

Addressing inequality among the urban extreme poor - experience from EU funded Urban Health & Nutrition project implemented by Concern Worldwide with BRAC in Bangladesh

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By 2040,
half of Bangladesh's
citizens will live
in urban areas

Urban population is increasing rapidly

Approximately
35% of the
population in
Dhaka live in slums

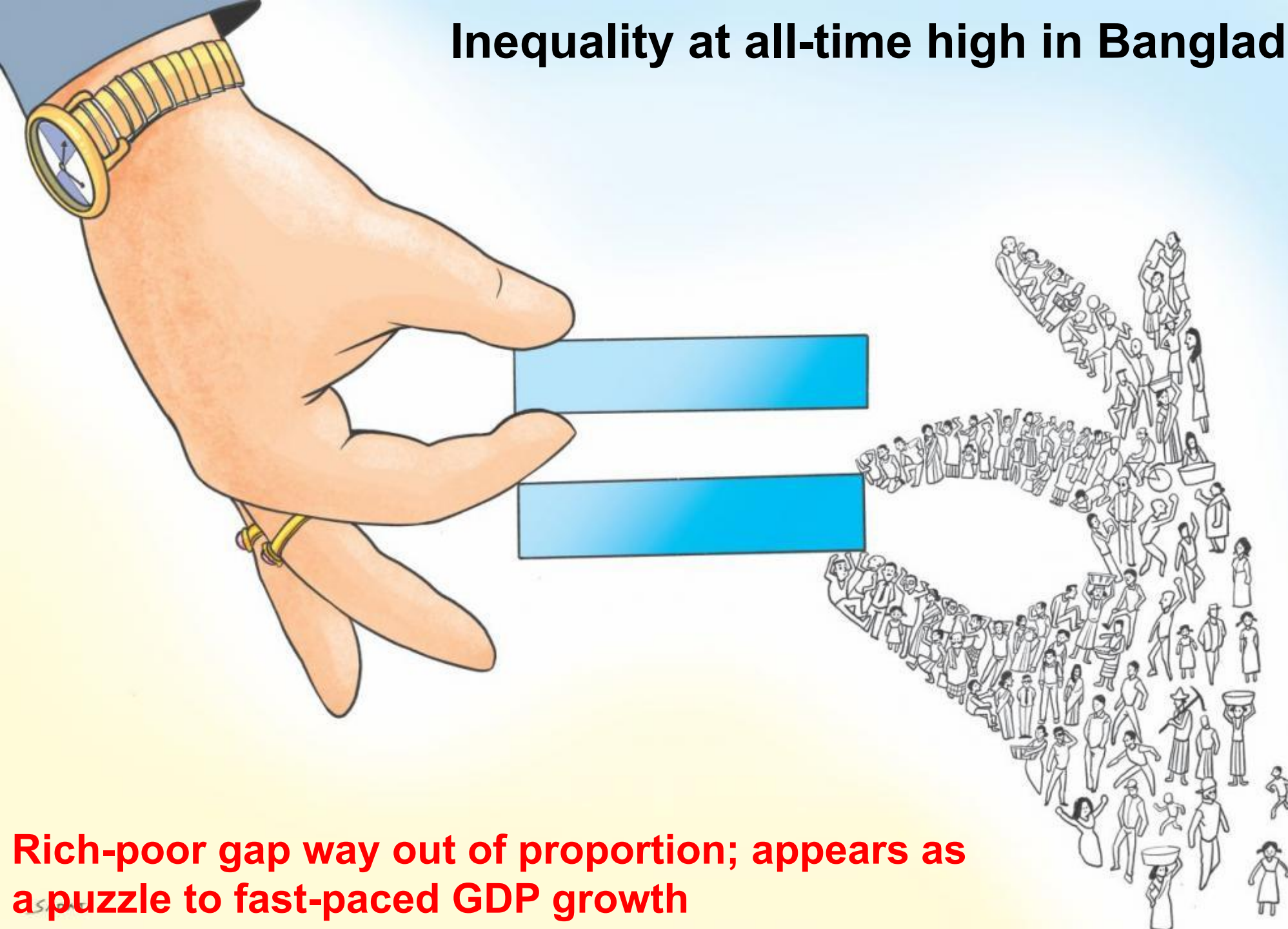
Dhaka slum
population
will increase
to **50%**
by 2030



slum population is
heterogeneous



Inequality at all-time high in Bangladesh. 19, May 2019



Rich-poor gap way out of proportion; appears as a puzzle to fast-paced GDP growth

