



# Improving Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Dhaka



Bangladesh has made enormous strides regarding women and child health services in recent years, but adolescent pregnancy, child marriage, unmet need for contraception, sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and unsafe abortions remain public health issues in Bangladesh. These constraints are worse in urban areas especially limiting the availability of and access to SRHR services for the women and young adolescents living in poor socio-economic areas.

Ipas Bangladesh with its partner organizations is implementing a five-year project titled Improving Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Dhaka funded by Global Affairs Canada through HealthBridge Foundation. This project will work with different stakeholders including general physicians(GPs), garment industries, UPHCSDP, DGHS and DGFP to improve availability of and accessibility to quality SRHR service for the disadvantaged women and girls living in urban areas of Dhaka, Naryanganj and Gazipur districts.

## Project Goal

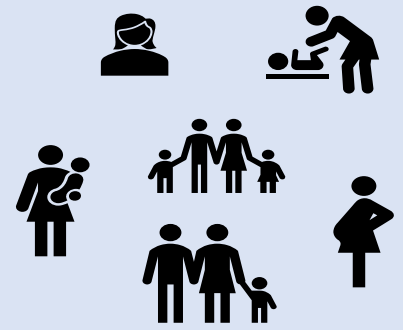
The project aims to improve and strengthen sexual and reproductive health and rights and address SGBV issues of underserved and vulnerable women and adolescents in Dhaka.

## Objectives

- Improve availability and accessibility to quality SRH services for poor and underserved women and adolescents living in urban areas.
- Increase social support, knowledge, and self-efficacy related to SRHR, including SGBV resources for poor and underserved women and adolescents living in urban areas.
- Improve public health (PH) emergency preparedness and response to ensure availability of and access to uninterrupted delivery of essential SRH services & supplies during PH emergencies, including pandemics

## Target Population

- Adolescent Girls
- Women (15-49 years)
- Female garment workers
- Urban low-socio economic group



### Geographic Areas:

- Dhaka North City Corporation
- Dhaka South City Corporation
- Urban areas of Gazipur and Narayanganj

### Project Implementation: Ipas Bangladesh and its partner organizations

- Obstetrical and Gynecological Society of Bangladesh (OGSB)
- Association for Prevention of Septic Abortion, Bangladesh (BAPSA)
- Reproductive Health Service, Training and Education Program (RHSTEP)
- SERAC Bangladesh

### Project Interventions



### Key outcomes

- 500 providers trained on SRH service provision
- 157 health facilities provide quality contraceptive and MR-PAC services
- 1000 youths and adolescent volunteers forming 100 CAGs and oriented on creating community awareness on SRHR and SGBV issues and demand creation of SRH services.
- 198, 000 clients received quality MR, PAC and FP services;
- 450,000 women, adolescents & youth sensitized on SRHR & SGBV issues.

### Collaborative partners

- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and its Directorates:
  - Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS)
  - Directorate General of Family Planning (DGFP)
  - Directorate General of Nursing and Midwifery (DGNM)
- Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives (MOLGRD&C)
- Urban Primary Health care Services Delivery Project (UPHCSDP)
- Dhaka North City Corporation
- Dhaka South City Corporation
- Narayanganj City Corporation
- Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA)
- Bangladesh Private Medical Practitioners Association (BPMMA)