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Building a Zero-waste Community for a Pollution-free Environment in Bangladesh

ESDO is working with community-based organizations to create policies and actions that will help the project acceleration. Building Zero Waste Communities for a Pollution-free Environment in Bangladesh- is a project implemented by ESDO in Bangladesh focusing on two major cities Dhaka and Rangpur.

ESDO's zero waste community project aim is to sustainable environmental creation and make people aware of waste management system that could reduce health risks and societal and environmental wellbeing.

ESDO organizes training on occupational waste pickers to aware of their health since it appears to be hard to conduct a social interactive session as the COVID-19 epidemic is restricted. The workshop includes several tasks such as trash segregation and domestic composting, etc. In both Rangpur and Dhaka, these training sessions were successfully done and provided them with safety equipment.



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ESDO distributed PPE and Relief to Waste Front liners

Occupational health-safety and food sustainability is an emerging need for waste collectors in this pandemic. Addressing this need, ESDO organized a Covid-19 relief and PPE kits distribution event for waste workers and their families. Today, total 60 waste works were provided safety kits and food relief at Lalmatia, Dhaka.

The relief and kits were funded by Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives – GAIA

ESDO organized this distribution and discussion session as part of series of capacity building support program under its project “Building Zero Waste Communities for a Pollution-Free Environment in Bangladesh”. The project focus on Building Zero Waste community model towards ending environmental health risks and community wellbeing as well as accelerates the circular economy in Bangladesh with is major key players – Waste Workers.

Read more:

<https://esdo.org/esdo-distributed-ppe-and-relief-to-waste-front-liners/>



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Environmental Education Camp on Zero Waste

To build the next generation, Environmental leaders to ensure environmental sustainability practice and applying zero waste lifestyle among students, Environment and Social Development Organization-ESDO organized sessions titled- "Environmental Education Camp for Zero Waste Approach".

The session was arranged with the students of RCCI School and College of Rangpur City on September 20th, 2021 and also with the students of Lalmatia Housing Society School and College of Dhaka City on 30th September, 2021.

ESDO organizes this environmental Education Camp each month with different schools in both Dhaka and Rangpur city. The goal of these sessions are to aware the young generation of the environmental pollution, make them knowledgeable and build leaderships among them so that in future they can give lead to build a sustainable world.



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Zero Waste Community Building Bin and Van Distribution

Waste is fast becoming one of the most publicized and talked about problems, with retailers, business and individuals putting into place a range of different measures to tackle this waste consumption. Where some of these changes have made a positive impact on

reducing waste and helping the environment, in reality many other alternatives are actually causing just as much if not more harm. Considering this fact, ESDO established sets of 3 color bins and vans in Dhaka and Rangpur City. Green or organic waste, Blue for dry/recyclable waste and Red for Hazardous waste.

The broad aim of the Bin distribution is to promote waste segregation at the community level. To fulfill the aim required objectives are: to provide two separated large bins for waste segregation, to introduce a modern waste management culture at the community level, to build awareness at the community level.



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High Level Policy Dialogue on Sustainable Waste Management in Rangpur

To discuss on the sustainable management system in Rangpur City, a policy dialogue was organized by Environment and Social Development Organization - ESDO on on 17th of November 2021 at Rangpur City Corporation Auditorium, Rangpur.

Honorable Mayor of Rangpur City Corporation Mostafizar Rahman Mostafa graced the event as Chief Guest. In the event the Honorable City Mayor has committed to initiate the segregation of waste from Secondary dumping station.

The Mayor opined that building zero waste communities is a very difficult task but all must try their best to achieve it. He shared some of their initiatives towards sustainable waste management. These include the proposal submission to the government following Jessore Model and asking for at least two secondary dumping stations in each ward.



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Radio Talk Show on Zero Waste Lifestyle Approach

The concept of Zero Waste lifestyle is an effective eco-friendly lifestyle that aims to reduce the amount of waste an individual creates on a daily basis and it can be done easily. To promote this lifestyle ESDO recently participated in a radio talk show at ABC Radio.

A radio talk show was organized on a zero-waste approach. This talk show was arranged with Radio ABC FM 89.2 on 6th November 2021 where SG, ED & Md. Mokhlesur Rahman, Technical Adviser of ESDO shed light on ways to move towards a zero-waste lifestyle both in urban & rural contexts in Bangladesh. From the statistics, it can be seen that 26 thousand people were reached by this initiative.

Recording:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=09qN4P12t3w>



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ESDO's unceasing effort to stop plastic pollution and make an environmentally empathetic Bangladesh had started back in 1990. The journey towards creating legislation is one of those efforts, through which, and with mass support, ESDO looks forward to achieving more significant outcomes for promoting environmental justice.

