

Preventing COVID-19 Garment Health Worker & Supply Chain Crisis (VSCF)

What we are doing: Brief Overview:



Aiming to help and support the people of RMG sector and of low-income urban communities living in Bangladesh during and after the COVID-19 pandemic and to mitigate and overcome the economic and health challenges they suffered.

Project Specifics at a Glance

	Duration: August 1st, 2020 to July 31st, 2021		Impact Population: Factory: 79000, Community: 300000, total 379,000
	Location: Gazipur, Savar (Dhaka), Valuka (Mymensingh)		Operating in: 25 factories in three locations Adjacent 15 communities
			Donor/s: FCDO

How are we doing it: Some of VSCF's Key Areas of Intervention:

Strengthening Health Care System focusing COVID-19 Crisis:



Training workshops and awareness sessions on COVID-19 issues



Functioning Satellite Clinics, EPI Sessions and Evening EPI



Training factory Health and Safety Committee members



Establishing factory Nutrition Corner and Menstrual Hygiene Corners



Increasing digital and indirect services with Digital Wellbeing Centers and developing health based mobile apps, introducing EMR (Electronic Medical Record) system in project factories

Building Resilience against Gender Based Violence:



- Training factory anti-sexual harassment committee members, management staff
- Providing orientation to workers in matters related to Gender-based Violence
- Building capacity of Community Support Group (CSG) members to ensure domestic violence support
- Gender-based Violence mobile app to monitor rate of violence

Ensuring Sustenance:

- Establishing, maintaining social infrastructures as Quarantine Centers, Water and Waste Management systems at communities
- Providing logistical support as Protective Equipment for COVID-19 volunteers and other BCC materials.



Ensuring Steady Supply:

- Linkages for low price family Planning commodities, sanitary napkins and other family planning services, TT vaccinations and cervical screening
- Linking community people to safety net programmes and existing public, NGO and private services
- COVID-19 test support and other suitable linkages with public, private or existing NGOs
- Training of service facilitators/volunteers through linkages



Extending Support in the process of COVID-19 Vaccination:

- Training government vaccinators, volunteers
- Providing ICT training for registration procedures
- Supporting COVID-19 vaccine centers in GCC area with required manpower, BCC materials and other logistics
- Enlisting and vaccinating the medical staff of 25 factories (regardless of age limit) and workers aged above 40 years



VSCF's Vision and Expected Outcomes:

- Improved knowledge on health, hygiene and resilience against COVID 19.
- Increased access to primary health services of target population.
- Higher uptake and confidence in GBV support & reporting systems
- Strengthened overall community resilience and support system.



After my husband lost his job due to COVID-19 employee cut off, we were all at a loss and our financial condition worsened. Though I had my job, the salary was so little that I couldn't support my family. My husband became depressed and started misbehaving with me. He forced me to quit my job at the garments factory. Our neighbors teased us as I was the one earning in the family and being a male, my husband was sitting at home. After attending a Gender-based Violence courtyard session by VSCF my husband and I learned how to maintain a balanced relationship. Now my husband is a happy person, he has gotten a new job and encourages me to work.

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