

In the News

BRAC JPGSPH Hosted Asia Regional Launch of Landmark Global Health Report



BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health (BRAC JPGSPH), BRAC University, hosted the Asia Regional Launch of *Health in a World of Crises and Impunity*, the landmark report by the Johns Hopkins Center for Humanitarian Health–CHH-Lancet Commission on Health, Conflict, and Forced Displacement. The event brought together policymakers, humanitarian leaders, researchers and academics to examine how health systems can better respond to conflict, forced displacement and climate-related crises. Key speakers included Mohammed Mizanur Rahman, Additional Secretary and Commissioner, RRRRC; Professor Esperanza Martinez, Australian National University and Co-Chair, CHH-Lancet Commission; and Juliette Murekeyisoni, Deputy Representative, UNHCR Bangladesh. Discussions highlighted the urgent need to address inequities within the humanitarian response system and strengthen health systems for more equitable, resilient responses to crises.

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BRAC JPGSPH joined South Asia Heat and Health Hub

BRAC JPGSPH has joined the newly launched South Asia Heat and Health Hub, becoming the only institution from Bangladesh in the hub's core coordinating group. The regional initiative brings together leading research, policy, and development organisations to strengthen responses to extreme heat and its growing health impacts across South Asia. Hosted by the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW) in India and supported by Wellcome under the WHO–WMO Climate and Health Joint Programme, the hub aims to enhance heat-health early warning systems, support evidence-based heat action plans, and foster regional collaboration and knowledge sharing. Dr Farzana Misha, Associate Professor and Lead of the Climate Change, Environment and Health Hub (CCEH), BRAC JPGSPH, will serve as the Bangladesh focal point for the regional hub. Highlighting the urgency of the challenge, she emphasised that extreme heat is already affecting health systems, food and water security, and vulnerable populations across South Asia.



International Day of the Midwife 2026 Celebrated: “One Million More Midwives Needed Globally for Safe Motherhood”



The Midwifery Education Programme at BRAC JPGSPH celebrated the International Day of the Midwife in May 2026 under the theme - “One Million More Midwives Needed Globally for Safe Motherhood”. The event featured a rally, drama performances, presentations, and a Capping Ceremony welcoming the 12th batch of midwifery students into the profession. Dr Sharmina Rahman, Director & Head Midwifery Education Programme, BRAC JPGSPH, highlighted the growing need for skilled midwives. At the same time, Parvin Sultana, Representative of Mohammadpur Fertility Services and Training Centre emphasised their role in reducing maternal and neonatal mortality.

Building Health Resilience Through Inclusive One Health Approaches



At the **Global Health Security Conference 2026**, researchers from BRAC JPGSPH and Griffith University under the IPI-SAHC Project highlighted how social stigma, weak veterinary infrastructure, and institutional neglect heighten zoonotic risks among Bangladesh's small-scale pig farmers. The dissemination featured a presentation by Kaosar Afsana, Professor and Lead, Humanitarian Hub, BRAC JPGSPH, on "Sustaining Livelihoods and

Health: A One Health Approach to Small-Scale Pig Farming in Bangladesh", alongside a poster presentation by Dr Pragna Paramita Monda, Research Fellow, BRAC JPGSPH, titled "Invisible Livestock, Visible Risks: A One Health Examination for Advancing Global Health Resilience in Bangladesh." To build global health resilience, the team advocates for an inclusive One Health strategy that invests in rural veterinary care and integrates marginalised livestock keepers into national disease surveillance.

BRAC JPGSPH's Midwifery Excellence Showcased at the 34th ICM Congress 2026



Representing BRAC JPGSPH, Dr Sharmina Rahman, Director & Head, Midwifery Education Programme, made significant contributions at the 34th International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) Congress 2026 in Lisbon, Portugal, which brought together 3,200 midwifery leaders, educators, researchers, practitioners and policymakers. She delivered an oral presentation on transforming normal delivery practices through the use of birthing chairs in midwife-led care centres. Dr Rahman also chaired two scientific sessions on professional development and mental health, and contributed to a special session organised by the Sydney Group and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, sharing Bangladesh's experiences in strengthening private midwifery services, expanding access to quality maternal healthcare and supporting sustainable independent midwifery practice.

BRAC JPGSPH Participated in Global Health Research Unit (GHRU) Annual Scientific Meeting 2026



The 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting of the Global Health Research Unit (GHRU) for Diabetes and Cardiovascular Diseases was held in June 2026 at Imperial College London, with participation from Malay Kanti Mridha, Professor & Director, Central Research and Innovation Office, BRAC University, and Dr Ali Ahsan, Research Coordinator, Centre for Non-Communicable Disease and Nutrition (CNCND), BRAC JPGSPH. Professor Mridha presented progress from the Dinajpur Study on improving hypertension and diabetes care through mHealth and decentralised primary care in rural Bangladesh, and highlighted the research capacity of BRAC University and BRAC JPGSPH to strengthen international collaboration. As a GHRU Junior Researcher, Dr Ahsan presented findings on household-level lifestyle modification counselling delivered by community health workers. The meeting brought together leading academic and healthcare institutions from the UK, Singapore, India, Sri Lanka and Pakistan.