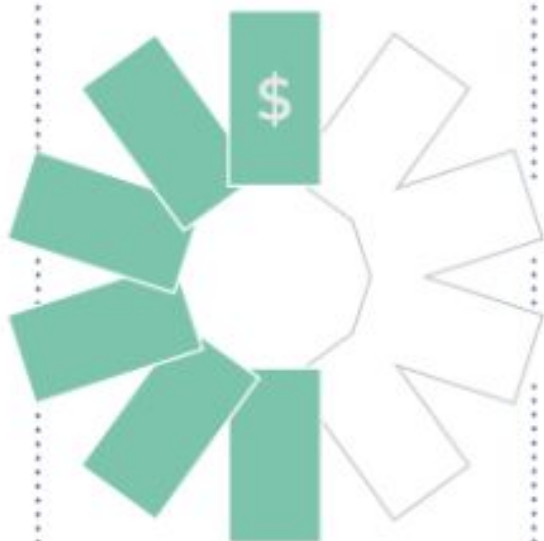
In many developing countries, financing for health is INSUFFICIENT, INEFFICIENT and INEQUITABLE

INSUFFICIENT

By 2030, the
GAP
in financing UHC in
the 54 poorest
countries will be about

**\$176
BILLION**
per year

INEFFICIENT



20-40%
of health
spending
is wasted

INEQUITABLE

People in developing
countries spend

**HALF A
TRILLION
DOLLARS**

each year on
out-of-pocket health
expenses. This pushes

**100
MILLION
PEOPLE
GLOBALLY**
into extreme poverty



Catastrophic shocks!

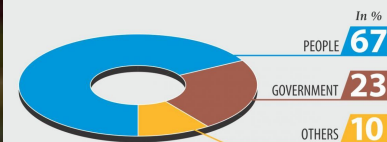


67%

out of pocket
expenditure.

Each year
pushing the
extreme poor
into further
poverty

HEALTH EXPENDITURE



EU H&N project's approach to respond to inequality

- 32,100 health voucher cards and 4,000 micro health insurance cards were distributed to ensure financial security for accessing Primary Health Care services. 91% + utilization
- No cash transaction required
- Increased quality PHC services with increased facility delivery to save life of mother and baby
- Empowered extreme poor families
- Reduced household expenses for health care services
- Has encouraged elected representatives, as they are witnessing its direct impact. Mayor of CCC allocated budget to ensure sustainability, after end of project.

সুবিধাবঞ্চিত নগর জনগোষ্ঠীর স্বাস্থ্য ও পুষ্টি উন্নয়ন প্রকল্প

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A sample health voucher card

A Health financing model for the extreme poor



- Empowering women
- Ensuring their rights
- Reducing inequality
- Better quality health services
- Lessons learned in this project is informing the **Concern-Sajida Foundation PROSHOMON Health Voucher SMART Card Project**
- **Research** ongoing on UHMIS & Measuring costs and effectiveness of health voucher & micro-health insurance schemes with **icddr,b** & **LSTM** – focus esp on sustainability

Building confidence towards a sustainable solution

- **Mayor and Councillors** are closely watching/monitoring health services utilization by the extreme poor
- **Ward Health Committees** and other coordination platforms are enabling them to oversight activities and to receive feedback
- Accountability, quality of services from health services providers and city corporation ends are being ensured
- Governance and Accountability strengthened
- Sustaining the system (e.g. health voucher, micro health insurance)
- **Chattogram City Corporation** has allocated a budget of 215,835.05 Euro for one year to cover more extreme poor household families

Coordination Mechanism of City Corporation

City Corporation level

Six Monthly Meeting

Functions:

- Set Agenda
- Compile Reports
- Coordinate Meetings
- Organize Meetings

Secretariat

Membership:

- Chief Health Officer (CHO)
- Conveners of Zonal Meetings
- Heads of EPI, UHMIS, QM Cell,

Quarter-1

Quarter-2

Quarterly Meeting(s)

Zone/Cluster-1

Zone/Cluster-2

Zone/Cluster-3

3 Ward Cluster

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- Ward/Zonal Level
- Reserved seat/female Councillors
 - Ward Councillors



**A more
equitable
health care
system for all
population**



Leave no one behind!

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EXTREME POVERTY
WHATEVER
IT TAKES

Thanks for your attention

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