



### Food security for households most affected by the COVID-19 crisis in at-risk low-income urban areas



**PROJECT CODE**  
OSRO/BGD/008/WFP



**RESOURCE PARTNER**  
World Food Programme

**CONTRIBUTION**  
USD 1.5 million



**IMPLEMENTATION**  
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**TARGET AREAS**  
Dhaka North City Corporation



**BENEFICIARIES**  
4 250 households (20 000 people)



**KEY PARTNERS**  
Department of Agricultural Extension,  
Department of Agricultural Marketing  
and Ministry of Livestock Services

### Objective

To mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 on the livelihoods and food security of vulnerable farming households in urban and peri-urban areas.

### Activities implemented

- Distributed 4.27 tonnes of vegetables seed, 71.25 tonnes of vermicompost, 4 050 farming toolkits and 250 low lift pumps to 4 050 households; trained them on good agricultural practices and provided them with USD 198 450 in unconditional cash transfers.
- Distributed 88 milking machines and dairy processing equipment to ten farming groups (200 households).
- Established four aggregation centres, linking farming households with retailers and consumers.
- Raised the awareness of beneficiary households on COVID-19 prevention measures and provided them with 12 150 soap bars and 202 500 face masks.

### Results

- Enabled 4 050 households to produce 15 000 tonnes of vegetables, improve their incomes and cover their staple food needs, thanks to the distribution of production inputs along with cash transfers.
- Enhanced the knowledge and skills of beneficiary households, thanks to the project's capacity building activities.
- Enhanced farming households' access to local markets; and increased the availability and affordability of fresh produce for local consumers, thanks to the establishment of four aggregation centres.
- Enabled 200 households to enhance their productivity and increase their dairy production, thanks to the distribution of milking machines and dairy processing equipment.
- Contributed to limiting the spread of COVID-19 among targeted communities, thanks to the project's awareness raising activities and the distribution of face masks and soap bars.



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