

# Towards **A Widened** Horizon



**NGO FORUM  
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH**

# The Organization

Being launched as the UN-brainchild in 1982, NGO Forum had been involved as the apex networking and service delivery body of NGOs, CBOs and private sector operators in the WaSH sector of Bangladesh. Over the years it has been contributing to the improvement of Public Health situation by reducing mortality and morbidity, and conserving sound environment. In order to implement its programmes as a process of holistic transformation of the society towards development, the Forum has emphasizingly been stepped forward maintaining a perfect balance among its programme components like WaSH, health and environment. NGO Forum materializes the implementation of its integrated programme supports & networking for establishing governance & rights in service promotion directly and in association with its partners countrywide.



## Vision

Everyone is living quality life in a healthy society

## Mission Statement

NGO Forum is a national networking and service delivery organization engaged to promote WaSH, health, governance and climate resilience to contribute to the improvement of public health situation, especially for the poor and hard-to-reach segments of the society.

Being a rights-based organization, NGO Forum utilizes its proven experiences of working as development partner with all concerned government bodies, LGIs and duty bearers, NGOs, CBOs, private sector, civil society, media, national and international agencies, development partners and other stakeholders.

With a competent and decentralized work-force and strong network, NGO Forum strives to bring an enabling environment by complementing the implementation of all relevant national policies.



1. Contributing to poverty alleviation focusing on social inclusion.
2. Ensuring access to safe and sustainable water, environmental sanitation and health care services and facilities.
3. Promoting sustainable environment in adaptation to climate change focusing on disaster risk reduction.

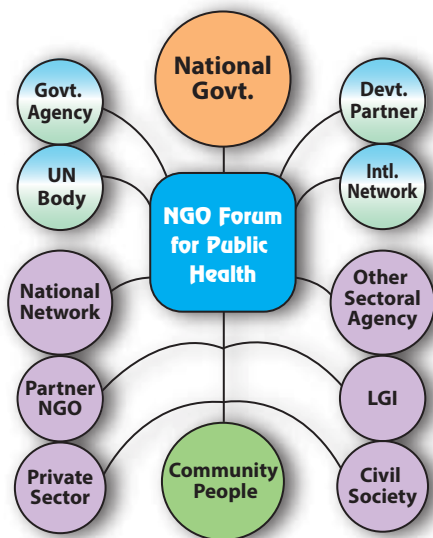
## *Core Values*

1. Concern for the women, children, poor and hard-to-reach
2. People's rights & human dignity
3. Gender & equality
4. Social inclusion & safety net
5. Humanitarian responsiveness
6. Green environment
7. Good governance
8. Networking & partnership



## Programme Implementation Approach

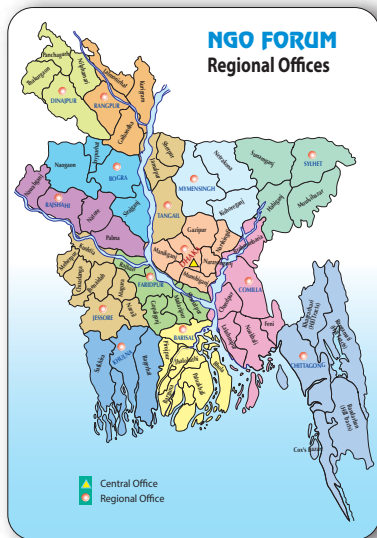
- Operate in line with the relevant national policies
- Institution building of the partners for environment, health & WaSH promotion as human rights
- Integration of climate-resilient hardware and software services
- Community management in promotion of services
- Gender sensitive programme intervention
- Focus on the poor in hard-to-reach & disadvantaged communities in line with the Pro Poor Strategy
- Demand responsive & decentralized services ensuring good governance
- Participation & cost-sharing by community through ability to pay analysis
- Ownership to the community to ensure sustainability of the facilities
- Beef up supporting and complementing the national initiatives in the relevant sectors



# The Network

NGO Forum maintains a nation-wide working structure to facilitate the supports in a decentralized fashion. Through its working structure in communion with around 850 partner NGOs, CBOs & PSOs, NGO Forum's

entire working area is encompassed into 14 Regions with administrative and management set-up at each of the Regional Offices. In line with its mandate NGO Forum maintains a dynamic network with all relevant national and international agencies and stakeholders ranging from the policy-makers and civil society to the resource sharing partners.



