

RESEARCH

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NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL
RESEARCH PROJECTS IN 2018

OVER 90 RESEARCH PROJECTS
TO DATE

39

RESEARCH ARTICLES
PUBLISHED IN 2018

OVER 550
ARTICLES PUBLISHED
TO DATE

105

DONORS & PARTNERS
IN 2018

143 TOTAL
DONORS AND PARTNERS
TO DATE

The School is involved in a wide range of research projects. Our projects related to health encompasses urban and rural health, infectious diseases, non-communicable diseases, nutrition, maternal and child health, sexual and reproductive health, health workforce, health equity and health financing, surveillance, program evaluation, and implementation science. Areas of research related to gender and SRHR areas include sexuality, violence against women and children, vulnerable populations. Apart from the abovementioned, the research areas also include financial inclusion, poverty alleviation, education, skills development, climate change, migration, and human rights. The School is also taking forward studies on Rohingya refugees through qualitative research, surveys and impact studies since 2017.

There are 71 national and international research institutions that have partnerships with the School. The School has undertaken around 90 research projects from 2004 to 2018; many of which are multi-country consortia in collaboration with leading academic and research institutions. There are also national projects in partnership with local NGOs, local representatives of International NGOs, UN bodies and relevant Ministries of the Government, for projects in partnership with leading public and private academic and research institutions.

You can read the articles, journals, books, and chapters published by the School over the past six years here:
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OUR CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

2008 ►

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR GENDER, SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS (CGSRHR)

The Centre aims to promote a broader understanding of gender relations/power, reproductive health, and sexuality and bodily rights in Bangladesh and in the region through research, policy, advocacy and training activities. Using both academic and action-based research, the Centre generates knowledge and translates it into advocacy-based action for social and structural changes. The Centre also facilitates advocacy efforts with various partners through online and offline national and global knowledge networks.

Dr Sabina Faiz Rashid, Professor and Dean is the Director of the Centre. Bachera Aktar and Farhana Alam are Assistant Directors of the Centre.

2011 ►

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

The Centre aims to facilitate efforts to accelerate evidence based, equitable and sustainable action towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in Bangladesh. The Centre facilitates advocacy through awareness-building campaigns in UHC forums, experience sharing and research dissemination through workshops, policy dialogues, seminars - both within and outside the country.

The Centre is Directed by Dr Syed Masud Ahmed, Professor.

2013 ►

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR URBAN EQUITY AND HEALTH (CUEH)

This Centre facilitates inter-sectoral research, training, policy and results-oriented action with a focus on health equity challenges of the urban poor, particularly on governance in urban health; and motivates evidence-based dialogue and decision-making, and supports the partnerships and networking among different stakeholders.

The Centre is Directed by Dr Zahidul Quayyum, Professor and Dr Md Tanvir Hasan, Assistant Professor.

2016 ►

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR SCIENCE OF IMPLEMENTATION AND SCALE-UP (CoE-SISU)

The Centre conducts research, generates evidence, organizes stakeholder consultations and disseminates the results and findings to policymakers and key implementers for successful programme interventions. The Centre also works towards bridging the gap between evidence generation through implementation research and policy making and to address contextual challenges and bottlenecks in health service delivery.

The Centre is Directed by Dr Malabika Sarker, Professor and Associate Dean, and Director of Research.

2017 ►

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND NUTRITION (CNCNDN)

The Centre conducts and facilitates discovery, development, and delivery of research on NCDs and nutrition. The Centre also strengthens the capacity of health care providers, policymakers, researchers and program managers on prevention, treatment, and control of NCDs & malnutrition. The Centre also carries out evidence-based advocacy for scaling-up prevention, treatment, and control activities of NCDs and malnutrition.

Dr Malay Kanti Mridha, Professor, is the Director of the Centre.

RESEARCH PROJECTS IN 2018

Listed in thematically



HUMANITARIAN RESEARCH

Humanitarian crisis is affecting hundreds of millions of lives around the world right now and more people have been forced to flee their homes now than at any time in recent history. These crisis, such as armed conflict, forced displacement, environmental disasters arising from natural hazards, and major disease outbreaks, take a staggering toll on human health, especially in low-resource settings. In recent years, Bangladesh experienced a huge influx of Rohingya ethnic community from Myanmar in fear of persecution. Such circumstances have forced Rohingya women, girls, boys and men into Bangladesh for many years, with significant spikes following violent attacks in 1978, 1991-1992, and again in 2016. It was not until August 2017 that triggered by far the largest and fastest refugee influx into Bangladesh, with more than 1.1 million Rohingya refugee population in need of humanitarian assistance.

