



Bangladesh Environment Network (BEN) Seminar and Public Forum on

Dengue in Bangladesh: Causes and Remedies

Saturday, 19 October 2019

Toongabbie Anglican Church Hall, 46 Binalong Rd, Pendle Hill NSW 2145

Initial Program Outline

12.30pm	Lunch, meet and greet
1.00pm	Session I: Welcome and introduction
1.30pm	Session II: Technical seminar 1: Dengue epidemiology and public health
3.30pm	Session III: Technical seminar 2: Remedies
4.45pm	Session IV: Community Session: Conclusions and recommendations
6.00pm	Closing

About the seminar

Since January, more than 80,000 people have been infected with the Dengue and nearly 200 people have died in Bangladesh. Dengue is caused by the biting of *Aedes aegypti* mosquito, which mainly breeds in stagnant water in urban areas. Not only in Bangladesh, all over south Asia and south-east Asia, Dengue has been the most rapidly spreading disease. Due to its health impact and the devastating fatal consequences, it has been impacting the economies on the affected countries, including Bangladesh.

Whilst Bangladesh has been doing its best in coping with the outbreak, it has been struggling to keep up with the rapid spread almost all over the country. It might also look for options to effectively avoiding and controlling the disease.

BEN has been looking to discuss the main causes, possible remedies and ways to avoid further outbreaks of Dengue and similar epidemics. BEN would like to emphasise that in handling the Dengue situation, the balance in the natural environment as well as the biodiversity of urban Dhaka and other cities are not compromised.

Mosquito experts along with economists and social scientists working in Australia and Bangladesh will share their experiences and look to offering practical solutions to the problem in Bangladesh. Highly experienced experts from the University of Sydney, UNSW, NSW Government agencies and BEN patrons will deliver the scientific and experiential presentations. An open public forum will help drawing conclusions and framing the recommendations.

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About BEN

Bangladesh Environment Network (BEN) has been set up in 1998 to mobilize the efforts and resources of non-resident Bangladeshis (NRBs) and their international friends to help Bangladesh confront its environmental problems. It also participates actively in the international struggle for protection of the global environment. More about BEN may be found in <http://ben-global.net/ben-australia/>.