RAPID ANALYSIS
How are female garment factory workers during COVID-19

**METHOD**
- Mobile based data collection
- Dhaka & Gazipur
- 255 Women
  - Garment worker
- Simple Random Sampling
- Kobo Toolbox used

- 89% respondents are 18-30 yrs of old

Demography
- 81% respondents are married

READY- MADE GARMENTS MANUFACTURING SECTOR
- **4.1 million** workers jobs will become vulnerable in the RMG sector -- BGMEA president
- **USD 6 billion loss** in revenue for the sector in 2020
COVID-19
Basic Understanding
- All respondent knows about COVID-19
- 1 in 4 of them, DO NOT KNOW about all the Protection Measures

“IMMEDIATE Problems” highlighted by female workers
- Community Level:
  o Close down of stores (of stores from where they bought food in loan)
  o Paying utility bills and house rent
- Factory Level:
  o Fear of getting infected by others.
  o Fear of losing jobs.
- Family level:
  o Decreasing cash in hand
  o Food crisis.
  o No one to buy food from stores
  o Water crisis
  o Timely repayment of loan
  o Fencing their home is challenging and sharing of toilets and kitchen poses challenge for social distancing.

Main problems resulting from COVID-19
- 56% are concerned about mobility restrictions during lockdown which limits them to buy daily needs
- 35% feel uncertain about salary
- 39% faced food shortage/crisis
- 9% reported sickness

Required assistance:
Support for job placement
Assistance with Cash
Job related training
Problems Related to Employment

- 52% fear that ‘factory won’t get order from buyer’.
- 28% fear losing jobs
- 49% think that they will not get salary on time

Problems faced by other women in community

- Increased mental pressure
- Will not be able to pay for rent and nutritional food for children

On Current Alternative Skills…

- 65% reported that they have sewing, tailoring, batik skills
- 10% reported that they have no other skills