

Access to Hand Washing Facility in Crowded Places to Avoid Corona Outbreak

A case study collected on change the hand wash behaviour among the players during Covid-19 pandemic.

Polashpole stadium is one of the populous places in the Satkhira municipality. Everyday 300 to 500 players of cricket, volleyball, football and Kabadi as well as 100 shooters of rifle club gather here for exercise. This place is crowded from dawn to dusk. However, no facility for regular hand washing was available in such an important place during corona pandemic. Therefore, the players who did regular exercise here were in health risk. Yet, the players would bind to continue their exercise within unknown panic.

Considering dreadfulness of the situation, the honorable mayor requested to install a hand washing device there under Covid-19 emergency WASH project of EPRC. Responding his request EPRC has installed a hand washing device in front of the rifle club near to the main gate of the stadium three months ago. After that, not only 100 shooters of rifle club but also all players of the fields are washing their both hands using soap before and after exercise. In the beginning of corona transmission, players' presence was low, but their presence has increased after installation of the device. No players as well as coach, officers and servants infected by corona yet.



Sustaining behavior-change plan is necessary to continue good hand washing practices as well as scale up innovations in hand washing devices. The honorable mayor and rifle club authority has given thank to the EPRC for such a successful initiative of installing hand washing device in crowded place to prevent health risk of the players.