Bringing Locally Generated Evidence to the Global Health Stage: CUGH 2026



The Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU), BRAC JPGSPH, highlights the participation of Dr Mrittika Barua, MPH, PhD, Adjunct Assistant Professor and Technical Advisor at BRAC JPGSPH, at the Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH)

2026. In April 2026, she joined a pre-conference workshop on co-designing community-centred AI and digital tools, sharing insights from her Bangladesh-based digital health research. She also presented research on barriers and facilitators to implementing multidrug-resistant tuberculosis treatment in Bangladesh and a poster on sex-disaggregated family planning knowledge and practices among Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.

BRAC JPGSPH at HBS Symposium on Research and Practice 2026



Humyra Shah, MSPH graduate student at the Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, and formerly affiliated with BRAC JPGSPH, was invited to present a poster titled "Behavioural and Social Drivers of HPV Vaccine Uptake During Bangladesh's National Single-Dose HPV Vaccination Rollout" at the 2nd Annual HBS Symposium on Research and Practice, held in April 2026. Co-authored with Jannatul Sumrina Hridhi, Research Associate, and Humayra Binte Anwar, Senior Lecturer & Assistant Director, Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU), the poster was featured in a session on behavioural and social factors influencing vaccine uptake in Bangladesh. The research, conducted at BRAC JPGSPH, explores key drivers of HPV vaccine acceptance during the national rollout. The symposium was organised by the Department of Health, Behavior and Society, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University.

BRAC JPGSPH Advanced Evidence-Based Maternal and Reproductive Health Programmes



The Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU) at BRAC JPGSPH presented findings from its evaluation of a COM-B model-based intervention to improve facility-based deliveries and family planning uptake among Forcibly Displaced Myanmar Nationals (FDMN) in Cox's Bazar at a national dissemination workshop held in June 2026. Conducted in partnership with the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society and the Swiss Red Cross, the research found that the intervention increased facility-based deliveries, contraceptive use and positive health-seeking behaviours. Community Health Volunteers and religious leaders played pivotal roles in supporting these improvements. The workshop brought together representatives from government, humanitarian organisations, development partners and academia to discuss the findings and their implications for strengthening maternal and reproductive health programmes.

BRAC JPGSPH Researchers Showcased Climate and Health Research at CEDAAH-2026



Dr Sabiha M. Khan, Research Fellow, and Dr Tanvir Ahmed, Research Associate, from the Climate and Environmental Health Hub (CCEH) at BRAC JPGSPH,

participated in the International Conference on Climate Extremes, Disasters, Anticipatory Actions and Human Health (CEDAAH-2026), held at BUET (Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology), Dhaka in April 2026. Based on a CCEH study conducted in Satkhira and Naogaon, Dr Khan presented findings on primary healthcare preparedness and health system resilience to climate extremes and disasters, while Dr Ahmed presented research on seasonal patterns of respiratory, waterborne, and skin diseases among under-five children in climate-vulnerable regions of Bangladesh.

BRAC JPGSPH Researcher Shared Recommendations for Cross-Sectoral Action on Climate-Resilient Health Systems



At the policy dialogue titled "Climate-Responsive Health Financing and Health System Resilience in Bangladesh," hosted by the Center for Participatory Research and Development (CPRD), stakeholders discussed ways to strengthen Bangladesh's health financing system in the face of increasing climate-related public health risks. As a discussant, Dr Sabiha M. Khan, Research Fellow, BRAC JPGSPH, emphasised the need to strengthen health reporting systems for climate-sensitive diseases, promote multisectoral collaboration, invest in frontline health workers, and integrate climate risks into health planning and budgeting to build a more resilient health system.

Evolution of Nutrition Surveillance in Bangladesh

In April 2026, the Centre for Non-Communicable Diseases and Nutrition (CNCDN) at BRAC JPGSPH hosted a public health webinar on the "Evolution of Nutrition Surveillance in Bangladesh." Moderated by Syeda Mahsina Akter, the session featured panellists Prof. Malay Kanti Mridha and Saiqa Siraj, who discussed how national nutrition surveillance has evolved over the last few decades to shift its focus in response to changing public health needs.

BRAC JPGSPH Researcher Offered Fully Funded PhD Position at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam



Md. Sajid Sultan Haque, Senior Research Associate, BRAC JPGSPH, has been offered a fully funded PhD position at the Athena Institute of Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, marking the beginning of a new chapter in his academic and research journey. Sajid is an MPH alumnus of BRAC JPGSPH and has been contributing to public health research through his work at CGSRHR. He has been involved in research projects including Our Voices, Our Futures (OVOF) and CARE, contributing to work focused on

gender, climate change, health, SRHR and community experiences. His PhD will further build on his experience in public health research and his commitment to understanding complex health and social challenges.

BRAC JPGSPH Researcher Awarded Fully Funded 21st Century Pre-Doctoral Fellowship for PhD at Rutgers University



Munia Afroz, Senior Research Associate, BRAC JPGSPH, has been awarded the fully funded 21st Century Pre-Doctoral Fellowship to pursue a PhD in Public Health at the School of Public Health, Rutgers University. With a background in nutrition and public health, she has made significant contributions, working on more than 10 large-scale research initiatives, including the Bangladesh Nutrient Profile Model, Sodium Benchmark for Bangladesh, Process Documentation of Nutrition Services, South Asian Biobank, and REACTS-In. Her research focuses on nutrition, food systems, food environments and non-communicable diseases. Through her PhD, she aims to generate evidence to inform policies and interventions that improve nutrition and public health outcomes.

