

Notes from the Co-production and Engagement Working Group meeting, July 1st.

During our meeting, we discussed:

- Updates on online engagement with Dhaka partners. This first online workshop (out of three) will be on water logging and flooding. The partners are hard to reach at the moment but this could happen second or third week of July. The two other online workshops (on housing and neighbourhood and on waste management) are likely to happen in September.
- We discussed the problem tree exercise and its flexibility in case there are few stakeholders or many; we may or may not do it in groups.
- Language may be an issue: there will be someone from the Dhaka team to update English speakers on the Zoom chat about what's being discussed and a 5-10 min English discussion post informal engagement activity.
- Majid said we need to ensure that the objectives of these webinars are clear. Zahid and Camilla pointed out that that current goals include:
 - o gaining better understanding of the city's priorities around flooding and health equity, to present the Pathways research in Dhaka, to learn from the city actors and to start investigating best ways of aligning Pathways research with the city's priorities in the selected area of engagement.
 - o Opportunity for city actors to voice their concerns and priorities.
 - o Bring together learning from researchers and policy actors.
 - o Consider how to share and take advantage of opportunities as well as learn from and overcome challenges in engagement, research and policy.
- Majid noted that the theme has already been chosen; Zahid explained how it emerged during research and work on waste management and they thought it would be good to pursue. The idea is that within the theme, that has already been identified, we could look for links with other potential themes and topics and angles to look at it that are relevant.
- Ultimately the goal is that it can be linked to policy options in a straightforward manner; it also offers opportunities to link it to health as it opens physical risks, infectious and vector-borne diseases discussions.
- Camilla then presented on emerging findings of the Twitter analysis on housing and Accra. The PowerPoint has also been uploaded with these notes. KCL team now has an automated script to collect tweets weekly and is coding the data in NVivo for qualitative text and sentiment analysis. Camilla and Frans look forward to taking this tool further in a way that is useful to Pathways partners and encourage various teams to be in touch with them.
- Majid pointed that there should also be a short briefing on literature on methods and analysis of social media content shared with the broader group.
- Zahid and Tanvir pointed out that it could be a useful tool in Dhaka although people use Facebook. Camilla will look into scraping data from Facebook.
- A discussion ensued around scaling up or broadening the tool to other cities or even or themes such as looking into transport in Accra. This is particularly useful when thinking about the policy scenarios.
- This research also offers an opportunity to use social media to discuss the findings of the Pathways project, communicate outcomes into those groups that are already talking about it and stimulate interest in the results, joining the debate.
- There will be no meeting in August.