

Situation Report Template

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Coronavirus – Bangladesh

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Part 1: The Overall Situation

(general information is already included in IMT reports. You don't need to fill it. Just give the required info in green)

Please provide information about how the government and/or other institutions are ensuring the continuity of education or child protection services provision during the quarantine/confinement period (homeschooling, online education, distance education with homework, distribution of books, guides/brochures and educational or recreational material, education via radio, TV, among other alternatives).

Government has closed all education institutions from 17th March to 9th April 2020 and children are confined at home with their parents and in mental distress as their outdoor activities have totally closed. For continuation of education of secondary school's students, Bangladesh's Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education started broadcast the lessons from today (March 29) for students of class six to ten on TV to remain students on education. The Directorate of Primary education is also considering similar broadcast lessons for the primary school classes, but so far, no initiative has been taken. No additional measures have been taken from the government and other institutions for child protection in this humanitarian crisis except awareness program.

Part 2: The Situation in Areas Where Educo/ChildFund Works

- What issues are children, families and communities in these areas facing? (closed schools, home confinement, food shortages, safety concerns, health issues, etc.)

In Bangladesh, on 08th March 2020 first Corona Case has been reported by Bangladesh government. Since the first reported to 03 April'20 total 61 confirmed case informed by Bangladesh Government, of which 06 -patients are died and 26 patients cured after getting treatment and rest of 29 are under treatment.

Bangladesh government has closed all educational institutions and people traveling from abroad are advised to home quarantine with no symptoms, people with symptoms are being institutional isolation/quarantine. The number of affected people is increasing day by day and predicted that the situation may be worse in upcoming days.

Following the government notice, all of Educo schools have declared to close till 09 April 2020 and all activities of Educo have been postponed. No Corona Virus patient detected/reported in Educo Bangladesh working/intervened areas but there are some panic at community level. Other than that, all community life is normal in Educo working areas.

All government and non-essential businesses across Bangladesh are closed from 26th March to 04th March'20 and that extended till 11 April'20. All shops are closed apart from pharmacies, food markets and other necessities. Emergency services including hospitals remain open. The Government has advised people to stay at home and not travel outside unless urgent during this period.

From 25th March, military has taken the responsibility to control over the people move and enact the home quarantine/stay at home for all the people as a govt declaration. Prime Minister of Bangladesh has announced a bail out of BDT 5,000 crore (1 crore= 10 millions) for export-oriented industries, in order to tackle the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the country's economy. She also announced that VGD (Vulnerable Group Development), VGF (Vulnerable Group Feeding) and selling rice at BDT10 per kg programs will continue too. "Medicine and healthcare services are being provided at free of cost." However, support is very poor for the lower income people in the community, presently there is no visible activities seen in the community level those already lost their daily income. In addition, it is suspected that coronavirus is already spread out at community level that make a mess for all the country people, but still it's has not flown out massively.

After the declaration of general holidays, 30-40% people living in Dhaka city already shifted them to rural areas with panic and feeling insecurity of their live and declining their livelihood opportunity. The 46% family living at Dhaka city are mostly day laborer, rikshaw puller, daily wages earner, house maid, small shop owner/ paid worker, garments worker and the shutdown currently impacted their livelihood of that segment of people and severely affect their food security. Other than, at rural areas poor people can economically cope with the situation in next 15 days. Families confined in their house are in mental distress. Expert predicting that the real scenario of Corona virus infection and it impact on live and livelihood will more visualize within next 14 days in Bangladesh. Local government is listing the most vulnerable HHs for distributing food support to those daily earning is totally or partially stopped for lockdown. Apart of this support, some clubs, institutions and local organizations are distributing food and hygienic items among the poor families. But this support not enough to meet up the basic needs of the affected people and the coverage of affected families not enough as require.

Still the safety and security situation are normal in all areas but assuming the scenario may change in coming days if the daily wages of poor people stop for next few days and they do not received assistance from government and non-government.

In some cases, people are not getting basic health facilities from government institutions, as doctor and health service providers are in very scare situation and government imposed some restrictions.

