

## **CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR URBAN EQUITY AND HEALTH (CUEH)**

### **Research Projects (2020-2021)**

#### 1. Accountability and Responsiveness in Informal Settlements for Equity (ARISE)

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Co-PI: Bachera Akter, Assistant Director, CGSRHR

Coordinator: Bachera Akter, Assistant Director, CGSRHR

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

Timeline: December 2018 - February 2024

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

Methodology: Mixed method

Donor: UK Research and Innovation's Global Challenges Research Fund

Partners:

- BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University, Bangladesh
- Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM), UK
- Institute of Development Studies (IDS)
- Institute of Health and Wellbeing, University of Glasgow, UK
- The University of York, UK
- George Institute for Global Health, India
- Slum/Shack Dwellers' International (SDI), India
- African Population and Health Research Centre (APHRC), Kenya
- Liverpool VCT Health (LVCT), Kenya
- Sierra Leone Urban Research Centre (SLURC), Njala University, Sierra Leone
- Sierra Leone: College of Medicine and Allied Health Sciences (COMAHS), Sierra Leone

#### 2. Community-led Responsive and Effective Urban Health Systems (CHORUS)

PI: Professor Zahidul Quayyum, Co-Director Research and Co-Director, CUEH, BRAC JPHSPH

Coordinator: Baby Naznin, Senior Research Assistant

Timeline: May 2020-April 2026

Objective: To build a resilient and responsive urban health system to the existing challenges e.g. double burden of Communicable & Non-communicable Diseases, dominance of NGO sector, low health service coverage for marginalized urban people, through capacity building and research uptakes including sectors beyond health and enabling linkages between multiple government, NGO and private providers whilst ensuring accountability to urban residents, particularly the poor.

Methodology: Desk Review, Quantitative and Qualitative methods, participatory research, RCT and Retrospective Study

Donor: DFID (RPC), UK

Partners:

- Nuffield Centre for International Health and Development
- University of Leeds
- University of York
- ARK Foundation, Bangladesh
- HERD International, Nepal
- University of Nigeria
- University of Ghana

### 3. BRAC Health, Nutrition and Population Programme (HNPP): Impact Evaluation and Social Return On Investment of Selected Programmes

PI: Professor Zahidul Quayyum, Co-Director Research and Co-Director, CUEH

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Coordinator: Saira Parvin Jolly, Sr. Research Fellow

Implemented Under:

- Centre of Excellence for Urban Equity and Health (CUEH)
- Centre of Excellence for Health Systems and Universal Health Coverage (CoE-HS&UHC)
- Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU)

Timeline: December 2019 - December 2020

Objective: The main objective of this study is to identify and evaluate the contributions of BRAC HNPP programmes as a set of changes in the lives of the disadvantaged population not limited to health only but spanning beyond to other sectors of development. A 'contribution analysis' approach is adopted by comparing between what happened and what would have happened in the absence of the programme. Thus, along with a credible and evidence-based narrative, the study aims at reviewing the 'value for money' propositions of the investments made based on the 'social return of investment' concept and DALYs averted to evaluate the overall impact of BRAC HNPP.

Methodology: Cross-sectional study (both qualitative and quantitative approach)

Donor: BRAC, HNPP

#### 4. Advancing Inclusive and Resilient Urban Development Targeted at the Urban Poor in Bangladesh

PI: Zahidul Quayyum, Professor (Health Economics) and Co-Director Research, Co-Director Centre of Excellence for Urban Equity and Health (CUEH)

Coordinator: Md. Uzzal Chowdhury, Senior Statistician

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

Timeline: August 2019-June 2020

Objective: To conduct social and poverty assessment of urban poor households of the low-income communities at city level in Bangladesh through desk review and consultation with community based organizations. The study also aims at documenting the existing good practices, challenges and identifying investment opportunities in strengthening resilience for the urban poor.

Methodology: Analysis of Secondary Data, Document Review, and Workshop

Donor: Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Partner: BRAC Urban Development Program (BRAC UDP)

#### 5. Pathways to Equitable Healthy Cities

PI: Professor Zahidul Quayyum, Co-Director, Research and Co-Director, CUEH and

CO-PI: Md Tanvir Hasan, Associate Professor and Co-Director, CUEH

Technical Advisor: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean

Coordinator: Marzuka Ahmad Radia, Research Coordinator

Timeline: September 2018- April 2022

Objective:

- To develop actionable policy scenarios bearing in mind the health impact of different sectors on health outcomes and validate them with stakeholders
- To engage and build the capacity of these stakeholders to facilitate policy implementation.
- To develop an integrated analytical framework and develop locally-parameterized models for Dhaka city that will guide forming and integrating policy scenarios across sectors and quantify their impacts on health outcomes.

Methodology: Quantitative and Qualitative methods, spatial analysis and modelling with simulation.

Donor: Wellcome Trust, UK

Partner: Imperial College London

## 6. Forced Displacement and Education: Building the Evidence for What Works

PI: Professor Zahidul Quayyum, Co-Director Research and Co-Director, CUEH

Co-PI: Samir Ranjan Nath, Programme Head of BIED

Coordinator: Rasel Babu, Research Fellow, BIED

Focal: Saira Parvin, Sr. Research Fellow

Timeline: October 2019 – April 2021.

Objective:

- To Advance the understanding on education for the forcibly displaced as part of a broader education sector agenda of improving learning outcomes for populations living in poverty, exclusion, or distress. Additionally,
- To improve its effectiveness regarding its role and contributions to facilitating transition and uptake from humanitarian education responses to long-term development agendas that can support sustainable access to quality education for the forcibly displaced and the communities that host them.

Methodology: Qualitative

Donor: The World Bank Group

Partner: American Institutes for Research (AIR)