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## 11th Global Management Meeting

The 11th GMM took place from 5-9 December 2022 in Geneva. This year the theme was committing to 'One WHO' and aligning the three levels of the Organization to achieve impact in all countries globally. The meeting offers a space to build relationships across the three levels toward achieving impact on the ground. WHO Representative to Bangladesh Dr Bardan Jung Rana participated in the 11th GMM.

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## 3rd WHO Global school on Refugee and Migrant Health, Dhaka



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A five-day 3rd Global School on Refugee and Migrant Health 2022 has been organized by WHO HQ in Dhaka from 28 November to 2 December. This year the focus was on Capacity-Building for the human resources providing health services for Refugee and Migrant health needs and rights. The Global School provides UN agencies, NGOs, health-sector partners, and academics a platform to learn about critical health topics.





## Staff Retreat 2022



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WHO Bangladesh conducted a staff retreat in Bogura between 16-19 December 2022, focusing on Prevention and Responding to Sexual Exploration, Abuse, and Harassment (PRSEAH). The outcome of this retreat aims to increase employee awareness to overcome the SEAH on a structural level and eliminate it in the long term and to enable and ensure respectful behavior in the workplace. Overall, this preventive work aims to create an equal workplace where mutual respect prevails regardless of gender, race, age, or background.

## Observed 16 Days of Activism!



WHO staff, Photography: Salma Sultana

To show solidarity with the 16 Days activism campaign, WHO-BAN organized different activities including interactive sessions, discussions, and quiz competitions in WHO Dhaka and Cox's Bazar office in Bangladesh.

This year's theme is 'UNITE! Activism to end violence against women and girls, provides a critical opportunity for each of us to raise awareness and reaffirm our commitment to end all forms of violence against all women and girls in all spaces – private, public, work, and online – by 2030.

## UN DAY 2022 Celebration

WHO Bangladesh's staff celebrated UN Day on 24 Oct 2022, along with other UN agencies in Bangladesh. WHO Bangladesh is proud to work hand in hand towards building peace and security with good health and well-being by promoting international cooperation. UN Day, celebrated every year, offers the opportunity to amplify the common agenda and reaffirm the purposes and principles of the UN Charter that have guided for the past 77 years.



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## Observed World Mental Health Day 2022 with Art Exhibition



WR's presence in art exhibition, Photography: Salma Sultana

To observe World Mental Health Day 2022, the NCD team WHO collaboration with The Directorate General of Health Services, the National Institute of Mental Health, and WHO, organized an art competition. 149 artwork is received in two age categories (8 to 15, 16 to 24 years) and two themes 1. Mental Health Means... 2. To Promote Mental Health & well-being, I will... was shared as the subject for the artwork. A pool of judges from Fine Arts of Dhaka University selected the best paintings. To mark the day and get an idea about children's innovations in mental health, the NCD team displayed this fantastic artwork for WHO staff on the WHO premises.

## Policy dialogue on updating the Bangladesh Health Workforce Strategy

WHO Bangladesh provided technical support to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Bangladesh to organize a two-days policy dialogue on 7-8 December 2022 to capture priority actions towards achieving the Vision 2041 of the government. Honorable Health Minister Mr Zahid Maleque, MP, MHFW was the chief guest at the event. Mr Ibadat Dhillon, Regional Advisor-HRH, WHO SEARO, facilitated the discussion.



Event guests are with strategy Photography: WHO staff



Event guests are in the frame Photography: WHO staff

## Engaging multiple stakeholders towards good governance for health and well being.

The WHO Bangladesh initiated the "Urban Governance for Health and Well-being" to generate collective solutions to enhance health and well-being. Khulna (Bangladesh) for the first phase. The WHO Bangladesh supports Khulna City Corporation (KCC) and the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) in

Promoting health, well being, and equity through good urban governance, multisectoral collaboration, and civic engagement. KCC arranged a series of consultative workshops with local leaders, civil society organizations, community leaders, and academia. To address the issue, an MoU was signed between 11 stakeholders on 8th October 2022 to build a sustainable multisectoral coordination platform under the strong leadership of the Mayor, KCC.

### World Antimicrobial Awareness Week 2022

On World Antimicrobial Awareness Week 2022, with the support of WHO, CDC organized a national-level advocacy meeting with quadripartite stakeholders and the representatives of different relevant departments of the Bangladesh Government. The meeting emphasized the importance of raising awareness of antimicrobial resistance and encouraging best practices among policymakers, health workers and the general population. The Minister of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Mr. Zahid Maleque MP, was the chief guest at that meeting.



