

EVENT SNAPSHOT



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Strengthening Local Capacity for Sustainable Health Development in Urban Bangladesh



EVENT DETAILS

Mon - Thurs, 07 to 10 October 2019
World Health Organization (WHO)
Center, Kobe, Japan

SPEAKERS: Representatives of WHO
Kobe.

OVERVIEW - BUILDING CLIMATE RESILIENCE IN URBAN HEALTH PROGRAMS

The Urban Climate Change Resilience Trust Fund (UCCRTF) is supporting the ADB BAN Urban Primary Health Care Service Delivery Project through an investment grant of \$2 million. The objective of this loan project is building the resilience of selected urban primary health care (UPHC) centers in Bangladesh.

As part of the capacity building activities of the project, ADB hosted the workshop in Kobe, Japan to introduce the Urban Health Equity Assessment and Response (HEART) Tool developed by the WHO. This can serve as a guide in the preparation of

their municipal health plans.

A delegation of 20 representatives from 13 cities in Bangladesh participated in the workshop, including Mayors from the municipalities of Gopalganj, Kishoregonj, Kushtia and Siraganj.

The workshop included a mix of presentations and workshop sessions using the Urban HEART tool. This was complemented by field visits to several facilities to expose participants to good practices and lessons learned from Japan to create health and resilience cities within a decentralized government framework.

URBAN CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE LESSONS

Building climate change resilience in the health sector will require a combination of hard (physical facilities) and soft (capacity building) investments. UCCRTF is supporting selected urban primary health care facilities through: (i) building climate resilient facilities; (ii) training workshops on climate resilience, disaster risk, and medical risks management; and (iii) trainings on the Urban HEART tool, study visit to Kobe, Japan and in-country workshops in Dhaka.

Healthy cities produce healthy residents. Beyond providing accessible and quality health care,

cities need to create an urban environment that will promote a healthier lifestyle for its residents. Promoting urban mobility by using a combination of public transport systems with pedestrian areas; Creating green spaces that can double as recreational areas and retention ponds during monsoon season. Adopting universal design principles for public infrastructure will ensure that persons with disabilities can move around with ease. Such integrated approaches can build the resilience of both the city and its residents. The project will work with the cities to link their municipal health plans

with the larger context of “healthy city development” towards achieving their desired health outcomes.

The City of Kobe provides a good model of building resilience into reconstruction. After the devastating earthquake that hit the Kobe region in January 1995, the City Government made concerted efforts to build resilience and respond to peoples’ needs, especially the aged population who were among the most affected. They prioritized land uses and facilities that contribute to improving the overall health of residents, and a private high-rise facility that offers shared living spaces for senior citizen residents.

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