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INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS



BRAC founded BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health in 2004. As one of the world's largest NGOs, BRAC has various development programmes targeting the ultra-poor in health, micro-finance, education, and legal rights. BRAC offers a dynamic and diverse learning laboratory for BRAC JPG School of Public Health's Master of Public Health students. The School draws on the rapidly growing presence of BRAC International across 11 countries to identify students for its MPH programme. Research partnerships with BRAC allows the School to draw on its public health experts for teaching and training.



icddr,b is a Bangladesh-based international health research institute that strives to solve key public health problems through high-quality scientific research and innovation. icddr,b is an institutional partner of BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health. The world-class scientists and cutting-edge health research at icddr,b are also a valuable resources for the School's teaching programmes and research. icddr,b scientists are also faculty at the School, teaching courses and advising students on their research and theses. Its urban and rural research sites and clinical facilities offer important field-based hands-on learning opportunities for our students.



VISION

To be the leading global Public Health Institute for the world's critical health challenges affecting disadvantaged communities

MISSION

To create innovative public health leaders and solutions through cutting-edge, experiential Education, Training, Research and Advocacy

BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health (BRAC JPGSPH) was founded in 2004 in Dhaka, Bangladesh to address the unmet public health challenges in the developing world. The School was co-founded by BRAC, icddr,b and BRAC University in recognition of the fact that developing country public health needs require immersive, community-based teaching and learning to provide locally innovated research and sustainable solutions.

Drawing from Bangladesh's remarkable public health achievements, BRAC Health's nationwide services, icddr,b and BRAC International's programmes in South Asia and Africa, the School offers unparalleled real-life, community-centric teaching and learning experiences on critical and emerging global public health challenges.

BRAC JPG School of Public Health employs an interdisciplinary integration of Education, Training, Research and Advocacy to effectively address diverse health realities affecting disadvantaged communities.





Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid

Dean, BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University
and Associate Vice President for Impact, BRAC University

It is an honor to be the Dean of BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health since 2013. The School has made great achievements over the past 15 years since beginning its journey in 2004 with a four-member team. Currently the School has over 260 colleagues and has produced 492 public health leaders globally from its MPH graduates representing 30 countries. In 2018 the 14th MPH cohort boasted 38 students from 11 countries across Africa, and South and South-East Asia. The Midwifery programme established in 2012, had 179 graduates in 2018, and a total of 164 graduate midwives are working in the Rohingya refugee camps.

2018 was a very exciting year to continue and take forward our competency-based (CB) public health education. Awarded a USD 1 Million EU grant for building capacity in higher education, the School established a tripartite three-year partnership with ICCCAD at Independent University Bangladesh, and Asian University for Women in Chattogram, with the technical support of Maastricht University, Netherlands, and IDS, University of Sussex. The School has also been involved in several large-scale impact evaluation and ethnographic studies in the Rohingya camps at Cox's Bazaar. Our 5 diverse Centers of Research Excellence has a total of 34 multi-country research grants (in 2018) with partners across Asia, Africa, Europe and North America.

We are grateful to Dr Mushtaque Chowdhury (former Dean and Advisor) who generously donated land, to set up a new scholarship to encourage more women to pursue an MPH degree, and we greatly appreciate Sir Fazle Hasan Abed's commitment to the School by setting up a Professorship of Health and Poverty, in honor of Dr Mushtaque Chowdhury.

I am proud to share that BRAC School was recently featured in an article as one of the top-notch Schools in the region, which has developed world-class expertise in training and capacity development (Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health's website (<https://www.globalhealthnow.org/2019-08/10-fixes-global-health-consulting-malpractice>)).

I am grateful to my BRAC School family of colleagues who share with me a unified vision for the School and remain committed to realizing our mission, which is transformative education and critical research to inform policy and improve the health of the most disadvantaged communities.



Ahmed Mushtaque Raza Chowdhury

Advisor to BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health
BRAC University

It has been a great privilege for me to be a part of BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health since its inception, and an honor to have lead it for the past six years as a Dean. Over the years the School has done tremendously well and it is now one of the top public health schools in Bangladesh.

Having BRAC and icddr,b as partners gives the School unlimited access to their research and field facilities. We always wanted the School to be a unique place of education that promotes problem-based experiential learning, through which the students get exposure to real world situations in both rural and urban contexts of Bangladesh. Unlike other universities in South Asia, research is an important and integral part of the School's business. I am so happy to see in the School an active community of researchers who are trying to solve some of the most intricate public health problems faced in low-income and disadvantaged communities.

The real success of BRAC JPGSPH however, can only be measured by its contributions to improving the health condition of the poor and other marginalized groups in Bangladesh and globally. I am sure the School will continue its march to fulfill its mission. I wish the School, students, alumni, staff, faculty and partner institutions the very best for continuing their excellent work in the future.



Professor Vincent Chang

Vice Chancellor
BRAC University

BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University is now one of the leading institutes of public health education in Bangladesh. The institute has also received remarkable global recognition for its excellence in research and leadership programs. I really appreciate this effort of thriving excellence.

In the next four years, we shall advance on three fronts and build the capabilities that will help put the University on the map – we shall internationalize our standards and management, we shall foster a unique BRAC University student experience that is both inspirational and disciplinary, and we shall build a portfolio of global excellence that is relevant and impactful. I believe these new capabilities are all first of its kind in Bangladesh. We shall benchmark ourselves against world's best institutions and eventually become one of them.

Achieving such a goal demands long-term vision, a brave heart and an unwavering commitment. And it is an undertaking that requires the dedication of the entire community of stakeholders. This is surely not an easy journey, nor is it quick. We may not be able to get there during my tenure as Vice Chancellor, but I am sure we will get there.

I wish the School and its students, alumni, staff, faculty and partner institutions the very best for continuing their excellent work in the future.



John Clemens

Executive Director
icddr,b

icddr,b is delighted to be one of the institutional partners of BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University. In developing countries such as Bangladesh, one of the most pressing challenges is confronting the issue of an "unfinished agenda" – we must keep this in mind as we continue our partnership with the School. Relating to the SDGs, Bangladesh while having achieved remarkable success in meeting MDG goals will face challenges in meeting several objectives in public health including strengthening its health care systems and achieving universal health coverage. I am confident that JPGSPH, guided by its partners, icddr,b and BRAC, will play an important role in meeting these exciting challenges.



DR SABINA FAIZ RASHID & DR MALABIKA SARKER RECEIVED THE HEROINES OF HEALTH AWARD



Dr Sabina Faiz Rashid (Professor and Dean) and Dr Malabika Sarker (Professor and Associate Dean) were selected as Honorees for the 2018 'Heroines of Health'. The award is presented by GE Healthcare and Women in Global Health to honor female professionals and leaders for their significant contributions and achievements in global health. The second annual 'Heroines of Health' award reception and gala took place on 20 May, 2018 in Geneva Switzerland and was part of the 71st World Health Assembly.

From over a hundred nominations, the ceremony recognized and celebrated Dr Rashid and Dr Sarker, along with seven other outstanding women leaders for their passion, dedication, and drive for improving global healthcare. The other women who qualified for the award are: Yemen's Dr Najla Al-Sonboli, Ireland's Claire Cahill, South Sudan's Anne Kinuthia, Cameroon's Professor Rose Leke, Kenya's Christine Mataza, Uganda's Margaret Nakanjako, and Canada's Audra Renyi.

WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus attended the ceremony and spoke passionately of gender equality and the need for more female leaders in the public health workforce. By highlighting such female leaders and the significant effect they have had on healthcare, Women in Global Health, strives for greater gender equality in global health whilst celebrating female empowerment.

Dr Rashid and Dr Sarker's collaboration and partnership is noteworthy for their contribution to improving public health care in Bangladesh. They are committed to working with partners, public health workers, and medical professionals, nationally and globally.

HEROINES OF HEALTH  

celebrating women in global health

MAY 20, 2018
INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, GENEVA

#WomeninGH
#HeroinesofHealth
#WHA71




I am grateful to receive this award. It provides recognition but, ultimately there is greater responsibility to create spaces for and mentor younger women to take on leadership roles in public health.

- Dr Sabina Faiz Rashid



I feel proud to represent Bangladesh and BRAC JPGSPH, and I would like to dedicate this award to all women who inspire and support each other to pursue their dreams.

- Dr Malabika Sarker



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EDUCATION

MPH

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

492

GRADUATES FROM
30 COUNTRIES

18

PUBLIC HEALTH
MODULES

24

ACADEMIC
PARTNERS

MIDWIFERY

DIPLOMA IN MIDWIFERY EDUCATION

233

STUDENTS ENROLLED IN
SEVEN ACADEMIC SITES IN 2018

179

GRADUATES IN 2018

164

GRADUATES WORKING IN
ROHINGYA REFUGEE
CAMPS

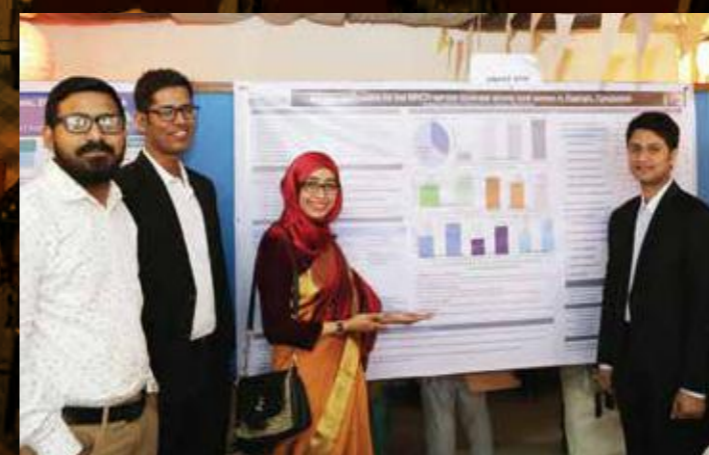


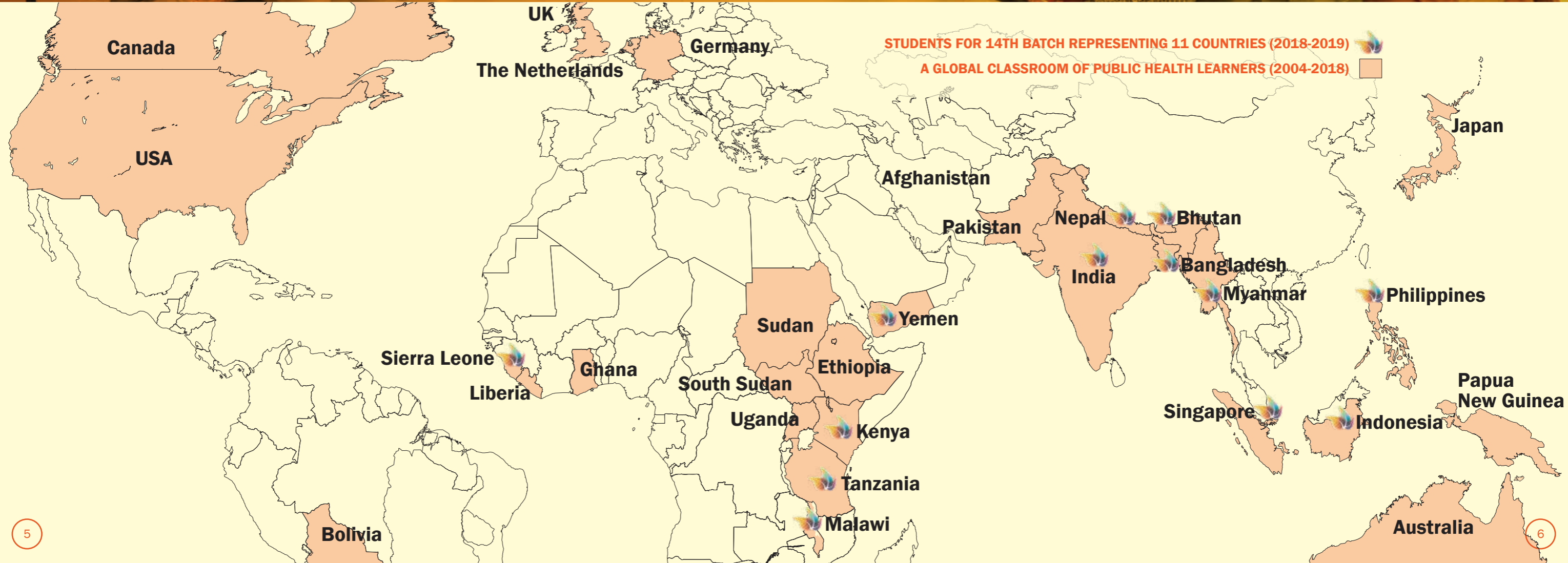
13TH MPH BATCH GRADUATION CEREMONY

BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health at BRAC University celebrated the successful completion of 13th Batch of Master of Public Health Programme on 22 January 2018 at the Sasakawa Auditorium, icddr,b.

The event was attended by Dr Mushtaque Chowdhury, Vice-Chairperson, BRAC, and Advisor, BRAC JPGSPH as Chair of Ceremony; Professor Syed Saad Andaleeb, Vice Chancellor, BRAC University as Chief Guest; Dr Muhammad Musa, Executive Director, BRAC as Keynote Speaker; Professor John D Clemens Executive Director, icddr,b as Special Guest, and Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean, BRAC JPGSPH as the host of the ceremony.

