



As we approach the end of 2021, it is time to bring you some news from the last 6 months.

We had to face a prolonged health crisis which has led to new lockdowns in Bangladesh and the Philippines.

The current health situation allows us to redeploy activities again and to start opening new areas.

Our teams remain motivated to meet these new challenges in the current context.

**We have been able to count on your support throughout these difficult times and we cannot thank you enough.**

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## Some news from the field:

# BANGLADESH



### World CleanUp Day celebration

For the World CleanUp Day, which takes place every 19 September, Water and Life organised two events in Bangladesh in Chattogram and Bhashantek.

This celebration marks the return of activities in the neighbourhoods, which had been impossible to hold due to the health situation of the last months. Instead of the usual large CleanUp with lots of people, and in order to limit gatherings, these events took the form of an open-air awareness session with a small team challenge.

Each team had an assigned area to clean up. The team bringing back the

biggest amount of waste in terms of weight wins the challenge  
**In total 50 people (40 adults and 10 children) participated and collected 191 kg of waste in Chattogram and 56 participants in Bhashantek for a total of 108.7 kg.**

The winning teams from each zone were able to leave with special CleanUp prizes: pedal bin and soap for the adults, lunch boxes and soap for the children.

The other teams also received gifts: buckets with lids for the adults and lunch boxes for the children.



### Hygiene kits distribution

In September, our teams braved the end of the monsoon, very high temperatures and sanitary measures in the slum of Bhashantek to continue to provide support to the inhabitants, more specifically through our hygiene-related activities.

In order to avoid large gatherings, a big distribution of hygiene kits took place over 3 weeks and 2 weekends.

Our teams were able to distribute **4,216 hygiene kits and 7,818 packs of sanitary pads.**



### Global Handwashing Day celebration

The Global Handwashing Day takes place every year on 15 October. Its main objective is to raise awareness about the consequences of poor hand hygiene.

This year the celebration of this day took place in Chattogram in the 9NB Bridge district.

The programme included a play, songs, music and a quiz on the theme of hand washing. There was also a demonstration of good handwashing practices and a snack for all.

In the end, **66 children were happy to find back activities in their neighbourhood after these long months of lockdown.**

## PHILIPPINES



### Opening of a new area

The end of September was marked by the inauguration of a **new water network** that will bring water from Maynilad Water Services, Inc. to the **Tabing Dagat community in Cavite, Philippines.**

For many years, access to safe and clean water has been very difficult



### Global Handwashing Day celebration

To celebrate the Global Handwashing Day, our team in the Philippines organised a dance contest on the popular social network TikTok.

The competition was set to a well-known Filipino song called "Husagan ang Kamay" which literally means "wash your hands" in Tagalog.  
**The teams had to be from our**

for these families.

By the end of this year, they will have access to water directly at home.

This will save them precious time from having to fetch water from a hand pump.

They will be able to wash their hands more frequently to limit the spread of COVID-19 and other diseases.

**intervention areas and consisted of 4 to 6 people of all ages.**

The competition was very popular and **more than 16 teams participated.**

One team per zone was chosen as the winner by Water and Life jury using predefined criteria such as choreography and synchronisation.

The winning teams received over €35 worth of hygiene products as a gift.



### Inauguration of hand washing stations

The inauguration of the first 20 hand washing stations took place in September.

As a reminder, these touchless stations were developed especially for the inhabitants of our intervention areas.

It is easy to wash your hands with soap and water when you come back from shopping, visiting your neighbour, playing a ball game or returning from school.

**Access is therefore easy and possible for everyone!**

A total of **39 stations (75 taps)** will be installed in the districts of Cavite, Mandaue and Cebu.

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