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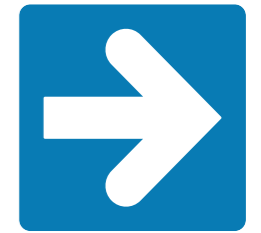
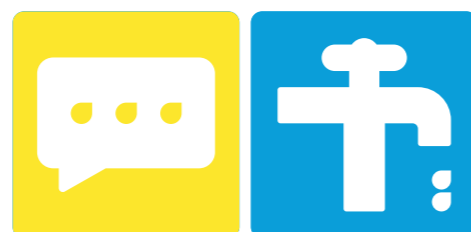
The year 2022/23 has been an exciting one for WaterAid, as we continued to beam our mission to reach more communities with water, toilets, and taps. We have once again seen that the courage and collaboration between partners and communities can bring transformational changes.

Bangladesh continued to demonstrate its progressive nature. Our celebration of the iconic 50 years of WASH journey is a testament for it and helps set a pathway of achieving universal access to water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) in the future. The year has been significant for WaterAid as we mobilised to bring water as a vital agenda at COP26 - sharing Bangladesh's plight as a result of surging climate events which affect WASH infrastructures and make lives difficult for the marginalised. While accentuating on the need for focused finances on essential resilient infrastructures and nature-based solutions towards adaptation.

We are resolute towards tackling challenges of WASH, emerging from unplanned urban growth pockets hindering the SDG 6 progress with innovative applications such as rainwater harvesting, Citywide Inclusive Sanitation (CWIS) approaches and better Faecal Sludge Management (FSM) uptake. Our effort and engagement on public-private partnership paved the way towards reducing groundwater use, equitable WASH access, and supporting development of the critical strategies remained a major focus in 2021/22. The impact we have collectively achieved this year is only through the generous support of our donors, supporters, the government, our partners, and the communities we serve.

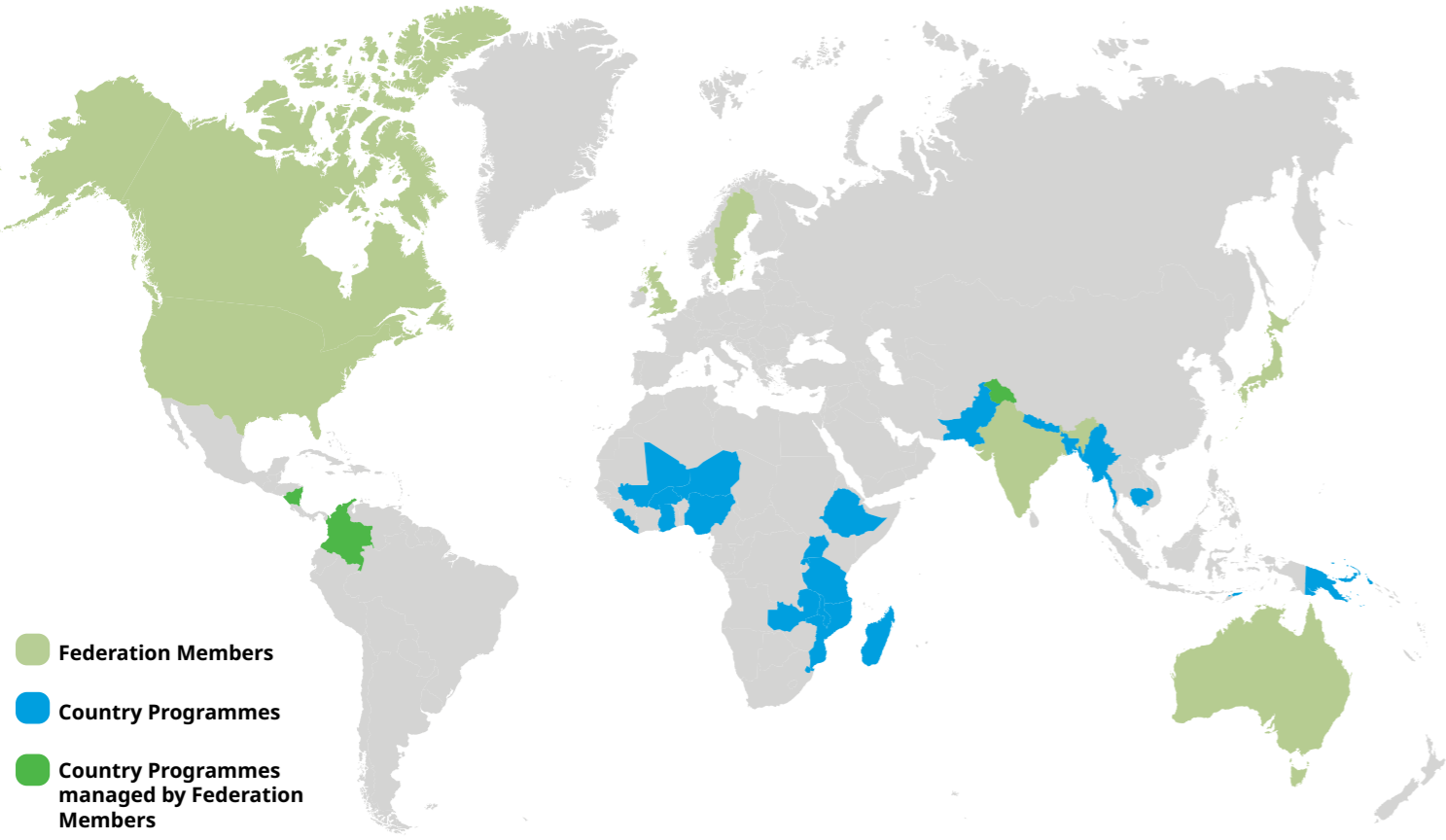
Finally, I wish to share 2022/23 is the final year of our current country programme strategy (CPS) 2016-2022. In the coming year, we aspire to develop the CPS 2023-2028 based on our learnings from our past legacies and emerging needs of our communities.