Education Updates

Master of Public Health (MPH) programme

Strengthening Public Health Skills: Biostatistics Course for MPH Batch 22

Biostatistics

Course Coordinators: Md Tanvir Hasan, Professor and Co-Director, Centre of Excellence for Urban Equity & Health (CUEH), BRAC JPGSPH, BRAC University, and Mahbub Latif, Adjunct Professor, BRAC JPGSPH, BRAC University, Professor, Institute of Statistical Research and Training (ISRT), University of Dhaka



In April, the Biostatistics course for MPH Batch 22 at BRAC JPGSPH strengthened students' statistical and analytical skills for evidence-based public health practice. Inaugurated by Professor Md. Tanvir Hasan, PhD, CUEH, BRAC JPGSPH, and Professor M. Shafiqur Rahman, PhD, ISRT, University of Dhaka, the course combined interactive lectures, practical exercises, real-world datasets and RStudio-based analysis. A guest session by Professor Malay Kanti Mridha, Deputy Dean and Director, CNCDN, drew on his Fulbright experience at Johns Hopkins University to explore innovative teaching approaches and global best practices. The course concluded with students demonstrating greater confidence in statistical thinking and evidence-informed decision-making.

Building Practical Skills in Quantitative Research

Quantitative Research Methods

Course Coordinator: Farzana Misha, Associate Professor, BRAC JPGSPH, BRAC University, Lead, Climate Change, Environment and Health Hub, BRAC JPGSPH, BRAC University, **Course Co-coordinator:** Md. Iqbal Hossain, Md. Iqbal Hossain, PhD, Adjunct Professor, BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University



In April 2026, the Quantitative Research Methods (QRM) Course provided an intensive, in-person learning experience combining theory with hands-on practice. Through lectures, practical exercises, group work and field activities, students explored study designs, sampling, research ethics, SurveyCTO-based digital data collection and statistical analysis. They developed research protocols, conducted literature reviews, designed questionnaires and carried out field-based scoping activities on emerging public health issues. Sessions on scientific writing further strengthened skills in journal article and manuscript preparation. Coordinated by Farzana Misha, with Md. Iqbal Hossain as Course Co-coordinator, and supported by Sabuktagin Rahman and four Teaching Fellows, the course equipped participants to conduct high-quality public health research.

Exploring Public Health Through Qualitative Research

Qualitative Research Methods

Course Coordinator: Alayne Adams, PhD, Adjunct Professor, BRAC JPGSPH, BRAC University, Associate Professor, McGill University - Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, **Course Co-Coordinator:** Mrityika Barua, PhD, Adjunct Assistant Professor & Technical Advisor, BRAC James P. Grant School of Public Health



In May 2026, the Qualitative Research Methods course equipped MPH Batch 22 students at BRAC JPGSPH with practical skills to explore complex public health issues through qualitative inquiry. Coordinated by Dr. Alayne Adams and Dr. Mrityika Barua, the course covered research design, positionality, reflexivity, ethics, data collection, and thematic analysis through interactive and collaborative learning. A field visit to Duaripara, Mirpur-12, enabled students to investigate issues including NCD management among older adults, heat stress among workers, and post-Caesarean recovery experiences. The course strengthened students' ability to conduct field-based research and generate contextually relevant, people-centred public health evidence.

Strengthening Health Systems Thinking: Health Systems Management

Health Systems Management

Course Advisor: Prof. Syed Masud Ahmed, Director, Centre of Excellence for Health Systems and Universal Health Coverage (CoE HS&UHC), BRAC JPGSPH, BRAC University and, Shaikh A. Shahed Hossain, Adjunct Professor, BRAC JPGSPH, BRAC University



In June and July 2026, the Health Systems Management course equipped MPH Batch 22 students at BRAC JPGSPH with a deeper understanding of health systems and their role in advancing universal health coverage. Advised by Dr. Syed Masud Ahmed and coordinated by Dr. Bachera Aktar and Dr. Nahitun Naher, the course explored health systems building blocks, governance, financing, service delivery, health workforce, pharmaceuticals, community health workers and antimicrobial resistance. Through interactive lectures, case studies and practical activities, students examined Bangladesh's health system and diverse service delivery models, developing the systems thinking and analytical skills needed to contribute to resilient, equitable and people-centred health systems.

21st MPH Batch Presented at "Students' Research Day"



The 21st Batch Students' Research Day of the Master of Public Health (MPH) program at BRAC JPGSPH was successfully celebrated in June, 2026. As part of this academic milestone, MPH students presented their thesis-based research posters before a panel of internal and external reviewers. The event provided an excellent platform for students to showcase their research findings, engage in scholarly discussions, and receive valuable feedback from experts. The event was attended by the Dean, faculty members, supervisors, mentors, researchers, and academic colleagues whose guidance and support have been instrumental throughout the students' research journey.

Celebrating the Graduation Ceremony of MPH 21st Batch



The 21st Batch Graduation Ceremony of the Master of Public Health (MPH) programme at BRAC JPGSPH was held in June 2026 at the Exhibition Gallery, BRAC University. The ceremony celebrated graduates as they marked a significant milestone and began a new chapter in public health leadership. The event featured remarks from Dean Dr Laura Reichenbach, keynote speaker Dr Timothy Grant Evans, and Chief Guest Professor Arshad Mahmud Chowdhury, alongside distinguished faculty and guests. Graduates received Degree Completion Letters, while outstanding academic, research, leadership, and teaching contributions were recognised through prestigious awards. The celebration concluded with a group photograph and networking reception.