Several organizations (NGOs, INGOs, humanitarian) are currently working across all camps in Cox's Bazar to strengthen the health service delivery mechanism. To understand the gaps in service delivery, it is important to conduct research to address the gaps and challenges to improve the health and well-being of the Rohingya community. In 2018, BRAC JPGSPH undertook several research studies on Rohingya refugees across three of its Centres of Excellence in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION RESEARCH FOR DELIVERING INTEGRATED COMPREHENSIVE SRHR SERVICES FOR ROHINGYA REFUGEES IN COX'S BAZAR, BANGLADESH

PI: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director CGSRHR
Co-PI: Md Tanvir Hasan, Assistant Professor and Director CUEH
Co-Investigators: Professor Zahidul Quayyum, Director CUEH and Bachera Akter, Assistant Director CGSRHR
Coordinated by: Bachera Akter, Assistant Director CGSRHR

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Objective: To conduct situation analysis for assessing demand and supply side barriers in accessing SRH services by adolescent girls and women aged 12-59 years and assess the implementation of operational model for delivering integrated comprehensive SRHR services for Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar.

Research Fund: USD 86,579

Partner and Donor: World Health Organization



HEALTH CARE NEEDS AND HEALTH SEEKING BEHAVIOR AMONG ROHINGYA REFUGEES IN COX'S BAZAR

PI: Professor Zahidul Quayyum, Director CUEH
Co-PI: Md Tanvir Hasan, Assistant Professor and Director CUEH
Coordinated by: Irin Akhter, Deputy Project Coordinator

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

Objective: The study was conducted to determine the illness patterns, access and utilization of health services and health facilities in selected Rohingya refugee camps in Cox's Bazar.

Research Fund: USD 29,603

Donor: brac



IMPLEMENTATION RESEARCH FOCUSING ON HEALTH SYSTEM STRENGTHENING IN UNICEF SUPPORTED AREAS IN COX'S BAZAR DISTRICT, BANGLADESH

PI: Professor Malabika Sarker, Associate Dean and Director CoE-SISU
Co-PI: Yameen Mazumder, Project Implementation Specialist
Coordinated by: Avijit Saha, Research Fellow

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU)

Objective: To understand the key implementation challenges and barriers with the implementation of MNCH programme related activities for the FDMNs in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh and explore solutions to overcome the challenges/barriers to propose a policy guideline and to adapt and modify the Consolidated Framework for Implementation Research (CFIR) for emergency setting.

Research Fund: USD 50,422

Partner and Donor: unicef

HEALTH SYSTEMS, UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE AND PHARMACEUTICALS

ACE HEALTH PROJECT 2 ON PHARMACEUTICALS

PI: Professor Syed Masud Ahmed, Director CoE-HS&UHC
Co PI: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director CGSRHR
Coordinated by: Nahitun Naher, Senior Research Fellow

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

Objective: To study possibility of extending fixed price Essential Medicine List to reduce medicine expenditure by expanding the market through generating evidence of impurity and cost relation.

Research Fund: USD 45,890



EXPLORING PATHWAYS OF ANTIBIOTIC USE AMONG PEOPLE AND ANIMAL: AN IN-DEPTH STUDY TO INFORM ANTIBIOTIC PRESCRIBING POLICY DEVELOPMENT IN BANGLADESH

PI: Professor Syed Masud Ahmed, Director CoE-HS&UHC
Co-PI and Coordinator: Nahitun Naher, Senior Research Fellow

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

Objective: The general objective of this study is to inform government policy-making, and identify pathways to behaviour change among relevant stakeholders and users of antibiotics in both people and animals.

Research Fund: USD 26,088



Donor:



LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND: PUTTING MARGINALIZED PEOPLE INTO THE CENTRE FOR ACHIEVING UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE IN BANGLADESH

PI: Professor Syed Masud Ahmed, Director CoE-HS&UHC
Co-PI and Coordinator: Nahitun Naher, Senior Research Fellow

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

Objective: To identify the knowledge gaps regarding health care needs and services for the marginalized populations, the process and underlying factors for their exclusion, and how these can be addressed/what needs to be done to overcome this in the policy and practice levels for achieving an inclusive and ‘universal’ health coverage by 2030.

