

Young WASH Media Fellowship 2020

The media fellowship is an annual engagement between WaterAid and journalists to create local and national awareness surrounding water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) issues. Theme for 2020-21 Media Fellowship is WASH during Covid-19.

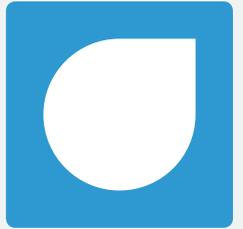
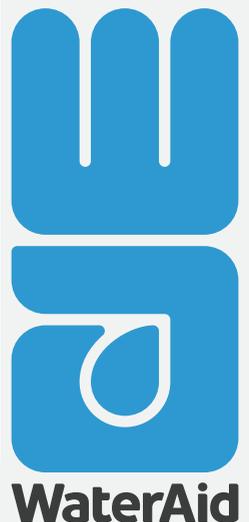


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Background

Contribution of WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) in the COVID-19 response is primarily by promoting good hygiene and particularly by ensuring frequent and proper hand-washing with soap facilities, which one of the most important measures to prevent. While governments and WASH practitioners are playing their part in enabling and prioritizing the provision of safe water, sanitation, and hygienic conditions for all during the COVID-19 outbreak, there is need for further awareness building by engaging media journalists to aware people on preventive and curative measures against the coronavirus.





About WaterAid

Clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene are basic human rights. They should be a normal part of daily life for everyone, everywhere – but they aren't. That's why we're here. We change millions of lives every year, working in 28 countries to provide clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene.

In Bangladesh, over 4 million people lack access to an improved water source, over 85 million don't have access to improved sanitation, and over 2,000 children under five years of age die from diarrheal diseases each year caused by poor water and sanitation. That is why we have been working in the ground since 1986 to implement programmes that bring lasting change.

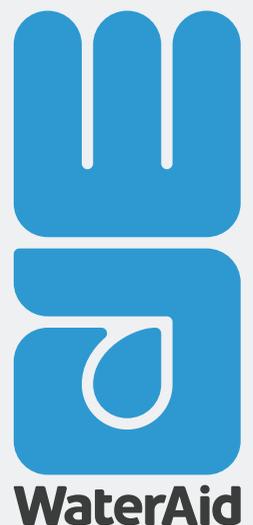
WaterAid is a global organization, working for over 30 years now in changing lives for the betterment in 34 countries around the world. We work to offer clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene to underprivileged people globally, through convincing the governments to change laws, linking policy makers with people on the ground, pooling knowledge and resources, and rallying support from people and organizations from different corners of the world – altogether making lasting change happen on a massive scale.

Beginning its operations in Bangladesh in 1986, the organization has till date collaborated with various local institutions in order to alleviate the sufferings from scarce water supply and low sanitation standards in poverty-plagued areas.

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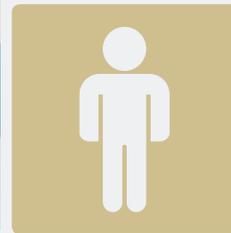
The fellowship

The fellowship will provide an opportunity for young journalists to multifaceted WASH landscape. Targeted towards young media professionals, it will engage journalists to help them gain insight into local WASH issues in urban and rural areas and how people living in these areas are coping with the impacts of COVID-19. Participants in the fellowship will receive hands-on field visits as well as receive guidance and feedback from experienced and renowned journalists and experts in the sector. The fellowship will be completed once fellows share their experiences gained through news published in print, tv and online news channels – covering reality on ground as well as stories of change.



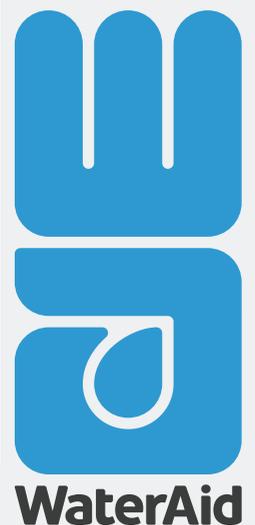


The fellowship will be for an amount of **BDT 50,000**, and participants will be presented with a certificate of appreciation at the end of the fellowship.



Who can be a fellow?

- Young journalists (between the age of 18-35) with proven interest or activism in WASH issues locally and nationally.
- Minimum 2 and max 5 years of experience required.
- Experience having published news on social/development issues (a minimum of 5 articles published previously; links to be provided with application form).
- Able to commit to 4 months of engagement with WaterAid (November 2020-February 2021).
- Have approval from respective organization's Editor or Head of News (needs to be provided to WaterAid in writing on company letterhead along with application form).



Application, selection and engagement details

- An online application form will need to be filled to take part in the fellowship; form available [here](#)
- Applications must be submitted by 5.00pm on 29 November 2020.
- Applicants must attach with the application form links to previously published 5 articles on social/development issues.
- Applicants must attach with the application form an approval letter from Editor or Head of News stating consent to participate in the fellowship.
- Once selected, all fellows must participate in a half day workshop as part of the fellowship. Failure to take part in the workshop will automatically disregard them from the fellowship.
- Fellows must take part in a two day field visit in an urban/rural location where WaterAid is currently working (location details will be confirmed after the workshop) All expenses related to the visit will be borne by WaterAid.
- All fellows will be required to submit three reports after the workshop and field visit in consultation with WaterAid. Failure to submit less than three reports will disqualify participants from the programme and no fellowship reward will be awarded.



Contact

For further details/queries regarding the Young WASH Media Fellowship Programme, please contact us at wateraidbd@wateraid.org on or before 29 November 2020.