Midwifery and Nursing Education Programme (MNEP)

Alumni Reunion 2026: A Celebration of Memories and Togetherness



The Midwifery & Nursing Education Programme at BRAC JPGSPH hosted its Alumni Reunion on 24 April 2026, bringing together former teachers and graduates in a joyful celebration of shared memories and lasting connections. The event provided an opportunity for alumni to reconnect, exchange experiences and reflect on their academic journeys, highlighting the strong bonds built over the years. Reaffirming that its graduates are a source of pride and strength, the programme also launched a dedicated WhatsApp group to strengthen alumni engagement through professional networking, knowledge sharing, career opportunities and mutual support. Alumni expressed their commitment to keeping the platform active and fostering continued collaboration within the midwifery community.

Strengthening Bangladesh's Caregiving Workforce: Highlights from the Caregiver Development Programme



The Caregiver Development Programme at the BRAC JPGSPH, made significant progress during April–June 2026 through expanded training and strategic partnerships. During this period, 24 and 20 trainees successfully completed Level 2 and Level 3 training, respectively, while new Level 2, 3 and 4 batches enrolled 75 trainees. To strengthen international career pathways, the Kaicom Group visited JPGSPH on 20 April to explore collaboration in supporting graduates seeking caregiving careers in Japan. The programme also expanded its NHRDF-supported training, successfully completing the 3rd batch and launching the 4th batch on 25 June 2026, further contributing to the development of a skilled caregiving workforce in Bangladesh.

Welcoming Future Midwives and Nurses: Orientation Programme 2026



On 10 May, we warmly welcomed the newly admitted students of the Diploma in Midwifery and Diploma in Nursing and Midwifery through an Orientation Programme. Students and parents actively shared their expectations and became familiar with the institution, academic activities, and learning environment. It was a wonderful beginning filled with enthusiasm, hope, and mutual connection.

Research Updates

Advancing Community-Led Sexual and Reproductive Health Education



Researchers from the BRAC JPGSPH advanced two major research initiatives during April–June 2026 from the Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSHR). Phase 3 of the Together Project 2.0 began with a community viewing session of the co-developed Bangla-language sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) video series in an urban slum in Dhaka. The session engaged community leaders, religious leaders, and other local influencers to gather their perspectives on the videos. Alongside this, we have completed data collection through focus group discussions with adolescents, parents, and service providers, as well as in-depth interviews (IDIs) with community leaders. The findings from this phase will inform the adaptation, refinement, and dissemination of the video series, ensuring that the final content is culturally appropriate and community-owned.

Understanding the Impact of Climate Change on Communities Through Qualitative Research



From May to June, the CARE Project team from Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSHR)

conducted intensive qualitative research in Itagacha and Shyamnagar in Satkhira, and Shyampur in Dhaka to explore how climate change affects communities. Following inception meetings, researchers engaged young adolescents and older community members through in-depth interviews, body mapping and seasonal calendars. Body mapping enabled participants to express changes in their bodies, emotions and lives through art and storytelling, while seasonal calendars captured yearly shifts in weather, income, food, illness and customs. Interviews with married and unmarried adolescents examined climate change's impact on work, family planning and health.

Advancing Self-Care Interventions for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights



The Humanitarian Hub at the BRAC JPGSPH launched an implementation research study on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) self-care interventions with a kickoff meeting in April 2026 at Amari Dhaka. The study aims to strengthen the use of Oral Contraceptive Pills (OCPs) and Emergency Contraceptive Pills (ECPs) as self-care approaches to improve access, informed decision-making, and reproductive autonomy among underserved populations in Bangladesh. A subsequent Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting in June 2026 at the MCH Unit of DGFP reviewed project progress and upcoming activities, reinforcing collaborative efforts to advance evidence-based, equitable, and dignified SRHR interventions.

Supporting Community Health Workers' Well-Being and Capacity



The Bangladesh SHINE (Strengthening Health Systems by Improving Community Health Workers' Mental Wellbeing and Empowerment) team completed the first round of refresher training in May for government and non-government supervisors and Community Health Workers (CHWs), reaching 36 government supervisors, 11 non-government supervisors, 309 government CHWs, 50 BRAC Shasthya Kormis and 342 Shasthya Shebikas. The training reinforced key components of the SHINE intervention, including mental well-being, self-care and supportive supervision.

Co-Learning Workshops with the Intervention Development Team (IDT)



Following the first cycle of the intervention, the team conducted co-learning workshops in June in Mymensingh and Barisal with members of the Intervention Development Team (IDT), comprising community health workers (CHWs) and supervisors from the government health system and BRAC who co-designed and received the intervention. Eighteen participants attended in Mymensingh and 27 in Barisal. The workshops enabled participants to reflect on the first six months of the intervention, including the mental well-being, supportive supervision and popular theatre components. Participants shared experiences, discussed lessons learned, assessed the intervention's effectiveness, and provided recommendations to refine the next implementation cycle.

experiences, discuss key lessons learned, assess the perceived effectiveness of the intervention components, and offer feedback and recommendations to inform the next cycle of implementation and further refinement of the intervention.