Research Fund: USD 11,045



REACHOUT - REACHING OUT AND LINKING IN: HEALTH SYSTEMS AND CLOSE-TO-COMMUNITY SERVICES

PI: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director CGSRHR
Co-PI: Professor Malabika Sarker, Associate Dean and Director CoE-SISU

Coordinated by: Farzana Islam, Assistant Scientist

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (CGSRHR)

Objective: To improve the equity, effectiveness and efficiency of close-to-community (CTC) providers of health care in rural and urban areas in Africa and Asia.

Research Fund: USD 964,698

International Partners:



National Partners: MARIE STOPES BANGLADESH | Reproductive Health Services Training and Education Program



HEALTH SYSTEMS, UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE AND PHARMACEUTICALS

TESTING OF A QUALITATIVE INTERVIEW TECHNIQUE ACROSS FOUR COUNTRIES AS A PILOT TO DESIGN A GLOBAL FRAMEWORK FOR HEALTH-POLICY EXPERIMENTS

PI: Professor Malabika Sarker, Associate Dean and Director CoE-SISU

Co-PI: Atonu Rabbani, Associate Scientist

Coordinator: Pushpita Hossain, Senior Research Associate

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU)

Objective: The overall objective is to test and refine 'deliberative interviews' - a cognitive qualitative interview technique based on deliberation. The study aims to assess such an approach to determine its applicability in designing a framework that examines ethical aspects of health policy experiments.

Research Fund: USD 264,909

Partners:



Donor:



TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE FOR HEALTH SYSTEM STRENGTHENING AND ADVANCING UHC AGENDA IN BANGLADESH: EXPLORING FACTORS INVOLVING THE FRONTLINE HEALTH CARE WORKERS (DOCTORS, NURSES AND MANAGERS) AT PHC LEVELS

PI: Professor Syed Masud Ahmed, Director CoE-HS&UHC

Co-PI: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director CGSRHR

Coordinator: Nahitun Naher, Senior Research Fellow

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

Objective: To identify the incentives that give rise to corrupt inappropriate and ineffective care by health care workers and how can we eliminate them.

Research Fund: USD 45,890



HEALTH FINANCING

ASSESSING BRAC'S INNOVATIVE HEALTH LOANS IN PROTECTING THE POOR AGAINST HEALTH AND ASSET VULNERABILITY IN BANGLADESH

PI: Professor Malabika Sarker, Associate Dean and Director CoE-SISU

Consultant: Atonu Rabbani, Associate Scientist

Coordinated by: Mohammad Nazmul Islam, Research Fellow

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU)

Objective: The project aims to improve the existing BRAC Medium Term Loan (MTL) programme through designing an innovative product as well as developing a decentralised and digitised implementation protocol that allows better access for the vulnerable clients and better monitoring of impacts by BRAC.

Research Fund: USD 97,208

Partner:



BRAC Microfinance Department



Donor:



BASELINE RESEARCH FOR THE BRAC READY-MADE GARMENTS (RMG) WORKERS WELL-BEING PROJECT

PI: Md Tanvir Hasan, Assistant Professor and Director CUEH

Co-PI: Kuhel Islam, Senior Coordinator

Coordinated by: Bithun Tasnuva Mazid, Coordinator

Technical Advisor: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director CGSRHR

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

Objective: Main objective of this project is to assess the present socioeconomic condition of RMG workers regarding primary health care, skills training, financial inclusion (DPS, health insurance), online health, legal & psychosocial support by Maya Apa, service integration, and worker-owner relationship for the wellbeing of RMG worker and the sustainability of One Stop Service Centre.

Research Fund: USD 26,226



Urban Development Programme

IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

IMPLEMENTATION RESEARCH ON INTRODUCING KANGAROO MOTHER CARE (KMC) SERVICES IN HEALTH FACILITIES IN BANGLADESH

PI: Professor Malabika Sarker, Associate Dean and Director CoE-SISU

Co-PI: Yameen Mazumder, Project Implementation Specialist
Coordinated by: Rajat Das Gupta, Senior Research Associate

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU)

Objective: To assess and understand the implementation of KMC in selected health facilities in Bangladesh.

