CARE Bangladesh COVID-19 Response

COUNTRY CONTEXT
Due to high population density, Bangladesh is marked as a high-risk country for COVID-19 spread. The country has a population density of 1,115 people/km², with Dhaka’s density at 16,000 people/km². On top of that, a large number of migrant workers returned from affected countries, which increased the risk of spread.

The government is likely to start implementing zone wise lockdowns, a plan devised earlier this month to divide areas affected with the COVID-19 around Bangladesh into zones on the basis of the severity of the pandemic.

In addition, the government on June 1 decided to divide areas, hit hard by COVID-19 to be put under lockdown in order to prevent the virus from transmitting further.

IMMEDIATE NEEDS
- Emergency food package for the vulnerable people/low income group
- Multi-purpose cash grant/voucher support
- Development of BCC materials
- Establishing hand-washing stations
- Support to government health system by creating fully functioning isolation centers and distribution of safety equipment
- Distribution of Hygiene kits, Dignity kits and NFIs
- Support mechanism around GBV and Protection
- Mass awareness on prevention, social distancing and identification of symptoms

FUNDING
Target: 56 million USD
Secured: 63+ million USD

For 7.2+ million people all over the country

TOTAL REACH WITH COVID-19 RESPONSE

Development Program
- 588,000+ received services, information and awareness sessions related to Health
- 850,000+ people received WASH services
- 480,000+ people received Food and Nutrition Security aid

Rohingya Response Program
- 62,000+ refugees received key messages on COVID-19
- 30,000+ refugees engaged in disinfecting activities
- 21,000+ refugees received soap bars
- 2600+ people received health education
- 9000+ people received SRH services
- 2,000+ men and women were made aware of GBV, since April

CARE’S RESPONSE TO COVID-19
CARE continues to focus in COVID-19 risk and awareness messaging and handwashing demonstrations being integrated into existing health, WASH and nutrition programming throughout the country. Personal protective equipment (PPE) is being given to the Civil Surgeon’s Office and handwashing stations are set up. Information and communication materials are being installed at factories, markets and community areas, selected isolation centres and host communities in Govt’s Bihar.

24 Projects are responding to COVID-19 emergency

Geographical coverage of projects working on COVID-19 response

“Hand washing demonstration to prevent COVID-19 at community level.”

Ramesh Singh, Country Director, CARE Bangladesh

Fact sheet (June 2020)

"The pandemic COVID-19 has thrown an extraordinary challenge all around us and our work has never been more relevant than now. The resolve of the CARE Bangladesh team, especially those working on the frontlines everyday while risking their own lives, has truly been humbling to watch. However, with the number of infected cases still on the rise, its effect on the system is not just short and intermediate. The overall harsh impact on the economy, livelihoods and women and children will be long lasting. We recognize our efforts would require additional resources to support communities to survive and thrive. Any investment now, from us, partners and donors would go a long way in building a resilient Bangladesh.”

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