Qualitative Study Explores Violence and Trauma Among Rohingya Refugees



As part of an ongoing study with Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) on violence and trauma experienced by Rohingya people displaced from Myanmar, researchers of the Humanitarian Hub completed the qualitative phase of data collection in May 2026. The study seeks to understand the lived experiences, challenges and coping mechanisms of Rohingya refugees affected by conflict and displacement. During this period, the team conducted 20 in-depth interviews, eight focus group discussions and 14 key informant interviews with community members, service providers and key stakeholders. The findings will provide valuable evidence on trauma, protection concerns and support needs, helping to inform future humanitarian programming, policy development and interventions to strengthen the well-being and resilience of displaced Rohingya communities.

Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Diagnostics for Expanding Access to Cefiderocol (AMR-DEAC) –mixed methods triangulation study



The research study from the Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU) continues to make steady progress, with quantitative data collection ongoing across participating sites. During this reporting period, the qualitative team completed pretesting of interviews and field observations to assess the clarity, appropriateness and feasibility of the study tools and procedures. A summary report of the findings has been shared with the donor and study collaborators and is currently under review. The feedback will inform refinement of the qualitative tools, including question wording, probing techniques and coverage of key topics, ensuring they effectively capture participants' experiences and perspectives before the main qualitative data collection begins. The study aims to generate evidence to support the effective implementation of antimicrobial susceptibility testing and the introduction of novel antibiotics in low- and middle-income countries.

Advancing Research on Childhood Noncommunicable Diseases in Bangladesh



The Centre of Excellence for Health Systems and Universal Health Coverage (CoE-HS&UHC), in collaboration with the Centre of Excellence for

Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU) under the GENERATE initiative, has completed data analysis for the implementation research on childhood-onset noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) conducted in two pilot districts of Bangladesh. The final project report has been submitted to the donor. The research team is currently working on developing policy briefs to facilitate evidence-informed decision-making and is preparing for stakeholder dissemination workshops to share key findings and recommendations with policymakers, program implementers, and other relevant stakeholders.

Consultation Meeting on Integrating Regulatory Approaches for Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) Prevention and Control into Law and Public Health Curricula in Bangladesh



In April 2026, the Centre for Non-communicable Disease and Nutrition (CNCDN) at the BRAC JPGSPH organised a consultation meeting under the IDLO-funded project, Integrating Regulatory Approaches for Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) Prevention and Control into Law and Public Health Curricula in Bangladesh. Held at BRAC Tower, the meeting brought together faculty members from the public health and law departments of ten leading universities. Participants discussed the role of law in addressing the growing burden of NCDs, reviewed preliminary curriculum findings, and explored opportunities and challenges for integrating regulatory approaches into academic programmes. The meeting concluded with strong support for interdisciplinary collaboration and recognising law as a key tool for advancing public health and strengthening NCD prevention and control in Bangladesh.

Community-Led Action Takes Root Across Dhaka in Landmark Dengue Prevention Trial



The Centre of Excellence for Non-Communicable Diseases and Nutrition (CNCDN) research team is advancing the project “Sustainable, Healthy Cities: A Cluster Randomized Controlled Trial for Aedes Control in Bangladesh (Dengue cRCT)” across 30 clusters in Dhaka. The project has engaged communities through 10 community meetings and 50 intervention design workshops, involving diverse stakeholders in developing evidence-informed solutions. Baseline findings, including seroprevalence among children, Aedes breeding site assessments, and community Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices (KAP) data, were shared to guide locally relevant actions. A strong community network has been established with 30 Community Facilitators and approximately 500 Community Volunteers leading intervention activities. Using the Socializing Evidence for Participatory Action (SEPA) approach, communities identified local challenges and co-created solutions, with researchers serving as facilitators. This participatory model promotes community ownership and sustainable dengue prevention efforts.

Improving Access to Childhood Cancer Care in Bangladesh



The study, Accessing Childhood Cancer Care in Bangladesh: An Exploratory Qualitative Study, funded under the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (RSTMH) Early Career Grants Programme, has made significant progress. Approval has been secured from the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), with institutional approvals from selected study sites currently underway ahead of data collection. A comprehensive desk review is also being conducted to inform the study design and contextualise findings within the existing evidence on childhood cancer care in Bangladesh. As part of the grant’s capacity strengthening activities, Dr Lamisa Rahman, Principal Investigator and Senior Research Associate, participated in the RSTMH Mid and Senior Career Researcher Networking Meeting and the Half-Yearly Office Hours Call to share project progress and engage with the wider research community.

CCEH Hosts Research Seminar on “From Everyday Practices to Policy: Food Safety and the Urban Poor in Bangladesh.”



The Climate Change, Environment and Health Hub (CCEH) at the BRAC JPGSPH hosted a seminar titled From Everyday Practices to Policy: Food Safety and the Urban Poor in Bangladesh. Environmental policy researcher Dr Md Latiful Haque presented findings from his PhD research on the links between everyday food practices and food safety governance among urban poor communities. Discussions highlighted how affordability, limited storage, time constraints and reliance on informal food vendors shape food safety, while exposing gaps between policy and lived realities. Participants called for more inclusive, community-centred and context-sensitive food safety governance, with greater recognition of informal vendors to promote safe and equitable food access in Bangladesh.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Sustained effects of combined maternal and child SQ-LNS in early life on growth and developmental outcomes at preschool age: an individual participant data analysis of randomized trials in Ghana and Bangladesh

Authors: Kathryn G Dewey, Charles D Arnold, Susana L Matias, Seth Adu-Afarwuah, Maku E Demuyakor, Sika M Kumordzie, Malay K Mridha, Brietta M Oaks, Harriet Okronipa, Fahmida Tofail