Research Fund: USD 57,936

Partners:



Donor:



BASELINE AND END-LINE SURVEY TO MEASURE CHANGES AND OUTCOMES THAT RESULT FROM THE ENTERTAINMENT EDUCATION (EE) CAMPAIGN ON SELECTED ADOLESCENT RELATED KAP AREAS WITH FOCUS ON CHILD MARRIAGE

PI: Professor Malabika Sarker, Associate Dean and Director CoE-SISU

Co-PI: Atonu Rabbani, Associate Scientist
Coordinated by: Mohammad Nazmul Islam, Research Fellow

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU)

Objective: To generate knowledge on edutainment campaigns' aggregate effects on individuals' behaviour and sustainability of the behaviour related to different adolescent development issues including child marriage. The projects also aim to determine whether the campaign caused the effects on adolescents and their caregivers over the period of campaign.

Research Fund: USD 156,431

Partner: ASIATIC

Donor: UNICEF



IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE FOR GLOBAL HEALTH: LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE GLOBAL POLIO ERADICATION INITIATIVE

PI: Professor Malabika Sarker, Associate Dean and Director CoE-SISU

Co-PI: Yameen Mazumder, Project Implementation Specialist
Coordinated by: Humayra Binte Anwar, Research Associate

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU)

Objective: To systematically document the experience, success and challenges operationalizing the knowledge assets under global polio eradication initiative to build up curriculum in implementation science and taking other global health initiative beyond polio eradication.

Research Fund: USD 41,106.00

Partners:



Donor: BILL & MELINDA GATES foundation



QUALITY OF NEW-BORN CARE IN BANGLADESH

PI: Professor Malabika Sarker, Associate Dean and Director CoE-SISU

Co PI: ASM Shahabuddin, Former Assistant Scientist
Coordinated by: Rajat Das Gupta, Senior Research Associate

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU)

Objective: To systematically document the current scenario of the quality of new-born care in Bangladesh.

Research Fund: USD 50,000

Partner and Donor: UNICEF

INNOVATION IN HEALTH

DIGITALIZATION OF HEALTH INFORMATION SYSTEM: A TOOL TO IMPROVE MATERNAL HEALTH SERVICES THROUGH FRONT LINE FAMILY PLANNING WORKERS IN BANGLADESH

PI: Professor Malabika Sarker, Associate Dean and Director CoE-SISU

Co-PI: Atonu Rabbani, Associate Scientist

Coordinated by: Mushfiqur Rahman, Research Associate

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU)

Objective: The objective is to assess the outcome, feasibility and advantage of the intervention of digitalizing the 9 registers used by Family Welfare Assistants (FWAs) in selected rural area of Bangladesh.

Research Fund: USD 19,531

Partner: mPower

Donor: SPIDER



DIGITAL SISTER FOR THE URBAN YOUTH: USING NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR EFFECTIVE SRHR COMMUNICATION FOR URBAN YOUTH (15-24 YEARS) OF BANGLADESH

PI: Anita Hardon, University of Amsterdam

Co PI: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director CGSRHR

Coordinated by: Bachera Akter, Assistant Director CGSRHR

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Objective: To understand young people's needs for SRHR information and services, and to develop digital communication tools for them.

Research Fund: USD 488,140

Partner:

UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM

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Donor:

NWO
Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research
WOTRO Science for Global Development

HEALTH, HOUSING, AND HYGIENE (HHH) IN BANGLADESH

PI: Professor Malabika Sarker, Associate Dean and Director CoE-SISU

Co-PI: Atonu Rabbani, Associate Scientist

Coordinated by: Mushfiqur Rahman, Research Associate

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU)

Objective: To reduce risk of bacterial and parasitic infection through flooring reconstruction in homes that currently has dirt/mud floors.

Research Fund: USD 23,490



Partner: archive
architecture for health



PARTNERSHIP TO ENSURE THE SUSTAINABILITY OF A PUBLIC HEALTH PALLIATIVE CARE PROJECT IN BANGLADESH THROUGH COMMUNITY THEATRE

PI: Professor Malabika Sarker, Associate Dean and Director CoE-SISU

International PI: Shahaduz Zaman, Senior Lecturer, Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS), UK

Coordinated by: Pushpita Hossain, Senior Research Associate

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU)

Objective: To explore local contexts, indigenous knowledge, cultural practices, values and languages of death, dying and end of life care in the specific urban slum of Bangladesh.