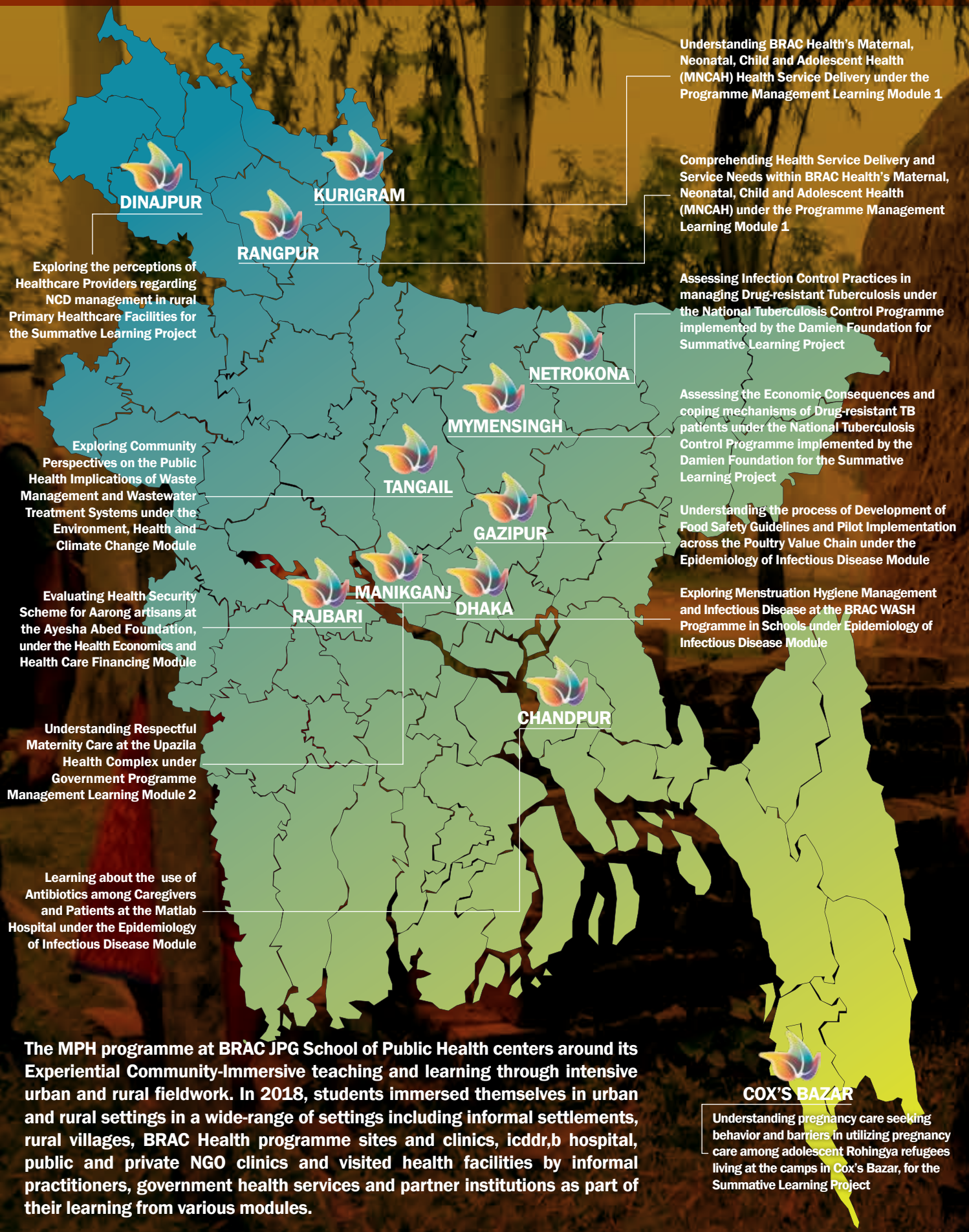
A total of 33 students from 10 different countries graduated at the ceremony. Faridah Akuju from Uganda was awarded 'Allan Rosenfield Award for Best Overall Academic Performance'. Abhiyan Gautam from Nepal and Ma. Jennylyn B. Aguinaldo from Philippines were awarded 'W. B. Greenough III Award' for Best Individual Final Report of Summative Learning Project (SLP) 2017 and 'Sir Fazle Hasan Abed Award' for Leadership respectively. Professor Stephen P Luby, Professor Richard Cash, and Professor Tahmeed Ahmed were awarded the 'Begum Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain Teaching Excellence' award. Nadia Farnaz, Research Associate at BRAC JPGSPH was awarded the 'Begum Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain Teaching Fellow Award'.





EXPERIENTIAL COMMUNITY-IMMERSIVE LEARNING

SNAPSHOTS OF FIELD VISITS BY THE 14TH MPH COHORT IN 2018



The MPH programme at BRAC JPG School of Public Health centers around its Experiential Community-Immersive teaching and learning through intensive urban and rural fieldwork. In 2018, students immersed themselves in urban and rural settings in a wide-range of settings including informal settlements, rural villages, BRAC Health programme sites and clinics, icddr,b hospital, public and private NGO clinics and visited health facilities by informal practitioners, government health services and partner institutions as part of their learning from various modules.



ICDDR,B HOSPITAL
LOOKING AT THE DIETARY PATTERNS OF MOTHERS DURING PREGNANCY AND LACTATION



BHASANTEK SLUM, MIRPUR, DHAKA
UNDERSTANDING COMMUNAL ILLNESS AND HEALTH-SEEKING BEHAVIOR OF WOMEN IN THE SLUM



PANGSHA UPAZILA HEALTH COMPLEX, RAJBARI
RESPECTFUL MATERNITY CARE



SHAKHIPUR UPAZILA, TANGAIL
WASTE MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS



FIELD VISIT TO GANGACHARA, RANGPUR
ANTENATAL AND POSTNATAL CARE AT COMMUNITY LEVEL AND CHILD NUTRITION WITH BRAC MNCH PROGRAMME



AYESHA ABED FOUNDATION, MANIKGANJ
HEALTH ECONOMICS AND HEALTHCARE FINANCING



MATLAB DAKSHIN, CHANDPUR
EPIDEMIOLOGY OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE



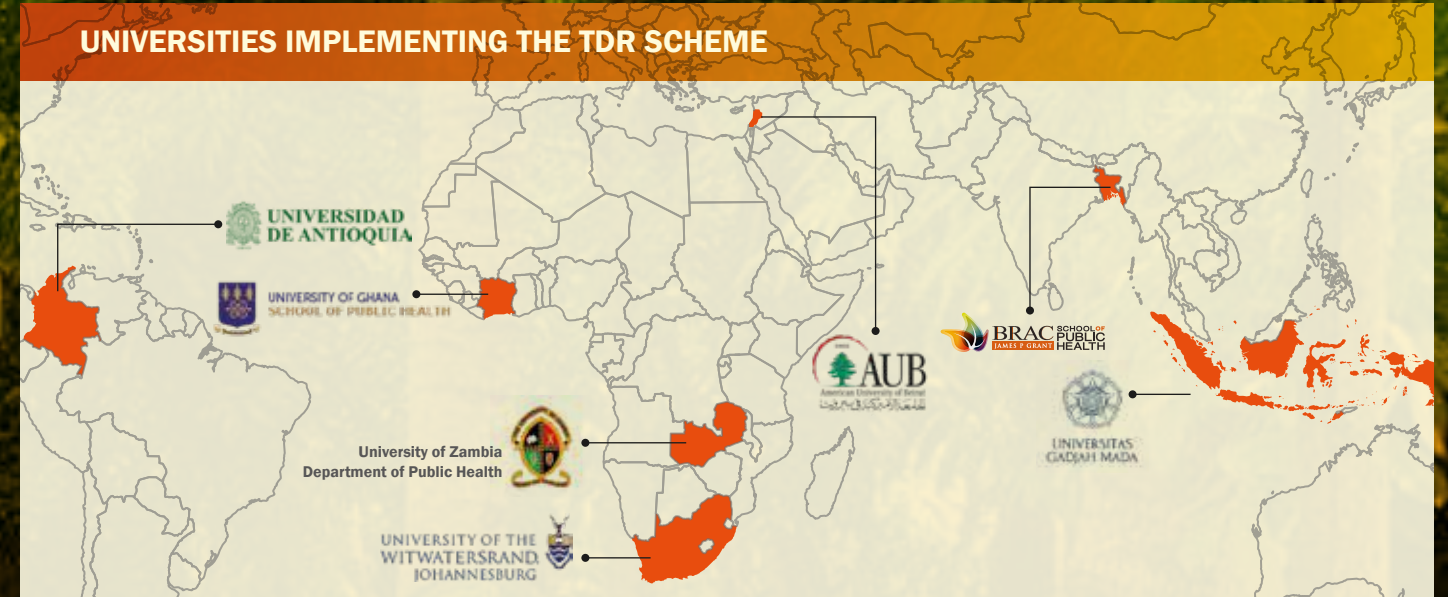
UKHIA, TEKNAF, COX'S BAZAR
SUMMATIVE LEARNING PROJECT

In 2015, BRAC JPG School of Public Health was one of the seven global academic institutions awarded World Health Organization's TDR Postgraduate Training Scheme on implementation research for MPH programmes. The objective of this five-year grant is to strengthen Low and Middle Income Countries (LMICs) and train young public health professionals on implementation research. For the third TDR Cohort in 2018, 9 students from 7 different countries joined the 14th MPH Batch.

Since 2016, the School has trained a total 30 TDR Fellows in three cohorts from eight countries in the Southeast Asia and Western Pacific Region.

Other Universities implementing the TDR scheme include, Universidad de Antioquia; National School of Public Health (Columbia); University of Ghana, School of Public Health (Ghana); Faculty of Medicine, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta (Indonesia); American University of Beirut, Faculty of Health Sciences (Lebanon); University of the Witwatersrand, School of Public Health (South Africa); and University of Zambia, Department of Public Health (Zambia).

The full scholarship covers full tuition, accommodation and food, local transport, medical and accidental insurance and implementation research on neglected tropical diseases/infectious Diseases of poverty.



TDR FELLOWS FROM THE THIRD COHORT (14TH MPH BATCH, 2018)

DENNIS G. AMANDO, PHILIPPINES
Program Officer
The Palladium Group, ARMM - Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, Philippines

ZAFRIA ATSNA, INDONESIA
Consultant, Nursing Care Club Emergency
PSIK UMY, Indonesia

JYOTI KARKI, NEPAL
MNCH and GESI Officer
CARE Nepal

JULIE ANNE A. LLAVORE, PHILIPPINES
Consultant
Zuellig Family Foundation, Philippines

ATEEB AHMAD PARRAY, INDIA
Project Coordinator
Health, BRAC international, Afghanistan

TSHERING PENJOR, BHUTAN
Deputy Chief Physician
Central Regional Referral Hospital, Department of Medical Services, Ministry of Health, Bhutan

SUSHOBHAN SARKER, BANGLADESH
Research Fellow
Environmental Interventions Unit,
Infectious Diseases Division, icddr,b, Bangladesh

PRAMILA SHRESTHA, NEPAL
Program Documentation and Data Analyst
Helen Keller International, Nepal

TINT LWIN WIN, MYANMAR
Field Project Coordinator
World Health Organization, Myanmar



The School offers a core competency-based curricula with field visits which facilitate effective learning. The integration of the WHO TDR scholarship also enables underprivileged students from LMIC's to benefit from this global classroom experience. The School helped me network with public health professionals across the globe and trained me to tackle global health priorities. From clinical personnel to a social researcher to a public health programmer, my career has been shaped by the experience I had at BRAC JPGSPH.

ATEEB AHMAD PARRAY, INDIA



I would recommend anyone who is really enthusiastic to learn public health, to join BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health and guarantee you that they will be well equipped with the modern tools required by an innovative public health leader. The MPH programme boosted my confidence and courage to continue working as a competent public health worker and researcher and I am always proud to say that I am a graduate of BRAC JPGSPH.

TINT LWIN WIN, MYANMAR



The supportive and excellent international professors, the public health exposures increasing productivity and creativity, the field experiences and advanced teaching-learnings of BRAC JPGSPH have developed my competency in public health and built up my confidence and dedication as a public health professional to contribute in public health and research for developing countries like Nepal for which I will always be grateful for and am proud to be a part of it.

PRAMILA SHRESTHA, NEPAL



Academically I found a profound difference in myself after graduating from BRAC JPGSPH. My perceptions have been totally diverted towards the field of public healthcare delivery. I believe the MPH at BRAC JPGSPH is the game changer for career growth and development. Field exercises we performed were quite helpful in the real life public health practice. Classroom lectures and class exercises always impact me in both my professional and personal life. Overall the MPH programme at the School has significantly broadened my thoughts and exposure.

TSHERING PENJOR, BHUTAN



14TH BATCH MPH STUDENTS WIN 2ND PRIZE IN THE GENEVA CHALLENGE

Bangladesh represented Asia as one of the five finalists at the Geneva Challenge 2018. The team from Bangladesh included three students from the 14th batch of the MPH programme at BRAC JPG School of Public Health: Sachina Paudel (Nepal), Shagoofa Rakhshanda and Syed Hassan Imtiaz (Bangladesh), with Salman Khan Promon, Master of Science in Biotechnology student at BRAC University. The team from Bangladesh proposed a solution for urban plantation using a mobile app named 'Shamol' to encourage and assist the residents of Dhaka city with rooftop gardening.

The five finalist teams, representing each continent, defended their projects on 27 November 2018 in front of a jury. The 2018 edition of the 'Geneva Challenge' aimed to encourage integrative problem solving among master students on advancing human development within the scope of a relevant topic.



“ Since starting my journey in public health eight years ago, climate change had been an interest of mine. To negate the effects of climate change we need simple solutions readily accessible by people. We decided to adopt a participatory approach using mobile technology to mitigate climate change, focusing on urban areas. ”

- SACHINA PAUDEL



“ The big picture is often hidden behind small problems. And, a global challenge can be solved through simple innovative solutions. With these notions in mind, my team and I are willing to initiate this first step to help address climate change. ”

- SHAGOOFA RAKHSHANDA



“ If I want to solve a people's problems, first I need to know how they think and what benefits they want. People-centered approach or including people in the system, in most cases, indulges the community to incorporate both the system and the solution. ”

- SAYED HASAN IMTIAZ



“ While working with different communities, I found the emerging involvement of digitalized network, client service, and offers including monetary benefits. Keeping that in mind, our team aimed to establish a responsive citizen network where they will contribute their resources for urban plantation. Increased greeneries will potentially play a key role to reduce the surface temperature of the target areas. ”

- SALMAN KHAN PROMON

BRAC JPG SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH LAUNCHED 'AMENA AZFAR AND HURMATUNNESSA ROB SCHOLARSHIPS'



BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health (BRAC JPGSPH), BRAC University, launched a new scholarship named 'Amena Azfar and Hurmatunnessa Rob Scholarships' for women pursuing Master of Public Health (MPH) degree at the School. The USD 295,914 scholarship comes in the form of a generous gift from Dr Mushtaque Chowdhury, founding Dean of the School. Sir Fazle Hasan Abed KCMG, Founder and Chairperson of BRAC and BRAC University was present as the Chief Guest at the launching ceremony which took place on December 1, 2018, at BRAC JPG School of Public Health. Dr. Chowdhury played a critical role in establishing the school in 2004 and has been an advisor to the institution since 2014. The scholarship was named after his mother, Amena Azfar and his mother-in-law, Hurmatunnessa Rob – two very important women in his and his wife's lives.

DR MUSHTAQUE CHOWDHURY PROFESSORSHIP OF HEALTH AND POVERTY

During his speech at the launch of the Scholarships, Sir Abed announced that he will propose the creation of a Professorship in the name of Dr Chowdhury at BRAC JPGSPH to the Governing Board of BRAC. The 'Dr Mushtaque Chowdhury Professorship of Health and Poverty' was approved by BRAC's Governing Board in early 2019.



BRAC JPGSPH, ICCCAD-IUB AND AUW JOINTLY AWARDED USD 1 MILLION EU GRANT FOR CAPACITY BUILDING IN HIGHER EDUCATION

BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University (BRAC JPGSPH); the International Centre for Climate Change & Development (ICCCAD), Independent University of Bangladesh (IUB); and Asian University for Women (AUW) have jointly been awarded the prestigious European Union 2018 ERASMUS+ 'Capacity Building in Higher Education' Grant for USD 1 Million on 6 December 2018.

Led by BRAC JPGSPH, this pioneering tripartite institutional partnership will collaboratively design and implement the 'Transformative Competency-Based Public Health Education for Professional Employability in Bangladesh's Health Sector (TRANS4M-PH)' project, from 2019-2021.

The University of Maastricht (UM), Netherlands and Institute of Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex, UK will collaborate as the Project's Technical Partners.

A total of 12 courses from BRAC JPGSPH, IUB and AUW will be transformed into competency-based curricula and 36 faculty will be trained to facilitate competency-based public health courses that will enhance the professional employability of public health graduates in the health sector of Bangladesh.

The prominent academicians involved in this project include Sabina F. Rashid, PhD, Professor and Dean, BRAC JPGSPH, BRACU, Bangladesh; Saleemul Huq, PhD, Professor and Director, ICCCAD-IUB, Bangladesh; A.K.M. Moniruzzaman Mollah, PhD., Associate Professor, Life Sciences, AUW, Bangladesh; Anja Krumeich, PhD, Department of Health, Ethics and Society, Maastricht University, The Netherlands; and Linda Waldman, PhD, Director of Teaching and Learning, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK.

