



## The programme offers

Experienced course coordinators and instructors who receive refresher and advance training are delivering lessons in seven academic sites. Students have access to well-equipped skill lab, computer lab library and recreation facilities. The dormitory caters nutritious meals. The academic sites are in plush green environment, have access to electricity and clean water, and maintains participatory monitoring by the students welfare committee. Besides, an alumni association is expected to shape up into a vibrant community of midwives.



## Midwife-Led Care Centre

Midwife-Led Care Centre (MLC) is another significant initiative of DMP. In an effort to provide quality midwifery-led maternity services to the community, a 24/7 maternity centre led and operated by midwives is situated in Mirpur, Dhaka. MLC is promoting the alternative birth positions, pain relief exercises to make ease the normal vaginal delivery. Innovative endeavors such as birthing chair and exercise corner with birthing ball has created a huge patient flow. Moreover, this model centre enables the midwifery students to learn how to provide professional midwifery services, and at the same time, promote midwifery professions to the community people. Observing the success of first MLC, BRAC University has earlier opened up another one in collaboration with Charikata Union Health & Family Welfare Centre (UH&FWC) of Jaintiapur, Sylhet.



## Midwifery Education in BRAC University

BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University has been educating young girls to turn them into compassionate, competent and confident midwives. Since 2012 the university selects meritorious girls, giving special emphasis on ethnic minority and marginalized communities, coming from every corner of the country. The university has offered them a "Diploma in Midwifery" course through Developing Midwives Project (DMP). Funded by UK Government, this project aims to give its efforts to reduce child and maternal mortality, which has been a top priority for the Government of Bangladesh to achieve its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Since its initiation, DMP has focused on strengthening health care system through midwifery services to different communities of Bangladesh. The 'Diploma in Midwifery' course from the beginning had this vision that mothers are being able to avail a respectful maternity care even if they belong to the remotest parts of the country.

## Developing Midwives Project (DMP) of BRAC University

To develop competent and compassionate midwives, increase their usage particularly in underserved rural areas and also, to increase the usage of family planning methods in Bangladesh, BRAC University initiated Developing Midwives Project (DMP) in 2012 with funding from the UK Government. After completing the first phase in September 2016 BRAC University has started its second phase. This was approved by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW) and accredited by the Bangladesh Nursing and Midwifery Council (BNMC). Since its beginning DMP has focused on strengthening health care system through midwifery services to different communities of Bangladesh. The 'Diploma in Midwifery' course from the beginning of its initiation is giving emphasis to ensure that mothers could avail a respectful maternity care.

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## The course

Developing Midwives Project offers a 3-year long diploma course with a midwifery curriculum which follows the standards set by the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) and approved by the Bangladesh Nursing & Midwifery Council (BNMC). The Diploma has been approved by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of Bangladesh (MoH&FW). The Project is being implemented through seven academic sites in six divisions across the country. All academic sites for the Diploma in Midwifery Education was approved by the MoH&FW and accredited by BNMC.

## Curriculum

The curriculum is of 155 credits, which consists 40% theoretical and 60% practical hours. It has been divided into 6 semesters in 3 years, which allows each year to have two semesters. Along with other midwifery education modules there are 6 on English language which are trained, managed and monitored by BRAC Institute of Language (BIL). Community Engagement for Graduate Midwives (CEGM) is another aspect of this diploma programme which distinguishes BRACU midwifery education from other institutions. All the Academic Sites are designed with adequate classrooms, clinical labs, computer labs, libraries and dormitory facilities. The Midwifery Education Team (MET) of this project is responsible for preparing, revising and timely dissemination of all sorts of academic calendars, modules and clinical equipment. Continuous monitoring of all the academics sites are done by this team to ensure similar standard of education. Weeks long refresher and advance training for the faculty takes place in every 6 months.

## Admission criteria

Aligned with the GoB admission standards, BRACU allows young women who have completed 12 years of education (up to HSC or equivalent) and have secured a minimum of 2.5 GPA, in both HSC and SSC level are eligible for the written admission test. When successful, they appear for viva. Commitment to complete the three-year course and work as a professionally practicing midwife afterwards are also admission requirements.



## Why we are different?

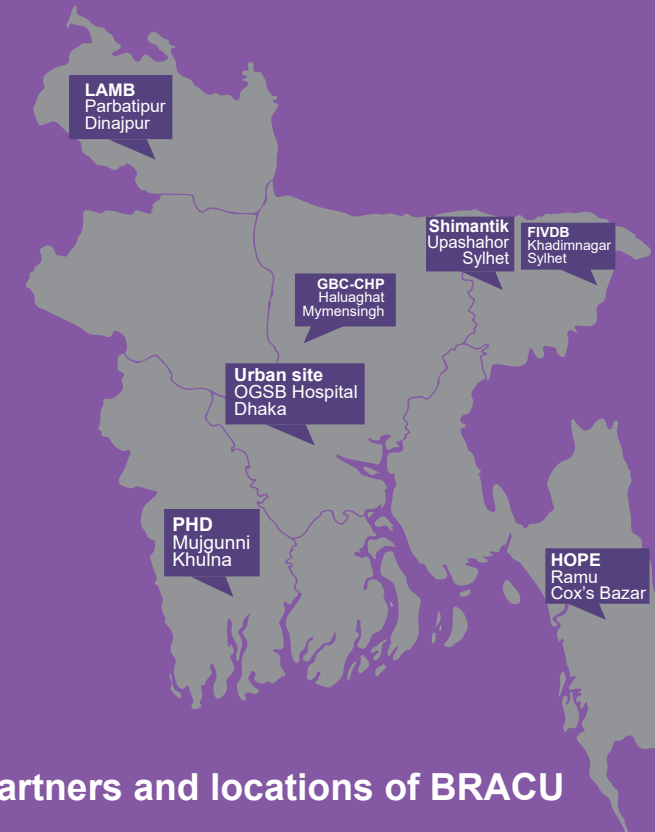
- Community engagement during studentship
- Supervised clinical practice
- Parents Day, Pop Up Fair, Open School
- Counseling for all students and faculty
- Student Welfare Committee (SWC) in every academic site and leadership training for elected student leaders
- 30% of students receive free studentship for belonging to disadvantaged community

## Our achievements so far

- 1059 Students enrolled
- 579 midwives graduated
- 399 BNMC Licensed midwives
- 161 posted by GoB already
- 180 waiting to sit for BNMC licensing exam
- 164 BRAC University Midwife Graduates are serving in Rohingya Refugee Camps.

## Graduation requirements:

- 40 Normal Vaginal Delivery (NVD)
- 40 Newborn Care
- 100 Antenatal and Postnatal Care
- 100 Neonatal
- Family Planning method acceptance



## Partners and locations of BRACU

The Developing Midwives project of BRAC University is being implemented in partnership with six other NGOs. Each site is called academic site. The project is run in seven Academic Sites across the country. Apart from the urban Academic Site in Dhaka, which is managed by BRACU directly, other six academic sites are in distant rural areas in five districts across the country. These Academic Sites are- Friends in Village Development Bangladesh (FIVDB) and Shimantik in Sylhet, Garo-Baptist Convention-Christian Health Project (GBC-CHP) in Mymensingh, Partners in Health and Development (PHD) in Khulna, World Mission Prayer League (LAMB Hospital) in Dinajpur and Hope Foundation in Cox's Bazar.