GLOBAL TASK FORCE ON CHOLERA CONTROL

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BACKGROUND OF CHOLERA IN THE COUNTRY

Diarrheal Diseases- the leading cause of hospitalization at public facilities and fifth leading cause of child death under the age of five

icddr,b has been continuing lab based cholera surveillance since 1979

Some latest statistics on Cholera in Bangladesh-

Population at risk- 66,495,209

Incidence rate- 1.64/1,000 cases

Estimated Annual cases- 109,052

Estimated annual number of death- 3,272

The 2% systematic surveillance of icddr,b shows ~20% of patients are culture confirmed cholera cases

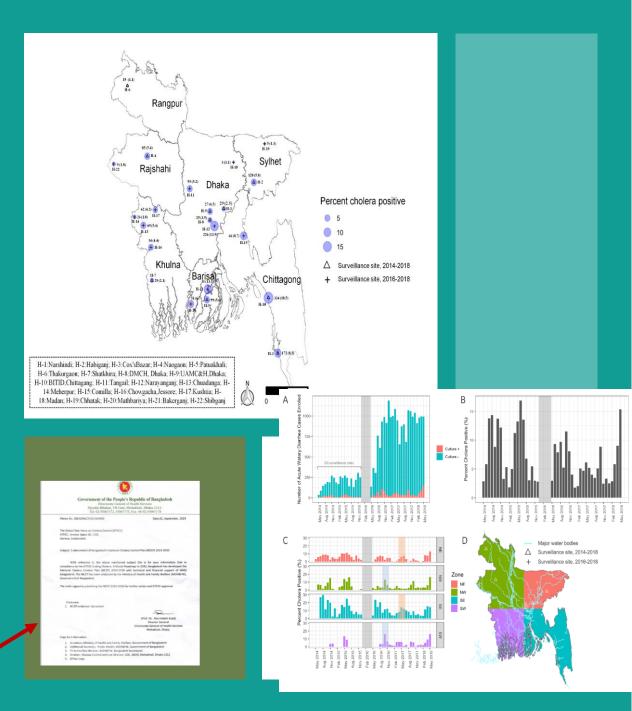
The proportion of diarrheal patients positive for cholera in children <5 years was 2.1% and in patients \geq 5 years was 9.5%.

The proportion of cholera in Dhaka and Chittagong Division is consistently high.

We observe a biannual seasonal peaks (pre- and postmonsoon) for cholera across the country, with higher cholera positivity during the post-monsoon in western regions and during the pre-monsoon season in eastern regions.

Cholera risk increases with age, occupation, and recent history of diarrhea among household members.

NATIONAL CHOLERA CONTROL PLAN formulated and approved in September 2019



ORAL CHOLERA VACCINE USE IN BANGLADESH- COX'S BAZAR

| SI no. | Vaccination Campaigns | Date of Campaign | Target Age group | Target | Coverage | Remarks |
|--------|---|-------------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------|--|
| 1 | OCV Campaign (1 st Round) | 10-18 October 2017 | >1 year | 658,371 | 700,487 (106%) | Evaluated coverage showed >92% |
| 2 | OCV Campaign (2 nd Round) | 5-9 November 2017 | 1 to <5 Years | 182,317 | 199,472 (109%) | |
| 3 | OCV Campaign (May- 2018 Round) (+ <u>Host community</u>) | 6-13 May 2018 | >1 year | 984,906 (including 103,506 from HC) | 879,273 | Evaluated coverage showed >95% |
| 4 | OCV Campaign (Nov- Dec 2018 Round) (+ <u>Host community</u>) | 17 Nov – 13 Dec 2018 | >1 year | 328,556 (including 991,61 from HC) | 364,686 (110.0%) | Evaluated coverage showed >95.1% |

OCV USE IN COX'S BAZAR AND DHAKA CITY DEC 2019 2020

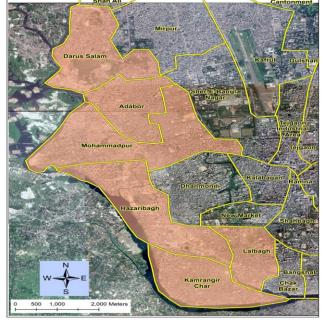
| Campaign | Date | Target Age Group | Target | Coverage |
|-----------------------|---|--|--------------------|---------------------|
| Cox's Bazar | 8 to 31 December 2019 | >1 year host community 1 to <5 years FDMN | 495,197 144,062 | 528,297* 162,871 |
| Cox's Bazar | 19 to 26 January 2020 15 to 20 February 2020 | 1 year and above host community 1 to <5 years FDMN | 584,621 162,871 | 164,615* 179,891 |
| Demonstration project | 19 to 25 February 2020 | >1 year and above | 1.2 million | 1,199,136 |

