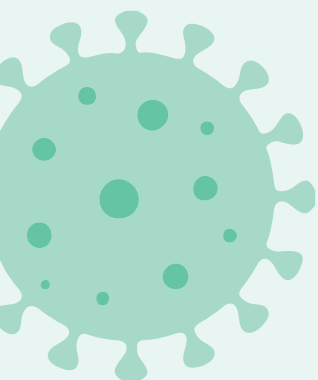


Rapid Impact Assessment Bangladesh



Country Context

Update on: 29 May, 2020

Coronavirus update in Bangladesh

Status	New	Total
Cases	2,523	42,844
Death	23	582
Recovered	590	9,015
Test	11,301	287,067

Source: <https://corona.gov.bd>

Research Context



Methodology
Qualitative &
Quantitative



Adults interviews
2671



Children interviews
1616



Key Informants Interviews
273

- Government Officials-**55**
- Community leader-**55**
- Children group (12-18 yrs)- **54**
- Women's group- **54**
- Faith leaders-**55**

Locations

Divisions-**8**
Districts-**24**

Upazilas-**52**
Area Programmes-**53**

Key Findings

95%

Households' livelihood
activities affected

89.6%

Household's income
reduced

94.7%

Households
No or inadequate food stock

50%

Indicated limited access to
public/private health services

34%

Households –No access
the safe & clean drinking water

50%

Households Non adherence to
good hygiene practices

38.5% children and **58.9%** adult
took maximum two meals

80% children reported
being unhappy at home during lockdown situation

34.7% parents/caregivers applied physical punishment
to their children as a form of discipline

77% children
are worried with school closure



COVID-19 Turns 20-year-Old Mother Into A Maid

I've been sneaking out of the home to work as a maid

COVID Update

I had a happy home until sometime in March when the Government announced the lock to prevent and control the spread of COVID-19 says Surmi-20. mother to 3 and half year old Masrafi. Late last year, Surmi's son was registered with World Vision, a huge relief to the small family living the slums, with no savings to survive in hard times. But this all changed after the lockdown. Surmi's husband Alogmir, is among the 3.5 million workers who have lost their jobs due to shutdowns at construction sites dotted around the country. With no social safety net, Alogmir's family survived on the daily wages he earned.

Before the coronavirus, Masrafi's father earned 300 taka per day (US \$3.50) as a brick maker, molding 700 bricks each day for construction. As a family who pays 2,000 taka (US \$23.50) a month to rent a house, they could get by. But since the lockdown on construction in late March, the family has had no income. The food provided by the gift notification has dwindled. The family now is down to just one bag of rice. The three family members share one egg in the morning and one at night in addition to their bowls of rice.

Masrafi's mother, Surmi, has been sneaking out of the home to work as a maid in several houses in the neighborhood. "My husband has no idea of this as it would really affect his pride," she says. "But I do it for my (Masrafi)." She worries for her son, who cries for food.

Not surprisingly, unemployment and hunger have caused stress on the marriage. "Before COVID-19, my wife and I had a reasonably peaceful life," says Alogmir. "At least there was always someone who needed my service. But since the lock down, there's completely no work around here and that has costed me my relationship. I'm behind on my rentals, I cannot buy food, accessing treatment is difficult, and now my only source of love and care is not happy with me!"

In the coming days, Masrafi's family will receive a cash grant of 5,000 taka (US \$59.50) to help with expenses. Till now, World Vision Bangladesh, under COVID-19 Emergency Response has reached 972,700 people with prevention hygiene information, 12,684 people received prevention materials (hand sanitizer, soap, masks) and 140,740 individuals are receiving cash disbursements of total USD 7.24 million all over the country. An additional 119,381 have been supported with the child protection programming.