Research Fund: USD 52,147

Partners:

বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিব মেডিক্যাল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়
Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University

US
UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX

UNIVERSITY
of York

University
of Glasgow

Donor: Arts & Humanities Research Council

INNOVATIONS IN HEALTH

PSYCHODRAMA AS TRANSFORMATIVE INTERVENTION IN THE SRH OF YOUNG MEN IN URBAN SLUM IN DHAKA: PROOF OF A NOVEL APPROACH

PI: Professor Malabika Sarker, Associate Dean and Director CoE-SISU

Co-PI: Godelieve Van Heteren, Erasmus University Rotterdam
Coordinated by: Ashfique Rizwan, Deputy Project Coordinator

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU)

Objective: To identify the existing sexual practices and explore the risk behaviours of urban young adult men (aged 18-29 years) living in Dhaka slums, to co-construct the methodology of adapting and delivering Psycho-drama and Socio-drama within the context of risk behaviours of the urban young men, and to develop a Psycho-education counselling module for young adults on SRHR.

Research Fund: USD 381,781

Partners:



Donors:



NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

BASELINE SURVEY OF STRENGTHENING HEALTH SYSTEMS THROUGH ORGANIZING COMMUNITIES (SHASTO)

PI: Malay Kanti Mridha, Associate Professor and Director CNCNDN

Co-PI: Mehedi Hasan, Research Fellow

Coordinated by: Moyazzam Hossaine, Deputy Project Coordinator

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Non-Communicable Diseases and Nutrition (CNCNDN)

Objective: The overall objective of this baseline survey was to report the current situation of NCDs and their behavioural and clinical risk factor in selected intervention sites (Narsingdi district and Dhaka City North) and control sites (Gazipur district and Dhaka City South).

Research Fund: USD 47,489

Partner and Donor:



UNDERSTANDING THE PATTERNS AND DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH IN SOUTH ASIAN PEOPLE - SOUTH ASIA BIOBANK

PI: Professor Malabika Sarker, Associate Dean and Director CoE-SISU

Co-PI: Malay Kanti Mridha, Associate Professor and Director CNCNDN

Coordinator: Mehedi Hassan, Research Fellow

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Non-Communicable Diseases and Nutrition (CNCNDN)

Supported by: The Global Health Research Unit, Imperial College London

Objective: Strengthen NCD surveillance systems in Bangladesh by establishing surveillance sites across the country. using standardized approaches to develop a nationally representative data on the burden of T2D, CVD and their risk factors, and on the quality of care for these major NCDs in Bangladesh.

Research Fund: USD 672,056

Partners:



Donor **NIHR** | National Institute for Health Research

NUTRITION

ANALYTICAL TASK IN SUPPORT OF CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT IN NUTRITION SURVEILLANCE AND RESEARCH IN BANGLADESH

PI: Malay Kanti Mridha, Associate Professor and Director CNCNDN

Co-PI: Tanvir Hasan, Assistant Professor and Director CUEH

Coordinated by: Mokbul Hossain, Senior Statistician

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Non-Communicable Diseases and Nutrition (CNCNDN)

Objective: The objective of the project is to support the government of Bangladesh in making evidence-based decision on multi-sectoral nutrition programming for adolescent girls by analyzing nationally representative FSNSP data (2009 to 2015).

Research Fund: USD 74,999

Partners: Shornokishoree Network Foundation
Adolescent Health Network of Bangladesh



Donor: THE WORLD BANK
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ENHANCING NUTRITION SERVICES TO IMPROVE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH IN AFRICA AND ASIA (ENRICH) - MIDLINE EVALUATION; BANGLADESH

PI: Daniel Sullen

Co-PI: Professor Malabika Sarker, Associate Dean and Director CoE-SISU

Coordinated by: Avijit Saha, Research Fellow

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Non-Communicable Diseases and Nutrition (CNCNDN)

Objective: The specific objectives of overall Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) plans are to determine the provisions and utilization of services, coverage and outcome measures and to assess whether any observed effects are in fact due to the project or program, accounting for the contextual factors that might influence the effectiveness of interventions.

Research Fund: USD 36,559

Partner: UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Donor: World Vision

NUTRITION SURVEILLANCE ON FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION IN BANGLADESH (NSFSN)-2

PI: Malay Kanti Mridha, Associate Professor and Director CNCNDN

Co-PI: Md Showkat Ali Khan, Associate Scientist

Coordinated by: Moyazzam Hosseain, Deputy Project Coordinator

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Non-Communicable Diseases and Nutrition (CNCNDN)

Objective: The overall objective of the proposed action is to institutionalize the nutritional surveillance into a national framework with the support of the National Nutrition Services (NNS).

