

Supporting the Enabling Environment for better WASH services in Northern Bangladesh

Context

1. Widespread existing sanitation coverage, but of a poor standard with many unhygienic latrines and poor faecal sludge management, resulting in unhealthy communities.
2. Strong existing micro-finance network and culture which can be leveraged to create a sanitation loan program working with existing local Community Based Organisations (CBOs).

Highlights of the approach

1. Partnership approach with CBOs for sanitation loans allowing families to upgrade from basic to improved latrines.
2. Working with school hygiene groups to train students and communities on hygiene, including Menstrual Hygiene Management and constructing accessible school sanitation facilities.
3. Capacity building for Change Agents, with local CBOs, Community WASH Committees (CWC) and sanitation suppliers, increasing their capacity to plan and deliver effective WASH programs.

Things to share

1. Sanitation loan program through CBOs
2. Establishment of School Hygiene Group
3. Involvement of Community WASH Committee members in Union (local government) WASH Committees



Team members of Mymensingh Habitat Resource Centre



Team members of Netrokona Habitat Resource Centre



Team members of Tangail Habitat Resource Centre

Things to learn

1. Innovative ideas to implement WASH programs
2. Approaches to WASH and Disaster Risk Reduction
3. Strategies to incorporate community contribution



Let's talk about menstruation. Students of Edilpur High school taking an oath on World Menstrual Hygiene Day

Let's celebrate!

Strong linkages between sanitation suppliers, trained labourers and apprentices, and the community.