



Site visit and community consultation for the community-led project in Faridpur under UCCRTF-supported TA 9329

Bangladesh | Faridpur Faridpur stakeholders reflect on city's resilience gaps and priorities

Addressing four key dimensions of urban resilience

A city that is low lying located in the Padma River catchment, Faridpur is subject to frequent flooding that poses danger to life, livelihoods and property of its two (2) million people. The city is also exposed to other hazards such as earthquakes and tornadoes.

Taking off from an urban resilience measurement in Faridpur carried out under [TA 9217](#) and summarized in a City Resilience Profile (CRP), a dialogue among key city and provincial stakeholders took place last 7 September 2021. The CRP provides a snapshot of the urban resilience of the city across four key dimensions: health and well-being, economy and society, infrastructure and ecosystems, and leadership and strategy.

The baseline study found that Faridpur has low levels of resilience across each of the four dimensions. The city scored the lowest in terms of the infrastructure and ecosystem dimension, that is the extent of exposure, provision of critical infrastructure and mobility and communications. There is a high-level of economic dependency on climate-sensitive activities including fishing and agriculture.

Attended by Amitav Bose, Mayor of Faridpur Municipality (as chief guest), other city officials and department representatives, and civil society organizations, as well as ADB Senior Project Officer, Amit Datta Roy, the activity elicited engaging discussion on Faridpur's vulnerabilities, capacities, limitations, and recommendations to enhance the city's resilience.

The city has expanded from nine (9) wards when the baselining was done to 27 wards at present. Stakeholders acknowledged the relevance of the CRP and how it can provide useful insights to guide the city's planning in light of the new challenges it faces due to the expansion of its urban areas and population.

ADB and UCCRTF Secretariat encouraged further dialogue at the city-level and/or share any feedback around the CRP findings and possible intervention areas to strengthen city resilience. A copy of the Faridpur CRP can be accessed [HERE](#).

"UGIIP-III is supporting Faridpur municipality to upgrade their status to withstand the varied dynamics of climate change. The size of the municipality is no less than a city corporation and is bearing the burden of expansion in terms of ensuring the civic services. The findings from the CRP is very much timely and will play a crucial role in upcoming development of Faridpur."
AKM Rezaul Islam, Project Director, UGIIP-III, LGED

"The city needs to take contextual preparation immediately considering the climate change perspective and evidence based future demand of services. Accordingly, we would like to make a comprehensive urban plan, leaving no one behind. That will require significant amount of human and financial resources."
Amitav Bose, Mayor, Faridpur Municipality

Urban climate change resilience lessons

- The city displays limited resilience and requires significant investment in its infrastructure and ecosystems, especially critical infrastructure systems including water, sanitation, housing, and transport. The city needs to diversify its local economy and create employment opportunities.
- Considering the expansion of the city's area and population, it is imperative to update its masterplan and ensure comprehensive, holistic, and climate-sensitive strategic and spatial plans/ programmes addressing current and future needs. A potential water crisis due to groundwater contamination and depletion, medical and e-waste management are among the urgent issues to be addressed.
- Strengthening institutional and governance capacity, multistakeholder participation, and community, gender inclusion and child development, and awareness-raising on key urban issues and integrated approaches are critical to appropriately identify and effectively implement solutions for the city's systemic resilience and sustainable development.

Event Details

Sharing of the Faridpur City Resilience Profile (CRP) | 7 September 2021 | 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Bangladesh time) | Virtual and in-person

Chief Guest

- Amitav Bose, Mayor, Faridpur Municipality

Resource Speaker / Moderator

- Manik Kumar Saha, City Resilience Officer (Consultant), TA 9217

Representatives from:

- Bangladesh Water Development Board
- Public Works Department
- Department of Environment
- Department of Public Health Engineering
- District Civil Surgeon Office
- District Relief and Rehabilitation Office
- Local Government Engineering Department
- Power Development Board

ADB/ UCCRTF project/s in Faridpur

Through the [Third Urban Governance and Infrastructure Improvement \(Sector\) Project \(UGIIP III\)](#), ADB is providing support to strengthen urban governance and improve urban infrastructure and service delivery in 56 pourashavas (municipalities) in Bangladesh. Through [TA 9329](#), UCCRTF supports the implementation of a community-led project in Ward 9 focused on flood control and solid waste management, building of a livelihood skills training center and community park under Faridpur is also one of the cities covered by the UCCRTF-supported [TA 9608](#) which will develop policy actions and technology solutions for air quality management, including the development of City Level Clean Air Action Plans.

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