On 24th March, first COVID 19 patient has been detected in Cox's Bazar. To reduce transmission risk and support social distancing, operations in the camps have been reduced to essential services, assistance and movements, as per RRRC guidance issued on 25 March. All non-essential visits to the camps have been suspended, in line with Government of Bangladesh guidance.

In Cox's Bazar, Child Protection Sub Sector requests that all Child Protection partners immediately suspend all activities in Child Friendly Spaces, Multi-Purposes- Centers and Adolescent Clubs until further notice.

On 25th March, Concern Worldwide reported, while Concern Worldwide and FH staff traveling to Rohingya camps a group of people from host community physically and verbally assault with claiming that NGOs people are spreading Corona Virus at Camps.

- Child protection risks caused or exacerbated by crisis (for example mental health problems/psychological distress, domestic violence, elder care, child labor, discrimination etc.)

As children are confined in their house and their outdoor activities almost closed, they are in mental distress other than no children protection risk exacerbated by this crisis.

- How many of our beneficiaries and families are affected?

As reported by teachers and operation teams, no students, children and their family affected by COVID 19. But as Educo is working with the economically vulnerable people, approximately 60% family's livelihood impacted so far and they are in very scare situation for their live and livelihood. Through discussion with community leader over phone, it came to know that, approximately 8% of targeted families of Educo facing difficulties to manage their daily food who are engaged with daily earning. Numbers of community people are not giving importance to stay at home, some are unnecessary moving at outside though government restrictions. So, continuation of awareness at community level is require.

Part 3: Educo/ChildFund's Preparation, Response and/or Recovery action

- Planned, desired or ongoing action – inside or outside current operational areas. (just mention it. It will be further developed in a separate template). PLEASE SPECIFY IF DESIRED OR ONGOING

Educo Bangladesh, has been monitoring the situation since the Corona Virus threatened the country, Bangladesh.

Internal actions: In the meantime, Educo Bangladesh has initiated several activities for reducing the risks of Corona Virus infection at workplace and school. Ensured handwashing facilities in schools and office premises and compulsory hand washing for staff, students and visitors on arrival in offices. In school and community awareness sessions are facilitating using flipchart and classroom sessions. Educo Bangladesh has formed a crisis management team consist of 11 members from different function and location. The team regularly conducting meeting to monitor, analysis the situation and find out the possible actions and guiding all staff. We also oriented our partner organizations and keeping regular contact with our local leaders and youths for updating the local situation and disseminate awareness messages at community level. All mass gathering and outdoor activities of Educo has been postponed unit the situation is normal. If the situation become worst and widely transmitted at our community level Educo Bangladesh may support the affected children and their families with whom we are working.

Educo Bangladesh has been reviewing the situation in regular basis and a skype meeting hold on 01 April'20 with key organizational staff and some major decisions have taken; a steering committee will be formed that committee will intensively monitor the situation and will periodically update the management, prepare PP proposal, partner mapping, overall strengthening the organizational level preparedness for emergency response, if require.

On the basis of current country situation, Educo Bangladesh has decided to close all field level activities and offices and all staff are advised to work from home from 22 March'20 up to 11 April'20.

If the situation prolongs till 15th May'20 than Educo will modify the existing projects and new project will design for achieving the set objectives of AOP and utilization of allocated budget.

Response actions: Educo Bangladesh has printed a festoon and hanged at all schools and public places for awareness on Corona Virus. At the time of school opened, teachers and operation team created awareness among students and community people. After the school closed, teachers are regularly communicating with students and their family members for updating the situation of students and their family and providing psychosocial counseling over mobile phone. Awareness messages are periodically posting in Educo Facebook page for public awareness.

Educo Bangladesh has been maintaining coordination with other INGOs working in country to updating on the situation and actions at county level.

At Cox's Bazar:

- Educo Humanitarian Program in CXB provided basic orientation to all staff on key messages on COVID 19 prevention. The program has started home based awareness campaign on COVID 19 prevention in Camp 8E.
 - CXB Information Management Team (IMT) formed for regular update on CXB situation.
 - Hand sanitizer and mask distributed among Educo Cox's Bazar staffs
 - All staff are instructed to work from home. Field staff are maintaining regular contact with block leaders (Majhi) and CBCPC members to gather and disseminate information regarding COVID 19 in the camps.
 - Cox's office maintaining coordination with Country office, updating the situations, having security guidance and instruction.
- Do any of the above initiatives cover the areas where we have sponsored children? If yes, please indicate which initiative and the area it covers.