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Prevalence of presbyopia among social safety net beneficiaries with the cognitive, numeracy and dexterity skills required for smartphone use: a cross-sectional analysis of THRIFT RCT screening data from Kurigram, Bangladesh

Authors: Ishrat Binte Aftab, Tisha Chakma, Sonia Pant, Lovemore Nyasha Sigwadhi, Sharmin Akter Shitol, H M Masudur Rahman, Jahangir Alam, Enam Haque, Harithaa P Chadalavada, Fahmeeda Murtaza, Ving Fai Chan, Julie-Anne Little, Rohit C Khanna, Graeme MacKenzie, Ella Gudwin, Lynne Lohfeld, Mike Clarke, Abu Shonchoy, Nathan Congdon, Atonu Rabbani

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Configurations as a powerful analytical tool for examining global health interventions

Authors: Valéry Ridde, Sarah Louart, Jannatul Sumrina & Jean-Marc Goudet

Published: 11 April 2026 in *Discover Public Health*

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12982-026-01841-1>

Association between hypertension and impaired lung function among adults: A systematic review and meta-analysis

Authors: Dilakshi Lekamge, Anuradhani Kasturiratne, Malay Kanti Mridha, John Chambers

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Extreme heat, exclusive breastfeeding and maternal mental health in northern Senegal: a population health intervention research protocol for the SPRINT-Sen study

Authors: Jean-Marc Goudet, Adama Faye, Sandrine Anquetin, Emmanuel Bonnet, Muhammed Nazmul Islam, Sarah Louart, Veronique Filippi, Pauline Gluski, Sari Kovats, Fatimata Sow, Labaly Touré, Zahidul Quayyum, Valéry Ridde

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National and Sub-National Delivery of Balanced Energy and Protein (BEP) Supplements to Pregnant and Lactating Women in LMICs: Lessons from Multi-Country Implementation Case Studies

Authors: Kissell, M. C., Afsana, K., Askari, S., Byadya, R., Chowdhury, R., Christian, P., de Pee, S., Huybregts, L., Jehan, F., Lama, T. P., Lee, A. C., Mukendi, E. T., Osman, N., Potani, I., Rogers, L., Sethi, V., & Mwangi, M. N.

Published: 5 May 2026 in *Nutrients* (Vol. 18, issue 9, article 1471)

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3390/nu18091471>

Capacity and service readiness of facilities for non-communicable diseases in Bangladesh: a health system perspective from two selected districts

Authors: Kanchon MR, Akon MR, Tasnim Z, Naher N, Rahman L, Fraser-Hurt N, Ahmed SM

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Exploring the interplay of family dynamics and pregnancy supplement adherence among married women of reproductive age: a qualitative study from rural Bangladesh

Authors: Mondal PP, de Boer M, Rahman A, Khaled N, Zavala E, Afsana K, et al.

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Obesity rise plateaus in developed nations and accelerates in developing nations

Authors: NCD Risk Factor Collaboration (NCD-RisC) [Malay Kanti Mridha, Abu AM Hanif and Kaosar Afsana from BRAC JPGSPH]

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The readiness of primary healthcare facilities to address non-communicable diseases in rural Bangladesh

Authors: T. Sarker, W. Xie, A. Ahsan, F. Akter, M. M. Hossain, A. Anan, J. Sultana, I. Goon, F. Hersch, Z. Quayyum, B. Oldenburg, J. Chambers, and M. K. Mridha

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Haemoglobin concentration thresholds that discriminate functional outcomes among children aged 6–30 months in eight countries: a pooled analysis of individual participant data

Authors: (from BRAC JPGSPH): Malay Kanti Mridha

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Knowledge, Attitude and Practice of Nursing Students on Antibiotic Use and Resistance in Bangladesh

Authors: Hasan M, Khan MA, Hossian M, Barsha SY, Haque MM, Joya JM, Rahman L, Nurunnabi M, Mishu TZ, Afroz S, Tanvir KM

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Policy Dialogue Highlights Challenges Facing Bangladesh's Family Planning Programme



Bangladesh Health Watch organised a policy dialogue titled Declining Primary Health Care Programme in Bangladesh: The Story of the National Family Planning Programme in May 2026 at the CIRDAP Auditorium. Dr Yasmin Ahmed highlighted that Bangladesh's progress in reducing the Total Fertility Rate from 7.0 to 2.3 is under threat due to contraceptive shortages, weakened field services and declining programme performance. Experts called for stronger primary healthcare, improved technology, increased investment and urgent supply chain reforms. Chief Guest Dr M.A. Muhit reaffirmed the government's commitment to strengthening primary healthcare, while Director General Dr Ashrafi Ahmad announced that the procurement crisis is expected to be resolved by August.

Civil Society Calls for Stronger Accountability in Health Budget Implementation



Bangladesh Health Watch, in collaboration with ARK Foundation, organised a discussion titled Post-Budget Civil Society Reflection on the Health Budget in June 2026 at CIRDAP, Dhaka.

Participants welcomed the record FY2026–27 health budget allocation of BDT 69,409 crore but stressed that improved health outcomes depend on effective implementation, stronger governance and accountability. Professor Dr Rumana Haque highlighted procurement and institutional challenges, while Special Guest Fazley Huda Babul, MP, called for transparent use of public resources. Chief Guest Dr M.A. Muhit reaffirmed the government's commitment to strengthening primary healthcare, improving working conditions and ensuring equitable access to quality healthcare.

