesh
Total number of wards in BKT:	There are a total of 19 wards in BKT.
Approximate Population	Nearly one lakh in 2020
Key Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each of the 19 wards has 1 or 2 public toilet facility• Each of the toilet had the facility of a handwashing unit but are presently not functional• The residents draw drinking water supply from 2 main sources i.e. individual arrangements like borewells with a submersible pump and government sources like hand pumps

COVID-19 update

- Nearly 500 migrate people returned back from different part of country
- Nearly 25 people were found Corona Positive in town area till date
- Nearly 75 people who found with mild symptom were made home quarantined
- No deaths have been reported

Challenges during COVID-19

- Lack of adequate hand washing facilities
- Lack of proper hand hygiene awareness
- Large number of migratory population returned back during COVID -19 crisis
- Lack of adequate health facilities
- Lack of access to safe water to a large number of people, as there is no piped water supply in BKT

Instantaneous action taken by Nagar Panchayat to address COVID-19 crisis

- As an immediate response to COVID-19 a quarantine centre was instantly developed providing all the necessities.
- Distributed ration kits to around 1000 migrant labours during lockdown and distributed dry food packets on roadsides to the migrant worker returning back Cluster mapping done to identify potential COVID-19 hotspots
- Provided all the safety measures/facilities to the sanitary workers of Nagar Panchayat who were directly engaged in sanitization campaign i.e. PPE kit, gumboot, mask, gloves etc.
- Established a special team of *Nigrani Samiti* (monitoring committee - including ward members, aangan wadi workers & sanitary workers) to monitor the COVID-19 cases in their respective wards and provide support to the COVID-19 patients during home quarantine period

- Nagar Panchayat also run a special community campaign on sanitation, sanitizing the town area

- Run a community kitchen for 2 months to provide food to all the needy



Engaging Civil Society Organizations towards effective COVID 19 Response

E-Hygiene Campaign run in collaboration with WaterAid India in the month of April covering all the 19 wards of Nagar Panchayat for larger awareness generation on hygiene behavior change and reached upto 45% of the total population.

In Collaboration with Wateraid India **#WASHonWheels**- campaign designed in COVID-19 response promoting hand hygiene has been run and 250 portable hand washing units have been installed in Auto Rikshaws to ensure safe use of public transport.



Under **#BKTfightsCOVID-19** campaign, visited door to door and various hygiene sessions were taken with community people, promoting hand hygiene and other WASH related awareness



Distribution of dry ration kits in collaboration with CARE organization to 173 families who were most needy



in collaboration with WaterAid India and Vigyan Foundation Construction of FSTP started to promote schedule desludging and ensure proper sanitation value chain

Under #WaterWiseBKT a WASH Resource Centre has been established in BKT. The resource centre aims to set up a strong and accessible platform which provides all the **'basic yet not so basic'** facilities making Water Quality Testing accessible to the people, which apparently was not available for them before and provides overall WASH related information.



Intervention required in the long term

1- Safe and equitable access to WASH Services i.e.

- ensuring pipe water supply system at HH level,
- ensuring proper hand washing facilities at various locations,
- ensuring sanitation value chain,
- ensuring ground water recharge measures etc.

2- Sustain Behavior Change i.e.

- With regular hygiene sessions and awareness being spread people have adopted WASH, especially handwashing as a part of life but making it a habit is the real struggle.
- The reach of access to WASH facilities need to scale up.

Thank You

