

INTEGRATION OF WASH SERVICES INTO OTHER BRAC PROGRAMMES

Since 2016, BRAC WASH programme started 'Integration of WASH services into other BRAC Programmes' project with support from the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (EKN). The project is aimed at mainstreaming WASH services into 4 other programmes of BRAC, while continuing operations in its previous 250 sub-districts.

The key strategy is to align WASH services into the following programme- **BRAC Microfinance, Health, Nutrition and Population Programme (HNPP), Ultra Poor Graduation Programme (UPGP), and BRAC Education Programme (BEP)**

BRAC WASH programme has played a significant role in the national WASH effort by reaching 68.74 million people across 289 sub-districts of Bangladesh with water and sanitation facilities. Although the programme has been working successfully at a large scale it has been observed that the rate of slippage has been quite high over the years. To maintain sustainability in terms of maintenance, cleanliness and consistent use of facilities, a more comprehensive and targeted approach had to be adopted.

KEY ACHIEVEMENT

- **140,840** households living in ultra-poverty received grants to build or repair latrines
- **21,065** households accessed sanitation loan, and **836** households accessed water loans through BRAC microfinance programme
- **8,634** water quality tests carried out through **20** water testing facilities
- **395** secondary school latrines repaired



Our Approach

Microfinance

Offer WASH loans (water, sanitation, WASH entrepreneurial) to communities to ease access to water, sanitation and hygiene facilities. WASH messages are delivered to members of the community through MF's village organization (VO) meetings, and through the customer service assistants (CSA) who provide financial counseling to clients in the branch offices. Currently WASH loans are disbursed through 120 microfinance branches

Ultra-poor graduation programme (UPGP)

Provide grant support for new installation or repair of latrines in the ultra-poor households. UPG Programme staff helps to identify ultra-poor households whereas WASH programme provides grants. Dissemination of WASH related messages among the ultra-poor households take places through regular home visits and in different community platforms like, Village Social Solidarity Committee (vssc)

Health, Nutrition and Population Programme (HNPP)

Deliver WASH messages to a range of beneficiaries (mainly women and children) in communities by shashtha shebikas (SS), through various projects of HNPP. SS help to identify ultra-poor families to assist WASH to provide grant support

BRAC Education Programme (BEP)

Deliver WASH related messages to students under the BRAC education programme. Additionally, the messages are also conveyed to the parents through parents' meetings.



Way Forward

- Continuing sanitation and water financing to sustain the gains and reach the targets of SDG-6
- Prioritizing climate resilient WASH facilities in designing and implementing WASH facilities in the climate vulnerable areas specially for disaster risk reduction
- Capacity development and institutional strengthening of the local government institutions for city-wide inclusive sanitation that includes integrated waste (faecal and solid waste) management
- Expanding school WASH intervention including separate latrines and menstrual hygiene management facilities for girls
- Promoting new and specific attention to surface water along with water quality test, disabled-friendly sanitation facilities and waste management service

Partner:



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