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About us

WaterAid is an international charity focused on helping people to transform their lives through ensuring access to clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene, focussing on the achievement of SDG6. We change millions of lives every year, with our global footprint spanning 27 countries.



WaterAid Bangladesh at a glance

WaterAid Bangladesh was established in 1986 and has since been working with Bangladeshi communities to help them demand their rights for water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), and support the government and other duty bearers to respond to citizen's needs. We work with communities to design local and context-appropriate solutions, and implement them together.

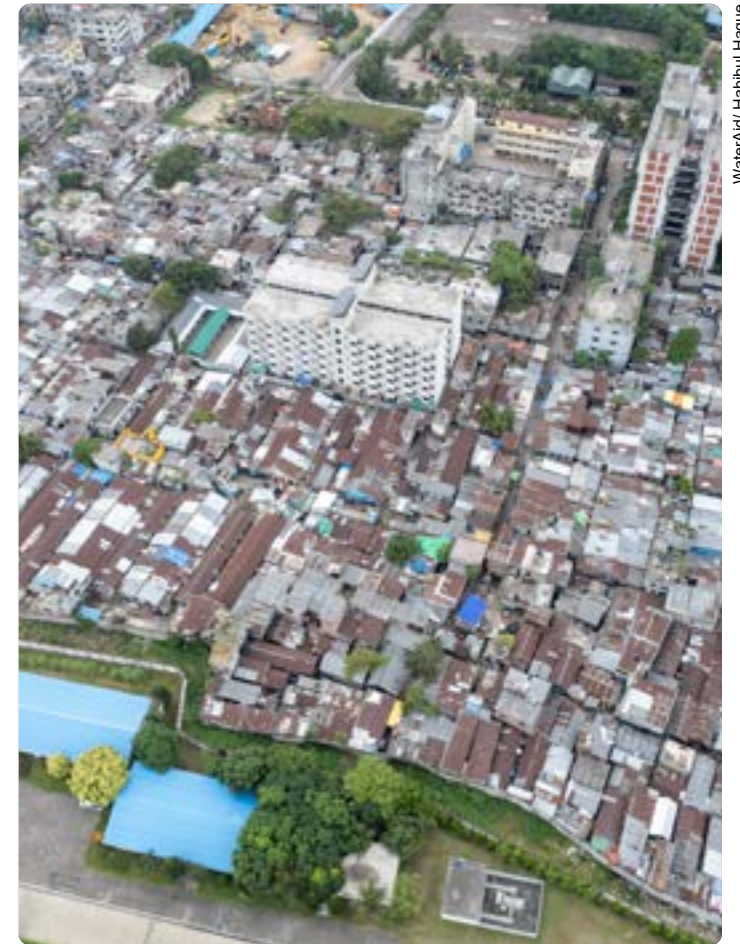
WaterAid Bangladesh works through partner NGOs and also collaborate with several strategic partners to amplify our voice so that our message can be heard, and impact can be sustained and scaled. To date, our coverage in Bangladesh extends to 11 districts, 17 sub-districts, five city corporations and four municipalities.

