

## WORLD VISION COMMUNITY PROFILE



### BRIEF INFORMATION

IMPACT AREA POPULATION  
24,216 people

PROGRAMME LIFESPAN  
2020 TO 2032 (12 YEARS)

### GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

Wazipur Upalaza is located about 114 km away from the Capital City, Dhaka. The region experiences a humid and tropical climate.

### PROGRAMME GOAL

The overall goal is to contribute to the sustained well-being of children, especially the most vulnerable, within families and communities.

## WAZIPUR

# BANGLADESH

### REALITIES

#### Economic Challenges

As a result of its location, families and children in Wazipur are continually at the risk of earthquakes, water-logging, arsenic poisoning and land erosion. With a majority of the community's population relying on agriculture, livestock and fishing as a source of livelihood, these risks can strip families of food and income. Additionally, the lack of planning and inexperience of farmers further disrupt income generation. Families are also involved in labour-intensive professions including daily labour, fruit gardening and petty trading. The prevalence of disasters and low-income generating jobs stretches the community's poor (52.1%) and extremely poor (37.8%) residents to breaking point.

#### Educational Challenges

Most members of the communities do not understand or recognise the importance of education. Despite the presence of schools in the village clusters, school drop-out rates remain high with about 32% in primary school and 25% in secondary school.

Child labour is identified to be the leading cause of school drop-outs. On the other hand, child marriage is also a major contributing factor to school drop-out rates, with about 69.9% of women in the community currently aged between 20 and 49 having been married before reaching 18 years old.

#### Healthcare Concerns

Stunting in children under five is recorded to be above the national level. Mothers and children in the community have been identified to be the most vulnerable with only 57% of pregnant women receiving the necessary antenatal check-ups.

Inadequate access to quality healthcare and sanitation also encourages diseases like diarrhoea and pneumonia with 45.5% of the population in Wazipur using non-sanitary latrines while 9.9% have no access to toilet facilities. Together with malnutrition, these diseases are some of the leading causes of mortality in the community.



## KEY CHALLENGES AND WORLD VISION'S KEY INITIATIVES

**CHALLENGE** A lack of stable economic opportunities hinder the growth and development of families and the community.

**INITIATIVE** World Vision will empower families and individuals through various activities and skills education. Families will be trained in technical and social skills to help them graduate from their current state of “extremely poor”. In addition to empowering families, unemployed youths may also benefit from these programmes through added skills, equipping them for better employment opportunities.



**CHALLENGE** High levels of disregard on the value of education and drop-out rates.

**INITIATIVE** World Vision aspires to improve functional literacy and life skills through the integration of quality education. This is most likely to be achieved by World Vision's early childhood education and school improvement programmes. In addition to imparting literacy skills, World Vision is most likely to offer educational support as well as vocational and technical skill training for poverty-stricken children.



**CHALLENGE** Mothers and children are in poor health with limited access to nutrition knowledge and quality healthcare

**INITIATIVE** World Vision aims to improve access to quality healthcare services, sanitation facilities and education on nutrition for both children and women, especially mothers. This may be carried out by outfitting schools with necessary sanitary systems and nutritional knowledge in hopes to efficiently and effectively reduce and eradicate malnutrition and malnutrition-related mortality amongst children and expectant women.



*\*World Vision (Singapore) will finalise and implement the necessary interventions required in Wazipur AP in September 2020. Wazipur AP is currently still being assessed by World Vision staff to identify and prioritise the community's needs.*

Thank you for your heart for the poor, and for making a difference in the lives of children and families in Bangladesh.  
Because of our community-focused solutions, for every child you help, four more benefit too!