Research Fund: USD 237,930

Partners: Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics
National Bureau of Statistics

Donors: Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
DGHS
Directorate General of Health Services
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare



THE EFFICACY OF ZINC BIO-FORTIFIED RICE IN IMPROVING ZINC STATUS IN YOUNG BANGLADESHI CHILDREN: A DOUBLE BLIND RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED TRIAL

PI: Malay Kanti Mridha, Associate Professor and Director CNCNDN

Co-PI: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director CGSRHR
Coordinated by: Rabui Islam, Senior Field Coordinator

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Non-Communicable Diseases and Nutrition (CNCNDN)

Objective: The primary study objective is to assess the efficacy of the newly developed zinc bio-fortified rice on plasma zinc concentrations in stunted zinc depleted children between 12-36 months of age in a rural area of Bangladesh in comparison to their controls.

Research Fund: USD 363,353

Partners: ETH zürich

Donor: Bangladesh Rice Research Institute

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SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS

BREAKING THE SHAME

PI: Els Rommes, Radboud University

Co-PI: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director CGSRHR

Coordinated by: Farhana Alam, Assistant Director CGSRHR

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Objective: To create the much needed understanding of how can we break the shame and silences around young people's sexuality to better understand their needs and to increase their SRHR knowledge.

Research Fund: USD 559,644

Local Partners: brac | ADP Adolescent Development program Unite for BODYRIGHTS UBR Bangladesh Alliance

International Partners: Radboud University

Donor:

NWO
Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research
WOTRO Science for Global Development



WHERE DO THEY GO? DOCUMENTARY ON ACCESSIBILITY OF SRHR SERVICES FOR SINGLE WORKING WOMEN IN URBAN BANGLADESH

PI and Coordinator: Farhana Alam, Assistant Director CGSRHR
Co-PI: Anushka Zafar, Research Fellow

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Objective: The project explored the experience of single working women in urban Dhaka city go through in accessing services in terms of their SRHR needs and the gaps that need to be acknowledged to maintain an efficient SRHR service that is more inclusive.

Research Fund: USD 10993

Partner: বাণিজ্যিকা
unlearn gender

Donor: Share-Net International



GENDER AND ADOLESCENCE: GLOBAL EVIDENCE (GAGE)

PI: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director CGSRHR

Co-PI: Maheen Sultan, Head (a.i.) Gender and Social Transformation Cluster, BRAC Institute for Governance and Development (BIGD), BRAC University

Coordinated by: Farhana Alam, Assistant Director CGSRHR and Mohammad Riaz Hossain, Sr Field Coordinator

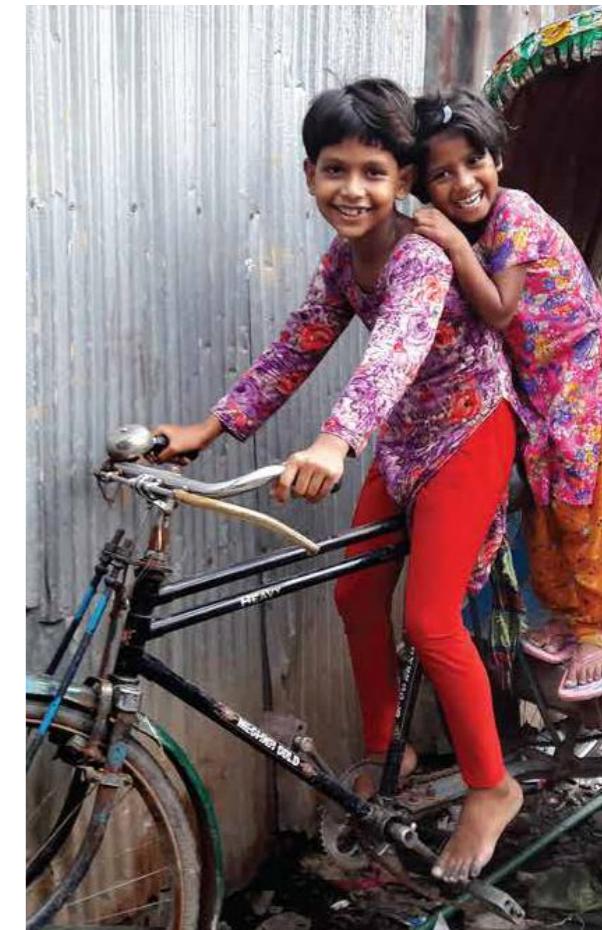
Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Objective: To address the transformative processes of adolescents in the face of discriminatory social norms and institutional barriers by generating data of their capabilities, changing the context of early adolescence through to adulthood and focusing on the dynamic interactions that shape adolescents' outcomes and life experiences in their world.

