



FOR A JUST SOCIETY

The Association for Socio-Economic Advancement of Bangladesh (ASEAB) is a non-government, non-political, and voluntary development organization founded and run by a group of committed professionals, social workers, and multi-disciplinary experts. For over 30 years, ASEAB has been contributing to uplifting the miseries of the poor and the needy communities facing multi-faceted social deprivation and long-held injustices.

Through various projects, the organization aims at ending poverty, and improving the lives and prospects of the destitute across Bangladesh. The head office of ASEAB is situated in the village of Khayerbagan, 10 kilometers from the district headquarters of Pabna, located in the catchment of the great river Padma.

In the last three decades, ASEAB played a significant role in transforming the lives of the people of Char areas of Pabna, where acute poverty, starvation, illiteracy, floods, river erosion, habitat loss, and a decline in cultivable land have been prevalent. In this context, ASEAB commits its resources at relieving individuals from the grip of enduring poverty and hunger. Since its inception ASEAB have covered more than 10 of 17 SDGs to mitigate social injustice, deprivation, and inequality across almost all the divisions of Bangladesh through different initiatives. As of 2023, ASEAB has served about a million beneficiaries and their families.

ASEAB has been working and affiliated with different national and international organizations and networks since its inception. The organization obtained registration with the NGO Affairs Bureau in 1995, the Trust Act in 2002, the Microcredit Regulatory Authority in 2008, and the Joint Stock Company in 2009.

DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

Actionaid, Bdesb Foundation USA, Baznas Indonesia, Bangladesh Bank, CARE Bangladesh, Concern, DFID, GoB-unicef, Imana USA, Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd, Mafiq Foundation USA, Manusher Jonno Foundation, USC Canada and WFP

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WATER SANITATION HYGIENE (WASH) PROJECT

PROJECT DURATION 2022 TO 2023

Funded By
BDesh Foundation, USA



Project Background

The World Bank says that though Bangladesh has for many years enjoyed almost universal access to drinking water, arsenic contamination of 22 percent of the country's tube wells lowered the service coverage to below 80 percent.

Bangladesh has made significant progress in reducing open defecation, from 34 percent in 1990 to just one percent of the national population in 2015. However, the current rate of improved sanitation is growing at only 1.1 percent annually.

Still, the quality of sanitation coverage is an emerging area of concern, with more than 40 percent of all latrines classified as "unimproved." Drinking water access is widespread, but half of the drinking water consumed fails to meet water safety standards. Waterborne diseases are widespread, which fuels rapid transmission of gastrointestinal pathogens that can have disastrous impact on health and nutrition.

Since 2003 the ASEAB has been contributing to this improvement journey in water and sanitation sector of Bangladesh. The WASH project aims to address the WASH issues by facilitating access to safe drinking water, improving sanitation facilities, and promoting good hygiene practices in the districts of Pabna and Jessore. The project took initiatives like installing tube-wells and deep wells for clean water, installment of toilets and other sanitation facilities, and educating the local population on proper hygiene practices.

Beneficiary

Community People Lacking Drinkable Safe Water and Proper Sanitation Facilities

PRESENT TARGET

TUBE WELL INSTALLATION

TARGET	ACHIEVED
2170	2193

LATRINE INSTALLATION

TARGET	ACHIEVED
12000	18700

FUTURE TARGET

TUBE WELL INSTALLATION

TARGET
500 MORE

LATRINE INSTALLATION

TARGET
1800 MORE

Within 2024

Project Objective

The main objective of the project is to ensure safe and clean drinking water and standard sanitation facility for the deprived people.

Projects Activities

- Drilling wells or boreholes, and installing water filtration systems, and water storage tanks
- Installation of toilets, public toilets, and other unconventional structures for sanitation that fit the needs and customs of the area
- Promotion of hygiene practices among the local community, such as proper hand washing, proper disposal of waste, and other hygiene measures that stop spread of diseases.

