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BRAC JPGSPH Quarter Quasar

Looking back at 2020, amidst the COVID-19 pandemic BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University adapted to a complete lockdown situation. Academic activities were undertaken and its work on critical health challenges affecting disadvantaged communities continued.

With initiatives and lessons learnt from the past year, the year 2021 is extremely and unpredictably challenging. Bangladesh is currently facing the second wave of the pandemic, heterogeneous, but also contagious in 2021 as part of the founder of the nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, this month, the School continues to work meaningful impact not only in Bangladesh but also in Bangladesh's Rohingya refugee camps, Rohingya is a stateless community in Myanmar.

BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University, was founded in 2014 in Dhaka, Bangladesh to address the unmet public health needs of the country's most marginalized and South Asia. The School ensures premier higher education with unprecedented real-life learning and teaching and is a research institution focuses on critical and emerging national and global public health challenges.

IN THE NEWS

BRAC JPGSPH collaborated with Bangladesh Jute Goodsmakers Ltd. to organize an webinar on "Jute Sector in Post COVID Bangladesh: Challenges and Opportunities"

By Ivor Tolsby
March 2021

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By
Fahima Rahman Sarkar
Scholarch 2021

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Scholarship Ceremony

Scholarship ceremony of communities living in extreme poverty, marginalized and vulnerable in Bangladesh during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Jacob Dalsania, John Paul Sarkar, Tanvir Ahmed, Tanvir Hossain, Tanvir Islam, Tasnim Ahmed, Tasnim Zaman, Zaashiyah Ahmed, Ashfar Dolders

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EDUCATION

The School aspires to be a premier institution for education, Training, Research and Advocacy to diverse health challenges. This includes, factors that influence and impact on health, communicable and non-communicable diseases, maternal and child health, reproductive health, emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases, environmental health, injuries, disease, noncommunicable diseases, nutrition, gender equity and equity in health, health systems, health financing, health promotion, socio-economic determinants of health, human rights and health, health workforce, health equity and health financing, financial inclusion, universal health coverage, health and climate change, health promotion, health in emergencies and humanitarian crisis, health and climate change, health promotion, health in emergencies and humanitarian crisis, health promotion, gender equity, sexual and reproductive health, mental health, emerging investigation, policy and implementation. Provide a platform for research and advocacy for the underprivileged.

The School actively supports and contributes to public health professionals to become public health leaders, practitioners, critical thinkers, researchers, advocates, and educators who are committed to improving the health and well-being of the people of Bangladesh and the region, especially and internationally.

Education	Training	Research	Advocacy
The deans of Public Health Institutions in Bangladesh and Pakistan established in 2015 to strengthen public health education, research, and practice. The Association is a professional forum for public health institutions.	The School's mission is to strengthen the capacity of the developing country workforce, identify research priorities, and develop and implement public health policies under the guidance of the World Health Organization.	The School's research investigations focus on developing country priorities, identifying research priorities, and developing and implementing public health policies under the guidance of the World Health Organization.	The School has been instrumental in advocating for relevancy to developing country priorities, and has been instrumental in providing governmental from the School's research publications and solutions with tailored advocacy strategy.

9th Cohort MPH Class Graduates Online, 2020

BRAC JPGSPH held the graduation ceremony of its 9th Cohort of MPH students connecting on the ceremony. 28 national and 16 international from 8 countries.

Professor Mitsuo Ito
Vice Chancellor, BRAC University attended as the honorable chief guest

Dr Henry N Perry
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What Makes the MPH Programme at BRAC JPGSPH Unique?

- Experiential Community Immersion seeking Public Health Faculty and Practitioners
- A Global Dimension of Public Health Learners
- Public Health Practice Training Programme
- Public Health Consultancy Service
- Seeking Employable Professional Skills Development

MPH Online Learning 2020

BRAC JPGSPH, BRAC University leveraged the use of online resource tools such as Zoom, Moodle, Google Classroom, Google Drive, Google Forms, Google Sheets, Google Docs, offering MPH real-time online classes to about 186 students from the UK, India, Philippines, Myanmar, Nepal, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria, Ghana, Cameroon, Uganda, Malawi, Pakistan and Bangladesh continued the programme online.

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Developing Advocacy Project (DAP)

Developing Advocacy Project (DAP) is a joint initiative of the Institute of Health Management (IHM) at BRAC JPGSPH, BRAC University and the International Collaboration of Americas (ICA) and aspiration to develop a cadre of public health advocates in Asia. The Project Objectives have been jointly by the Director of Health and Director of Bangladesh Operation. The Objective is to develop a cadre of public health advocates in Bangladesh and developing the capacity for independent and practicing qualified Advocate Ethnically.

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TRAINING

Centre for Professional Skills Development on Public Health (CPSD)

The School's International training hub, Centre for Professional Skills Development on Public Health (CPSD) strengthens and upgrades the requisite professional skills utilized by practitioners, researchers, and educators in developing countries to address the complex, dynamic, and ever-evolving public health challenges.