11 Districts

17 Sub-districts

05 City Corporations

04 Municipalities



WaterAid/ Habibul Haque



WaterAid/ Farzana Hossen

PEOPLE REACHED
2022/23

104,096
with clean water

98,754
with decent sanitation

126,835
with hygiene interventions



Gopal is one of the Munda Community leaders in Satkhira trying to change habits of his community members. The Mundas are a marginalised ethnic minority that suffer from disparities in water access due to both availability and social stigma.

25 million

people reached with clean water, improved sanitation, and hygiene interventions since 2003.

Our focus

Our mission in Bangladesh comprise of four thematic programme areas

Urban WASH

Focus on city and municipality-wide approach to WASH service improvement.

Rural WASH

Works to improve WASH services in households, healthcare facilities, and schools in remote regions.

Climate Resilience

Works in climate-vulnerable regions with context-appropriate WASH technologies and coping strategies.

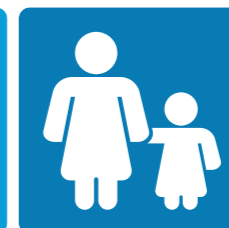
Influencing & Enabling

Strengthens WASH policies to steward national WASH agenda and advocate for WASH rights.



Geographic presence

Our work spans throughout Bangladesh with activities in districts of Dhaka, Chattogram, Khulna, Nilphamari, Tangail, Satkhira, Gaibandha, Moulvibazar, Sunamganj, Rajshahi, Gazipur, Bagerhat, and Narayanganj.



Ms. Sabina Begum used to endure the daily struggle of walking an additional mile to collect water. A year ago, Nobolok, with the assistance of WaterAid Bangladesh.

Urban WASH

Optimising public service delivery and ensuring WASH accessibility for vulnerable and marginalised communities are the crux of our Urban WASH programme in Bangladesh. We spearhead activities to promote pro-poor WASH outcomes through flagship projects, impactful partnerships, and public toilets.

Highlights

- 1 Co-created and deployed a health protection insurance programme with the private sector for sanitation workers by the name of 'Shasthya Nirapotta Scheme' - transacting to 8,844 enrolments.
- 2 Expanded inclusive programming to support a school of differently-abled - enabling 164 students with different disabilities to benefit from inclusive and improved WASH facilities.
- 3 Engaged education authorities for incorporating WASH agenda in schools - resulting in 106 secondary schools in Khulna City Corporation being given notice to develop and submit WASH action plan for maintaining proper WASH condition at their respective schools.
- 4 Apart from managing 34 public toilets in different cities, WaterAid worked with Rajshahi and Chattogram City Corporations to construct three new public toilets.

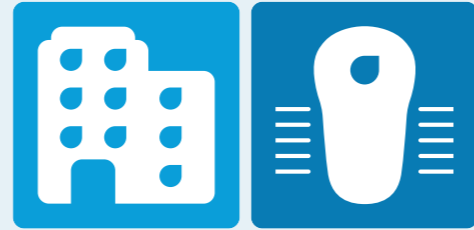


WaterAid/Habibul Haque

Lamia drinking filtered water. WaterAid setup a WASH block at her school in Khulna which enabled easy access to safe water.

Logged 4.28 million uses of our public toilets

In FY22-23, we logged 4.28 million use of WaterAid's developed public toilets which is a 21% increment from the previous year. Female representation stands at 622,039 - a 36%~ increase from last year.



3,772

students have benefitted through installed sanitary pad vending machines.

537

sanitation facilities have been renovated and improved in different schools and communities.

30,688

adolescent girls got training on MHM system and removing taboos at community and institution level.



WaterAid/Farzana Hossein



Anna-Karin Dahlberg, Director of Sustainability at Lindex visiting an industrial rainwater harvesting facility. We built the facility in a readymade garments factory located at Gazipur. This was developed to reduce dependency on groundwater.

