



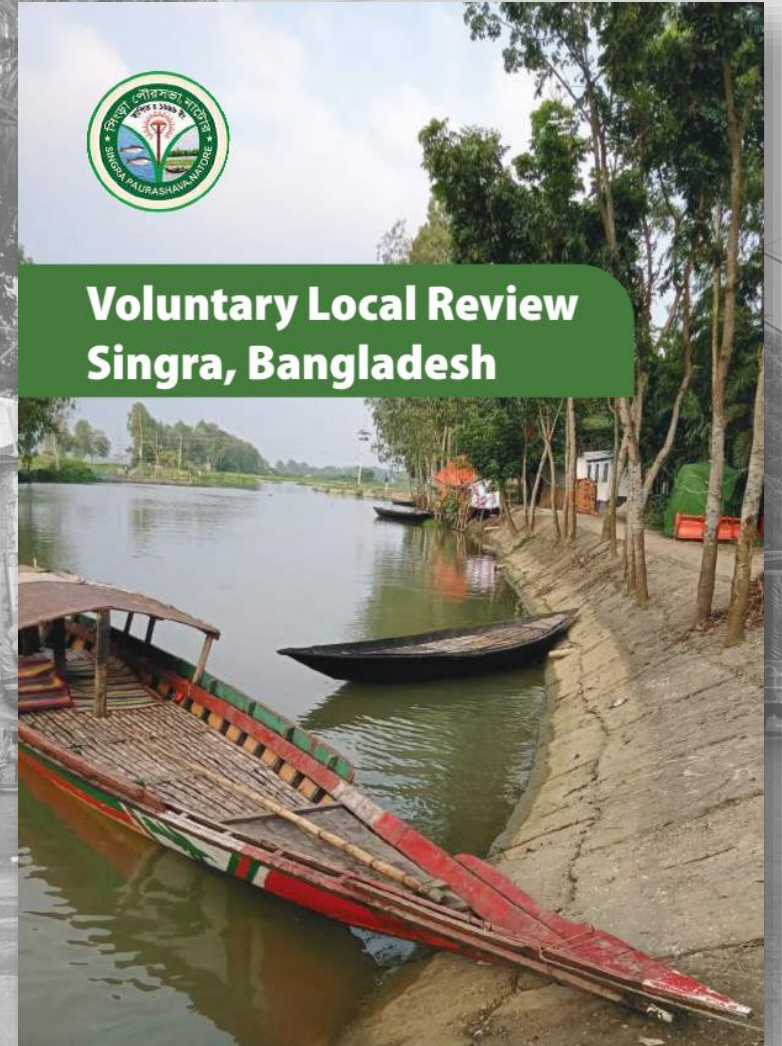
# Experiences on developing Voluntary Local Review (VLR) during and post pandemic

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## Voluntary Local Review Singra, Bangladesh



# Key challenges in developing the VLR for Singra

## Availability of data

- Limited coordination among all the departments in respect to data storage and sharing
- In some cases data does not reflect the city wide/local scenarios, rather it is linked to regional/national development

## Data collection and stakeholder engagement

- Due to lockdown during Covid-19 pandemic, shifted to online meetings/phone calls for consultation and data collection
- Disaggregated data was collected from relevant departments and needed to be maintained in a structured manner; aligning with the require of SDGs indicator.

## Limited understanding on SDGs

- Only linking with SDGs as per pre-defined format by the national government, but the local development authorities do not think about the priority and needs for the Municipality's long term development/vision
- Need more capacity building training on linking local development works to SDGs

# Why VLR is important for Singra city

- The VLR report created a baseline scenario for Singra (first time at a local level in Bangladesh) on SDGs implementation progress
- As currently Singra does not have any local development policy, this VLR report will be followed as a benchmark for undertaking further development works
- Identified some critical sectors that still needs improvement
- Enhanced our knowledge and capacity on linking and track local development progress with SDGs

# How VLR can help with future plans/decision making for Singra

- VLR assessment process is helping Municipality for drafting Municipal Development Plan
- Investment and priorities will be given on critical sectors identified through VLR process
- We will strengthen the planning and information management cell, to ensure SDG informed integrated development and budget

# Thank you!



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