

Project Progress

Water1st works in low income urban communities in Dhaka, Bangladesh to increase access to clean water and toilets. Dhaka is one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in the world. Rural residents migrating to the city in search of work are unable to find housing with running water and toilets/bathrooms. They are forced to gather water from extremely polluted surface water sources or beg from neighbors. Preventable waterborne illnesses are rampant.

To address the crisis, Water1st funds a local organization, DSK, that created a comprehensive water supply, toilet, and hygiene education program. In 2021, WSEHA provided Water1st with \$2,210 to further our efforts in Dhaka. DSK applied the funds in the community of Tarabo on the outskirts of Dhaka. The funds were used to construct a water system and a toilet serving 9 families (30 people). The community is grateful for your support. Easy access to clean water and a toilet/bathroom has dramatically improved their quality of life.



Activity	Use of WSEHA Funds
Water system construction	\$ 680
Toilet construction	\$ 850
Hygiene education/Covid prevention	\$ 75
Community organization	\$ 50
Project design and coordination	\$ 530
Water1st project mgt/monitoring	\$ 25
Total	\$ 2,210



WSEHA funds allowed these families to construct a water system in their living compound. They now have clean water at the turn of a tap.



Water1st's partner, DSK, also constructs high quality toilets and provides extensive hygiene education (top photo) to achieve the greatest possible health benefit for the community.