

# Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)



Access to water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) is a fundamental human right, as recognized in the 2010 United Nations General Assembly Resolution 64/292 and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). As with all SDGs, Goal 6: Clean water and sanitation, follows the guiding principle of “leave no one behind”. Barriers to accessing WASH services & facilities disproportionately affect people with disabilities. This inequitable access to WASH impacts their health, livelihood, and education opportunities.

Below are CDD’s interventions to make WASH facilities accessible and inclusive for all:

1. CDD has been working in particular areas at Jamalpur district and Gaibandha district to spread & strengthen the knowledge of JMP standards (the Joint Monitoring Program -JMP is the international standard for measuring WASH) practices and facilities among communities so they are able to assess their drinking water sources, community toilets, handwashing, and hygiene practices as per JMP. These interventions, helped them to decrease the water-borne diseases and improve the quality of their drinking water.
2. CDD-projects developed the knowledge and understanding of disability-inclusive WASH facilities, gender and disability-inclusive WASH action-plans of Community-Based Organizations (CBO) and Self-Help Groups in collaboration with Union & Ward Water & Sanitation-Watsan committee. In this process, the participation of women and persons with disabilities was given priority.





3. With the support of CDD-project, women with disabilities were emerged as WASH entrepreneur by breaking all taboos & social norms regarding menstrual health & hygiene management. Now, they sell sanitary products and water devices throughout community by making door-to-door visit. This initiative was also expanded to schools where educating women and girls about safe management of their period, proper disposal of pads, raising awareness on the importance of disability-friendly toilets were discussed.

4) Advocacy and capacity building of local administration and local government functionaries to install disability and women-friendly WASH facilities as a demonstration and activation of Water and Sanitation Committee at Union Parishad.

5) CDD took efforts to create linkage between persons with disabilities and Union Parishads and wash service providers at community so that households of persons with disabilities can get tube-wells and latrine facilities at different project locations.

