

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

Established in 2012, the Centre works with key partners and stakeholders in the government, private and NGO sectors to facilitate the efforts to accelerate evidence-informed, equitable and sustainable action towards Urban Health Coverage (UHC). As part of its core activities, the Centre works to generate essential evidence to further the establishment of UHC in Bangladesh; these include policy briefs and systematic reviews of key determinants of UHC including workforce, management, and information systems. Frameworks are produced on key functions of insurance systems related to provider networks, service packages, premiums, benefits and claims. Implementing research on UHC initiatives is also conducted with real-time monitoring and evaluation systems.

The Centre also develops core competencies around UHC through various accredited training programmes and short courses. These programmes are held with key implementing institutions of UHC in Bangladesh. Advocacy is another major core activity of the Centre, and is facilitated through forums, learning and research dissemination with local and global partners. National and international workshops, seminars and dialogues are also held focusing on key UHC issues.

RESEARCH PROJECTS IN 2020

- **SKILLS DEMAND ANALYSIS OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN BANGLADESH**

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Timeline: July 2020 - Ongoing

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

Objective: To explore the emerging employment opportunities in the health care sector given the current shortage of allied health care workers (beside doctors and nurses) in the formal system following COVID-19 pandemic and a major paradigm shift towards demand for home-based palliative/rehabilitative/disability/elderly care services.

Methodology: Mixed Method

Donor and Partner: BRAC Skills Development Programme (SDP)

- **ASSESSMENT OF POST-CRASH CARE SYSTEM FOLLOWING ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS
IN SELECTED AREAS OF BANGLADESH**

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Timeline: January 2020 – Ongoing

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Objective: To assess the current pre-hospital (by-stander and ambulance) and hospital based post-crash care services in order to get a holistic picture of the post-crash system existing in Bangladesh; to improve the post-crash system in the country so that RTC mortality and morbidity are reduced.

Methodology: Cross-sectional study and Qualitative method

Donor and Partner: The World Bank