Approximately 5,000 health and development professionals have received training from the School and it jointly collaborated with various partner institutions and organizations. Moreover, JPGSPH extensively and exclusively offers over 50 trainings, workshops, and seminars annually.

190+	320+	6200+	628
Short Courses, Trainings, Workshops to date	Participants trained in Short Courses, Trainings, Workshops to date	Trainees to date	Trainees in Online DAHT received training on COVID-19

Online training 2020

Since April 2020, BRAC JPGSPH has been holding a series of webinars every week to address the public health challenges related to the crisis through a joint exercise between the School and its partners in a wide audience, including BRAC University, health organizations, key stakeholders, partners, and practitioners. The webinars have been attended by participants from over 100 countries and 200 international organizations. The webinars have received an participation's rate of 70% of attendance on the day.

Webinar series on "Evaluation of development programme/ Technology and Implementation Research"

Dates: 8 November, 2020

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Online training training "Qualitative Research"

Dates: 18-20 August, 2020

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Quantitative research training and Implementation and report writing

Date: 10-12 August, 2020

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COVID-19 training for BRAC JPGSPH Faculty and Staff

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BRAC Training Platform

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Highlights of Upcoming Activities

The Centre for Professional Skills Development on Public Health (CPSD) under BRAC JPGSPH and Bangladesh Health Watch (BHW) are planning to organize a Training on Health Economics and International Development Cooperation Agency (IDAC).

5 short courses and 4 big short course will be undertaken by CPSD in Year 2021 (pre-supposed) by 2022.

RESEARCH

The School's five Centres of excellence and a Humanitarian Research Hub/DMC are research, training, critical and emerging developing country, health needs are investigated to identify evidence for policy and for program based solutions.

JPGSPH has gradually built up its research capacity within different spheres of public health, with a team of multidisciplinary researchers comprising of epidemiologists, medical anthropologists, social scientists, health economists, health systems researchers, health promotion, establishment, health policy and health system experts, implementation research specialists, biostatisticians and social scientists.

195+	45	680+	119
Research Projects in Progress/ Completed	Specialisations and Qualifications in Research Capacity Assessment via Cronbach's Alpha	Publications/Journal articles	Research Grants and Partnership

Research Centres for COVID-19

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Accessibility and Responsiveness of Human Interventions to Disasters

Lead Organizations of the Urban Poor in Dhaka during the Shutdown

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Pilots and studies on the Rohingya refugees in camps

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Research Centre of Excellence

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The Centre of Excellence on Maternal Health and Reproductive Health Rights (CoE-MHRR)

CoE-MHRR is dedicated to research, policy, advocacy and capacity building in the fields of gender, sexual and reproductive health, and rights in Bangladesh and in the region.

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The Centre of Excellence on Maternal Health Care (CoE-MHC)

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ADVOCACY

To Influence Policy and Programmes

The School actively engaged during public health emergency of COVID-19. This includes, sharing evidence with mainstream media, government advisers, citizens' platform, development partners, and other stakeholders. The School's advocacy initiatives have been underpinned by a multi-sectoral approach, including and sharing of evidence between academia, local bodies and globally in order to address, including BRAC University, health organizations, key stakeholders, partners, and practitioners. The School's advocacy initiatives have been underpinned by a multi-sectoral approach, including and sharing of evidence between academia, local bodies and globally in order to address, including BRAC University, health organizations, key stakeholders, partners, and practitioners. The School's advocacy initiatives have been underpinned by a multi-sectoral approach, including and sharing of evidence between academia, local bodies and globally in order to address, including BRAC University, health organizations, key stakeholders, partners, and practitioners. The School's advocacy initiatives have been underpinned by a multi-sectoral approach, including and sharing of evidence between academia, local bodies and globally in order to address, including BRAC University, health organizations, key stakeholders, partners, and practitioners.

214+	37+	95+
Advocacy and Policy engagements	Advocacy Issues addressed in Advocacy Policy engagements	Advocacy Issues addressed in two large policy engagements in 2020

WOMEN WORKING FOR COVID-19 RELIEF

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Exploring Adolescence: A Way of Growing Up

This video focuses on sexually physical and mental changes during puberty, personal hygiene concerns of adolescents.

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Birth to Death Registration

This video aims to promote implementation drives and learners of birth to death registration system in Bangladesh.

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To Influence Policy and Programme with

Colourburn

BRAC JPGSPH developed the video to raise awareness among the people about the cascades of colourburn in Bangladesh.

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Informed Consent

Consent procedures are critical to generate informed consent in research.

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International Women's Day 2020

BRAC JPGSPH celebrates women's leadership role and contribution to society, social economic, cultural development and COVID-19 response.

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COVID-19 Vaccination: Some Gender Perspectives

gender&EE experiences of COVID-19 pandemic in different contexts

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Development of Integrated Nutrition Messages for Schools

Develop and propose a set of impactful nutrition messages addressing nutrition issues such as healthy diet, nutrition, WASH, and physical activity for primary school students.

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Challenge Brings Great Change

Challenge brings great change

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We'd love to hear from you!

The BRAC JPGSPH Newsletter is an effective platform to share your ideas. Let's hear back in May!

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