The TRANS4M-PH project is overseen by Professor Rashid, Dean; the curriculum design is led by Mikhail Islam, Strategy and Design Consultant; and the project is coordinated by Md Koushik Ahmed, Deputy Director, MPH Programme at BRAC JPGSPH.



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Our MPH programme combines the national and global experience of public health teaching, research and practice in the classroom. Our faculty members from around the world are leaders in their fields of expertise. Over the years, the School has had the honor of welcoming visiting faculty from universities including Harvard University (USA); Stanford University (USA); Georgetown University (USA); Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (UK); Griffith University (Australia); Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (USA); Makerere University

(Uganda); Dhaka University (Bangladesh); Jahangirnagar University (Bangladesh), Collaboration for Health Policy and Systems Analysis in Africa (South Africa); Ministry of Health (Liberia); the World Bank; Saffron Health and Environment (France); Jhpiego (Afghanistan); and leading public health organizations in Bangladesh including BRAC; icddr,b; BLAST; UNICEF; FAO; FHI360, Wateraid, and many more.



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Implementation Research Workshop



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Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights



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Health Systems Management



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Health Systems Management



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Epidemiology, Summative Learning Project (SLP)



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Introduction to Implementation Research



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Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases



Dr Nita Chaudhuri, Principal, Saffron Health and Environment
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Introduction to Public Health, Programme Management Learning



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Summative Learning Project (SLP)



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Aging and Health



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FACULTY QUOTES



“The MPH program at BRACJPGSPH offers a transformative learning process. Where the students are not only exposed to classroom theoretical discussion on public health problem and solution but also witness the real-life problem and have the opportunity to generate and apply those solutions.”

MALABIKA SARKER

Professor and Associate Dean & Director Research and Director, Center of Excellence for Science of Implementation & Scale Up (CoE-SISU), BRAC JPG School of Public Health, BRAC University



“BRAC JPG School of Public Health, BRAC University allows students to apply the public health tools they learn in the classroom in a real world setting right away. This makes the learning easier and more likely to be used in future practice.”

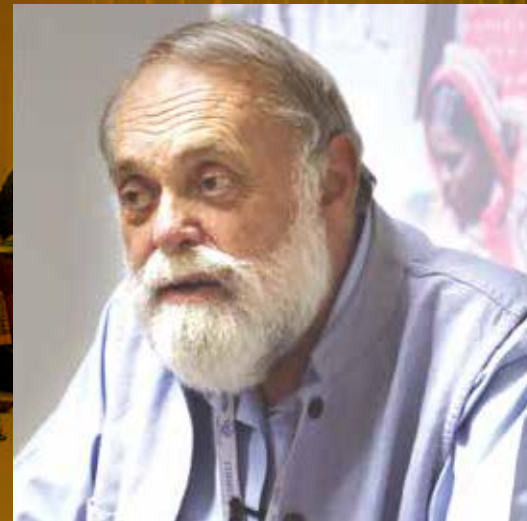
NITA CHAUDHURI

Principal, Saffron Health and Environment, and Adjunct Professor BRAC JPG School of Public Health, BRAC University

“I have been involved with the MPH programme at BRAC JPGSPH in the formulation of the School. What distinguishes the MPH course at BRAC JPGSPH from the other programmes is their application of the classroom work in the field. Bangladesh is an excellent laboratory, and BRAC is an excellent institution in the sense that it offers many unique opportunities. I have taught in institutions like Harvard University, and in different institutions across India, Bangladesh, Hong Kong, Japan and many more, but the strong connection of the field and the classroom at this School is unique.”

RICHARD CASH

Senior Lecturer on Global Health, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, USA
Professor and Course Coordinator, BRAC JPGSPH, BRAC University



“What I like about the experiential learning at BRAC JPGSPH is that the graduates from here have very good field experience, they have been to slums, rural areas, and they have been to seminars with a lot of national and international health and policy makers or leaders who are engaged in various public health issues. It's a great experience for them and this type of experiential learning actually synthesizes into something actually more than which we could teach in classroom based course.”

IMTEAZ MANNAN

Technical Advisor, Jhpiego Afghanistan, Adjunct Faculty, BRAC JPG School of Public Health, BRAC University



“BRAC JPGSPH's MPH Programme is an excellent programme for the next generation of public health leaders. One of the reasons is because it's right here in Bangladesh, and we are working on the most pressing public health problems of our time and the students get an opportunity to discuss this in the classroom but get into the field and take lessons from experiential learning. For somebody to be effective in public health is that they have to work in the real world, they have to work in the community. The experiential learning at BRAC JPGSPH gives that opportunity.”

STEPHEN P LUBY

Professor, Medicine - Infectious Diseases, Stanford University, USA, Adjunct Faculty, BRAC JPG School of Public Health, BRAC University



“Experiential Learning' is the key principle of the MPH programme under BRAC JPG School of Public Health. This approach helps students to develop essential professional skills along with gaining knowledge on different public health issues. The uniqueness of this MPH program is that in all the modules, students gain both theoretical knowledge in the classroom as well as practical experience of applying that knowledge in solving public health problems through role simulation. Every time I design courses or facilitate class exercises or visit the community with students, it is also a learning experience for me. I am proud to be a part of this learning process.”

BACHERA AKTAR

Assistant Director, Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual & Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR), BRAC JPG School of Public Health, BRAC University.

POST-MPH EMPLOYMENT

BRAC JPGSPH'S COMPETENCY-BASED CURRICULUM DEVELOPS WELL-ROUNDED, MULTI-SKILLED PROFESSIONALS WHO CAN READILY APPREHEND THE EVOLVING INTER-DIMENSIONAL NATURE OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO SUCCEED IN DIVERSE AND COMPLEX HEALTH ENVIRONMENTS GLOBALLY.

POST-MPH HIGHER STUDIES

GRADUATES HAVE ENROLLED IN OR COMPLETED DOCTORAL AND POST-DOCTORAL STUDIES AT LEADING INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING:

MPH 14 BATCH (2018) GRADUATES ARE WORKING IN



PAST MPH GRADUATES HAVE BEEN RECRUITED BY



INTERNS AT BRAC JPGSPH IN 2018

The Internship Programme at BRAC JPG School of Public Health provides opportunities for students of Public Health and related fields of Science and Social Sciences to complement their academic study with meaningful practical experience. The School provides a 'Social Laboratory' for Teaching and Learning exposing students to the fields of Education, Training, Research, and Advocacy related to public health issues.

Students from the Masters of Public Health (MPH) programme from George Washington University, USA undertook the internship at BRAC JPGSPH to fulfill their degree's requirements of completing several modules and credits.

Interns from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Harvard University; Yale School of Public Health, Yale University; and Graduate School of International Health Development, University of Nagasaki, have been attending BRAC JPGSPH since 2009. The internship is a component of their experiential learning to gain first hand field experience around critical issues on public health in a developing country.

While interning at BRAC JPGSPH, the students learn about core public health issues in the context of a developing country and become oriented to field work by visiting various disadvantaged and marginalized communities as well as different field sites. The interns also promote research, education, and capacity-building in the area of health and development. The interns affiliate with both ongoing research activities at the School and their own research projects which guides them towards fulfilling the requirements for a graduate degree.



EKUSHEY AHMED

I worked with both the Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU) team as well as the Communications department. I also collaborated and created logos and various other designs with a fellow intern. The highlight of my internship experience however, was the field work opportunity in the Korail slum through the 'Compassionate Korail' project that provides free individualized palliative care to terminally ill patients. In conclusion, I thoroughly enjoyed working at BRAC JPGSPH and gained a comprehensive understanding of the wide range of topics within Public Health.



RAIAAN KHAN

Around late December in 2018, I joined BRAC JPGSPH as an intern. I received a warm welcome from everyone on the first day, and that stuck with me until the end. My assignments included logo and report designs. I, along with a fellow intern, worked up multiple logo concepts for the three Centres - Centre for Professional Skills Development on Public Health (CPSD), Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU), and Centre of Excellence for Urban Equity and Health (CUEH). The experience I gained here may have been short-term, but I believe that its impact will be profound in my future endeavors.



NURIYA MOIN

I was an intern under the Midwifery Led Centre (MLC) project where they were doing a study on birthing chairs. During the internship, I went along with two other researchers to the medical centre in Darussalam, Mirpur. Throughout the internship I was doing both field and desk work. Field work included going to these MLCs and interviewing the mothers who used the chair and the staff who helped. It has been a great experience knowing and working with the people at BRAC and I intend to get many more of these experiences in the future.



ZAIM ZIBRAN

I will forever cherish my time at JPGSPH. My summers interning there have given me an increased awareness and knowledge on various public health issues, an array of research and workplace skills readily usable in all my future endeavors, and meaningful relationships that still carry over. I had an immensely enjoyable and personally significant experience at JPGSPH, where I have been inspired to pursue public health as a career option. I look forward to returning to JPGSPH in the near future to delve deeper into public health and explore this noble field even more



SHARIQA AKBAR

My time as an intern at the BRAC School of Public Health was an eye opening and humbling insights into the challenges, as well as the innumerable prospects facing the healthcare in Bangladesh. I have greatly enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity to learn and work with warm and welcoming colleagues and mentors at BRAC. It was truly an enlightening experience.

DIPLOMA IN MIDWIFERY EDUCATION



MIDWIFERY EDUCATION IN BANGLADESH

Midwifery is relatively a new concept in Bangladesh. The evolution of midwifery had a history of transformation from Traditional Birth Attendants, Community Skilled Birth Attendants, and Certified Midwives to Diploma Midwives at present. The Government introduced midwifery into the health system to meet of United Nations 'Every Woman Every Child' plan, giving the midwifery program its momentum. An estimated 22,000 midwives will be required to meet the national need of quality maternal health service.

To help attain that country target, BRAC University launched the 'Developing Midwives Project' (DMP) and introduced the course in 2012 as the first ever midwifery education initiative in Bangladesh's private sector. Funded by the UK Government, this innovative education initiative develops around 230 midwives every year in partnership with six renowned NGOs of Bangladesh.

Dr Selina Amin is the Director of the Developing Midwives Project and the Head of the Midwifery Education Programme.



MIDWIFERY ACTIVITIES IN 2018

- Two refresher trainings were conducted with the help and guidance of Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand. Andrea Gilkison, Debbie MacGregor and Claire Hotchin from the University joined the training with renowned experts including Professor Sayeba Khatun and Professor Sameena Chowdhuri from Bangladesh.
- Two skill-based training at Cox's Bazaar took place with the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) recognized Midwives.
- Developing Midwives Project (DMP) helped all six of its partners to develop their own strategic business plans as a step forward toward sustainability.



- DMP opened its first Midwifery Led Centre (MLC) in Mirpur, Dhaka in association with BRAC Maternity Centre

A second MLC was established in collaboration with Charikata Union Health & Family Welfare Centre (UH&FWC) of Jaintiapur, Sylhet.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2018

- Parboti Sutrodhar, a BRACU Midwifery graduate opened her own Midwife-Led Care Centre in a peri-urban area of Sylhet for providing Maternal health services.
- Two faculty members enrolled for the Master's programme in SRHR with Dalarna University of Sweden through UNFPA.
- An intensive research on birthing chair took place followed by publication of a blog
- A study to identify barriers to create enabling environment of students and graduate midwives done and disseminated with the stakeholders.
- A feasibility study was completed to identify the difficulties in starting a BSc midwifery course by BRAC University.
- DMP helped establish a formal election process of the Bangladesh Midwifery Society (BMS). Asma Khatun, Junior Instructor of DMP's Dhaka Academic site was elected as the Education Secretary of the new committee.



ADVOCACY EVENTS 2018

- A group of journalists were invited to visit Cox's Bazar to see how graduates from the Diploma in Midwifery Education programme provided their services in the Rohingya Refugee camps. Five television channels, three online media and one print media covered the story.
- A paper titled 'Introducing Standardized Methodology and Reviewed Curriculum in Midwifery Education: Experience of Developing Midwives Project (DMP), BRAC JPG School of Public Health, BRAC University' has been presented at the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) Combined Regional Conference 2018 held in Dubai, where a poster on Midwife-Led Care Centres (MLC) was also presented.
- Presented a paper on the role of midwives in fistula management in the '2nd HOPE Maternal Health and Fistula Conference 2018', organised by HOPE Foundation in Cox's Bazaar.
- DMP also presented three papers in the two-day 'National Conference on Health Professionals Education 2018' organised by the Association for Medical Education (AME) in Dhaka.
- A birthing chair was introduced to Obstetrical and Gynecological Society of Bangladesh (OGSB) Hospital where Dr Selina Amin, Head, Midwifery Education and Project Director, DMP, handed over the birthing chair and exercise ball to Professor Laila Arjumand Banu, President, Obstetrics and Gynecology Society of Bangladesh.



TRAINING

20

SHORT COURSES, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS IN 2018

100+ SHORT COURSES, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS TO DATE

320

HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT PROFESSIONALS TRAINED IN 2018

5300+ PROFESSIONALS TRAINED TO DATE

50

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TRAINERS IN 2018

320 + GLOBAL TRAINERS TO DATE

BRAC PUBLIC HEALTH
FLAGSHIP SHORT COURSE ON
SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE
HEALTH & RIGHTS (SRHR) AND LAW

CENTRE FOR PROFESSIONAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT IN PUBLIC HEALTH (CPSD)

The Centre offers unique and innovative pedagogic methods with interactive discussions, experiential learning exposures, community and facility visits, multi-media engagement, role-playing, and other forms of hands-on practical learning. CPSD provides critical courses on quantitative and qualitative research methodologies for improving the capacity of programme and project implementers. CPSD also offers fundamental skill-based courses on monitoring and evaluation, and workshops on scientific writing skills. Various courses are also offered by the School in partnership with our Centres of Excellence, according to their areas of focus, giving participants the opportunity to learn from experts across the fields of gender, sexual and reproductive health and rights; health systems and universal health care; urban equity; implementation science and scale-up; and nutrition and non-communicable diseases.

We feature a diverse range of expert facilitators/trainers including public health practitioners, medical professionals, anthropologists, health economists, ethnographers, statisticians, development practitioners, policy makers, program managers, and academics from well-established international institutions and national institutions. This ensures the skills provided in these short courses are practical, grounded and speak to the current needs in the health sector. Our trainings include a wide range of participants including government officials, medical doctors, senior health education officers, senior staff nurses, statisticians, NGO sector specialists, development practitioners, programme officers and managers, academics, researchers, activists, journalists and individuals from marginalized communities.



SHORT COURSES & WORKSHOPS IN 2018

BANGLADESH FLAGSHIP BASED COURSE: HEALTH SYSTEMS STRENGTHENING AND UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE (UHC)

Participants: 42 | **Duration:** 6 days

Facilitators: Dr Ricardo Bitran, Technical Course Director, Bitran and Associates; Professor Malabika Sarker (Associate Dean and Director CoE-SISU, BRAC JPGSPH); Professor Syed Masud Ahmed (Director, CoE-HS&UHC, BRAC JPGSPH); Owen Smith (Sr Economist, The World Bank); Dr Shakil Ahmed (Sr Health Economist, The World Bank); Dr Krishna Hort (Consultant, The World Bank); Lluís Vinyals (Health Planning and Financing Regional Advisor, SEARO/WHO); Dr Syed Abdul Hamid (Director, IHE, Dhaka University); Dr Valéria De Oliveira Cruz (Team Lead, Health Systems, WCO, BAN/WHO); Mohammad Touhidul Islam (National Professional Officer, Health Financing, WCO BAN/WHO); Dr Taufique Joarder, FHI 360

Description: This course aimed to enhance the competency of stakeholders to better influence health policies towards transforming the country's health systems to attain the goals of UHC by 2030. The course was designed for policy makers and mid-level government officers working in health and other relevant sectors, senior managers in the private sectors, experts from the civil society, representatives from the media, and development partners.

