



WASH IN SCHOOL



Increasing Access to Safe Drinking Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Facilities in Rural Secondary Schools of Bangladesh

BRAC has been implementing the "WASH in School" project funded by charity water to provide secondary rural schools with sustainable WASH facilities especially in areas prone to water scarcity due to contamination of water sources. BRAC WASH programme has a vast experience with working in schools. From 2007-2015, the programme with support the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (EKN), worked in 5000 rural secondary schools. Additionally, from 2014-2015, WASH facilities were installed in 71 urban schools supported by Splash, and 250 rural schools supported by charity: water



ACHIEVEMENTS SNAPSHOT (2016 - September 2020)

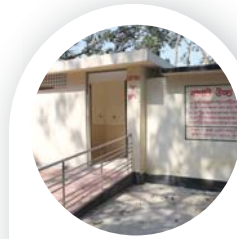
625	Schools intervened
1423	Water Points established in schools
25	Iron Removal Plants (IRP) or Arsenic/Iron Removal Plants established
179	Disable Friendly latrines
121	Separate girls' latrines constructed
58	Separate boys' latrines constructed
262	Soap Drives conducted
262	Napkin Drives conducted (2019)
625	Schools received hygiene products
625	Caretakers received orientation on operation and maintenance (O&M) Separate WASH funds established in 625 schools

WHAT WE DO



SAFE DRINKING WATER AND HANDWASHING STATION

We provide separate stations for boys and girls with piped water network and soap, and can accommodate at least three students at once, so that students can collect safe drinking water and can practice hand washing habits throughout the day, which ultimately contributes to improved health and performance at school.



GENDER SPECIFIC & DISABILITY FRIENDLY LATRINES

Schools are provided with separate latrines for boys and girls, with adequate distance to maintain privacy, and are designed to ease use for students with disability



MENSTRUAL HYGIENE MANAGEMENT

Female latrines are installed with for hygienic napkin disposal facilities and a basin with soap and water. School authorities keep a stock of sanitary napkins which the students can collect from a female teacher



PERSONAL HYGIENE & MENSTRUAL HYGIENE EDUCATION

We conduct hygiene promotion sessions at schools and train teachers and members of the student brigade on essential hygiene messages to instill good hygiene practices within students, so they in turn can influence the behaviour to their families. Female teachers and students are educated on the importance of menstrual hygiene management to increase awareness and practice.

HOW WE DO IT

APPROPRIATE WATER PURIFICATION TECHNOLOGIES AT SCHOOL

We work in areas where water has high levels of iron in arsenic. Wherever needed, we install technologies such as iron removal plant (IRP) and arsenic, iron removal plants (AIRP). In areas with arsenic contamination, we identify safe water tables through boring and install deep tube wells

STUDENT BRIGADES

Student brigades are responsible for proper use, maintenance of latrines and overall cleanliness of the school. Students posing leadership skills are recruited from all classes and gender balance is maintained. Students are given a three-day residential training at BRAC Learning Centers.

SCHOOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (SMC)

SMC maintain WASH funds and inventory of hygiene products, overlook maintenance of WASH facilities and support the student brigade

SOAP DRIVE AND SANITARY NAPKIN DRIVE

The soap and napkin drive is an effective way for schools to maintain a stock of soap and sanitary napkins. Each student brings a soap/napkin and collectively provide to the school authority. This ensures supply throughout the year.

Partner:



charity: water