



BRAC SCHOOL OF
JAMES P GRANT PUBLIC HEALTH



CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS AT BRAC JPGSPH

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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.

A Story of the Evolution of BRAC Humanitarian Play Lab (HPL) in Rohingya Camps of Bangladesh

To undertake a process documentation study outlining the story of BRAC Institute of Educational Development (BIED) and BRAC Humanitarian Crisis Management Programme (HCMP) run Humanitarian Play Lab (HPL) for children aged 0-6 years in the Rohingya refugee camps in Cox's Bazaar.

Timeline: The PD began in Feb 2019 and will continue until 2023. The first phase of the process documentation exercise is complete.

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 program interventions. The Centre also works towards bridging the gap between evidence generation through implementation research and policymaking, 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.

Climate Change, Migrations and Health Systems Resilience in Haiti and Bangladesh (ClimHB)

The Climate Change, Migration and Health Systems Resilience (ClimHB) project is an applied and interdisciplinary research project in Social Science and Public Health, which aims to analyse the capacities and vulnerabilities of health systems in Haiti and Bangladesh, through the lens of climate change-induced migration flows. Funded by the National Research Agency (ANR) as part of the presidential call "Make Our Planet Great Again" (MOPGA), this project is part of an international

research project in the social sciences and public health, focusing on public policies and health systems.

Timeline: January 2019-December 2021

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.

A Global Social Sciences Network for Infectious Threats and Antimicrobial Resistance

Create, pilot and evaluate curricula for training social scientists in preparedness and response to infectious threats and through curricular development and piloting social science knowledge of infectious threats among non-social sciences actors. The study will adapt, test, and evaluate vulnerability assessment tools on the ground and develop engagement models to facilitate collaboration across multiple stakeholders.

Timeline: January 2019-December 2021

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 Quayyyum, Professor and Dr Md Tanvir Hasan, Assistant Professor.

ARISE - Accountability and Responsiveness in Informal Settlements for Equity

The objective of this study is to develop interdisciplinary and multi-sectorial partnerships between researchers, non-governmental organizations, community, service providers, government departments and other non-government and private actors to co-produce and test new understandings, evidence and solutions for improving health and wellbeing of the urban informal settlement dwellers.

Timeline: Dec 2018-Feb 2024

Pathways to Equitable Healthy Cities

The objective of this study is to integrate and coordinate research and stakeholder engagement that support evidence-based policies aimed at improving population health, health equity and environmental sustainability in cities around the world. The Hub, and its projects, will achieve this objective through comparative studies that involve participatory research and coproduction of knowledge among academic researchers, policy makers and practitioners, and civil society; developing models for prospective policy evaluation.

Timeline: Jun 2018-Feb 2022

Centre of Excellence for Non-Communicable Diseases and Nutrition (CNCDN)

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.