Organized by: The course was organized by Health Economics Unit (HEU), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) Bangladesh, with the support from the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Bank and the USAID funded project Health Financing and Governance. Centre of Excellence for Health System and Universal Health Coverage (CoE-HS&UHC), BRAC James P Grant school of Public Health (JPGSPH), BRAC University, was the lead local institute responsible for co-designing and supporting the technical and administrative aspects of the course.



INTRODUCTION TO SYSTEMATIC REVIEW AND META-ANALYSIS IN HEALTH RESEARCH

Participants: 20 | **Duration:** 3 days

Facilitators:

BRAC JPGSPH: Professor Shahed Hossain; Professor Malabika Sarker (Associate Dean, and Director CoE-SISU); Tanvir Hasan (Assistant Professor and Director, CUEH); Mohammad Didar Hossain (Sr Research Fellow); Dr Rajat Das Gupta (Sr Research Associate)

icddr,b: Dr A.T.M Iqbal Anwar (Sr Scientist); Dr Shakila Banu (Training Physician); Md Rajib Mamun (Research Officer); Dr K.M. Saif Ur Rahman (Research Investigator); Dr Md Hasan (Statistician); A.M. Al Mamun (Librarian)

Description: The course provided participants with an introduction to basic components of systematic reviews - from research question to protocol development, data collection, analysis and interpretation.

Organized by: Centre for Professional Skills Development in Public Health (CPSD)



MASCULINITY AND MENTAL HEALTH

Participants: 12 | **Duration:** 1 Day

Facilitators: Mesbah Uddin Ahmed and Mohammad Rofiqul Islam (Training Department, Bandhu Social Welfare Society); with Shale Ahmed (Executive Director, Bandhu Social Welfare Society).

Description: The objective of the training was to inform participants about masculinity and social construct with a focus on psychosocial and psychosexual issues by analyzing their existing knowledge. Participants also learned about using coping techniques in counselling sessions

Organized by: Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation & Scale Up (CoE-SISU)

ORIENTATION TO STATA

Participants: 16 | **Duration:** 1 day

Facilitators:

Ibrahim Hossain Sajal, Research Assistant, BRAC JPGSPH

Description: The course introduced public health professionals to the basics of STATA that included opening a dataset, investigating the contents of the dataset, managing the dataset, and using statistical analysis to get few descriptive statistics.

Organized by: Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU)



PSYCHODRAMATIC ACTION METHODS IN PUBLIC HEALTH: EXPERIENTIAL WORKSHOP IN SOCIOMETRY AND PSYCHODRAMA

Participants: 13 | **Duration:** 1 Day

Facilitator:

Sue Daniel, Trainer, Educator and Practitioner of Psychodrama (T.E.P) and Director, Psychodrama Institute of Melbourne, Australia

Description: The workshop trained public health researchers working in the areas of gender and SRHR, on Psychodramatic Action Methods.

Organized by: Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation & Scale Up (CoE-SISU)



PUBLIC HEALTH MANAGERS' PROFESSIONAL SELF-MANAGEMENT SKILLS TRAINING

Participants: 12 | **Duration:** 30 Days

Facilitator:

Mikhail I. Islam, Strategy and Design Consultant to BRAC JPGSPH

Co-facilitators: Anindya Das (Deputy Project Coordinator), Sairana Ahsan (Research Fellow), Gazi Sakir Mohammad Pritom (Senior Research Associate), and Tahrima Mridha (Deputy Project Coordinator) from BRAC JPGSPH.

Description: This intensive training features 20% Classroom Session and 80% On-the-Job coaching (O-T-J) for mid-level public health professionals from NGOs, CSOs, government, and private sectors. The day-long interactive classroom session introduces 6 key self-management skills for public health managers. After the classroom training, four weeks of O-T-J coaching takes place at the individual workplace of the participants.

Organized by: Centre for Professional Skills Development in Public Health (CPSD), part of the project on - Public Health Leadership Development Training Project funded by GSK with Save the Children as technical partner.



PUBLIC HEALTH MANAGERS' PROFESSIONAL SELF-MANAGEMENT SKILLS TRAINING WITH BRAC JPGSPH FIRST BATCH

Participants: 10 | **Duration:** 6-8 weeks

Facilitator:

Mikhail I. Islam, Strategy and Design Consultant to BRAC JPGSPH

Co-facilitators: Nondini Lopa (Project Coordinator), Anindya Das (Deputy Project Coordinator), Md Munirul Islam (Project Officer) from BRAC JPGSPH.

Description: This intensive training features 20% Classroom Session for one-day training and 80% On-the-Job coaching (O-T-J) for 6-8 weeks for mid-level public health professionals from BRAC JPGSPH. A supervisor's orientation has been done just 2 days before the classroom session to orient them overall design of the training program with specific activities and roles on their managers. The day-long interactive classroom session introduces 6 key self-management skills for public health managers. Representatives from Save the Children and BRAC International were present in the session. After the classroom training, four weeks of O-T-J coaching takes place at the individual workplace of the participants.

Organized by: Centre for Professional Skills Development in Public Health (CPSD), part of the project on - Public Health Leadership Development Training Project funded by GSK with Save the Children as technical partner.



PUBLIC HEALTH MANAGERS' PROFESSIONAL SELF-MANAGEMENT SKILLS TRAINING WITH BRAC JPGSPH SECOND BATCH

Participants: 11 | **Duration:** 1-day classroom session with 6-8 weeks of on the job training

Facilitator:

Mikhail I. Islam, Strategy & Design Consultant to BRAC JPGSPH

Co-facilitators: Nondini Lopa (Project Coordinator), Anindya Das (Deputy Project Coordinator), Md Munirul Islam (Project Officer), Sairana Ahsan (Research Fellow), Gazi Sakir Mohammad Pritom (Sr Research Associate), and Tahrima Mridha (Deputy Project Coordinator) from BRAC JPGSPH.

Description: As part of training program design, a Supervisor's Orientation and a Training for Trainers (ToT) had been organized in April 2018 with 6 facilitators from BRAC JPGSPH. The one-day classroom training for second BRAC JPGSPH batch had been conducted with another group of 11 participants, where the lead facilitator, along with 6 trained co-facilitators conducted the sessions focusing on 6 key professional self-management skills. On-the-Job (O-TJ) coaching started the very next day for practicing the learned skills.

Organized by: Centre for Professional Skills Development in Public Health (CPSD), part of the project on - Public Health Leadership Development Training Project funded by GSK with Save the Children as technical partner.

PUBLIC HEALTH MANAGERS' PROFESSIONAL SELF-MANAGEMENT SKILLS TRAINING WITH BRAC WASH, TB, MALARIA, AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE (DMCC) TEAM

Participants: 12 | **Duration:** 1-day classroom session with 8-12 weeks of on the job training

Facilitator:
Mikhail I. Islam, Strategy & Design Consultant to BRAC JPGSPH

Co-facilitators: Nondini Lopa (Project Coordinator), Anindya Das (Deputy Project Coordinator), Md. Munirul Islam (Project Officer), Sairana Ahsan (Research Fellow), Gazi Sakir Mohammad Pritom (Senior Research Associate), and Tahrima Mridha (Deputy Project Coordinator) from BRAC JPGSPH.

Description: This intensive training features 20% Classroom Session and 80% On-the-Job coaching (O-T-J) for mid-level public health professionals like managers and their supervisors of BRAC's BRAC WASH, TB, MALARIA, and DMCC programs. Pre-orientation about the training design with the BRAC supervisors had been done on 10 May 2018 and the one-day class room training with their 12 mid-level managers was done on 24 May 2018. The day-long interactive classroom session introduced 6 key self-management skills for public health managers. On the Job (OTJ) Coaching, the Onus of 'Training' to shift from Trainer to Supervisor, started from the very next day before the team sat together for 6-skills tool design including solutions design & transcription. With the On-the-Job coaching and longer term engagement process over a 2-month period, long-term good working relationships was developed and improved working relationships between supervisors and her/his team of managers.

Organized by:
Centre for Professional Skills Development in Public Health (CPSD), part of the project on - Public Health Leadership Development Training Project funded by GSK with Save the Children as technical partner.



PUBLIC HEALTH SEMINAR – BRAC UNDERGRADUATE RESIDENTIAL CAMPUS, SAVAR

Participants: 2400 | **Duration:** 1 day

Facilitator: Kuhel Faizul Islam (Sr Coordinator) and Tasfiah Jalil (Sr Coordinator) from BRAC JPGSPH

Description: This training is designed to familiarize students with information on emotional, mental and sexual and reproductive health. The training is divided into two sessions. The first interactive session revolves around important factors such as basics on hygiene, adverse effects of junk food consumption, smoking and drug abuse and other issues related to physical, mental health and wellbeing. The second session discusses on bodily changes, gender and relationships, sexually transmitted diseases and sexual harassment, and sexuality and rights. The students are also shown videos on: Gender and empowerment, online sexual harassment and Environmental degradation and its impact on health. The training began in 2010 and every year, two training workshops are held with the undergraduate students.

Organized by: Centre of Excellence for Gender, and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

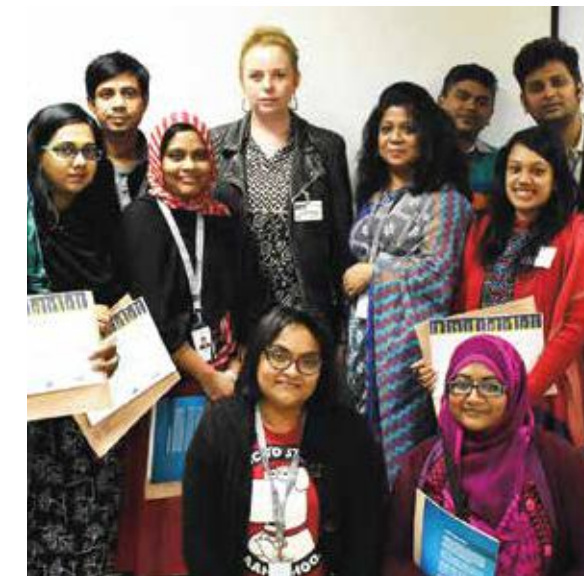
RESEARCH COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP

Participants: 28 | **Duration:** 1 day

Facilitators: Kate Hawkins, Communications Manager, REACHOUT Consortium and Director, Pamoja Communications; and Jeff Knezovich, Digital Communications Manager, Nuffield Trust

Description: The workshop included topics such as online communication and blogging, developing policy briefs, utilizing social media, and using infographics for data visualization. The workshop also highlighted the necessity of research communication and utilizing other forms of user engagement.

Organized by: Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)



SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHT SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP FOR YOUTH

Participants: 50 | **Duration:** 3 half-day sessions

Facilitators: Bachera Aktar (Assistant Director, Center of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights - CGSRHR) and Tasfiah Jalil (Sr Coordinator) from BRAC JPGSPH

Description: The workshop was arranged to sensitize young people from youth based organizations and universities on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights, and develop them as peer educators. Participants also watched videos on Cyber Harassment and Men's Health, and gave their feedback.

Organized by: Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

SHORT COURSE ON SKILL DEVELOPMENT ON ECONOMIC EVALUATION AND PRIORITIZING FOR UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE

Participants: 21 | **Duration:** 3 days

Course Coordinator: Professor Zahidul Quayyum, Director, CUEH, BRAC JPGSPH

Facilitators: Professor Syed Abdul Hamid (Director) and Dr Nahid Akhter Jahan (Associate Professor) from the Institute of Health Economics, University of Dhaka

Description: The course trained participants on the essential tools for economic evaluation. Participants learned about the fundamentals and principles of Economic Evaluation, Cost-effectiveness, Cost-utility and Cost-benefit Analysis, Cost Calculation, Fundamental Methods for Measuring Health Related Quality of Life (QALYs), Disability Adjusted Life Years (DALYs), Critical Assessment of Economic Evaluation, and Health Technology Assessment Process.

Organized by: Centre of Excellence for Health Systems and Universal Health Coverage (CoE-HS&UHC)



SHORT COURSE: THINKING QUALITATIVELY

Participants: 27 | **Duration:** 3 days

Facilitator: Dr Shahaduz Zaman, Senior Lecturer, Brighton and Sussex Medical School, University of Sussex

Description:

This course aimed to provide insights on developing hypothesis for qualitative, basic methods of Qualitative research; In-depth Interviews (IDIs) and Focus Group Discussions; Ethnographic Observations; and Data Collection, Analysis and Interpretation.

Organized by: Centre for Professional Skills Development in Public Health (CPSD)



TODAY'S LEADERS: WORKSHOP IN SOCIOMETRY AND ROLE TRAINING

Participants: 18 | **Duration:** 1 Day

Facilitator: Sue Daniel, Trainer, Educator and Practitioner of Psychodrama (T.E.P) and Director, Psychodrama Institute of Melbourne, Australia

Description: The participants (young men from local slums) received experiential training on sociometry. Three groups were also formed during the workshop to establish local clubs for performing Psychodrama in their community.

Organized by: Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation & Scale Up (CoE-SISU)



WORKSHOP ON PSYCHODRAMATIC SOCIAL & CULTURAL ATOM

Participants: 36 | **Duration:** 1 day

Facilitators: Ashfique Rizwan, Deputy Project Coordinator, BRAC JPGSPH under the supervision of Sue Daniel, (T.E.P) and Director of Psychodrama Institute of Melbourne, Australia.

Description: The workshop introduced participants to Sociometry, a quantitative way to measure relationships. It was followed by drawing a social and cultural atom by each participant. The session ends through demonstrations of Psychodramatic techniques which include role reversal and mirroring.

Organized by: Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation & Scale Up (CoE-SISU)



SEMINAR SERIES: 2018

SEMINAR ON DETECTING AND RESPONDING TO CORRUPTION

Presenter: Dr Fawzia Rasheed, Program and Governance Analyst and Board Member, BRAC International

Description: During this seminar, Dr Rasheed shared her experience working within 30 countries to evaluate and develop initiatives, national plans and broker intergovernmental collaborations and public private partnerships.



SEMINAR ON NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE FOUNDING PRINCIPLES AND ATTEMPTS AT MARKET REFORMS

Presenter: Dr Haroon Rashid, General Practitioner, National Health Service, UK

Description: The seminar provided an overview of Health Policy, Planning & Finance related to Public Health and Health Inequalities in Bangladesh.



SEMINAR ON ECONOMICS IN HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE RESEARCH: ECONOMIC EVALUATION AND BEYOND

Presenter: Professor Zahidul Quayyum, Director, Research and Center for Urban Equity and Health, BRAC JPGSPH

Description: The seminar introduced the growing importance of economics over the years and the contributions of health economics in decision making for allocating limited resource. This seminar also provided the basic building blocks of some of the economic theories and discuss their applications in health care research.



SEMINAR ON OVERVIEW OF TOBACCO CONTROL CHALLENGES FROM GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

Presenter: Dr Muhammad Aziz Rahman, Public Health Physician and BRAC JPGSPH MPH Second Batch Alumni

Description: The seminar provided an overview of tobacco control challenges, highlighting the opportunities to work further in this area of research and sharing findings from other research in this field.



SEMINAR ON MINDFULNESS

Presenter: Syed Shabab Wahid, Doctoral Candidate at the Department of Global Health, George Washington University

Description: The seminar provided an overview on the concept of 'Mindfulness'; and also provided detailed overview of its mechanisms, or how it works with brief review of the available scientific evidence on its connection to mental health and well-being.