## Partners in Development

- Partner NGOs and CBOs
- Private sector
- Local government institutions
- Mass media
- Cultural & theatre groups
- Civil society groups
- Like-minded bodies/stakeholders

## Functional Structure

- HR & Administration
- Finance & Accounts
- Advocacy & Information
- Development Communication
- Training & Capacity Building
- Field Operation
- Water Quality Testing Laboratory
- National Resource Centre
- Research, Monitoring & Evaluation
- Internal Audit

# NGO FORUM'S INTEGRATED PROGRAMME

## Hardware Supports

Consists of MATERIAL SUPPORT to improve WatSan, Environment & Health situation e.g.

- WatSan Technological Options
- Essential Health Services & Facilities
- Green Technologies & Services

## Software Services

Comprises of all the SERVICES needed to enhance capacity of the local organizations and sensitize the policy-makers, implementers, LGIs, private sector, media representatives, civil society and the community people.

## Advocacy & Information Services

- Advocacy on policy & Strategic Issues
- Information Services
  - Processing & dissemination
  - Documentation of success & learnings

## Monitoring & Evaluation

- Participatory Monitoring
- Result-based Monitoring
- Evaluation of Programme Outcome

## Training

- Human Skill Development Training
- Technical Skill Development Training

## Resource Centre Services

- Knowledge Broker & Clearing House
- Information & Documentation Archive
- Capacity Development
- Knowledge Development & Collaborative Programme

## Community Mobilization

- Sensitization of Partners
- Sensitization of Community Allies
- Promotion of Mass Awareness

## Research

- Descriptive Research
- Associational Research
- Interventional Research

## Development Communication

- Communication with Stakeholders
- Development of IEC & BCC Materials

## Env. Mgt. & Public Health

- Awareness on Climate Adaptation & Disaster Preparedness
- Sensitization on WatSan & Public Health
- Provision of Technical know-how
- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)





# Programmatic Strategic Issues

01. Public Health
02. Environment and Disaster Management
03. Water Management and Quality
04. Arsenic Mitigation
05. Sustainable WaSH Management
06. Hard-to-Reach and Equity
07. Gender Equity
08. Capacity Development
09. Governance and Transparency
10. Urban WaSH & Health Management
11. Waste Management
12. Food Security and Safety
13. Humanitarian Assistance
14. Networking and Advocacy

## Major Programme Components

### *Water Supply & Sanitation*

Alongside its country-wide service delivery, NGO Forum is striving to develop & promote arsenic, iron & climate-resilient WatSan technologies for different difficult hydro-geological areas while exploring the potentials of private entrepreneurs. Efforts are underway for bringing changes in favour of WaSH rights especially for the

hard-to-reach and excluded groups in the low-income communities of the rural & urban settings. Undertaking research on emerging water quality threats like arsenic contamination, salinity, etc and sensitizing the stakeholders on Water Safety Plan are also the key areas of NGO Forum's continued WaSH services.

### *Health & Hygiene*

Despite some achievements in the health and population sector, the country is far from reaching its goal 'Health for All'. The situation is much more vulnerable in the areas like arsenicosis management and Public Health. NGO Forum emphasizes on arsenicosis management & livelihood support, health care facilities especially for women and children, hygiene awareness and motivation that eventually reduces the disease-burden.



## *Environment & Disaster Management*

The country has already started to bear the brunt of climate change impact turning a big number of its population as climate refugees in different hydro-geological zones. NGO Forum analyzes & upholds the existing environmental impact, and is capitalizing that to the environment conservation programme maintaining a contingency package for disaster management. NGO Forum is also sensitizing the government and stakeholders towards more responsiveness to disaster issues, especially the affected urban poor and hard-to-reach communities for more resilient and disaster risk reduction measures.



## *Governance in Service Promotion*

NGO Forum has been engaged in pro-poor service promotion securing rights of the disadvantaged. Through its community empowering approach, and institutional strengthening, NGO Forum is improving responsiveness and good governance in local level public institutions, monitoring their performance with the active participation of various actors & CSOs. In turn, NGO Forum is contributing to enhance capacity of LGIs, duty bearers, and stakeholders, and increase responsiveness in local decision-making for ensuring accountability in services like health care, primary education, agriculture extension and social safety net programmes of the Government.



## POLICY FORMULATING STRUCTURE

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