AAW 2022, Photography: external photographer

### Simulation Exercise for emergency response coordination in Bangladesh



Participants are in the simulation, Photography: WHO staff

A tabletop exercise was held in Bangladesh from 13-15 December 2022 titled "Simulation Exercise for emergency response coordination in Bangladesh." The purpose of the exercise is to strengthen coordination among sectors responsible for disaster management and infectious disease outbreak, including relevant stakeholders and the role of the HEOC/PHEOCs for better preparedness and response.

### 1000 community health workers trained in contact tracing

WHO has been working hard to build the capacities of the health sector in Cox's Bazar to carry out effective contact tracing for a range of health threats. In October, WHO completed the cascading of contact tracing standard operating procedures (SOPs) to Community Health Workers (CHWs) in the FDMN camps. Working on the front lines of the health sector, CHWs are often the first point of contact for anyone with a health condition in the Rohingya camps. They play a critical role in monitoring and managing the spread of disease.



### 1st Infection Prevention and Control conference in Cox's Bazar

WHO Bangladesh held the first Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) conference in Cox's Bazar district on 2 November 2022.

With the theme of implementing IPC programs in crisis settings, the conference gave health-sector partners a chance to share their experiences and learn about core IPC issues. Crucially, they learned how to use WHO's IPC scorecard to manage hygiene standards in healthcare facilities effectively.





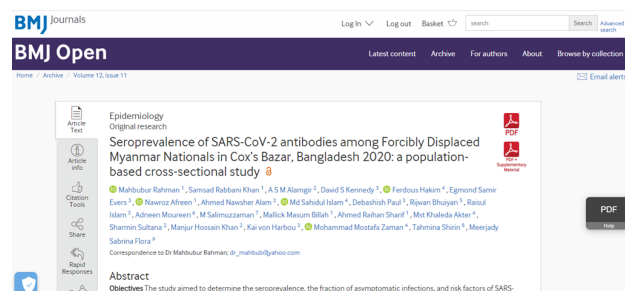
- ♦ Dr Md. Arifur Rahman, National Professional Officer, Divisional Coordinator for Khulna division participated as a team member in JEE mission held in Kathmandu from 28 Nov to 2 Dec to review National Immunization Strategy of Nepal, and recommended to build a resilient immunization system that will remain resilient during any disaster or epidemic.
- ♦ Ms Salma Sultana, National Professional Officer (Communication) attended Inter-agency Regional AAP (Accountability to Affected Populations)/RCCE (Risk Communication and Community Engagement) Training: Innovating for Future Emergencies organized by UNICEF Regional office. The training was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka from 7 to 9 November 2022.
- ♦ Ms Sangay Wangmo, Team Leader- Health Systems, Mr Pallav Bhatt, TO- Integrated Health Service Delivery and Touhidul Islam, NPO Health Financing, Mr NURUZ-ZAMAN, NPO HRH attended Regional workshop to Strengthen Primary Health Care in the South-East Asia Region, 28-30 November 2022, in Bangkok, Thailand.
- ♦ Dr Anupama Hazarica participated in the first meeting of Strategic Technical Advisory Group on HIV, Hepatitis and STI (STAG-HHS) in South-East Asia Region (SEAR), jointly with national programme managers consultation, Thailand Bangkok.
- ♦ Dr Sadhana BHAGWAT, Medical Officer (NCD), Dr Syed Mahfuzul HUQ, National Professional Officer (Noncommunicable Diseases), Dr Farzana Akter Dorin, NPO (Policies for Prevention of Noncommunicable Diseases) and Ms Faria Shabnam, National Professional Officer attended the NCD Conclave - Advancing NCD prevention and control in South-East Asia, New Delhi, India, from 1-3 November 2022, organized by SEARO.



## COVID-19 research on Displaced Rohingya population published in BMJ Open

Study on Displaced Rohingya population 2021 is published on 21 November 2022. Almost half of the Displaced Rohingya people were exposed to the SARS-CoV-2 infections before the survey date. This might indicate an inadequate infection control measures in a closed population like Displaced Rohingya.

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## WHO 75 Years Celebration!

The year 2023 marks the 75th Anniversary of WHO. It will celebrate with an extensive campaign to remind the world about public health successes and current and future challenges and paint a picture of Health for All in the future. WHO sees staff as central to this celebration; therefore, WHO planned a number of events and activities are planned to celebrate WHO's 75th Anniversary.

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