SEMINAR ON TELENOR HEALTH, BANGLADESH

Presenter: Sajid Rahman, CEO, Telenor Health, Bangladesh

Description: The seminar provided an overview of the work Telenor Health doing in Bangladesh using quality, data driven health care. Mr Rahman also discussed the company's first mobile app "Tonic" which serves millions of people in Bangladesh.



SNAPSHOTS OF EXPERT TRAINERS IN 2018

SHAKIL AHMED

Dr Shakil Ahmed is the Senior Health Economist at the World Bank in Bangladesh. He directs knowledge initiatives to enhance the Bank's support towards country reforms and to inform the global policy debate on financing for health. Dr Ahmed is currently working in Bangladesh and the South Asia Region with policy makers, development partners and other regional partners. He has more than 20 years of technical experience in the areas of health financing and health systems reforms. He facilitated the Bangladesh Flagship Based Course: Health Systems Strengthening and Universal Health Coverage (UHC) at BRAC JPG School of Public Health in 2018.



NAHID AKHTER JAHAN

Nahid Akhter Jahan is a Health Economist with 18 years of experience in teaching, research and consultancy. She is an Associate Professor at the Institute of Health Economics, University of Dhaka. Her fields of interest include household healthcare expenditure, budgeting, user fees, health insurance, health systems, pro-poor strategies and quality of health care. In 2018, she facilitated a Short Course on 'Skill Development on Economic Evaluation and Prioritizing for Universal Health Coverage' at BRAC JPG School of Public Health in 2018.



JOHN CHAMBERS

Professor John Chambers is a Professor of Cardiovascular Epidemiology at Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine and at Imperial College London. He is also the Director of the NIHR Global Health Research Unit on Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease in South Asians. In 2018, he facilitated the 'Training Session for Global Health Research Unit' at BRAC JPG School of Public Health.



KARI POSTMA

Kari Postma is the International PR and Communications Manager at Dance4Life. She is a strategic communications expert in the field of international cooperation, sexual & reproductive rights and sustainable development. In 2018, she facilitated the training on 'Media Engagement on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights' at BRAC JPG School of Public Health.



SUE DANIEL

Sue Daniel is an international trainer, educator and practitioner of Psychodrama (TEP), who teaches in universities, hospitals and institutes worldwide. She is a psychologist and psychotherapist in private practice and the director of the Psychodrama Institute of Melbourne. Sue founded the Moreno Psychodrama Society and the Australian and Aotearoa (New Zealand) Board of Psychodrama. In 2018, she facilitated trainings on 'Psychodramatic Action Methods in Public Health: Experiential Workshop in Sociometry and Psychodrama', 'Today's Leaders: Workshop in Sociometry and Role Training', and a workshop on 'Psychodramatic Social & Cultural Atom' at BRAC JPG School of Public Health.



SAJID RAHMAN

Sajid Rahman is the Chief Executive Officer of Telenor Health at Telenor Group. Telenor Health launched its first operation in Bangladesh and on its way to bring the largest number of population under a simple health insurance coverage through a revolutionary digital health proposition. He is also working closely as advisory board members and investors to technology and energy companies in the United States, Asia and UK. Mr Sajid facilitated a seminar on the overview of the work of 'Telenor Health' in Bangladesh at BRAC JPG School of Public Health in 2018, expanding on how the private sector is approaching the country's health sector challenge.



KATE HAWKINS

Kate Hawkins is the Communications Manager of the REACHOUT Consortium and supports the communications and research uptake elements of REACHOUT's work. She is also the Director of Pamoja Communications and has a long standing interest in the processes by which evidence is translated into policy and practice. In 2018, she facilitated 'Research Communication Workshop' which highlighted the necessity of research communication at BRAC JPG School of Public Health.



FAWZIA RASHEED

Dr Fawzia Rasheed has worked in 30 countries to evaluate and develop initiatives, national plans and broker intergovernmental collaborations and public private partnerships. She has been a Senior Policy Adviser to WHO, UNAIDS, and the Global Fund to undertake organizational reforms and develop strategic plans for global programs and policies. She was also an advisor to 16 Ministries of Health through a South-South programme on reproductive health. She currently advises the Aga Khan Development Network with planning health operations and public private partnerships. She facilitated a seminar on 'Detecting and Responding to Corruption' at BRAC JPG School of Public Health in 2018.



RESEARCH

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**NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL
RESEARCH PROJECTS IN 2018**

OVER 90 RESEARCH PROJECTS
TO DATE

39

**RESEARCH ARTICLES
PUBLISHED IN 2018**

OVER 550
ARTICLES PUBLISHED
TO DATE

105

**DONORS & PARTNERS
IN 2018**

143 TOTAL
DONORS AND PARTNERS
TO DATE

The School is involved in a wide range of research projects. Our projects related to health encompasses urban and rural health, infectious diseases, non-communicable diseases, nutrition, maternal and child health, sexual and reproductive health, health workforce, health equity and health financing, surveillance, program evaluation, and implementation science. Areas of research related to gender and SRHR areas include sexuality, violence against women and children, vulnerable populations. Apart from the abovementioned, the research areas also include financial inclusion, poverty alleviation, education, skills development, climate change, migration, and human rights. The School is also taking forward studies on Rohingya refugees through qualitative research, surveys and impact studies since 2017.

There are 71 national and international research institutions that have partnerships with the School. The School has undertaken around 90 research projects from 2004 to 2018; many of which are multi-country consortia in collaboration with leading academic and research institutions. There are also national projects in partnership with local NGOs, local representatives of International NGOs, UN bodies and relevant Ministries of the Government, for projects in partnership with leading public and private academic and research institutions.

You can read the articles, journals, books, and chapters published by the School over the past six years here:
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OUR CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE



2013 ▶

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR URBAN EQUITY AND HEALTH (CUEH)

This Centre facilitates inter-sectoral research, training, policy and results-oriented action with a focus on health equity challenges of the urban poor, particularly on governance in urban health; and motivates evidence-based dialogue and decision-making, and supports the partnerships and networking among different stakeholders.

The Centre is Directed by Dr Zahidul Quayyum, Professor and Dr Md Tanvir Hasan, Assistant Professor.

2008 ▶

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR GENDER, SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS (CGSRHR)

The Centre aims to promote a broader understanding of gender relations/power, reproductive health, and sexuality and bodily rights in Bangladesh and in the region through research, policy, advocacy and training activities. Using both academic and action-based research, the Centre generates knowledge and translates it into advocacy-based action for social and structural changes. The Centre also facilitates advocacy efforts with various partners through online and offline national and global knowledge networks.

Dr Sabina Faiz Rashid, Professor and Dean is the Director of the Centre. Bachera Aktar and Farhana Alam are Assistant Directors of the Centre.



2016 ▶

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR SCIENCE OF IMPLEMENTATION AND SCALE-UP (CoE-SISU)

The Centre conducts research, generates evidence, organizes stakeholder consultations and disseminates the results and findings to policymakers and key implementers for successful programme interventions. The Centre also works towards bridging the gap between evidence generation through implementation research and policy making and to address contextual challenges and bottlenecks in health service delivery.

The Centre is Directed by Dr Malabika Sarker, Professor and Associate Dean, and Director of Research.



2011 ▶

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR HEALTH SYSTEMS AND UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE (CoE-HS&UHC)

The Centre aims to facilitate efforts to accelerate evidence based, equitable and sustainable action towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in Bangladesh. The Centre facilitates advocacy through awareness-building campaigns in UHC forums, experience sharing and research dissemination through workshops, policy dialogues, seminars - both within and outside the country.

The Centre is Directed by Dr Syed Masud Ahmed, Professor.



2017 ▶

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND NUTRITION (CNCND)

The Centre conducts and facilitates discovery, development, and delivery of research on NCDs and nutrition. The Centre also strengthens the capacity of health care providers, policymakers, researchers and program managers on prevention, treatment, and control of NCDs & malnutrition. The Centre also carries out evidence-based advocacy for scaling-up prevention, treatment, and control activities of NCDs and malnutrition.

Dr Malay Kanti Mridha, Professor, is the Director of the Centre.



RESEARCH PROJECTS IN 2018

Listed in thematically



HUMANITARIAN RESEARCH

Humanitarian crisis is affecting hundreds of millions of lives around the world right now and more people have been forced to flee their homes now than at any time in recent history. These crisis, such as armed conflict, forced displacement, environmental disasters arising from natural hazards, and major disease outbreaks, take a staggering toll on human health, especially in low-resource settings. In recent years, Bangladesh experienced a huge influx of Rohingya ethnic community from Myanmar in fear of persecution. Such circumstances have forced Rohingya women, girls, boys and men into Bangladesh for many years, with significant spikes following violent attacks in 1978, 1991-1992, and again in 2016. It was not until August 2017 that triggered by far the largest and fastest refugee influx into Bangladesh, with more than 1.1 million Rohingya refugee population in need of humanitarian assistance.

Several organizations (NGOs, INGOs, humanitarian) are currently working across all camps in Cox's Bazar to strengthen the health service delivery mechanism. To understand the gaps in service delivery, it is important to conduct research to address the gaps and challenges to improve the health and well-being of the Rohingya community. In 2018, BRAC JPGSPH undertook several research studies on Rohingya refugees across three of its Centres of Excellence in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION RESEARCH FOR DELIVERING INTEGRATED COMPREHENSIVE SRHR SERVICES FOR ROHINGYA REFUGEES IN COX'S BAZAR, BANGLADESH

PI: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director CGSRHR
Co-PI: Md Tanvir Hasan, Assistant Professor and Director CUEH
Co-Investigators: Professor Zahidul Quayyum, Director CUEH and Bachera Akter, Assistant Director CGSRHR
Coordinated by: Bachera Akter, Assistant Director CGSRHR

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Objective: To conduct situation analysis for assessing demand and supply side barriers in accessing SRH services by adolescent girls and women aged 12-59 years and assess the implementation of operational model for delivering integrated comprehensive SRHR services for Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar.

Research Fund: USD 86,579

Partner and Donor: World Health Organization



HEALTH CARE NEEDS AND HEALTH SEEKING BEHAVIOR AMONG ROHINGYA REFUGEES IN COX'S BAZAR

PI: Professor Zahidul Quayyum, Director CUEH
Co-PI: Md Tanvir Hasan, Assistant Professor and Director CUEH
Coordinated by: Irin Akhter, Deputy Project Coordinator

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Health Systems and Universal Health Coverage (CoE-HS&UHC)

Objective: The study was conducted to determine the illness patterns, access and utilization of health services and health facilities in selected Rohingya refugee camps in Cox's Bazar.

Research Fund: USD 29,603

Donor: brac

IMPLEMENTATION RESEARCH FOCUSING ON HEALTH SYSTEM STRENGTHENING IN UNICEF SUPPORTED AREAS IN COX'S BAZAR DISTRICT, BANGLADESH

PI: Professor Malabika Sarker, Associate Dean and Director CoE-SISU
Co-PI: Yameen Mazumder, Project Implementation Specialist
Coordinated by: Avijit Saha, Research Fellow

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU)

Objective: To understand the key implementation challenges and barriers with the implementation of MNCH programme related activities for the FDMNs in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh and explore solutions to overcome the challenges/barriers to propose a policy guideline and to adapt and modify the Consolidated Framework for Implementation Research (CFIR) for emergency setting.

Research Fund: USD 50,422

Partner and Donor: unicef



ACE HEALTH PROJECT 2 ON PHARMACEUTICALS

PI: Professor Syed Masud Ahmed, Director CoE-HS&UHC
Co PI: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director CGSRHR
Coordinated by: Nahitun Naher, Senior Research Fellow

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Health Systems and Universal Health Coverage (CoE-HS&UHC)

Objective: To study possibility of extending fixed price Essential Medicine List to reduce medicine expenditure by expanding the market through generating evidence of impurity and cost relation.

Research Fund: USD 45,890



EXPLORING PATHWAYS OF ANTIBIOTIC USE AMONG PEOPLE AND ANIMAL: AN IN-DEPTH STUDY TO INFORM ANTIBIOTIC PRESCRIBING POLICY DEVELOPMENT IN BANGLADESH

PI: Professor Syed Masud Ahmed, Director CoE-HS&UHC
Co-PI and Coordinator: Nahitun Naher, Senior Research Fellow

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Health Systems and Universal Health Coverage (CoE-HS&UHC)

Objective: The general objective of this study is to inform government policy-making, and identify pathways to behaviour change among relevant stakeholders and users of antibiotics in both people and animals.

Research Fund: USD 26,088



LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND: PUTTING MARGINALIZED PEOPLE INTO THE CENTRE FOR ACHIEVING UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE IN BANGLADESH

PI: Professor Syed Masud Ahmed, Director CoE-HS&UHC
Co-PI and Coordinator: Nahitun Naher, Senior Research Fellow

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Health Systems and Universal Health Coverage (CoE-HS&UHC)

Objective: To identify the knowledge gaps regarding health care needs and services for the marginalized populations, the process and underlying factors for their exclusion, and how these can be addressed/what needs to be done to overcome this in the policy and practice levels for achieving an inclusive and 'universal' health coverage by 2030.

Research Fund: USD 11,045



REACHOUT - REACHING OUT AND LINKING IN: HEALTH SYSTEMS AND CLOSE-TO-COMMUNITY SERVICES

PI: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director CGSRHR
Co-PI: Professor Malabika Sarker, Associate Dean and Director CoE-SISU
Coordinated by: Farzana Islam, Assistant Scientist

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (CGSRHR)

Objective: To improve the equity, effectiveness and efficiency of close-to-community (CTC) providers of health care in rural and urban areas in Africa and Asia.

Research Fund: USD 964,698

International Partners:



TESTING OF A QUALITATIVE INTERVIEW TECHNIQUE ACROSS FOUR COUNTRIES AS A PILOT TO DESIGN A GLOBAL FRAMEWORK FOR HEALTH-POLICY EXPERIMENTS

PI: Professor Malabika Sarker, Associate Dean and Director CoE-SISU
Co-PI: Atonu Rabbani, Associate Scientist
Coordinator: Pushpita Hossain, Senior Research Associate

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU)

Objective: The overall objective is to test and refine 'deliberative interviews' - a cognitive qualitative interview technique based on deliberation. The study aims to assess such an approach to determine its applicability in designing a framework that examines ethical aspects of health policy experiments.

Research Fund: USD 264,909

Partners:



Donor:



TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE FOR HEALTH SYSTEM STRENGTHENING AND ADVANCING UHC AGENDA IN BANGLADESH: EXPLORING FACTORS INVOLVING THE FRONTLINE HEALTH CARE WORKERS (DOCTORS, NURSES AND MANAGERS) AT PHC LEVELS

PI: Professor Syed Masud Ahmed, Director CoE-HS&UHC
Co-PI: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director CGSRHR
Coordinator: Nahitun Naher, Senior Research Fellow

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Health Systems and Universal Health Coverage (CoE-HS&UHC)

Objective: To identify the incentives that give rise to corrupt inappropriate and ineffective care by health care workers and how can we eliminate them.

Research Fund: USD 45,890



Donor:



ASSESSING BRAC'S INNOVATIVE HEALTH LOANS IN PROTECTING THE POOR AGAINST HEALTH AND ASSET VULNERABILITY IN BANGLADESH

PI: Professor Malabika Sarker, Associate Dean and Director CoE-SISU
Consultant: Atonu Rabbani, Associate Scientist
Coordinated by: Mohammad Nazmul Islam, Research Fellow

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU)

Objective: The project aims to improve the existing BRAC Medium Term Loan (MTL) programme through designing an innovative product as well as developing a decentralised and digitised implementation protocol that allows better access for the vulnerable clients and better monitoring of impacts by BRAC.