Based on the National Cholera Control Plan for Bangladesh the demonstration project for Oral Cholera Vaccine was carried out in 6 cholera endemic thanas of Dhaka City Corporation

- Bangladesh requested 2.5 million OCV doses for vaccination of 1.2 million people in high risk urban slum of six thanas
- For the first round 1.2 million OCV doses (Euvichol) were received on 18 and 19 February 2020.
- Vaccination was carried out from 19 to 25 February 2020 and 1,199,136 doses were delivered to those one year and above in age target

| | < 5yrs | <5yrs | | >5yrs | |
|---------------|--------|--------|-------------|--------|-------------|
| Thana name | Male | Female | >5 yrs Male | Female | Grand Total |
| Adabor | 13131 | 12781 | 84772 | 71378 | 182062 |
| Darus Salamr | 2489 | 2412 | 17296 | 13506 | 35703 |
| Hazaribagh | 20895 | 19584 | 89257 | 82912 | 212648 |
| KamrangirChar | 25626 | 25295 | 101447 | 101157 | 253525 |
| Lalbagh | 9533 | 9180 | 58280 | 57561 | 134554 |
| Mohammadpur | 30067 | 28150 | 178686 | 143741 | 380644 |
| Total | 101741 | 97402 | 529738 | 470255 | 1,199,136 |

PLANS BEING MADE AT DGHS FOR OCV DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM I 2021









OCV campaign in Cox's Bazar among host and displaced Rohingya population (FDMNs)- 6th Campaign to prevent cholera epidemic- Dec 2019 to Feb 2020

Strategy followed :

OCV vaccine delivered at EPI based Fixed and Outreach Vaccination centers

Vaccine delivery followed up by house to house mop-up activities the next day- ~ 1 million doses given

Government and other partners including WHO, UNICEF, icddr,b were involved in the campaign for successful delivery of the vaccine







FDMN- Forcibly Displaced Myanmar Nationals in Cox's Bazar

WASH COMPONENTS

During demonstration campaign health education on basic water, sanitation and Hygiene was given

Infographic documents for control of diarrheal diseases was distributed in the area of the campaign

Advocacy meeting with stakeholder was done prior to the campaign



IMPACT OF COVID

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The 2nd dose OCV preventive vaccination could not be done for 1.2 million people in six thanas in Dhaka City Corporations

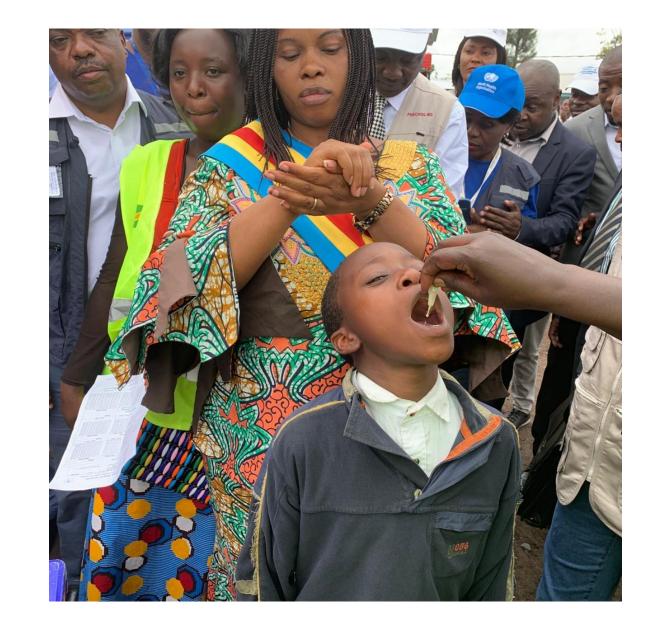
Pre-emptive vaccination of host community in remaining four unions of Teknaf & Ukhiya of Cox's Bazar was also not possible due to the pandemic

We are looking forward to initiatiating the OCV campaign again in 2021

CHALLENGES AND Way forward

It is important to follow the National Cholera Control Plan for Bangladesh to meet the plans of "Ending Cholera 2019-2030" Restart the vaccination in 6 thanas of Dhaka city with 2 doses and from there follow the plan

Plan on using local licensed OCV-Cholvax in Bangladesh to meet the needs of a large population-~180 million doses in 5 years



Together we can #endcholera

