



Training on the WHO Package of Essential Noncommunicable Diseases (PEN) Interventions in Cox's Bazar

Since 2019, the Center for NCD and Nutrition (CNCDN) team of BRAC JPGSPH has been providing training to the Primary Health Care (PHC) workers of the government and non-government facilities on the World Health Organization (WHO) Package of Essential Noncommunicable Diseases (PEN) Interventions. Between 2019 and 2020, the team trained 259 physicians, nurses, medical assistants, and sub-assistant community medical officers (SACMO); and 575 Community Health Volunteer Supervisors and Community Health Volunteers in collaboration with the Noncommunicable Diseases Control (NCDC) unit of DGHS and the WHO Bangladesh. In 2021, BRAC JPGSPH is providing the WHO PEN training for 150 medical doctors, medical assistants/ SACMO, and nurses, and implementing supportive supervision to the primary health care facilities in Cox's Bazar district. We divided the 150 trainees into 6 batches. Each training is residential and has been scheduled for four days. The training of the first batch started on November 08, 2021, and the last day of the training of the last batch was on December 15, 2021. The WHO-certified expert PEN trainers from BRAC JPGSPH and WHO (Dr. Rina Rani Paul, Dr. Ali Ahsan Hemel, Dr. Priscilla Khyang, Dr. Samia Tabassum, Dr. Raisul Islam and Prof. Malay K Mridha) have conducted the training. One of the focuses of the training was cardiovascular disease risk-based approach for the management of hypertension and diabetes. Pre- and post-training assessment were conducted to monitor the effect of training on the knowledge and skill of the participants. At the end of the training, the participants evaluated the trainers and the quality of the training.