

COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE REPORT-2020

UNNAYAN-A Not for Profit Socio-economic Organization



SITUATION ANALYSIS

The COVID-19 a worldwide pandemic has spread to Bangladesh in March 2020. The first cases of COVID-19 were reported on March 8, 2020 by IEDCR

(country's epidemiology institute). Since then, the pandemic has spread gradually over the whole nation and the number of affected people has been increasing. In order to protect the whole population, the government prepares many necessary steps for raising awareness to keep this syndrome away from people. The government also declared 'lockdown' throughout the nation from 23rd March, closed all the schools, college and universities, remote office activities, social distancing and travel bans. But it would be very difficult to implement the mitigation measures with limited resources and social distancing with this high densest population. However, longtime lockdown also is not a feasible idea where a significant proportion of the total population lives hand to mouth. Not only government but also various Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) have taken various mitigation measurements in line with government to minimize the impact of the pandemic. By Government information as of October 2020, the numbers of COVID-19 cases are 377,073 and deaths 5500. The number of COVIS-19 tested 2,061,528 and recovered by 291,365 people. According to WHO Bangladesh COVID-19 Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Update (MMWU), the number of COVID-19 cases so far 370,132 among 2,001,431 tested, deaths 5,375 and recovered 283,182 people. As stated by DGHS, as of October 2020, the current institutional quarantine capacity in the country is 629 centres among 64 districts which can receive 31,991 persons. A total of 34,878 individuals were received the quarantine facilities and of them 30,755 have already been released. Over the same period, total 82,190 individuals were isolated in health facilities and of them 68001 have been released.

In mid-March, during the COVID-19 outbreaks across the country, UNNAYAN began responding by mitigating to pandemic situation by providing communities and beneficiaries to hygiene kits, protective equipment, financial assistance and seed support to farmers. UNNAYAN is one of the leading organizations in the NGO sector in Bangladesh implementing numerous programs following an integrated development approach for sustainable development of the community as a whole, especially of the disadvantaged and the underprivileged people of the country. The endeavor of UNNAYAN started in 1983 with a view to improving the socio-economic condition of the by-passed, disadvantaged and most vulnerable population, particularly the women and children in both rural and urban areas. UNNAYAN has relentlessly marched forward successfully overcoming many hurdles and is currently working in as many as 13 Upazilas, 78 Unions, 461 Villages of Khulna, Satkhira, Bagerhat, Barisal, Dhaka and Sylhet Districts of the country. At present UNNAYAN is operating its development activities in different districts of Bangladesh through its 9 Zonal Offices (Khulna City Corporation, Bagerhat, Enrich Batiaghata & Dumuria Zone, Digolia-Rupsha Zone,

Terokhada Zone, Jashore Zone, Satkhira Zone, Dhaka Zone, Sylhet Zone) and 35 Branch/Project Offices.

The COVID-19 situation of the project areas as of October 2020, 63.8 percent of reported cases from Dhaka Division, 6.1 percent from Khulna, Sylhet from 3.5 and Barishal from 2.4 percent respectively. According to DGHS, number of COVID-19 confirmed cases of 6318 in Khulna, 986 in Bagerhat, 1093 in Satkhira, Narail 1325, 3858 in Jashore, 3463 in Barishal, Sylhet in 6759 and 98,718 in Dhaka District in Bangladesh. UNNAYAN has responses COVID-19 along with strong coordination with local government bodies.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

What We Are Doing:

field staffs and financial assistance and agricultural seed support to farmers and communities across the project areas who faces the hardest of COVID-19 outbreaks. UNNAYAN also disseminated awareness messages on COVID-19 to communities and beneficiaries.

Why We Are Doing It:

Lack of awareness, hygiene & health care support and access to PPE has increased the impact of COVID-19 to both our staffs and vulnerable communities across the project areas. The organization has been responsible by its core values to support people in need.

Objectives

- 1. Disseminated awareness messages on COVID-19 to vulnerable communities;
- 2. Hygiene kits and personal protective equipment (PPE) distribution;
- 3. Take protective measures for staffs;
- 4. Financial assistance in the form of hardship grants distribution;

Location

Khulna, Satkhira and Bagerhat District

What we Achieved so far

1. Awareness activities

Staff members and volunteers of UNNAYAN has disseminated awareness messages on COVID-19 of Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) of Bangladesh and WHO through distributing PVC posters and banners to public places and office premises of the organization for awareness and protection of communities. UNNAYAN is raising awareness around 233,742 beneficiaries through awareness session in small groups,

hand washing demos, providing leaflets to communities and PVC posters at public places and all office premises, social networking site, phone calling, messaging, door to door discussion on COVID-19 awareness messages at remotest project areas, dissemination of COVID-19 awareness messages to market places and pedestrains through miking and visit by Health Volunteers maintaining social distancing in working areas. Volunteers of UNNAYAN arranged lots of hand washing demos for the community's awareness and distance marking ahead of shop, pharmacy and within market place for encouraging people to maintain social distancing.