Rural and small town WASH

Rural and small town WASH works to increase inclusive and resilient WASH access of the poor at hard-to-reach areas. Key focus areas include empowering local government institutions along with enhancing capacity of community members, service providers, and institutions to promote sustainable WASH services.

Highlights

12

Madrasas have been outfitted with improved WASH blocks

5,947

students are benefitted as a result in improved access to WASH services

12

schools saw installation of sanitary pad vending machines

27 WASH Ambassadors

developed in this period which consist of adolescent girls from the tea garden worker communities - empowering them to render WASH messages where they facilitated their community to build:

851 + 245

latrines **handwashing stations**



WaterAid/Fabeha Monir



Many girls did not come to school regularly. I also missed school all the time. During the time of menstruation, we never attended classes. Now that we have a hygienic toilet, I regularly attend our class. All of my classmates are also attending school regularly.

A student from Mohammad Nagar Darrus Salam Madrasa, Kaliganj, Satkhira



A tale of girls championing WASH

The 'WASH Ambassador' model of WaterAid saw adolescent girls in communities deliver WASH services and facilitate development of latrines and handwashing stations for which they are incentivised against outputs. This initiative resulted in the girls developing leadership skills while also improving their quality of life.

Climate resilience

The Climate Resilience programme uplifts adaptive capacity of people at country's climate-stressed regions (especially at the southwest coast and northern arid regions) through context-specific WASH service delivery and system strengthening, equally prioritising restoration of facilities within changing climate contexts or disasters. The programme bridges WASH and climate change adaptation with broader sectors i.e., livelihood development, healthcare, education and capacity building.

Highlights

381,130

climate-vulnerable people reached with WASH services

42

water interventions in communities

375

sanitation interventions in communities

2.24 million

liters of water produced at rainwater harvesting plants at school to support during cyclone Sitrang



WE-WE: A climate-adaptive practice

Our introduced Water Entrepreneurship for Women Empowerment (WE-WE) approach was recognised by the Global Center on Adaptation (GCA) as an exemplary locally-led adaptation practice. In addition, the National Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Guidelines for Water Supply and Sanitation recognised the approach as a successful O&M model.



Enter the Mundas

The minority Munda community is one of the most climate-vulnerable communities in the coastal region of Kaliganj, Satkhira. Encroaching salinity of freshwater sources, frequent flash floods, and social stigma results in significant difficulties in accessing basic water and sanitation services. After WASH interventions by WaterAid, the community has dramatically improved their everyday life - getting the benefit of safe drinking water and access to hygienic toilets.



Walking three hours a day to collect drinking water was a daily phenomenon by Munda women in Kaliganj, Satkhira, a coastal region that is highly vulnerable to climate impacts. Through the resilient rainwater harvesting facility we have built in the community, we have met their annual water demand.



Influencing & enabling

The programme works to influence government policies, strategies and plans, support sector strengthening and coordination, and work on key themes such as SDG 6, WASH financing, and pro-poor, inclusive and functional WASH. We do this through showcasing evidence, and building awareness of CSOs, NGOs and networks, and relevant ministries.

Highlights



National O&M Guidelines for Water Supply and Sanitation is finalised

WaterAid provided technical support and stewarded the finalisation of the National O&M Guidelines for Water Supply and Sanitation (Rural) which was published in June 2022 by the Local Government Division. Two best practices of WaterAid, namely WASH Desk and the WE-WE approach was recognised as learning examples in the guidelines.

WASH integration in Bangladesh's NAP

A crucial advocacy victory came in the form of the extensive inclusion of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) in the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) 2023-2050 of Bangladesh. The Honourable Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina have duly approved the plan which was then published.



