Dear Colleagues,

Please see our most recent materials on COVID-19 pandemic from April 2020 onwards. We have updates on our School’s Education, Training, NEW Research impact assessments and Advocacy. Please see latest highlights of activities below:

**Education**

Quantitative Research Methods- April 12- May 07

After successful completion of 4 weeks long Biostatistics course, Master of Public Health (MPH) students are currently undertaking Quantitative Research Methods, the 3rd online course during COVID-19 pandemic.

Midwifery: All upcoming modules of DMP have been shifted online. DMP took measures to continue academic activities from April through June. 20-25 Students were grouped under one faculty and began taking online classes through Zoom and Facebook.

**Training**

New webinars are being hosted every week. Below is the list

1. [The Response to COVID-19 in South Asia](https://mittalsouthasiainstitute.harvard.edu/event/webinar-is-the-response-to-covid-19-in-south-asia-adequate-and-proportionate/) (April 17- Sabina Faiz Rashid was a panellist)
2. [Covid 19 What We Know and What We Don't Know and Why This Matter](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U2HXtc021xs) (April 30)
3. [Emotional & Mental Wellbeing during COVID-19: Learning from Diverse Perspectives](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2f7q_nHlHxk&fbclid=IwAR0ewgQYSRPpHZfbxeuasdJH0EPoCQ8ub2erTueVcPwimA3W2T8viinKXmU) (May 5)
4. [Startup Talks: Future of Health](https://ne-np.facebook.com/bylcventures/videos/2622747801298869/) (May 5 - Professor kaosar Afsana was a panellist)
5. [Social Dimensions of a Pandemic: Stigma, Gender and COVID-19](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W8SpRnhy2FI&t=4s&fbclid=IwAR0brmxPlCE7YihDM62wq8bHZK8zxm04yPM4tT6RCrrMSH4ua-OzvrBmF5I) (May 7)
6. [Targeting Covid-19 relief payments in Bangladesh](https://www.facebook.com/BRACWorld/videos/666551777256275/UzpfSTE1ODcyNTYwMDkxMDExNzoyODg1OTYwMjU4MTg2NjI0/) (May 7 - Sabina Faiz Rashid was a panellist)
7. COVID-19 Impact on Urban Informal Settlements: Vulnerabilities, Challenges and Responses (May 14)
8. Gender, Violence and Women's Experiences During COVID-19 (May 20)

**Research**

21 **NEW/UPCOMING** Rapid Research Surveys and Qualitative Assessments are being under taken(April- Present):

1. Survey on consumer awareness of Nutrition, Food Safety and Hygiene
2. Media Surveillance On Coronavirus
3. A Quick Assessment of Knowledge, Perceptions, Barriers and Enablers, and Lived Experiences of the Frontline Health Workers (FLWS) Vis-à-vis Covid-19 Epidemic Management in Bangladesh
4. Adapting with the Context: ‘One BRAC’ Story in COVID-19 Response in Bangladesh
5. Front Line Health Workers’ (FLWS) Perceptions and opinions on their personal safety while attending suspected or confirmed covid-19 patients in Bangladesh
6. Covid-19 Impact on Urban Slums and Low Income Settlement: Education, Psychosocial Wellbeing and coping
7. Understanding knowledge and awareness on COVID-19 (Corona disease) and its impact on Livelihoods and life of Rohingya Refugee Camps in Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh
8. Stigma, Shame and COVID-19: "They Won't Even Touch the Money We Touched”
9. Psychological Stress of Pregnant Women During the Coronavirus Disease (Covid-19) Pandemic
10. Health System’s Response to COVID-19 In Bangladesh: A Rapid Study on the key building blocks
11. Mental And Emotional Health and Well-Being of University Students
12. COVID 19: Knowledge, Practices and Impact in South-Asia (Bangladesh Component)
13. Immunization Backlogs: A Quick Assessment of the Effects of COVID-19 on the Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) in Bangladesh
14. Exploring Opportunities to Improve Health Outcomes and Enable Better Health Systems Delivery through Mobile Money
15. COVID-19 mitigation Study among Migrant Workers in Singapore
16. What works to continue maternal and neonatal healthcare services during COVID-19 pandemic by MANOSHI Programme in urban slums of Bangladesh?-a case study
17. A Process Documentation of the Radio Intervention during COVID-19 Situation in Bangladesh
18. Telecounselling Interventions during COVID-19 Situation in Bangladesh: A Process Documentation
19. Telecommunication model towards Govt. Play Lab students: A process documentation l during COVID-19 Situation in Bangladesh
20. COVID-19 Impact in Bangladesh: Transmission Dynamics, Health System, Preparedness and Financing by Districts
21. The Impact of COVID-19 on the Psychosocial Wellbeing of the Sexually Marginalized Community in Bangladesh
22. COVID 19 shutdown: a new threat to the personal, social and economic wellbeing of Dalit community