Workshop Promotes Safe Motherhood and Appropriate Use of Caesarean Sections



Bangladesh Health Watch organised a workshop on Safe Motherhood and Optimising C-Section at the Civil Surgeon's Office in Kurigram in June 2026. The event brought together the Civil Surgeon, Upazila Health and Family Planning Officers and representatives from private clinics to discuss strategies for promoting safe maternal healthcare and the appropriate use of caesarean sections. Moderated by Dr Shwapon Kumar Biswas, the workshop featured a presentation by Rajesh Adhikari on current C-section practices in Bangladesh. Participants emphasised stronger public-private collaboration, improved monitoring, adherence to clinical guidelines and greater public awareness to support evidence-based maternal healthcare.

Intra University Moot Court Competition on Health Law



In collaboration with the Centre for Non-communicable Disease and Nutrition (CNCDN), the BRAC University School of Law organised an Intra-University Moot Court Competition on Health Law under the IDLO-funded project, Integrating Regulatory Approaches for Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) Prevention and Control into Law and Public Health Curricula in Bangladesh. Believed to be one of the first initiatives of its kind in Bangladesh, the competition demonstrated the role of law in shaping public health outcomes and the importance of strengthening legal education on health issues. The closing ceremony was attended by Mr Justice Md Toufique Inam of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, while Maria Chiara Campisi, Health Law Programme Coordinator at IDLO, joined virtually, marking a significant milestone in interdisciplinary legal and public health education.

AMR in LMICs: Diagnostic Gaps That Matter

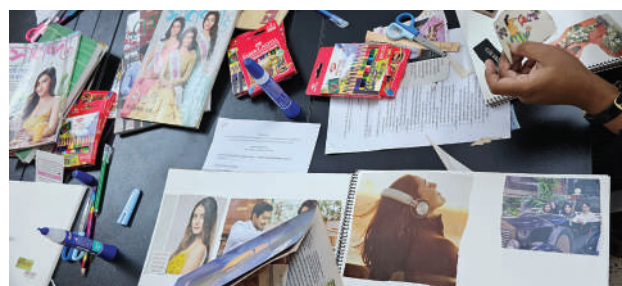
In May 2026, the Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU) at the BRAC JPGSPH hosted the webinar AMR in LMICs: Diagnostic Gaps That Matter, bringing together researchers, clinicians and policymakers to discuss the role of diagnostics in tackling antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in low- and middle-income countries. Moderated by Dr Humayra Binte Anwar, Senior Lecturer & Assistant Director, with opening remarks by Dr Jannatul Saki, Research Associate, the webinar featured experts from the University of Heidelberg, Imperial College London, Dhaka Medical College Hospital and Bangladesh Medical University. Discussions explored diagnostic gaps, laboratory capacity, point-of-care testing and antimicrobial stewardship, highlighting the critical need for stronger diagnostic systems to improve patient outcomes and combat AMR.

Policy Dialogue Event Connecting Communities to the Health System: Role of Community Paramedics



The Hub for Climate Change, Environment and Health (CCEH) and The Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU) jointly presented research findings on the role of Community Paramedics (CPs) in strengthening Bangladesh's primary healthcare system at the policy dialogue, Connecting Communities to the Health System: Role of Community Paramedics, held in June 2026 in Dhaka. The event brought together government officials, development partners, researchers, NGOs, and private-sector representatives to discuss CPs' contributions, regulatory challenges, and integration into the national health system. Evidence highlighted their positive impact on service coverage, maternal and child health, family planning, referrals, and reliance on unqualified providers. Participants called for coordinated action to strengthen regulatory recognition, career pathways and institutional integration of CPs in support of Universal Health Coverage.

Arts for I-ARTs Completes Pilot Art Therapy Workshops



The AHRC-funded project, "Infertility and Assisted Reproduction as Violent Experiences for Women in Bangladesh: Arts-based Intervention to Address GBV (Arts for I-ARTs)," implemented in collaboration with the Innovation for Wellbeing Foundation (IWF), has completed a four-day pilot

art therapy workshop following the co-design and development of an art therapy intervention for women experiencing infertility, assisted reproductive technology (ART) treatment, and various forms of violence. The workshops provided participants with a safe and supportive environment to express themselves through creative activities and shared dialogue. Through these sessions, women were encouraged to reflect on and share their lived experiences, fostering connection, empowerment, and emotional wellbeing.

Arts for I-ARTs Seminar Series on Infertility, Childlessness and Global Health Equity



The Arts for I-ARTs team organised a series of three seminars, Infertility and Childlessness: Moving Beyond Biology Towards Global Health Equity, at the BRAC JPGSPH, North South University and Independent University, Bangladesh. Led by Professor Papreen Nahar of Brighton and Sussex Medical School and Principal Investigator of the AHRC-funded Arts for I-ARTs project, the seminars explored the social dimensions of infertility and childlessness, highlighting the impacts of structural inequalities, social stigma and gender-based violence on women's lived experiences. The sessions provided students, faculty and researchers with a platform to examine infertility as a broader social and public health issue beyond a purely biomedical perspective. The Arts for I-ARTs team also acknowledged North South University and Independent University, Bangladesh for hosting and supporting the seminars.