2. Leaflet and PVC Posters Distribution

UNNAYAN has distributed leaflets to communities and PVC posters at public places and all office premises for raising awareness on COVID-19 containing Gob and WHO's awareness and protection messages, and necessary guidelines.

3. Hygiene Kits Distribution

UNNAYAN provided 240 hygiene kits packages containing soap, hand gloves and hand sanitizer, 980 face masks and 300 protective sun glasses.

4. Infrared Electronic Thermometer

The organization provided 33 infrared electronic thermometers to its all branch offices use for checking body temperature of the employee/staff before entering the office.



Hygiene Kits Box Distribution



PPE Distribution

5. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Distribution

UNNAYAN has disseminated more than 188 PPE to field staffs of the organization so they work in the filed safely during pandemic.

6. One day's salary to Govt.

UNNAYAN has distributed one day's salary of all staffs of the organization about BDT 88,676 for COVID-19 emergency response to the Prime Ministers Relief and

Welfare Fund to help the poor affected by COVID-19 fallout. The organization handed over the cheques of donations to PKSF and PKSF jointly donated money to the PM's Relief and Welfare Fund.

7. Grant Money Distribution

The cheques of donations around BDT 275,000 has handed over to DC, Satkhira and Khulna, UNO, Batighata, Dumuria, Digolia, Rupsha Upazila under Khulna District; UNO,

Kaligonj, Assashuni Upazila under Satkhira District and Fakirhat Upazila of Bagerhat District for food aid distribution and health care support program aligned with local government institution.

8. Seed Distribution Support

UNNAYAN has strewn various vegetables seed to 200 women farmers with spending BDT 38,000 in Shahpur, Jalma and Dumuria Upazila in response to the COVID-19 pandemic situation. The organization has distributed emergency response support to farmers who have been hit hard by the COVID-19 crises. The emergency seed distribution has been helping the poor and distress people during a time in need when COVID-19 affected the farms collection of inputs of seeds, fertilizer and pesticides.

9. Health Support

The Doctors, Health Officers, Health Assistants and Volunteers of UNNAYAN have been visiting 47154 household [ENRICH Health-31668; PPEPP-15186] regularly and providing necessary first aid support, diabetics test, measuring pressures, hand washing demos and necessary awareness raising messages on COVID-19. UNNAYAN provides much emphasis of pregnancy care and children health issues during this pandemic that is why its health personnel always monitor and support to the pregnant women, ANC and PNC services, new born baby's health care though door to door visit, small meetings and regular check-up under its health program in Satkhira and Khulna Districts.

10. Digital Cash Transfer

UNNAYAN Pathways to Prosperity for Extremely Poor People (PPEPP) or Prosperity Programme has distributed emergency support to 1700 targeted households with BDT 9000 each who are living in extreme poverty and facing food crises during covid-19 pandemic through Bikash/Naghod/Rocket under digital platform system with the financial and technical support of FCDO (former DFID), EU and PKSF.

Expenditure for Emergency Support-At a Glance

UNNAYAN has taken several emergency response initiatives during COVID-19 pandemic since March, 2020 which is shown briefly in this report. Activities and relevant expenditure are shortly presented here at a glance.

Table 1: Activities and Expenditure of UNNAYAN for Emergency Response during Covid-19

Certificate No.	Organization Name	Name of Activities	Total Expenditure (BDT)	No. of Beneficiaries	Comment
01224- 00043- 00113	UNNAYAN	Mask Distribution to Office Staffs and Beneficiaries	14,610	1100	-
		2. Leaflet, PVC Posters and Miking for awareness raising	-	-	Continuing
		3. Contactles s Infrared Thermometer	112,200	-	Continuing
		4. PPE Distribution to field staffs	140,400	188	-
		5. Sun- glasses for Protection Measures	36,000	300	
		6. One day's salaries cheques handed over to Prime Minister's Relief and Welfare Fund	88,676	-	-
		7. Grant Money for Food Aid Distribution to LGIs Relief Fund a) DC, Khulna b) DC, Satkhira	275,000	-	-

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			(BDT)		
		c) UNO,			
		Batighata			
		d) UNO,			
		Dumuria			
		e) UNO,			
		Digholia			
		f) UNO,			
		Kaligonj			
		g) UNO,			
		Assasuni			
		h) UNO,			
		Rupsha			
		i) UNO,			
		Fakirhat			
		8. Seed	38,000	200	-
		Distribution			
		9. UNNAYAN	-	-	-
	Oxygen				
		Service (under			
		processing)			