The mass awareness program on Corona virus has implemented in our sponsorship program areas to create awareness among our students, children, youth and their families. Government and non-government organizations, institutions, club or individual are distributing food to the poor families and some of the sponsorship family are covering through this support. In future, the support from non-

government organizations may come down through the support will require. In that case, support from Educo necessitate for the survival of the affected people.

- Who are we partnering or collaborating with to provide our action?

Educo has directly implemented the project collaboration with local government.

- What kind of response activities or interventions are being provided? What support are needed (or have been collected/distributed)?

In the meantime, Educo create awareness on Corona virus among our stakeholders. As this is new experience, Educo are exploring the possible interventions, local partners, corporate sectors and volunteer organization those are interested working with Educo for the supporting of affected people. But, Educo is exploring the implementation strategy for supporting the community people with maintain the social distance and ensuring the safety of staff.

- How is Educo/ChildFund linked with humanitarian coordination structures, i.e. in which clusters or working groups do we participate at country level?

In Bangladesh, government systems are coordinating and managing this crisis situation together with UN organizations, no NGO/INGOs cluster are now active in Bangladesh for Corona Virus. As a member organization of National Need Assessment Group, Educo attended in an online meeting with other members to review the overall situation and develop needs assessment tools.

- Next steps

Educo will continue to monitor the situation and response decision will be taken base on the overall Corona Virus situation in coming days and scope for non-government organizations.

PROGRAM STATUS

- **Projects funded by internal and/or sponsorship funds**

Project N ^o	Not affected	Low/medium incidence (ej. activities in suspended schools/communities, with the possibility of extension)	High Incidence	Expected response (if relevant)
BD1873		All schools and community level activities have been postponed until the situation became normal.		If the situation became normal within two month the activities will be redesigned and will be completed within project period. If prolong more than two month the project will redesign. Under this project

				awareness raising activities is conducting.
BD1874		All schools and community level activities have been postponed until the situation became normal.		If the situation became normal within two month the activities will be redesigned and will be completed within project period. If prolong more than two month the project will be redesign. Under this project awareness raising activities is conducting.
BD 1932		<p>The following activities which were planned for April and May has been suspended till June.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct consultation workshop with local government authorities to identify the existing gaps and training need Assessment 2. Conduct Orientation and training session on Child Rights and Protection with local government authorities 3. Disseminate Child Rights Monitoring report to address recommendations of UNCRC & UPR review at national level 		If the situation remains under controlled till June, a new schedule will be shared.
BD1933		<p>In the meantime, postponed the following activities;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industrial attachment of students (Practical session for the SSC Examinee) • Awareness session on Child Rights Issues with community stake holders. • Psychological assessment and counseling sessions of the right holders (Adolescents and youths). 		Till to date we are not planning any modification of the project activities; situation will be monitored, and appropriate decision will be made.

BD1934		All school is closed as per government instruction. As all types of gathering is prohibited so at this time all the activities of the project are postponed, so financial execution will be delayed.		If the situation improves within 2 months, we hope we will be able to achieve the target by giving extra efforts.
BD1935		All activities suspended at community level as preventive measure.		Till to date we are not planning any modification of the project activities; situation will be monitored, and appropriate decision will be made.
BD1985		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Children regular learning session/class has been suspended until further notice. -All 33 schools are closed. -Community level meeting, training, workshop, gathering are postponed. -Some budgetary variance will occur due the situation. -Some material is not delivered in time so that the execution will delay. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -It will recoverable if the suspension period stay within 2 months only. -If the suspension periods prolong more than 2/3 months, it requires contingency plan to recover. -New contingency plan is required for both programs especially for prolong issue.
BD1936		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Children regular learning session/class has been suspended. -Working children education will hamper. -Community level meeting, training, workshop, gathering are postponed. -Some expenses related the above program will variance, expense will low. -Some materials will not deliver in time so that the execution will delay. 		If the school closed not more than two months, the due education of students can be recovered rescheduling the curricula.
BD1986		School academic activities closed, children are suggested to stay home, all mass gathering activities, even meeting, training, workshop also suspended.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teacher's and staffs are keeping connection with stakeholders for updating children's situation to all. -Cash/food support (one shot) for the affected

