



Voices from the Margins and Inclusive Policy Responses to COVID-19 Pandemic

Key Findings Theme 2: Vaccine Outreach 1st Round Panel Survey

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Key Findings

- Almost 81% of marginalised household reported awareness of government vaccination programme while among them 45% household mentioned of 'Free vaccination programme' by the government (as of 15 June 2021). Among the households who reported of having COVID-19 symptoms (see Table 1.5 of Theme 1), 62.8% were aware of the free of cost Vaccination Programme. More than three-quarter of the ethnic and religious minority population were aware of it who leads amongst the five marginalised groups. (Tables 2.1 and 2.2)
- About 40% of the marginalised people reported that they were not aware of the location of the vaccine centers. Reportedly half of the female headed households are not aware of such centers' locations. This proportion was the highest among rural poor (46%) and half of the female-headed households was not aware of the local vaccine centers. (Table 2.3)
- More than half of the marginalised households expressed their satisfaction about the government vaccination programme while another 22% household mentioned their dissatisfaction. Only an insignificant proportion (1.3%) of the population found the programme as 'very satisfactory'. (Table 2.4)
- About half of the marginalised community people (51-46%) reported that vaccine would stop the spread of Corona and create immunity against Corona. However, one in five people believe that poorer people do not need the vaccine and 10% was worried about the safety and severe side effects of vaccine. Slum dwellers are found to be the most concerned about vaccine side effects (13%) and safety (17%). (Table 2.5)
- In general, people of marginalised communities had an optimistic view about the efficacy of the vaccines as 60% of them considered vaccine to be effective to prevent the pandemic. About 22% of the slum dwellers did not perceive vaccine necessary to combat the Corona pandemic. (Table 2.6)
- Overall, 90% households reported that none of the eligible members received vaccine as of June 15, 2021. Urban slum dwellers lead in this regard amongst the five marginalised groups. (Table 2.7)
- Public announcement over loudspeaker (81%) was reported as the most popular form of campaign for motivating marginalised communities to get vaccinated. The second most popular choice was advertisement in TV (35.5%) followed by involvement of community health workers (28%). Among the ethnic and religious minority, community health workers were mentioned by 41% households. (Table 2.8)

Table 2.1: Knowledge about government vaccination Programme (%)

Indicator	Ethnic & Religious Minority	Rural Poor	Slum Dwellers	Persons with Disability	Female headed Household	All
Government Vaccination Programme	81.7	75.3	86.9	76.1	80.1	80.6
N	492	531	510	184	211	1533

Note: Estimation shown in table below 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 is done for only those household who reported of having COVID-19 symptoms presented in table 1.5 (Theme 1).

Table 2.2: Knowledge about government's free of cost Vaccination Programme (%)

Indicator	Ethnic & Religious Minority	Rural Poor	Slum Dwellers	Persons with Disability	Female headed Household	All
Free Vaccination Programme by government	76.6	59.8	52.7	66.4	56.8	62.8
n	402	400	433	140	169	1235

Table 2.3: Knowledge on whereabouts of vaccination centers (Multiple answers) (%)

Health facilities	Ethnic & Religious Minority	Rural Poor	Slum Dwellers	Persons with Disability	Female headed Household	All
Government Healthcare Institutions in City Corporation	0.9	2.5	29.4	8.9	14.3	10.7
Medical College/ Hospital	13.2	8.0	50.2	22.5	25.7	23.6
District Level Healthcare Institution	8.3	7.8	3.5	4.1	2.1	6.6
Upazila Health Complex	44.6	47.3	8.2	30.8	36.4	33.6
Don't know	38.6	46.0	34.8	27.8	50.0	39.8
n	402	400	433	140	169	1235

Table 2.4: Assessment of government's vaccination programme (%)

Indicator	Ethnic & Religious Minority	Rural Poor	Slum Dwellers	Persons with Disability	Female headed Household	All
Very satisfactory	1.5	1.8	0.7	0.0	2.4	1.3
Satisfactory	13.4	16.8	10.4	14.3	13.6	13.4
Somewhat satisfactory	41.0	40.3	46.2	46.4	37.3	42.6
Not satisfactory	18.4	20.3	27.3	22.9	21.3	22.1
Don't know	25.6	21.0	15.5	16.4	25.4	20.6
n	433	400	402	169	140	1235

Table 2.5: Attitude towards the COVID-19 vaccine (Multiple answers) (%)

Opinion	Ethnic & Religious Minority	Rural Poor	Slum Dwellers	Persons with Disability	Female headed Household	All
Will create immunity against COVID-19	45.3	55.7	35.7	46.7	35.5	45.7
Will stop the spread of COVID-19	55.3	55.4	41.2	58.2	43.1	50.6
Vaccine has severe side effects	6.7	6.6	13.5	10.9	12.8	8.9
Poor people don't need the vaccine	14.2	24.1	22.7	16.8	26.5	20.5
Vaccination is not mandatory	10.0	5.5	19.4	11.4	10.4	11.5
Vaccine wouldn't work against COVID-19	4.3	5.1	8.8	5.4	5.7	6.1
Vaccine is not safe	7.7	5.1	17.8	11.4	13.7	10.2
Others	6.9	3.8	4.9	4.9	6.2	5.2
N	492	531	510	184	211	1533

Table 2.6: General perception about vaccine efficacy against COVID-19 pandemic (%)

Communities	Yes	No	Don't Know	N
Ethnic & Religious Minority	57.9	8.1	33.9	492
Rural Poor	72.7	7.9	19.4	531
Slum Dwellers	49.2	22.4	28.4	510
Persons with Disability	63.0	10.9	26.1	184
Female headed Household	48.8	18.0	33.2	211
All	60.1	12.8	27.1	1533

Table 2.7: Status of vaccination in the family (%)

Indicator	Ethnic & Religious Minority	Rural Poor	Slum Dwellers	Persons with Disability	Female headed Household	All
All eligible vaccinated	5.4	2.9	1.5	1.7	6.5	3.3
A few eligible member vaccinated	12.0	4.6	3.8	5.8	3.2	6.6
No eligible member vaccinated	82.6	92.6	94.7	92.5	90.3	90.1
n	276	349	266	120	124	891

Table 2.8: Actions government may take to motivate more people to be vaccinated (Multiple answers) (%)

Type of initiatives	Ethnic & Religious Minority	Rural Poor	Slum Dwellers	Persons with Disability	Female headed Household	All
Leaflet and flyer distribution	6.1	6.6	12.9	9.2	11.8	8.5
Public announcement over loudspeaker	72.0	90.8	79.2	77.7	78.2	80.9
Promotion through religious institutions	25.4	26.9	7.8	18.5	18.5	20.1
Promotion through community radio	3.3	2.3	2.2	1.6	2.4	2.5
Involving Community Health Workers	40.9	23.2	20.6	27.7	25.6	28.0
Involving private organisations	8.3	5.3	5.1	8.7	3.3	6.2
Involving local govt. representatives	27.4	23.4	19.2	26.6	21.8	23.3
Advertisement in TV	30.9	40.5	34.7	31.0	30.8	35.5
Others	0.2	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.9	0.5
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