Research Fund: USD 97,208

Partner: BRAC Microfinance Department

Donor: Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development



BASELINE RESEARCH FOR THE BRAC READY-MADE GARMENTS (RMG) WORKERS WELL-BEING PROJECT

PI: Md Tanvir Hasan, Assistant Professor and Director CUEH
Co-PI: Kuhel Islam, Senior Coordinator
Coordinated by: Bithun Tasnuva Mazid, Coordinator
Technical Advisor: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director CGSRHR

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Urban Equity and Health (CUEH)

Objective: Main objective of this project is to assess the present socioeconomic condition of RMG workers regarding primary health care, skills training, financial inclusion (DPS, health insurance), online health, legal & psychosocial support by Maya Apa, service integration, and worker-owner relationship for the wellbeing of RMG worker and the sustainability of One Stop Service Centre.

Research Fund: USD 26,226

Partner and Donor: Urban Development Programme

IMPLEMENTATION RESEARCH ON INTRODUCING KANGAROO MOTHER CARE (KMC) SERVICES IN HEALTH FACILITIES IN BANGLADESH

PI: Professor Malabika Sarker, Associate Dean and Director CoE-SISU

Co-PI: Yameen Mazumder, Project Implementation Specialist
Coordinated by: Rajat Das Gupta, Senior Research Associate

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU)

Objective: To assess and understand the implementation of KMC in selected health facilities in Bangladesh.

Research Fund: USD 57,936

Partners:



Donor:



IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE FOR GLOBAL HEALTH: LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE GLOBAL POLIO ERADICATION INITIATIVE

PI: Professor Malabika Sarker, Associate Dean and Director CoE-SISU

Co-PI: Yameen Mazumder, Project Implementation Specialist
Coordinated by: Humayra Binte Anwar, Research Associate

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU)

Objective: To systematically document the experience, success and challenges operationalizing the knowledge assets under global polio eradication initiative to build up curriculum in implementation science and taking other global health initiative beyond polio eradication.

Research Fund: USD 41,106.00

Partners:



Donor: BILL & MELINDA GATES foundation



BASELINE AND END-LINE SURVEY TO MEASURE CHANGES AND OUTCOMES THAT RESULT FROM THE ENTERTAINMENT EDUCATION (EE) CAMPAIGN ON SELECTED ADOLESCENT RELATED KAP AREAS WITH FOCUS ON CHILD MARRIAGE

PI: Professor Malabika Sarker, Associate Dean and Director CoE-SISU

Co-PI: Atonu Rabbani, Associate Scientist
Coordinated by: Mohammad Nazmul Islam, Research Fellow

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU)

Objective: To generate knowledge on edutainment campaigns' aggregate effects on individuals' behaviour and sustainability of the behaviour related to different adolescent development issues including child marriage. The projects also aim to determine whether the campaign caused the effects on adolescents and their caregivers over the period of campaign.

Research Fund: USD 156,431

Partner: ASIATIC

Donor: unicef



QUALITY OF NEW-BORN CARE IN BANGLADESH

PI: Professor Malabika Sarker, Associate Dean and Director CoE-SISU

Co PI: ASM Shahabuddin, Former Assistant Scientist
Coordinated by: Rajat Das Gupta, Senior Research Associate

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU)

Objective: To systematically document the current scenario of the quality of new-born care in Bangladesh.

Research Fund: USD 50,000

Partner and Donor: unicef

DIGITALIZATION OF HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEM: A TOOL TO IMPROVE MATERNAL HEALTH SERVICES THROUGH FRONT LINE FAMILY PLANNING WORKERS IN BANGLADESH

PI: Professor Malabika Sarker, Associate Dean and Director CoE-SISU

Co-PI: Atonu Rabbani, Associate Scientist

Coordinated by: Mushfiqur Rahman, Research Associate

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU)

Objective: The objective is to assess the outcome, feasibility and advantage of the intervention of digitalizing the 9 registers used by Family Welfare Assistants (FWAs) in selected rural area of Bangladesh.

Research Fund: USD 19,531

Partner: 

Donor: 



DIGITAL SISTER FOR THE URBAN YOUTH: USING NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR EFFECTIVE SRHR COMMUNICATION FOR URBAN YOUTH (15-24 YEARS) OF BANGLADESH

PI: Anita Hardon, University of Amsterdam

Co PI: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director CGSRHR

Coordinated by: Bachera Akter, Assistant Director CGSRHR

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Objective: To understand young people's needs for SRHR information and services, and to develop digital communication tools for them.

Research Fund: USD 488,140

Partner:

 UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM



Donor:


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HEALTH, HOUSING, AND HYGIENE (HHH) IN BANGLADESH

PI: Professor Malabika Sarker, Associate Dean and Director CoE-SISU

Co-PI: Atonu Rabbani, Associate Scientist

Coordinated by: Mushfiqur Rahman, Research Associate

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU)

Objective: To reduce risk of bacterial and parasitic infection through flooring reconstruction in homes that currently has dirt/mud floors.

Research Fund: USD 23,490

Partner: 

Donor: 
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architecture for health



PARTNERSHIP TO ENSURE THE SUSTAINABILITY OF A PUBLIC HEALTH PALLIATIVE CARE PROJECT IN BANGLADESH THROUGH COMMUNITY THEATRE

PI: Professor Malabika Sarker, Associate Dean and Director CoE-SISU

International PI: Shahaduz Zaman, Senior Lecturer, Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS), UK

Coordinated by: Pushpita Hossain, Senior Research Associate

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU)

Objective: To explore local contexts, indigenous knowledge, cultural practices, values and languages of death, dying and end of life care in the specific urban slum of Bangladesh.

Research Fund: USD 52,147

Partners:

 বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিব মেডিক্যাল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়
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BANGLADESH

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 University of Glasgow

Donor:  Arts & Humanities Research Council

PSYCHODRAMA AS TRANSFORMATIVE INTERVENTION IN THE SRH OF YOUNG MEN IN URBAN SLUM IN DHAKA: PROOF OF A NOVEL APPROACH

PI: Professor Malabika Sarker, Associate Dean and Director CoE-SISU
Co-PI: Godelieve Van Heteren, Erasmus University Rotterdam
Coordinated by: Ashfique Rizwan, Deputy Project Coordinator

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU)

Objective: To identify the existing sexual practices and explore the risk behaviours of urban young adult men (aged 18-29 years) living in Dhaka slums, to co-construct the methodology of adapting and delivering Psycho-drama and Socio-drama within the context of risk behaviours of the urban young men, and to develop a Psycho-education counselling module for young adults on SRHR.

Research Fund: USD 381,781

Partners:



Donors:



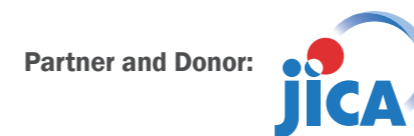
BASELINE SURVEY OF STRENGTHENING HEALTH SYSTEMS THROUGH ORGANIZING COMMUNITIES (SHASTO)

PI: Malay Kanti Mridha, Associate Professor and Director CNCDN
Co-PI: Mehedi Hasan, Research Fellow
Coordinated by: Moyazzam Hossaine, Deputy Project Coordinator

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Non-Communicable Diseases and Nutrition (CNCDN)

Objective: The overall objective of this baseline survey was to report the current situation of NCDs and their behavioural and clinical risk factor in selected intervention sites (Narsingdi district and Dhaka City North) and control sites (Gazipur district and Dhaka City South).

Research Fund: USD 47,489



UNDERSTANDING THE PATTERNS AND DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH IN SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLE - SOUTH ASIA BIOBANK

PI: Professor Malabika Sarker, Associate Dean and Director CoE-SISU
Co-PI: Malay Kanti Mridha, Associate Professor and Director CNCDN
Coordinator: Mehedi Hassan, Research Fellow

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Non-Communicable Diseases and Nutrition (CNCDN)

Supported by: The Global Health Research Unit, Imperial College London

Objective: Strengthen NCD surveillance systems in Bangladesh by establishing surveillance sites across the country. using standardized approaches to develop a nationally representative data on the burden of T2D, CVD and their risk factors, and on the quality of care for these major NCDs in Bangladesh.

Research Fund: USD 672,056



Donor: National Institute for Health Research

ANALYTICAL TASK IN SUPPORT OF CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT IN NUTRITION SURVEILLANCE AND RESEARCH IN BANGLADESH

PI: Malay Kanti Mridha, Associate Professor and Director CNCND
Co-PI: Tanvir Hasan, Assistant Professor and Director CUEH
Coordinated by: Mokbul Hossain, Senior Statistician

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Non-Communicable Diseases and Nutrition (CNCND)

Objective: The objective of the project is to support the government of Bangladesh in making evidence-based decision on multi-sectoral nutrition programming for adolescent girls by analyzing nationally representative FSNP data (2009 to 2015).

Research Fund: USD 74,999

Partners:  **Shornokishoree Network Foundation**
 Adolescent Health Network of Bangladesh

 
 Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition

Donor:  **THE WORLD BANK**
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NUTRITION SURVEILLANCE ON FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN BANGLADESH (NSFSN)-2

PI: Malay Kanti Mridha, Associate Professor and Director CNCND
Co-PI: Md Showkat Ali Khan, Associate Scientist
Coordinated by: Moyazzam Hosseain, Deputy Project Coordinator

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Non-Communicable Diseases and Nutrition (CNCND)

Objective: The overall objective of the proposed action is to institutionalize the nutritional surveillance into a national framework with the support of the National Nutrition Services (NNS).

Research Fund: USD 237,930

Partners:  

Donors:  
 Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
 Directorate General of Health Services
 Ministry of Health and Family Welfare



ENHANCING NUTRITION SERVICES TO IMPROVE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH IN AFRICA AND ASIA (ENRICH) - MIDLINE EVALUATION; BANGLADESH

PI: Daniel Sullen
Co-PI: Professor Malabika Sarker, Associate Dean and Director CoE-SISU
Coordinated by: Avijit Saha, Research Fellow

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Non-Communicable Diseases and Nutrition (CNCND)

Objective: The specific objectives of overall Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) plans are to determine the provisions and utilization of services, coverage and outcome measures and to assess whether any observed effects are in fact due to the project or program, accounting for the contextual factors that might influence the effectiveness of interventions.

Research Fund: USD 36,559

Partner: 

Donor: 



THE EFFICACY OF ZINC BIO-FORTIFIED RICE IN IMPROVING ZINC STATUS IN YOUNG BANGLADESHI CHILDREN: A DOUBLE BLIND RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED TRIAL

PI: Malay Kanti Mridha, Associate Professor and Director CNCND
Co-PI: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director CGSRHR
Coordinated by: Rabiul Islam, Senior Field Coordinator

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Non-Communicable Diseases and Nutrition (CNCND)

Objective: The primary study objective is to assess the efficacy of the newly developed zinc bio-fortified rice on plasma zinc concentrations in stunted zinc depleted children between 12-36 months of age in a rural area of Bangladesh in comparison to their controls.

Research Fund: USD 363,353

Partners: 

Donor: 
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BREAKING THE SHAME

PI: Els Rommes, Radboud University
Co-PI: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director CGSRHR
Coordinated by: Farhana Alam, Assistant Director CGSRHR

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Objective: To create the much needed understanding of how can we break the shame and silences around young people's sexuality to better understand their needs and to increase their SRHR knowledge.

Research Fund: USD 559,644

Local Partners:  |  
 Adolescent Development program 

International Partners:  

Donor: 
 Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research
 WOTRO Science for Global Development



GENDER AND ADOLESCENCE: GLOBAL EVIDENCE (GAGE)

PI: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director CGSRHR
Co-PI: Maheen Sultan, Head (a.i.) Gender and Social Transformation Cluster, BRAC Institute for Governance and Development (BIGD), BRAC University

Coordinated by: Farhana Alam, Assistant Director CGSRHR and Mohammad Riaz Hossain, Sr Field Coordinator

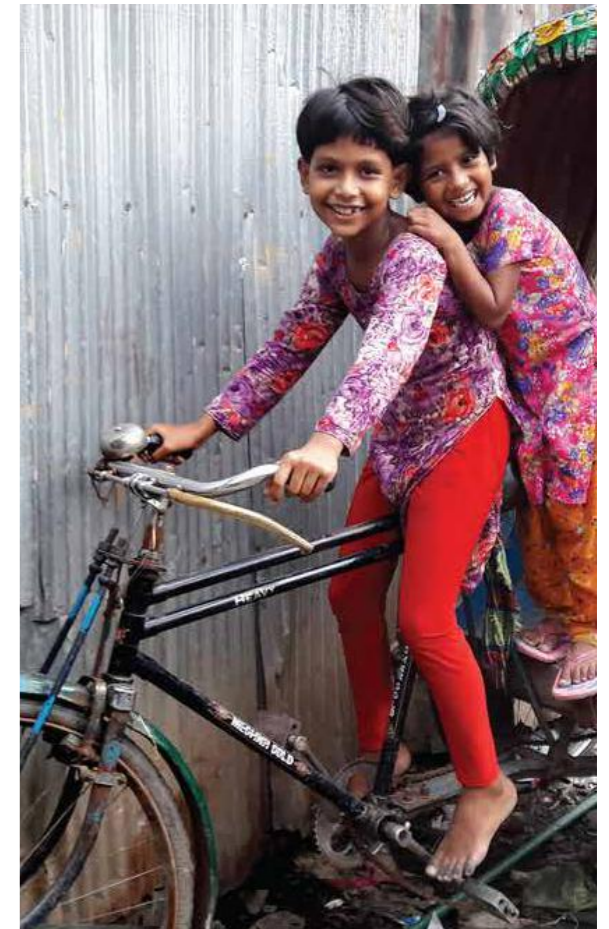
Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Objective: To address the transformative processes of adolescents in the face of discriminatory social norms and institutional barriers by generating data of their capabilities, changing the context of early adolescence through to adulthood and focusing on the dynamic interactions that shape adolescents' outcomes and life experiences in their world.

Research Fund: USD 195,016

Partners:  

Donors:   



WHERE DO THEY GO? DOCUMENTARY ON ACCESSIBILITY OF SRHR SERVICES FOR SINGLE WORKING WOMEN IN URBAN BANGLADESH

PI and Coordinator: Farhana Alam, Assistant Director CGSRHR
Co-PI: Anushka Zafar, Research Fellow

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Objective: The project explored the experience of single working women in urban Dhaka city go through in accessing services in terms of their SRHR needs and the gaps that need to be acknowledged to maintain an efficient SRHR service that is more inclusive.

Research Fund: USD 10993

Partner: 
 unlearn gender

Donor: 



LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND: IS THE HEALTH SECTOR OF BANGLADESH FAILING TO FULFIL THE NEEDS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs)?

PI: Raiz Azmi, Research Fellow
Co-Investigators: Fatema Akter Bonny, Research Associate and Samiha Ali, Research Assistant

Technical Advisors: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director CGSRHR and Md Tanvir Hasan, Assistant Professor and Director CUEH
Coordinated by: Bithun Tasnuva Mazid, Project Coordinator

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Objective: The objectives of the study were to explore the unmet needs of persons with disabilities in regard to accessibility, availability, and utilization of health care services; explore the existing barriers faced by persons with disabilities in availing health care to fulfil health needs, as; and to explore the system related macro-level challenges contributing to barriers in fulfilling health care needs by persons with disabilities in context of Bangladesh.