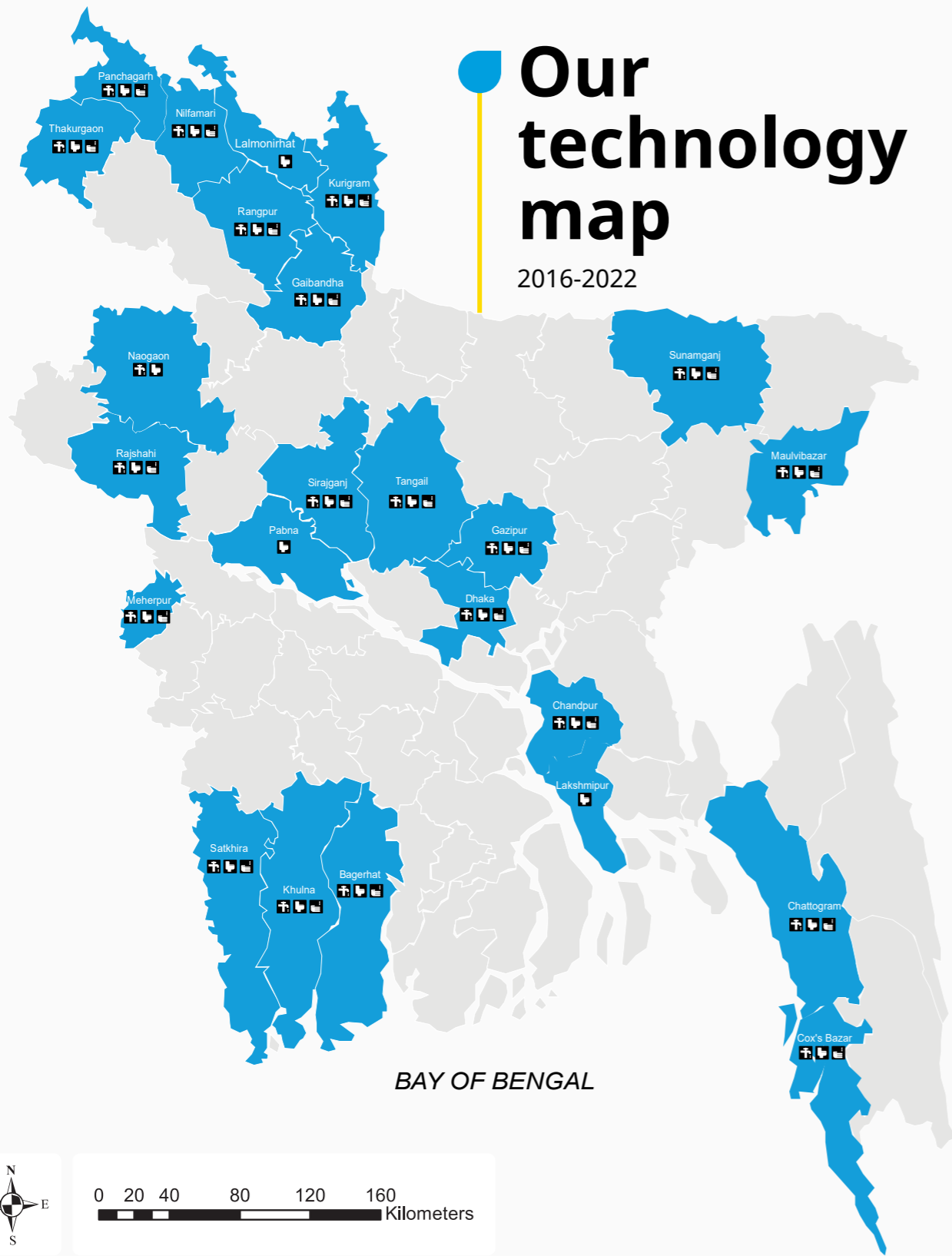
The SUWAS Conference was used as a platform to share the learning impact of the International Training Programme (ITP) on SUWAS addressing needs for enhanced engagement, integration, and awareness raising for WASH processes.



WaterWomen, an initiative powered by the Swiss Water Partnership Youth and WaterAid Bangladesh, started its journey

WaterWomen is a network that aims to bring together emerging female water professionals, capacitate them, empower them as young water leaders to ensure female participation in the sector.





Our technology map

2016-2022

BAY OF BENGAL

- ### Water Technologies
- Water ATM
 - Deep Tubewell
 - Reverse Osmosis Plant
 - Arsenic-Iron Removal Plant
 - Safe Water Dispensing System
 - Rainwater Harvesting System
 - Mini Piped Water Supply System

- ### Sanitation Technologies
- Bio-Let
 - Septic Tank
 - Mobile Toilet
 - Twin Pit latrine
 - Anaerobic Baffled Reactor
 - Decentralised Wastewater Treatment System
 - Faecal Sludge Treatment with Co-composting

- ### Hygiene Technologies
- Tippy Tap
 - Handwashing on Wheel
 - Handwashing Station/Device
 - Incineration of Medical Waste
 - Deep Burial of Menstrual Waste



We wouldn't be able to do what we do without the support of our donors and partners, and the communities we serve



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