Research Fund: USD 195,016

Partners: bgl gage
GENDER & ADOLESCENCE
GLOBAL EVIDENCE

Donors: ODI
Overseas Development Institute
UKaid
from the British people
Department for International Development



LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND: IS THE HEALTH SECTOR OF BANGLADESH FAILING TO FULFIL THE NEEDS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDS)?

PI: Raiz Azmi, Research Fellow
Co-Investigators: Fatema Akter Bonny, Research Associate and Samiha Ali, Research Assistant

Technical Advisors:
Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director CGSRHR and Md Tanvir Hasan, Assistant Professor and Director CUEH
Coordinated by: Bithun Tasnuva Mazid, Project Coordinator

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Objective: The objectives of the study were to explore the unmet needs of persons with disabilities in regard to accessibility, availability, and utilization of health care services; explore the existing barriers faced by persons with disabilities in availing health care to fulfil health needs, as; and to explore the system related macro-level challenges contributing to barriers in fulfilling health care needs by persons with disabilities in context of Bangladesh.

Research Fund: USD 9,464

Donors: brac | Advocacy for Social Change
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Department for International Development

SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS

MALE YOUTH AND THEIR SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS (SRHR) IN BANGLADESH: A MIXED-METHODS NATIONWIDE STUDY

PI: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director CGSRHR
Coordinated by: Farzana Misha, Research Coordinator
Qualitative Lead: Subas Chandra Biswas, Senior Research Fellow

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Objective: This study aims to explore the SRH needs of male youth (aged 15-24) in Bangladesh by exploring existing SRH interventions; identifying the gaps and challenges to improve SRH interventions and/or services; and identifying the barriers of implementation and recommendations for policy advocacy.

Research Fund: USD 521,938

Donor:



Embassy of the
Kingdom of the Netherlands



NATIONWIDE STUDY OF SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS (SRHR) OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDs) IN BANGLADESH

PI: Md Tanvir Hasan, Assistant Professor and Director CUEH
Co-PIs: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director CGSRHR and Raia Azmi, Senior Research Associate
Coordinated by: Raia Azmi, Senior Research Associate

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Objective: This study aims to conduct primary research among PWDs to better understand their SRH needs, knowledge about SRH, SRH sufferings, perception around sex and sexuality and barriers in accessing SRHR services. The study will review existing interventions and/or services relevant to SRHR of PWDs and generate new knowledge by reviewing laws and policies relevant to disability and SRHR.

Research Fund: USD 562,967

Partners: Directorate General of Health Services Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

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Objective: To harness the collective and catalytic strengths of inclusive and diverse partnerships to drive multi-level advocacy initiatives in a policy environment that is responsive to young people's realistic needs. RHRN Bangladesh performs Multi-level advocacy for: Comprehensive Reproductive Health and Sexuality Education for youth and adolescents, increased social tolerance towards gender expressions and youth-friendly SRHR services.

Research Fund: USD 42,554



REVIEW REPORT ON COMPREHENSIVE SEXUALITY EDUCATION IN BANGLADESH

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Objective: The central theme of this review report was to understand and learn about the existing provision and barriers in providing CSE and to review existing literature and analyze the current status of National Curriculum and Textbook Board (NCTB) curriculum on CSE/SRHR education and also to understand the opportunity of CSE in a Global, regional and national context to improve adolescent health.