Research Fund: USD 9,464

Donors:  |   

MALE YOUTH AND THEIR SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS (SRHR) IN BANGLADESH: A MIXED-METHODS NATIONWIDE STUDY

PI: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director CGSRHR
Coordinated by: Farzana Misha, Research Coordinator
Qualitative Lead: Subas Chandra Biswas, Senior Research Fellow

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Objective: This study aims to explore the SRH needs of male youth (aged 15-24) in Bangladesh by exploring existing SRH interventions; identifying the gaps and challenges to improve SRH interventions and/or services; and identifying the barriers of implementation and recommendations for policy advocacy.

Research Fund: USD 521,938

Donor:



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NATIONWIDE STUDY OF SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS (SRHR) OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs) IN BANGLADESH

PI: Md Tanvir Hasan, Assistant Professor and Director CUEH
Co-PIs: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director CGSRHR and Raia Azmi, Senior Research Associate
Coordinated by: Raia Azmi, Senior Research Associate

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Objective: This study aims to conduct primary research among PWDs to better understand their SRH needs, knowledge about SRH, SRH sufferings, perception around sex and sexuality and barriers in accessing SRHR services. The study will review existing interventions and/or services relevant to SRHR of PWDs and generate new knowledge by reviewing laws and policies relevant to disability and SRHR.

Research Fund: USD 562,967

Partners:  Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
DGHS Directorate General of Health Services
 Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
 সমাজকল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয়
Ministry of Social Welfare
 Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Donor:



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RIGHT HERE RIGHT NOW (RHRN)

PI: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director CGSRHR
Co-PI and Focal Person: Kuhel Islam, Senior Coordinator
Coordinated by: Gazi Sakir Mohammad Pritom, Senior Research Associate

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Objective: To harness the collective and catalytic strengths of inclusive and diverse partnerships to drive multi-level advocacy initiatives in a policy environment that is responsive to young people's realistic needs. RHRN Bangladesh performs Multi-level advocacy for: Comprehensive Reproductive Health and Sexuality Education for youth and adolescents, increased social tolerance towards gender expressions and youth-friendly SRHR services.

Research Fund: USD 42,554



REVIEW REPORT ON COMPREHENSIVE SEXUALITY EDUCATION IN BANGLADESH

PI: Kuhel Islam, Senior Coordinator
Co-PIs: Gazi Sakir Mohammad Pritom, Senior Research Associate and Nadia Farnaz, Senior Research Associate
Technical Advisor: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director CGSRHR
Coordinated by: Kuhel Islam, Senior Coordinator

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Objective: The central theme of this review report was to understand and learn about the existing provision and barriers in providing CSE and to review existing literature and analyze the current status of National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB) curriculum on CSE/SRHR education and also to understand the opportunity of CSE in a Global, regional and national context to improve adolescent health.

Research Fund: USD 4,629

Partners:



Donor:

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UNDERSTANDING THE NATURE OF CHILD MARRIAGE IN URBAN INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS IN BANGLADESH

PI: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director CGSRHR
Coordinated by: Seama Mowri, Senior Project Coordinator

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Objective: The study investigates the underlying causes and consequences of early and child marriage of adolescents in the context of urban slums. It also explores some of the challenges and lessons learnt from existing interventions that are working toward prevention of child marriage in urban slums.

Research Fund: USD 355,817

Partners:  | **SHOKHI**

Donor:  **IDRC** | **CRDI**
 International Development Research Centre
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ARISE - ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESPONSIVENESS IN INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS FOR EQUITY

PI: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director CGSRHR
Coordinated by: Bachera Akter, Assistant Director, CGSRHR

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Urban Equity and Health (CUEH)

Objective: The objective is to catalyze change in approaches to enhancing accountability and improving the health and wellbeing of poor, marginalized people living in informal urban settlements.

Research Fund: USD 1,350,793

Partners:



Donor: 
 Global Challenges Research Fund

PATHWAYS TO EQUITABLE HEALTHY CITIES

PI: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director CGSRHR
Co-PIs: Md Tanvir Hasan, Assistant Professor and Director CUEH and Zahidul Quayyum PhD, Professor and Director CUEH
Coordinated by: Bithun Tasnuva Mazid, Project Coordinator

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Urban Equity and Health (CUEH)

Objective: The project aims to reduce inequalities and minimize urban health threats through influencing sustainable changes in the environment of urban cities. This four-year-long Dhaka centric project will simultaneously be conducted across 5 other cities - Accra, London, Beijing, Tehran and Vancouver. The project will first review the environmental and socioeconomic factors that influence health and well-being of its population, and identify governance, technology, innovation, and practices that contribute to the present scenario.

Research Fund: USD 489,526

Partners:



Donor:


 THROUGH IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON



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- Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW)
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- UNICEF, Bangladesh
- Unite for Body Rights (UBR)
- University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh (ULAB)
- World Health Organization (WHO) Bangladesh



ADVOCACY

750 +

STUDENTS REPRESENTING THREE MAJOR UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED THE 'GENDER AND SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG ADULTS' IN 2018

200+

ADVOCACY-BASED EVENTS WITH MULTI-STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENTS

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ADVOCACY-BASED EVENTS THROUGH MULTI-STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENTS IN 2018

With a strong academic integrity, a focus on research, and as leaders in public health both in Bangladesh and globally, the School believes in advocating for change in policies and working closely with stakeholders to push agendas that are of critical national and global importance. We aim to foster better and healthier lives through evidence-based research which can inform policymakers, practitioners and programmes/interventions for vulnerable communities. We strive to collaborate closely with key stakeholders, including communities, development practitioners, NGOs, INGOs, government and other key policymakers, and with global research and service delivery organizations, when advocating evidence that will improve health outcomes for the disadvantaged.

All research projects undertaken by the School have policy and advocacy as part of their key mandate. The aim of the five Centres of Excellence are to translate research knowledge into action through influencing policies and diverse actors. Research uptake is undertaken by various means, through both formal and informal channels. These include, organizing different critical platforms of national importance through partnering with key stakeholders for hosting high level meetings and dialogues with government, organizing seminars, and disseminating advocacy activities through media and radio channels, blogs, and policy briefs. The School hosts an independent national group – Bangladesh Health Watch, established in 2006, whose mission is to monitor the state of citizen's health each year, and publish a report on various public issues of national and critical importance.

The School's policy and program-based advocacy efforts are directly informed by research on existing and emerging critical public health challenges in Bangladesh and the region. A key area of implementation science is to bring researchers and policymakers together to make programmatic changes to influence policy and engage in reform. Some examples of our advocacy work include ensuring universal health coverage, holding policymakers and influencers accountable on health sector reform, breaking the shame and taboos around gender and sexual and reproductive health and rights, sexuality, bodily rights, and pushing the urban health to the forefront of the country's health policy agenda. Another current prime focus at the School is on emerging advocacy on non-communicable diseases and nutrition, particularly adolescent girls.



ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES IN 2018

DISSEMINATION EVENT ON REACHING OUT AND LINKING IN: HEATH SYSTEMS AND CLOSE-TO-COMMUNITY SERVICES

A dissemination event of a five-year (2013-18) multi-country EU funded implementation research project titled 'REACHOUT - Reaching Out and Linking In: Heath Systems and Close-to-Community (CTC) Services' was organized by BRAC JPGSPH on 28 January 2018. REACHOUT Bangladesh, led by BRAC JPGSPH aimed to strengthen the capacity of CTC providers through improving the referral system for Menstrual Regulation (MR) services. Marie Stopes Bangladesh and Reproductive Health Services Training and Education Program (RHSTEP) were the local implementing partners of this project. About 98 different stakeholders representing the government, national and international non-governmental organizations, universities and CTC providers attended the event.

A short documentary produced by REACHOUT Bangladesh titled 'Walking Together: How Close-to-Community providers support Women seeking Menstrual Regulation Services in Bangladesh', was also launched at the event. The documentary describes how community health workers help women in Bangladesh navigate the health system to attain Menstrual Regulation services and the challenges that they face.

You can watch the documentary here:

bit.ly/walkingtogetherCTC



Consequently, many women were persuaded by brokers/dalals to use untrained clandestine providers in unsafe conditions.

GENDER AND SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG ADULTS 2018

The Gender and Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) Conference for Young Adults 2018, funded by NUFFIC and organized by The Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (CGSRHR) took place on 30-31 January 2018. The one-and-a-half-day conference featured panel sessions about young people and sexual and reproductive health by 30 experts from all over the world.

Invited experts discussed topics on emotional life and well-being of young adults, addressing sexual and reproductive health, and gender issues faced by both young women and men, the role of digital technology, and contemporary relationships, desirability and skin color, eating disorders, issues of consent and choice, censorship and comprehensive sexuality education, and other critical reflections, which impact on young people's lives. The first day focused solely on young adults and brought together 750 students from four universities (two public and two private).

Over 300 stakeholders working on gender, sexual and reproductive health (i.e. groups working on comprehensive sexuality curriculum, people with disabilities, adolescents' health, etc.) joined to discuss issues and recommendations on ways forward to improve SRH for young adults on the second day of the conference.

Kate Hawkins, the Director of Pamoja Communications and who supported the communications and research uptake elements of REACHOUT Project, wrote a blog on the Gender and Sexual Reproductive Health Conference for Young Adults 2018.

You can read the blog here: bit.ly/GenderSRHYA



DISSEMINATION SEMINARS ON THE FINANCIAL AND SERVICE COVERAGE & QUALITY ASPECTS OF UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE

The Centre of Excellence for Health Systems and Universal Health Coverage (CoE-HS&UHC) in partnership with icddr,b organized two dissemination seminars in 2018.

The first dissemination seminar was organized to share four different research findings on 'Financial Aspects of UHC' on 29 January 2018. The seminar highlighted the importance of health insurance to address the challenge of out-of-pocket payment in Bangladesh and the importance of social health insurance.

The second dissemination seminar on 27 February 2018 shared research findings from the study 'Service Coverage and Quality aspects of UHC'. Findings from three different research projects were presented at this seminar.

Researchers from BRAC JPGSPH and icddr,b with panelists and invited guests from public and non-government sectors participated in the both the events. Participants shared their experiences and suggested the way forward for addressing the aspects of UHC.



PANEL DISCUSSION ON EVIDENCE TO INFORM LOCAL-LEVEL POLICY, PROGRAMME AND PRACTICE

The Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU) with the support from UNICEF Bangladesh, organized a panel discussion on 'Evidence to Inform Local Level Policy, Programme, and Practice' on 19 February 2018. Around 40 government officials, development practitioners and researchers from 15 organizations attended the panel discussion.

Various topics were discussed, including evidence-based local level planning in the health sector and education sector, local level planning in maternal and child health, international experiences in evidence based-local level planning, and the role of icddr,b and UNICEF in promoting evidence-based local level planning in Bangladesh.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON 'PROMOTING ADOLESCENT NUTRITION IN BANGLADESH'

A round table discussion on 'Promoting Adolescent Nutrition in Bangladesh' was jointly organized by BRAC JPGSPH and Shornokishoree Network Foundation (SKNF), with the support of UNICEF Bangladesh and World Bank at the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) Auditorium on 8 March 2018. The Chairman of the SKNF moderated the program.

The Centre of Excellence for Non-Communicable Disease (CNCDN) shared on the Evidence on Adolescent Nutrition, and others who spoke at the program included senior nutrition specialists from the World Bank and UNICEF, and discussion was aired live in Bangladesh on Channel I.

You can watch the round table discussion here: bit.ly/nutritionroundtable



ANTI-BULLYING CAMPAIGN AT BRAC UNIVERSITY

BRAC University successfully concluded a week-long campaign on Anti-Bullying between 13-17 May 2018. Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean, and Professor Malabika Sarker, Associate Dean, represented BRAC JPGSPH during the campaign. Professor Rashid shared her own experience of getting bullied while growing up; and on the third day of the campaign, Professor Sarker talked about sexual bullying, emphasizing on how women bully each other. A video on cyber bullying produced by a BRAC JPGSPH project under CGSRHR and funded by NWO-WOTRO titled 'Digital Sister for Urban Youth' was also shown to students during the campaign.

The campaign is a part of the Empathy Program of the University, and highlighted the different aspects of bullying that include, Verbal and Non-verbal Bullying, Cyber Bullying, Physical & Sexual Abuse, Social Bullying (Prejudice and Racism), and Psychological & Emotional Bullying.

Lady Syeda Sarwat Abed (Founder & Director of BRAC Institute of Languages, BIL) initiated the campaign along with, Dilara Afroz Khan (Assistant Professor & Director of the Office of Co-Curricular Activities, OCA), and Safina Binte Enayet (Coordinator, Senior Psychosocial Counselor, and Lecturer, Counseling Unit).

600 participants from all the departments of BRAC University including students, faculty members and staff were present in the programs for each day.

View the Cyber Harassment video on here: bit.ly/cyberharrasment



NGO STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP: 'LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND: CHALLENGES OF ENSURING ACCESSIBILITY AND UTILIZATION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES'

An NGO stakeholder workshop titled 'Leaving No One Behind: Challenges of Ensuring Accessibility and Utilization of Health Services for People with Physical Disabilities' was hosted on 27 May 2018.

The workshop was attended by participants from the Centre for Disability in Development (CDD), Action on Disability and Development International (ADD), BRAC, Handicap International, Disabled Rehabilitation and Research Association (DRRA), Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP), Turning Point Foundation and other disabled people's organizations (DPOs) that assist to improve the lives of people with disabilities.

The workshop was conducted as a part of the research project 'Leaving No One Behind: Is the health sector of Bangladesh failing to fulfill the needs of persons with disabilities?' and captured the experiences of non-government stakeholders working with people with disabilities. It also identified their unmet health needs and its underlying reasons through a focus group discussion.



'WHAT DO YOUNG PEOPLE WANT?' DISSEMINATION SEMINAR AND POLICY DIALOGUE FOR TWO SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS (SRHR) RESEARCH PROJECTS

BRAC JPGSPH hosted a seminar titled 'What Do Young People Want?' to disseminate the findings from two innovative SRHR research projects targeting young people in Bangladesh on 2 June 2018. Findings from the research projects titled, 'Breaking the Shame: Towards effective SRHR Education for Young People in Bangladesh' and 'Digital Sister for Urban Youth: Using New Technology for Effective SRHR Communication for Urban Youth (15-24 years) of Bangladesh' was shared during the program.

A beta version of an android mobile app titled 'Amra Jante Chai' was also launched during the seminar. The app aims to provide reliable SRHR information to young people in Bangladesh. The app launch was followed by three panel discussions on topics including, 'Innovative Tools for Disseminating SRHR Information for Young People in Bangladesh', 'Influence of Cultural and Social Norms, Shame, Stigma and Other Perceptions on Young People's Lives' and 'Existing SRHR Services in Bangladesh for Young People'.

The seminar was followed by a round-table to present and discuss policy recommendations based on the findings from the two research projects. Senior government officials, representatives from national and international organizations and adolescents from different parts of Bangladesh also participated in the dialogue to inform government policy on adolescents sexual and reproductive health needs, especially in the education curriculum.



You can watch a brief video on the dissemination seminar and the policy dialogue here: bit.ly/whatyoungpeoplewant



SEMINAR ON THE STRENGTHENING HEALTH SYSTEMS THROUGH ORGANIZING COMMUNITIES (SHASTO) PROJECT

The Centre of Excellence for Non-Communicable Disease and Nutrition (CNCDN) presented preliminary findings of the 'Baseline Survey of the Project for Strengthening Health Systems through Organizing Communities (SHASTO)' at a seminar on 27 June 2018. The event was organized by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) who funded the project.