**Upcoming Research**

1. Impact on Persons Living with Disabilities, with a focus on women’s experiences during COVID-19
2. Midwifery Led Care Centers in Bangladesh: An innovative model for sexual and reproductive health (SRH) care during the global COVID crisis

**Advocacy**

18 NEW BLOGS and 24 PUBLICATIONS have been posted since April:

Publications

1. Homebound - the first eight days! - [The Daily Star](https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/perspective/news/homebound-the-first-eight-days-1888189) – April 1st, 2020
2. Financial Mobility in an Immobile World: Strengthening the Footprint of Mobile Services in Bangladesh - [The Daily Star](https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/economics/news/financial-mobility-immobile-world-1889560)- April 5th, 2020
3. করোনা ভাইরাসের নিজস্ব কোন উচ্চাশা নেই - [Shampratik Deshkal](https://epaper.shampratikdeshkal.com/nogor-edition/2020-04-02/9?fbclid=IwAR20Gd3JCOh_npu2xK03bSxmxztWt0QEN4ex43t607WrRtStOTUYJExKtjc)- April 2nd, 2020
4. Lessons from the Past: What the Ebola outbreak -- and other experiences -- teach us about containment - [Dhaka Tribune](https://www.dhakatribune.com/opinion/op-ed/2020/04/03/lessons-from-the-past)– April 3rd, 2020
5. The dilemma between hunger and a pandemic: - [The Daily Star](https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/the-dilemma-between-hunger-and-pandemic-1893550) (Op-Ed by Sabina Faiz Rashid)- April 17th
6. Health workers sceptical about the quality of PPEs: survey - [Bdnews24.com](https://bdnews24.com/health/2020/04/18/health-workers-sceptical-about-the-quality-of-ppes-survey)- April 18th, 2020
7. Frontline healthcare workers question quality of PPE provided  - [Dhaka Tribune](https://www.dhakatribune.com/health/coronavirus/2020/04/18/frontline-healthcare-workers-question-quality-of-ppe-provided)- April 18th, 2020
8. Survey: 47% RMG workers now without any income amid Covid-19  - [Dhaka Tribune](https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/2020/04/18/survey-47-rmg-workers-lose-jobs-amid-covid-19)- April 18th, 2020
9. Coronavirus: Transgenders hit hard as lockdown bites  - [Dhaka Tribune](https://www.dhakatribune.com/health/coronavirus/2020/04/18/coronavirus-your-transgender-neighbour-sleeps-on-an-empty-stomach)- April 18th, 2020
10. Covid-19 taking toll on people’s general, mental health, six studies show - [The Daily Star](https://www.thedailystar.net/coronavirus-deadly-new-threat/news/covid-19-taking-toll-peoples-general-mental-health-six-studies-show-1894243)- April 18th, 2020
11. Brac Rapid Survey: 47pc garment workers yet to be paid - [The Daily Star](https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/brac-rapid-survey-47pc-garment-workers-yet-be-paid-1894444)- April 19th , 2020
12. Pins and needles at the time of a pandemic - [The Daily Star](https://www.thedailystar.net/in-focus/news/pins-and-needles-the-time-pandemic-1894663)  (Special report)- April 20th, 2020
13. RMG workers in disarray as factories cut jobs, fail to pay wages - [Dhaka Tribune](https://www.dhakatribune.com/bangladesh/2020/04/20/rmg-workers-in-disarray-as-factories-cut-jobs-fail-to-pay-wages?fb_comment_id=2905727262841499_2906514066096152)– April 20th, 2020
14. Colours of corona - [Kaler Kantho English](https://english.kalerkantho.com/online/op-ed/2020/04/20/35277?fbclid=IwAR31K65U6BnFdpMBQZnbDZ_Nezc7J82LhCt21eWmKlrRX4ZNLpYhpx70ubE) (OP-ED)- April 20th, 2020
15. What dragged N95 face masks into controversy? - Dhaka Tribune- April 23rd, 2020
16. COVID-19 Alumni Stories: Mushtaque Chowdhury - [London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine](https://blogs.lshtm.ac.uk/alumni/2020/04/27/covid-19-alumni-stories-mushtaque-chowdhury/?fbclid=IwAR1Il5FeRGVRx2M9g374a_asb8R_2bFd16fgqSPR14Q_tpXeO6MJIg9DPn4)- May 2nd, 2020
17. BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health Surveys on Social Stigma - [Kaler Kantho English](https://english.kalerkantho.com/online/trending/2020/05/02/35715?fbclid=IwAR0Uc9avhlXoj6RA2z11UbO5R1UCsOmM740ItCr6dIIqhTLct5TcHjqHGK4)- May 2nd, 2020
18. করোনাভাইরাস ঘিরে সামাজিক নিগ্রহের ভয়-অপবাদ নিয়ন্ত্রণ ‘জরুরি’ - [Bdnews24.com](https://bangla.bdnews24.com/bangladesh/article1753998.bdnews)- May 2nd, 2020
19. They won't even touch the money we touched’ -  [The Business Standard](https://tbsnews.net/coronavirus-chronicle/covid-19-bangladesh/they-wont-even-touch-money-we-touched-76423)- May 3rd, 2020
20. What the pandemic means for RMG - [Dhaka Tribune](https://www.dhakatribune.com/opinion/op-ed/2020/05/05/what-the-pandemic-means-for-rmg)- May 5th, 2020
21. 'They bully us when we queue up for relief': The transgender community during the pandemic - [The Business Standard](https://tbsnews.net/panorama/they-bully-us-when-we-queue-relief-transgender-community-during-pandemic-77332)- May 5th, 2020
22. Time to push online learning in higher education - [The Daily Star](https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/time-push-online-learning-higher-education-1902283)- May 14th, 2020
23. Making best of COVID-19: Pushing online learning in higher education in Bangladesh - [bdnews24](https://opinion.bdnews24.com/2020/05/13/making-best-of-covid-19-pushing-online-learning-in-higher-education-in-bangladesh/)- May 14th, 2020
24. Covid-19 and the missing data conundrum - [The Daily Star](https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/covid-19-and-the-missing-data-conundrum-1903798)- May 19th, 2020

