



BRAC and BRAC UDP: BRAC JPGSPH is in close partnership with BRAC through various research project. In ARISE, BRAC JPGSPH is working with BRAC Urban Development Program (UDP). [BRAC](#) is ranked as the world’s number one non-governmental organization (NGO) of 2020 robust leadership and governance structure and continued commitment to systemic change. It is a leading development organization based in Bangladesh, retaining its activities in 11 countries. e.g., Liberia, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda. [BRAC Urban Development Program](#) (BRAC UDP) has been working in the community since 2016 with a view to alleviate multidimensional poverty and deprivation of 1 million urban poor The program is currently operating in 400 low-income communities in 20 cities and municipalities across Bangladesh with an aim to make cities inclusive, safe, and sustainable through improving wellbeing, reducing multidimensional poverty, and supporting people living in urban poverty to exercise their rights.

Dec 2019-Feb 2020

Event Title	Date and Location	Brief Description of event (specify whether event was training, conference, workshop, meeting etc) Please tell us the type of audience you engaged with (scientific? General public? Special Interest group?)	Your role (i.e. attending/presenting/organising)	No. of female attendees	No. of male attendees	No. of other attendees
Preliminary Meeting with BRAC Urban Development Programme (UDP)	6 January 2020 Dhaka, Bangladesh	Meeting to discuss roles BRAC UDP and BRAC JPG Colleagues	Attending	4	5	9
Consultation workshop with BRAC UDP	22 January 2020 Dhaka, Bangladesh	Workshop to finalize roles and study sites BRAC UDP and BRAC JPG Colleagues	Arranging	4	4	8



March 2020-May 2020

Webinar: Covid-19 impact on urban informal settlements: vulnerabilities, challenges and responses (May 2020). The webinar was organized by BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health. Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman (ARISE Bangladesh Advisory Board Member) chaired the event. This webinar highlighted the vulnerabilities, challenges and responses of the urban informal settlement dwellers during the COVID-19 pandemic in 4 countries: Sierra Leone, Kenya, India and Bangladesh. The webinar was broadcasted live on BRAC JPGSPH Facebook page. Link: <https://www.ariseconsortium.org/learn-more-archive/covid-19-impact-on-urban-informal-settlements-vulnerabilities-challenges-and-responses/>

June 2020-Aug 2020

Sept 2020-Nov 2020

Preliminary identification of vulnerable groups (Sep 2020):

- BRAC Urban Development Programme (UDP) shared lists of poor and extreme poor people of the study sites (informal settlements) with the ARISE Bangladesh team in September. Over time it will expand to include other vulnerable groups as we continue to do the interviews.

- Vulnerable groups (eg. persons with disabilities in poorer households, female headed households, pregnant women, new migrants, families with severely ill members, etc) were also identified through small discussion over the phone with local leaders and BRAC frontline workers in each of the study sites.

Proposal:

- BRAC Urban Development Programme (UDP), BRAC JPGSPH's implementation partner, successfully submitted a proposal titled "Responding to C-19: Community Preparedness and Management of Public Health Emergency" for the Responsive Fund - 1st call. Three of the ARISE Bangladesh colleagues -Samiha Ali, Farzana Manzoor, Abdul Awal worked with the BRAC UDP team and submitted the proposal on Nov 29. They had a series of meetings since Sept'20.
- BRAC UDP has approached JPGSPH to conduct the baseline study of their two HEALTH and WASH projects in 3 urban informal settlements (3 Geneva camps/Bihari camps - Mohammadpur and Mirpur in Dhaka and Saidpur in Nilphamari. BRAC JPGSPH has agreed to conduct the baseline study.

Dec 2020-Feb 2021

- ARISE Responsive fund 1st call - JPGSPH and BRAC Urban Development Programme (UDP) jointly developed a proposal for an 18-month COVID response project for the Responsive Fund 1st call. The proposal has been awarded and a sub-agreement has been signed between JPGSPH and BRAC UDP in December 2020. This project has started in January 2021 and will be implemented in three informal settlements in three cities - Shyampur in Dhaka city. JPGSPH is responsible for the overall



grant management in Bangladesh and also providing technical support to BRAC UDP for co-developing an M&E framework, work plan, detailing activities, and curriculum/content for training and community awareness building. BRAC UDP is responsible for the overall implementation of the project. BRAC UDP has started the process of recruiting Community Organizers (COs) from the three project sites. They have also prepared a list of extreme poor and most vulnerable people living in the project sites. The purchase of health commodities (masks and soap) and handwashing station devices are in progress. JPGSPH and BRAC UDP are also co-developing an M&E framework and system for tracking and documenting the project activities.