The study was conducted in Dhaka, Narsingdi and Gazipur districts to assess the NCD burden and their risk factors among men and women over 30 years of age. The SHASTO project aimed to improve both Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) and Maternal Health services in an integrated manner with a community based approach through mobilizing Community Group (CG) and Community Support Group (CSG).



STAKEHOLDER MEETING TO CLARIFY THE OBJECTIVE, PURPOSE, AND METHODOLOGY OF THE GLOBAL POLIO ERADICATION INITIATIVE (GPEI) STUDY

The School organized a meeting with stakeholders at the IMCI conference room of Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) Head Quarter, EPI Bhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka on 4 July 2018. The meeting aimed to clarify the objective and purpose and the methodology of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) study.

The current status of availability and access to grey literature of GPEI from the key stakeholders in Bangladesh was also discussed during the meeting. The meeting was attended by key stakeholders from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, WHO, and icddr,b, to inform policy and research in the future.



DISSEMINATION WORKSHOP ON LEARNINGS FROM THE PAUSE STUDY

A dissemination workshop for the study titled 'Perspectives of Policymakers and Practitioners on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Scenario in Bangladesh: Pathways of antimicrobial use among people and animal (PAUSE)' took place on 7 August 2018.

The workshop was hosted by the Centre of Excellence for Health Systems and Universal Health Coverage (CoE-HS&UHC) at BRAC JPGSPH. Government representatives, professionals, researchers, academics, prescribers, and development Partners participated in the event. Key findings from the study was shared at the event followed by a panel discussion. This is a critical area, which requires urgent attention at the national level.

PARTICIPATION AT SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS (SRHR) KNOWLEDGE FAIR

Center for Gender and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGHRSR) colleagues participated in a day-long event titled, 'Knowledge Fair on SRHR' on 9 September 2018 hosted by Share-Net Bangladesh. Share-Net Bangladesh Steering Committee Member, (at the time) spoke on the objectives of Share-Net and the needs of young people, marginalized groups and minorities regarding SRHR.

Posters and documentaries were presented at this event, focusing on the 'Effective SRHR Education for Young People in Bangladesh', covering two main areas - 'Myths and Misconceptions around SRHR Topics' and 'Practical SRHR Skills, Coping Strategies for Strong Emotions'. The school also included a stall for the duration of the event showcasing various informational and marketing materials. These materials have been distributed to two local NGOs for use in their own curriculum for adolescents, as the research was co-designed by the implementers and they were involved in every phase of the research and implementation project.

You can read more about the Knowledge Fair here: bit.ly/knowledgefair



PANEL DISCUSSION ON 'IMPLEMENTATION AND SCALING UP OF KANGAROO MOTHER CARE IN HEALTH FACILITIES IN BANGLADESH'

Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU) with the support of UNICEF Bangladesh arranged a panel discussion titled, 'Implementation and Scaling up of Kangaroo Mother Care in Health facilities in Bangladesh' on 19 November 2018.

The objectives of the event were to discuss the situation of KMC implementation in Bangladesh, scale-up plan in the NNHP and HPNSP 2017-2022, share and discuss preliminary findings from the KMC implementation research project of UNICEF: Barriers and enablers for KMC practices in public health facilities, discuss implementation bottlenecks and health system challenges to scale-up of KMC and also to recommend implementation strategies to inform the upcoming revision of the national new-born health strategy. Around 30 participants including Government, Public Health and Development Professionals, Medical Doctors, and Academics attended the event.

You can watch the panel discussion here:
bit.ly/KMCpanel



PSYCHODRAMA INTERVENTION FOR THE SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH OF YOUNG MEN IN URBAN INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS IN DHAKA

The second phase of the Psychodrama intervention was successfully implemented between February-March 2018 among young men in four different groups from the Bhasantek informal settlements under the 'Psychodrama as a Transformative Intervention in the Sexual and Reproductive Health of Young Men in Urban Slums in Dhaka: Proof of a Novel Approach' project. Pre and post-test evaluation had also been done to assess the intervention process.

The participants were 18-29 year old young men living in the Bhasantek slum situated in Mirpur, Dhaka. The participants were selected from a census carried on 824 young men from the same slum. Selection criteria were based on the traditional gender norms that lead them to risky sexual behavior.



COMMUNICATION MATERIALS DEVELOPED AS PART OF ADVOCACY

BETTER INFORMED COMMUNICATION TOOLS DESIGNED UNDER THE PROJECT 'DIGITAL SISTER: RESEARCH ON URBAN YOUTH AND SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS'

Evidence from the research project 'Digital Sister for the Urban Youth: Using New Technology for Effective SRHR Communication for Urban Youth (15-24 years) of Bangladesh' found that young people are using the internet to get information about SRHR, and at times receive misleading and inaccurate information. Based on the questions adolescents shared during the study, the Digital Sister project developed various digital educational and advocacy tools to address their SRHR needs. This was shared with the two main NGOs who co-designed the research questions to help them improve their education curriculum.

An animation video titled 'Awareness against Cyber Harassment & How to Report Cybercrime' to teach youth about prevention of cyber harassment and about laws that exist to protect people from cybercrimes in Bangladesh.

You can watch the video here: bit.ly/cyberharrasment



Following up to the animation on cyber harassment, the radio show 'Thinking out Loud' on local station Radio Dhol aired an episode titled 'Cybercrime: Know and Save Yourself' to raise awareness about cybercrime and cyber harassment face by young people in Bangladesh.

A second animation video titled 'The Adventures of Mama Sex: De-bunking some Myths about Men's Sexual Health' was also produced based on the most frequent questions that urban young men shared during focus group discussions.

To further address other frequently mentioned SRHR topics mentioned by respondents of the Digital Sister project, an information booklet titled 'Amra Jante Chai' (We Want to Know) was also published. The booklet covers important topics including gender roles, masculinity, femininity, menstruation, hygiene, pornography, sex, sexuality, consent, homosexuality, mental health, sexual harassment and violence.

You can watch the Adventures of Mama Sex here: bit.ly/mamasesx



INNOVATIVE COMICS AND VIDEOS PRODUCED FOR YOUTH ON SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS (SRHR)

Using the research findings from the project 'Breaking the Shame: Towards improving Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) Education for Adolescents and Youth in Bangladesh' several innovative educational materials for urban and rural adolescents have been developed to address the concerns about accessing accurate SRHR information that can propagate myths and misconceptions around SRHR.

A comic book addressing myths and misconceptions titled 'Let's Debunk the Myths' was developed first. Produced in both Bangla and English, the comic illustrated 10 most recurring myths and misconceptions about SRHR mentioned by respondents from the study. The book talks about various SRHR concepts including masculinity, femininity, menstruation, pornography, sexuality, consent, mental health, transgender and sexual harassment, which was then used to inform the design of this comic book.



You can read the English version of the book here:
bit.ly/dbnkmisconceptsENG

To supplement the book, an animation video with the same title was also produced, with the aim that both materials can be used as teaching tools in adolescent clubs as well as be used by individuals on their own.

You can watch the video here:
bit.ly/debunkmisconceptionsVID



CORRECT CONDOM USE
Watch here how to apply a condom to the penis while having sexual intercourse with your husband/wife to prevent pregnancy and STDs and also how to remove the condom after sexual intercourse.

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Taking into consideration that talking about condom use is a culturally sensitive topic another animation video was produced in collaboration with SOA Aids Nederland and Rutgers titled 'How to use condoms' in Bangla based on an existing Dutch instructional. The video explained how to use a condom, where one can buy it from, and how to dispose it after use - in a very simple way.



Watch the video here:
bit.ly/condomuseBANGLA



TOOLS TO ADDRESS EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Based on recent global literature and studies on adolescent health, it is clear that emotional wellbeing has a profound effect on the overall development of the youth. Recognizing the need for emotional wellbeing, tools on emotional coping strategies for young people were created with the findings from the project 'Breaking the Shame: Towards improving Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) Education for Adolescents and Youth in Bangladesh'.

Written in both Bangla and English, the comic book 'Coping with Strong Emotions' addresses various emotional problems young people face and associated coping mechanisms including coping with mental distress, changing their mental outlook as well as managing stress, anxiety, and anger. The book also includes several group activities and exercises to help adolescents learn through practical learning. A school teacher's manual to guide instructors on implementing the tool in a classroom setting was also developed in both Bangla and English.



Coping with Strong Emotions
bit.ly/copingwithemotionsENG

Teacher's Guide - Coping with Strong Emotions
bit.ly/emotionsguideENG



A 10-minute drama on emotional management was also produced to supplement the practical learning from the classroom sessions.

You can watch it here:

bit.ly/emotionalmanagementdrama



COMMUNICATION MATERIALS TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE

The Centre for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU) produced an infographic booklet highlighting the concepts of Implementation Science (IS) and to present the application of the key steps as case-studies of 3 national programmes which have been scaled-up and sustained by the Government of Bangladesh. The Oral rehydration solution (ORS) case study depicts all the major steps for IS and scale-up, the Family Planning (FP) and Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) case studies focuses on the scale-up of the programme nationwide.

Two documentaries titled 'Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) in Bangladesh' and 'Kangaroo Mother Care' have also been produced to highlight the importance of implementation science and its implication for the success of projects. Both the videos have been made with the support of UNICEF.



You can watch the 'Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) in Bangladesh' documentary here: bit.ly/EPIBD

You can watch the video on 'Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC)' here: bit.ly/KMCBDUNICEF



ADVOCACY OUTREACH IN THE MEDIA

RADIO SHOW - NA BOLA KOTHA

'Na Bola Kotha' (Unspoken Words), the first ever radio show of its kind, successfully aired 10 episodes on Radio Shadhin throughout March 2018. The show was a part of two projects – 'Psychodrama as Transformative Intervention in The SRH of Young Men in Urban Slum in Dhaka: Proof of a Novel Approach' and 'Breaking the Shame: Towards improving Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) Education for Adolescents and Youth in Bangladesh'.

Targeted towards young adults, callers were encouraged to ask questions on various topics. Professor Malabika Sarker, Director, (CoE-SISU) gave the welcome speech on the first episode titled, 'Gender and SRHR for Young Adults'. The other episodes were titled, 'Care for the Person Who Takes Care of You', 'Respect and Love for Everyone, Everywhere', 'Masculinity', 'Disability and SRHR', 'Myths and Misconceptions', 'Emotional Wellbeing and SRHR', 'Skin Complexion and Stereotype', and 'Drug, Alcohol and Substance Addiction'.



BRAC SCHOOL ADVOCACY IN THE NEWS

'Erased Desires - Of Disability and Sexuality' was published in the largest circulating English-language newspaper 'The Daily Star' on February 24 2018. The article reflected on the discussions on disability and sexuality from the study titled 'Exploring Sexuality of Physically Disabled People through Photo-narratives in Bangladesh'. A photo-narrative about disabled individuals and their perceptions of desire, intimacy, love and romance has also been published under the project.

Read the article here: bit.ly/eraseddesires



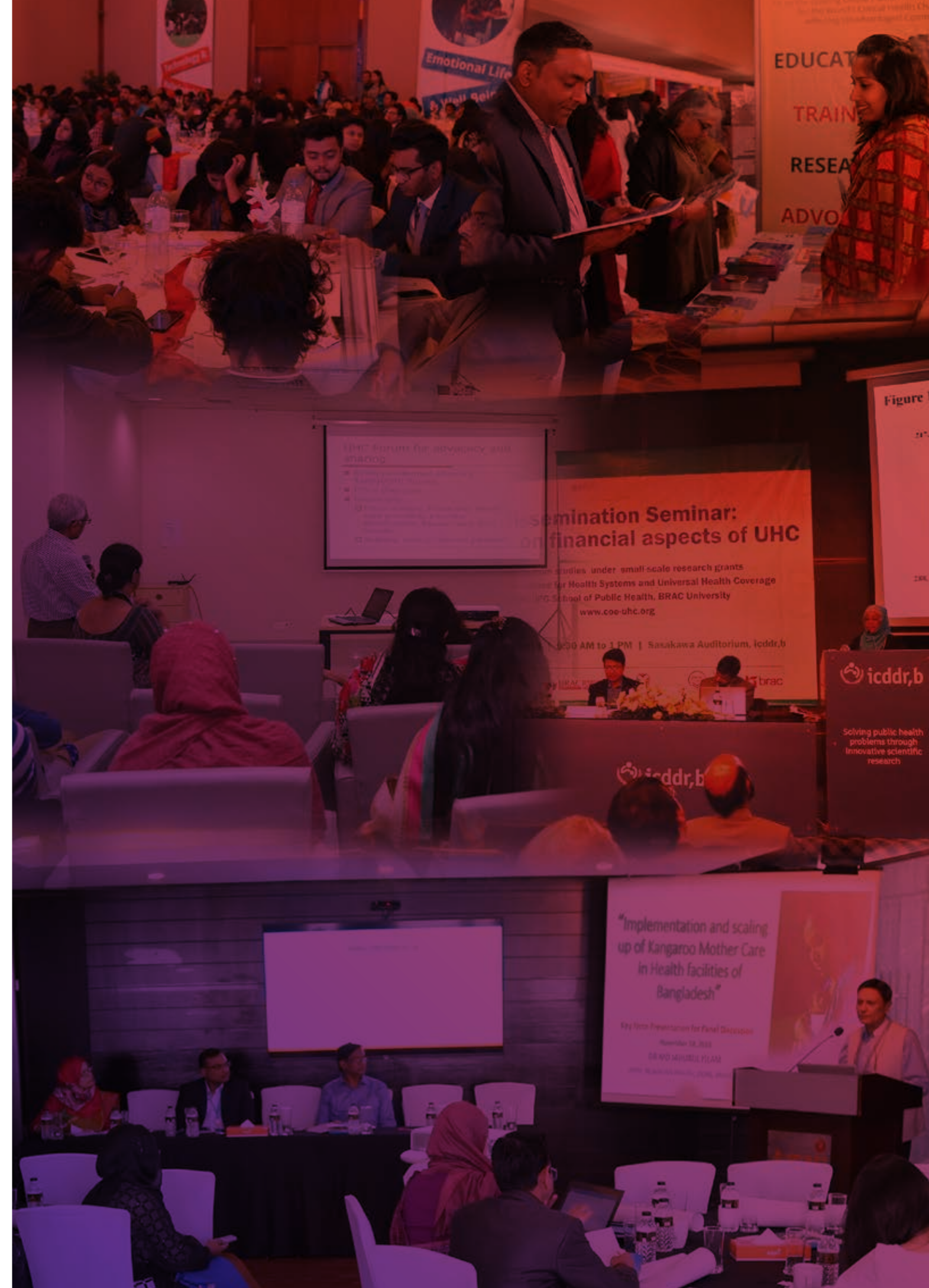
'Shades of Empowerment' reflecting women empowerment was published in the 'The Daily Star' on March 18, 2018. The narratives shared in the article had been extracted from a 3-year research project 'Understanding the Nature of Child Marriage in Urban Informal Settlements in Bangladesh' conducted by the Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR) at BRAC JPGSPH.

Read the article here: bit.ly/shadesofempowerment



Another article titled 'Let's talk about the S Word' was published on May 6, 2018 in the renowned daily 'Dhaka Tribune' based on the findings from the study 'Digital Sister for the Urban Youth: Using New Technology for Effective SRHR Communication for Urban Youth (15-24 years) of Bangladesh'.

Read the article here: bit.ly/theSwordDT



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