



The Sreepur Village, Bangladesh

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Update on our precautionary measures to prevent Covid-19 (Coronavirus) at The Sreepur Village Protecting our Children, Single Mothers and Staff in Bangladesh and the UK

16th March 2020

The Sreepur Village is located 50km from Dhaka, Bangladesh. We are in a rural area that is relatively self-contained, so the risks of a Coronavirus outbreak at The Sreepur Village are not high. Nevertheless we continue to keep track of the spread of Coronavirus in Bangladesh on a daily basis. As of yesterday (15.3.2020) there were five people in Bangladesh who had tested positive for Coronavirus and 2,314 were in quarantine.

The health and safety of our single mothers, children and staff at The Sreepur Village are of the utmost importance and as such we have started implementing the following measures:

- All children, mothers and staff to wash their hands with soap throughout the day. This includes before eating 3 meals and 2 snacks, and when they return from the playground, school and work sites around the village.
- All new arrivals (children and mothers) to The Sreepur Village must wash their hands with soap at the main gate.
- All new arrivals (children and mothers) must remain in our isolation area at The Sreepur Village for 7 days.
- Outside visitors to The Sreepur Village have been restricted until mid-April 2020.
- If children and mothers present symptoms such as a high temperature or a cough, we ask them to remain in our isolation area at The Sreepur Village for 14 days. If symptoms worsen they will be taken to a local hospital.
- If staff present symptoms such as a high temperature or a cough, we ask them to remain in quarantine at home for 14 days or in our isolation area at The Sreepur Village for 14 days if they live on-site. If symptoms worsen they will be taken to a local hospital.
- We plan to provide face masks for every mother and child by the end of this week, which they will use if they need to travel outside of The Sreepur Village.
- All children, mothers and staff are advised to drink adequate amounts of water throughout the day.
- From tomorrow (17.3.2020) the mothers will receive a 1-hour detailed session on preventing the spread of Coronavirus (30 mothers per group)
- All mothers are being asked to phone their families/friends in their home villages to request they take similar measures - especially hand washing throughout the day.
- We have put guidance about measures to prevent the spread of Coronavirus on our village notice board.
- We will continue raising awareness of measures to prevent the spread of Coronavirus to all children and school staff during their daily school assemblies.
- We will continue raising awareness of measures to prevent the spread of Coronavirus to all mothers and village staff through regular group meetings and at their training placements.
- We will continue training mothers on how to grow nutritious vegetables through sack gardens, homestead gardens, 'rainbow' (multi cropping) so that in the case that Coronavirus spreads to their home villages, the mothers will they have ready food for themselves and their families.
- From today our UK staff are working from home.

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