- Community Inception event: BRAC UDP and ARISE Bangladesh team jointly organized three and hosted inception events with the community people of three ARISE sites (Kallyanpur pora bosti, Dholpur and Nama-shyampur). Due to the current pandemic situation, it was not possible for the team to conduct the inception events at the selected informal settlement sites and so the events were carried out at BRAC JPG office. Most of the community people were the members of CDO (Community development organization). They raised a lot of issues that they have been facing while residing in those communities- lack of healthcare services, unhealthy environment, and income loss during corona, need for permanent residences, absence of government schools, fear of eviction, fire hazards, lack of privacy, drug addiction, poor infrastructure, unsafe drinking water, sexual harassment etc. All the key issues and challenges shared by the community people are enlisted for further implications and for future research.
- Inception Meeting with Local Governance actors: Inception events with local Governance actors were carried out at three different near slum locations in the end of December with the presence of around 20 local Governance actors. The participants include ward councilors, service providers, CDO (Community Development Organizations) presidents, schoolteachers, religious leaders, committee members etc. They have discussed about the activities and key problems which need to be addressed. They have also proposed relevant stakeholders that can be included in our study.
- CDO Meetings: BRAC Urban Development Program (BRAC UDP) has been undergoing CDO meetings (Community Development Organizations- a local community-based committee consisting of 21 members representing the specific slum area established by BRAC Urban Development Program who work as the voices of their community). The CDO meetings are held monthly inside the respective slum area, and we took part in the meetings through Google meet. The ARISE Bangladesh team could virtually connect and observe the CDO meetings and could learn how the meetings are conducted. All the information, observation, notes along with the participant lists have also been documented.
- Meeting with Advisory Board Members: To update the ARISE Bangladesh Advisory Board Members on the activities of last one year a short presentation was given to the ARISE Bangladesh Advisory Board Members. Also suggestions taken from them for future activities.
- Three Inception meetings with community were organized where mainly community and members of CDO (Community development organization) participated
- Three Inception meetings with local governance actors were organized where ward councilors, service providers, community representatives, CDO (Community Development Organizations) presidents, school teachers, religious leaders, committee members



Event Title/ Engagement Activity – please choose from one of the following:	Date and Location	Brief Description of event (specify whether event was training, conference, workshop, meeting etc)	Participants	Your role - tell us about the intended purpose, and any outcomes or impacts. (i.e. attending/prese nting/ organising)	How many people did this activity reach
Community inception Events	<p>Inception event with community people of Kallyanpur - Dec 7, 2020</p> <p>Inception event with community people of Dholpur- Dec 9, 2020</p> <p>Inception event with community people of Shyampur</p>	<p>ARISE Bangladesh team and BRAC Urban Development Programme jointly organized and hosted inception events with the community people of three ARISE sites (Kallyanpur pora bosti, Dholpur and Nama-shyampur). All three meetings were hosted at BRAC JPG office. The main objectives of the events were the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To orient community about the ARISE project 2. Encourage and motivate them to get involved in different steps of the project and future activities 3. To get suggestions from the community members for strengthening research methodologies and approaches. 	Residence of three informal settlements (ARISE study sites)	The ARISE Bangladesh team organized the events jointly with BRAC UDP. .	<p>Inception event with community people of Kallyanpur: 25 Community people (14 male and 11 female), 5 BRAC UDP colleagues and 6 members from ARISE Bangladesh</p> <p>Inception event with community people of Dholpur: 25 Community people (14 male and 11 female), 5 BRAC UDP colleagues and 6 members from ARISE Bangladesh</p> <p>Inception event with community people of Shyampur- 25 Community people (14 male and 11 female), 5 BRAC</p>



