



Health System's Response to COVID-19 in Bangladesh: A Rapid Study on the Key Building Blocks

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Brief Overview: The current COVID-19 pandemic has given rise to a catastrophic situation in Bangladesh and demanded the country's healthcare system to incorporate critical measures to mitigate the dreadful outcome of the disease. In order to assess the responsiveness of the health system, the best approach is to consider the WHO's framework that describes health systems in terms of six building blocks (service delivery, health workforce, health information systems, access to essential medicines, financing, and governance). Thus, this research attempts to document and elucidate the responses that have been made by the health system of Bangladesh in the light of WHO's six core components, i.e. the six building blocks, since the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

Objectives:

1. To evaluate the initiatives taken by Bangladesh for the service delivery system in the provision screening, testing, health care and tackle the sudden surge of the COVID through health human resources
2. To evaluate the leadership and governance role of government (MOHFW) in controlling the COVID-19 pandemic
3. To assess major health systems barriers faced by the health sector while coping with the pandemic.

Methodology: This rapid study is using a mixed methods approach (both quantitative and narrative) for assessing the responsiveness of Bangladesh Health system to COVID-19.