Assessment of Public and Private Blood Transfusion Services under the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS)



Organised by the Centre of Excellence for Health Systems and Universal Health Coverage (CoE-HS&UHC), this seminar presented key findings from a comprehensive assessment of public and private blood transfusion services in Bangladesh. The study examined service delivery, infrastructure, human resources, quality assurance and operational challenges, with findings presented by Dr Lamisa Rahman, Senior Research Associate; Dr Masudur Rahman Kanchon, Senior Research Associate; and Md Rakib Akon, Research Associate (Quantitative). The seminar provided evidence-based insights to support efforts to strengthen the safety, quality, accessibility and efficiency of blood transfusion services, while fostering discussion among researchers, practitioners and policymakers on priorities for improving the national blood transfusion system.

Capacity Building

Capacity building is central to BRAC JPGSPH's commitment to strengthening public health practice and research. Through tailored training, workshops, courses and learning opportunities, the School equips researchers, practitioners and health professionals with the knowledge and skills needed to address evolving public health challenges and contribute to stronger, more resilient health systems.

CARE Co-Researcher SRHR Training in Dhaka and Satkhira



Training sessions held in Dhaka (22 April) and Satkhira (3 May) equipped CARE Project co-researchers with knowledge of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR), the impacts of seasonal climate change on adolescents, and participatory research methods, including body mapping and seasonal calendars. Co-researchers explored how climate change influences health, livelihoods, migration, food practices and social relationships in Shyampur, Itagacha and Shyamnagar, while examining intersectional factors such as gender and occupation. Discussions also addressed gender roles, discrimination, bodily autonomy, sexual harassment, family planning and the effects of climate change on adolescents' sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Short Course on Basic Qualitative Research Methodology



The Centre for Professional Skills Development in Public Health (CPSD) at the BRAC JPGSPH, organised a two-day short course on Basic

Qualitative Research Methodology on 13–14 June 2026 in Dhaka. Facilitated by Atiya Rahman and Muhammad Riaz Hossain, Anthropologist and Qualitative Research Expert, the course equipped entry-level researchers, development practitioners and students with foundational qualitative research skills. Participants explored research design, sampling, participant recruitment, data collection, ethics, data management, coding and qualitative analysis through interactive discussions and practical exercises. The training also strengthened participants' skills in presenting and writing qualitative findings, supporting the application of qualitative methods in public health and development research.

Short course on Introduction to R



The Centre for Professional Skills Development in Public Health (CPSD) at the BRAC JPGSPH, organised a two-day short course on Introduction to R on 16–17 June 2026 in Dhaka. Facilitated by Dr A.H.M. Mahbub Latif, Professor of Applied Statistics and Data Science at the University of Dhaka and Scientist at BRAC JPGSPH, introduced researchers, public health professionals, development practitioners and graduate students to quantitative data analysis using the open-source R programming language. Participants gained practical experience in data management, tidyverse packages, statistical analysis, data visualisation with ggplot2, and automated reporting, strengthening their ability to analyse and communicate research data effectively.

Qualitative Data Analysis Using NVIVO



The Centre for Professional Skills Development in Public Health (CPSD) at BRAC JPGSPH organized a two-day short course on “Qualitative Data Analysis using NVivo 14” on 23-24 Jun 2026 at Transparency

International Bangladesh (TIB). The course was designed to strengthen participants' knowledge and practical skills in qualitative data analysis using NVivo 14. It combined interactive lectures on the fundamental concepts and principles of qualitative data analysis with hands-on exercises in NVivo, enabling participants to gain practical experience in data management, coding, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of qualitative findings. The training was facilitated by Dr. Humayra Binte Anwar, PhD (Senior Lecturer and Assistant Director, Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-up [CoE-SISU]), DM Rezoan Koboier (Senior Research Associate), Sharmin Akter Shitol (Assistant Scientist), Muhammad Abdul Mannan (Senior Research Associate)

The Early and Mid-Career Researchers (EMCR) initiative at BBRAC JPGSPH provides a platform for emerging researchers to share knowledge, exchange ideas, and strengthen research capacity. Through regular sessions, peer learning, and opportunities for collaboration, EMCR supports researchers in building meaningful conversations and advancing impactful public health research

Challenges of Public Health Field Research During Periods of Political Instability in Bangladesh



This session featured a presentation by Jannatul Sumrina, Research Associate at the Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-Up (CoE-SISU), who discussed the challenges and practical experiences of conducting public health field research during periods of political instability in Bangladesh. The session highlighted key barriers encountered in the field and their implications for research implementation and data collection. The presentation was moderated by Shahrear Alam, Senior Research Assistant at CoE-SISU.

SHINE Researchers Showcase Innovative Participatory Research Approaches



Under the SHINE project, Obaida Karim, Ranjan Kori, and Semonty Jahan, Senior Research Associates, delivered a presentation at the Early and Mid-Career Researchers (EMCR) session in May, highlighting their experiences of implementing innovative community-based participatory research methods (CBPR). They shared insights from using Photovoice, Body Mapping, and Narrative Timelines, emphasizing how community health workers were actively engaged throughout the research process, from study design and data generation to analysis and dissemination. The presentation also reflected on key field experiences, discussing both the challenges encountered and the lessons learned while implementing these participatory approaches.

Voices & Perspectives: News Articles, Op-Eds, Interviews, and Blogs

BRAC JPGSPH researchers and team members actively engage in public scholarship by contributing a diverse range of op-eds, interviews, news articles, and reflective blogs on climate change, public health, and social change in Bangladesh. Drawing on field experiences and rigorous research, these pieces explore how climate vulnerability, migration, health inequities, and youth-led political movements shape everyday realities and national discourse.

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