				children family (if someone affected by COVID-19) - It is possible to reschedule all the activities if the crisis we can overcome within 2 months otherwise we should revise activity and budget.
BD2019		All of schedule activities at Camp have been postponed.		Awareness, IEC materials production and distribution, PSS and referral support to the most vulnerable groups including children and adolescent
BD4407		If most of the staff will work from home and situation does not prolong more than three month, the project activities able to completed within project period.		If the situation pro long more than three month some activities have to chancel and redesign the project.

- Externally funded projects

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BD 1892		School/community meeting suspended All kinds of workshop/training are suspended.		Awareness building, information dissemination to the committee, Partner/Educo are coordinating with GO.
BD 1806		Project activities like awareness program, meeting were postponed both in schools and communities. Yet household latrine installation activities are going on by the vendors. Follow up/monitoring at field level by the project staffs are very small scale.		The scheduled activities will be shifted/redesigned considering the country situation.

BD1783		Project activities suspended both in schools and communities. However, teachers and staff are keeping communication with children and communities for getting update information on a regular basis.		The scheduled activities will be redesigned.
BD2019		All of schedule activities at Rohingya Camps have been postponed.		Awareness, IEC materials production and distribution, PSS and referral support to the most vulnerable groups including children and adolescent

All short of field level activities has postponed till 04th April'20. If the situation not improved or normal the project activities will held-up until the situation become normal.

Please indicate any communication established with external donors in relation to current and potential grants, especially with such donors that are directly managed through the Country Office. The purpose of this information is to keep HO informed, specifically the Resource Mobilization unit.

Educo Bangladesh has been updating the overall situation to Child Fund Korea and shared Educo Bangladesh position in response; if the situation remain same or deteriorated, Educo may intervene WASH awareness, cash transfer, NFI support, PSS support, development of IEC materials on COVID-19.

- Advocacy and communication actions at network and platform level

Educo Humanitarian Program is an active member of Education Cluster, CPSS, Youth Working Groups in Cox's Bazar and working with this groups for creating awareness. Same as field office working with local government for disseminating awareness knowledge. Besides this, EDUCO is the member of Joining Force-CRN and Child Rights Advocacy Coalition (CRAC, B) in Bangladesh. These networks have decided to take some advocacy and awareness activities to save the vulnerability of children during this crisis. Educo jointly with other Child Rights Advocacy Coalitions have prepared a press release to urge government for including the indigenous community in food support program of government for this crisis.

- Number of estimated cases of infection in the communities where we sponsor and have projects (if available)

Most of the cases the government is not disclosing the specific areas/locations of affected peoples; therefore, we are not sure whether our sponsor children and their families or project is affected or not.

But so far, our best knowledge from the field, none of our student including sponsorship children and their families are affected.

- Possible sources of funding

- Provide information about potential sources of funding for these emergency response efforts using the chart below.

Donor	Projects	Amount (Euro)	Requested? (Y/N)	Confirmed? (Y/N)

If the situation become worst and our community people widely infected **or the lockdown situation prolong**, we may need to explore funding for supporting the affected children and their family.

- Budget

- Outline if there is any need of internal project reorientation (in terms of budget and activities) or any extra budget needed.

If the situation deteriorates and prolong for more than two months, we may reorient the internal project for recover the due activities/utilization of allocated budget/emergency support for the affected people.

- Media/Communications

NO NEED TO FILL.

This information will be informed through IMTs

- Program support needed or requested from HO – whether onsite or remote.

If require emergency support for the affected people, Educo Bangladesh may need additional fund. **In that case HO will need to communicate with potential donors for fund raising**. External funded projects may require extension to cover the due activities for this crisis and in that case, HO may need to communicate with external donor (CFK).

Educo Bangladesh will assess the overall situation in next week **(04-09 April'20)** and will take the primary decision whether Educo Bangladesh will propose HO for response in the existing situation or take time for further assessment.