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CDO meetings	<p>CDO meeting- Dholpur: Dec 21, 2020</p> <p>CDO meeting- Shyampur : Dec 22, 2020</p> <p>CDO meeting- Kallyanpur : Dec 23, 2020</p>	<p>BRAC Urban Development Programme organizes monthly meetings with the members of the local community development organizations in urban informal settlements to discuss different issues with the community and shared important information with them. The ARISE Bangladesh team virtually joined meetings in the three ARISE study sites in December 2020 with an aim to observe community's interactions and understand the discussion issues. In the December 2020 meetings, BRAC UDP mainly discussed about violence against women and children and shared information about the existing support system to report and get services, such as national hotline numbers.</p>	Residents of three selected informal settlements of Dhaka city (ARISE study sites)	ARISE Bangladesh team participates as observers	<p>CDO meeting- Dholpur: 25 (22 male and 3 female) community people and 3 BRAC UDP colleagues</p> <p>CDO meeting- Shyampur: 25 community (23 female and 2 male) members and 3 BRAC UDP staffs</p> <p>CDO meeting- Kallyanpur: 24 community members (9 female and 15 male) and 3 BRAC UDP staffs</p>





<p>Inception event with Local Governance actors</p>	<p>Inception event with Local Governance actors- Dholpur: Dec 27, 2020</p> <p>Inception with Local Governance actors- Shyampur : Dec 28, 2020</p> <p>Inception with Local Governance actors- Kallyanpur : Dec 29, 2020</p>	<p>ARISE Bangladesh team and BRAC Urban Development Programme jointly organized and hosted inception events with the local Governance actors of three ARISE sites (Kallyanpur pora bosti, Dholpur and Nama-shyampur). All three meetings were hosted at BRAC JPG office.</p>	<p>Policymakers /politicians</p> <p>Professional Practitioners</p>	<p>The ARISE Bangladesh team organized the events jointly with BRAC UDP.</p>	<p>Inception event with Local Governance actors- Dholpur: 27 Governance actors (20 male and 7 female), 6 BRAC UDP colleagues and 7 members from ARISE Bangladesh</p> <p>Inception with Local Governance actors-Shyampur: : 32 Governance actors (12 male and 15 female), 3 BRAC UDP colleagues and 5 members from ARISE Bangladesh</p> <p>Inception with Local Governance actors-Kallyanpur: 27 Governance actors (18 male and 14 female), 6 BRAC UDP colleagues and 7 members from ARISE Bangladesh</p>
<p>Meeting with ARISE Bangladesh</p>	<p>25 February, 2021</p>	<p>ARISE Bangladesh team had a virtual meeting with Dr. Hossain Zillur</p>	<p>Other - ARISE Advisory</p>		





Advisory Panel member		Rahman, one of the ARISE Advisory Board members to share an update of the ARISE activities that have been conducted over the last one year and to take his suggestions for future activities.	Board member		
BRAC Urban Development Programme (UDP)	This partnership is under the ARISE Responsive fund call where BRAC JPGSPH and BRAC UDP jointly submitted the proposal titled “Responding to C-19: Community Preparedness and Management of Public Health Emergency”. BRAC UDP with	<p>ARISE Bangladesh team co-developed the proposal with BRAC UDP team. Now ARISE BD team is providing technical support to BRAC UDP in the implementation of the project. Both BRAC JPGSPH AND BRAC UDP are currently co-developing the M & E framework for the activities under ARISE Responsive fund call.</p> <p>One person from ARISE BD team has been assigned as the focal person for coordinating with BRAC UDP and provide them all necessary assistance and monitoring the progress.</p>	ARISE Bangladesh is responsible for the overall grant management . ARISE Bangladesh team contributed in co-development of the proposal and submission on behalf of BRAC UDP. ARISE Bangladesh is now providing technical support in developing M&E framework and work plan. They will continue providing		





	<p>the support from ARISE Bangladesh team has successfully awarded GBP 50,000 under the first call of ARISE Responsive Fund to carry out a small COVID-19 response project which is a mini-intervention (18 months) project that started in January 2021 and will be implemented in three slums (Baje Kajla-Rajshahi city, Greenland</p>		<p>technical support, as needed and requested by BRAC UDP, throughout the project period. BRAC UDP is responsible for the overall implementation of the project. Under this project BRAC UDP will carry out activities including distribution of masks, setting up hand washing devices, organising health camps and COVID-19 awareness training for community and leadership training for members of community-based</p>		
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	<p>- Khulna city and Shyampur from Dhaka city) in three cities. The project aims to improve health and wellbeing of the people living in urban informal communities in the context of COVID pandemic era in alignment with ARISE outcomes.</p>		<p>organizations . Both team will also jointly develop a virtual cross-learning platform for exchanging knowledge and sharing experience between community people of three informal settlements in three cities (this project sites).</p>		
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