**Blogs**

1. [A Tale of a Woman with Autism Spectrum Disorder](https://medium.com/@jpgsph.comms/a-tale-of-a-woman-with-autism-spectrum-disorder-a651ab4c178d) -2 April
2. [Social Distance is a Privilege: Let’s Be Empathetic and Supportive](https://medium.com/@jpgsph.comms/social-distance-is-a-privilege-lets-be-empathetic-and-supportive-8c1d83a3c604) - 4 April
3. [Pandemic in the face of parental obstinacy](https://medium.com/@jpgsph.comms/pandemic-in-the-face-of-parental-obstinacy-d3977af17c40)- 8 April
4. [Winning the corona war and more](https://medium.com/@jpgsph.comms/winning-the-corona-war-and-more-b5bc14468efa)- 12 April
5. [Quarantine vs. coronavirus: A Story of Survival](https://medium.com/@jpgsph.comms/quarantine-vs-coronavirus-a-story-of-survival-b57a73f6fc00) - 15 April
6. [এভরি ক্লাউড হ্যাজ এ সিলভার লাইনিং](https://medium.com/@jpgsph.comms/%E0%A6%8F%E0%A6%AD%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BF-%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%89%E0%A6%A1-%E0%A6%B9%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%9C-%E0%A6%8F-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%AD%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%87%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%82-cc7f54389696) - 19 April
7. [New Normal অথবা নতুন স্বাভাবিক জীবন](https://medium.com/@jpgsph.comms/new-normal-%E0%A6%85%E0%A6%A5%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%A8-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%AD%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%95-%E0%A6%9C%E0%A7%80%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%A8-b79ce521e91f)  - 22 April
8. [Maternity care amid Covid19 outbreak: Story of midwives in a remote Union Health Centre](https://medium.com/@jpgsph.comms/maternity-care-amid-covid19-outbreak-story-of-midwives-in-a-remote-union-health-centre-decbef45ca7f) - 8 May
9. [Making best of Covid-19: Pushing online learning in higher education in Bangladesh](https://medium.com/@jpgsph.comms/making-best-of-covid-19-pushing-online-learning-in-higher-education-in-bangladesh-477ead80df17) - 8 May
10. [Covid-19 and the missing data conundrum](https://medium.com/@jpgsph.comms/covid-19-and-the-missing-data-conundrum-a6b3d6422703) (sent to BRACU, not uploaded) - 9 May
11. [লকডাউন, বাস্তবতা, শিথিলতা ও করণীয়: বাংলাদেশ প্রেক্ষিত](https://medium.com/@jpgsph.comms/%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%A1%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%89%E0%A6%A8-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%B6%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A5%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%93-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%A3%E0%A7%80%E0%A7%9F-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%82%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B6-%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B7%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A4-980c57bbbb48)  (sent to BRACU, not uploaded) - 13 May

**PICTURE// MIDWIFERY**

**Midwifery**: Despite the challenges of COVID-19, 170 antenatal visits took place in April alone. This shows the commitment and dedication of the midwives and the trust of the local communities on them.

We will be sharing the new and upcoming Research Briefs on an ongoing basis. If you have any queries please contact any of our communication colleagues. (list email address- Amreen, Asif and Sabiha )

Stay safe and well.

Regards,

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