Research Fund: USD 4,629



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URBAN HEALTH AND EQUITY

UNDERSTANDING THE NATURE OF CHILD MARRIAGE IN URBAN INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS IN BANGLADESH

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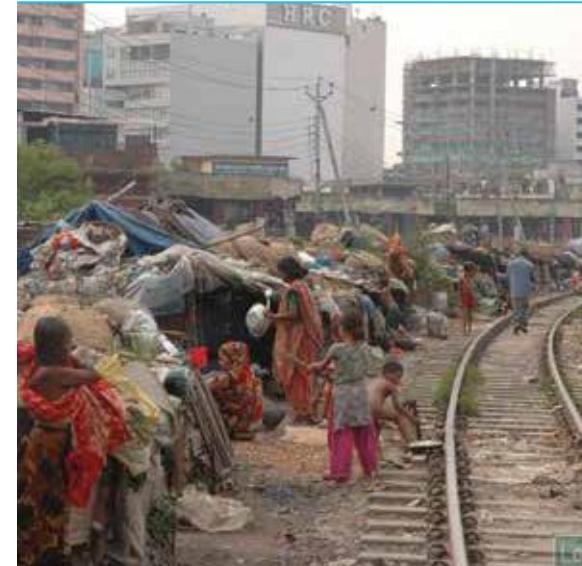
Objective: The study investigates the underlying causes and consequences of early and child marriage of adolescents in the context of urban slums. It also explores some of the challenges and lessons learnt from existing interventions that are working toward prevention of child marriage in urban slums.

Research Fund: USD 355,817

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ARISE - ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESPONSIVENESS IN INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS FOR EQUITY

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

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

Research Fund: USD 1,350,793

Partners:  LSTM CENTRE FOR MATERNAL AND NEWBORN HEALTH
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PATHWAYS TO EQUITABLE HEALTHY CITIES

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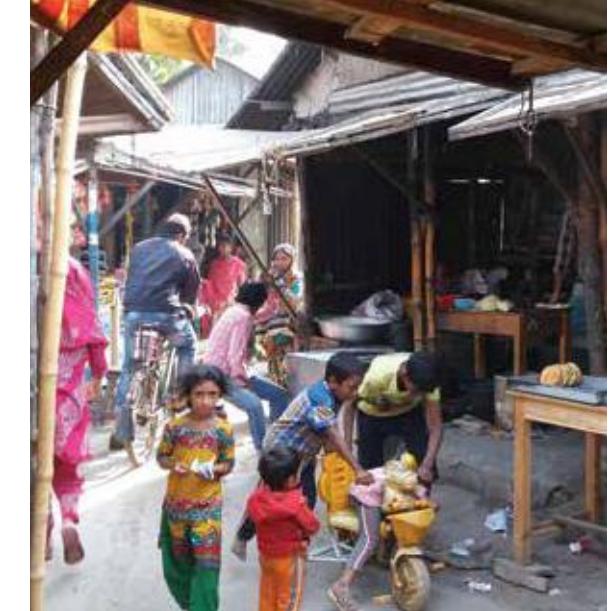
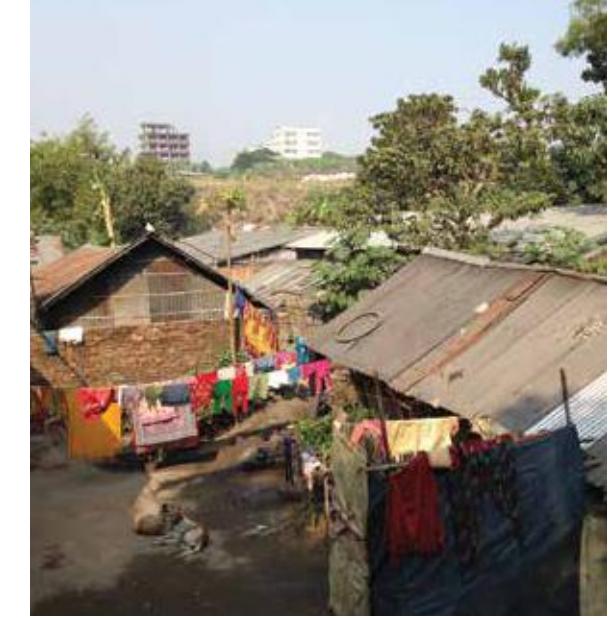
Objective: The project aims to reduce inequalities and minimize urban health threats through influencing sustainable changes in the environment of urban cities. This four-year-long Dhaka centric project will simultaneously be conducted across 5 other cities - Accra, London, Beijing, Tehran and Vancouver. The project will first review the environmental and socioeconomic factors that influence health and well-being of its population, and identify governance, technology, innovation, and practices that contribute to the present scenario.

Research Fund: USD 489,526

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