ABOUT BRAC JPGSPH

BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health (BRAC JPGSPH) was founded with a distinctive mission to address the unmet public health challenges particular to Asia, Africa and South America. Located in Dhaka, Bangladesh, the School was established in 2004 as part of BRAC University, in partnership with BRAC and icddr,b.

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In recent years, non-communicable diseases (NCDs), including cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, cancer, and chronic respiratory disease are impacting negatively on human health and hindering human development. Bangladesh is going through an epidemiological transition where disease burden is shifting from communicable diseases to non-communicable diseases. According to Bangladesh Demographic and Health Survey (2011), in Bangladesh, 19% of >35 years old men and 32% of >35 years old women are hypertensive. In addition, 11% of them have diabetes. Recent data also suggest that Bangladesh has a higher prevalence of avoidable risk factors of NCDs including consumption of unhealthy diet, inadequate physical activity, consumption of tobacco, high salt intake etc. In addition, double burden of malnutrition is an emerging public health issue in Bangladesh which means the people in Bangladesh are suffering from both undernutrition (underweight, stunting, micronutrient deficiencies) and overnutrition (overweight, obesity). Double burden of malnutrition is also closely related to the development of NCDs.

With a vision to prevent and control NCDs and malnutrition, the Centre for Non-Communicable Diseases and Nutrition (CNCDN) has been established.