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FOOD SECURITY NUTRITIONAL
SURVEILLANCE PROJECT

A tool for intervention and change



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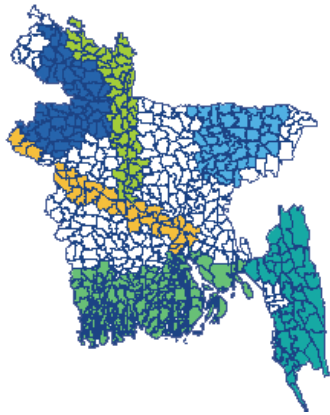
The National Food Security Nutritional Surveillance Project (FSNSP) is being implemented by James P Grant School of Public Health of BRAC University in collaboration with Helen Keller International with financial assistance from the European Union. The project partners with the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Planning.

FSNSP is the only source of seasonal, nationally representative estimates of food security and nutrition in Bangladesh. Using state-of-the-art methods and indicators, the FSNSP system provides up-to-date information on the food security and nutrition of women and children to support the design, implementation, and evaluation of national strategies and assess progress towards development targets. The project also collects data on a wide range of indicators associated with these conditions – such as market price of food and other consumables, IYCF practices, dietary diversity pattern, child illness, maternal care, hygiene – in order to develop insight into critical and emerging issues related to food security and nutrition.

Vision

Partners engaged in FSNSP envision that, by 2016, food security and nutrition surveillance will be institutionalized within the Government of Bangladesh. This includes sustained GoB funding, GoB participation in data collection and management, government ownership of findings, and use of findings for policy and programming by NNS, FPMU, and other government bodies.





Locations of action

The project focuses on the following six distinct agro-ecological zones in addition to having samples from the remaining areas of the country: Northwest floodplain, Northern chars, Padma chars, Eastern hills, Haor, and Coastal belt

Project financing

The project has been funded by the European Union since 2008.



Conceptual Framework

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FSNSP directly collects data on household factors affecting individuals' vulnerability to food and nutrition insecurity. Moreover, the system collates data from other sources on the environment of the country in order to understand household responses.

Major activities

The major activities of the FSNSP include data collection, data management and processing, data analysis and reporting, information dissemination, advocacy and capacity building of the relevant stakeholders. The steps in implementing the project activities are illustrated in a schematic diagram:



FSNSP schematic diagram





Implementation Plan

FSNSP utilizes multiple channels of communication including

- stakeholders/advocacy meetings/ workshops / training programs
- electronic media (TV/Radio/Internet)
- news media (bulletins, newspapers, journals, weekly or fortnightly publications, annual reports etc.)
- active participation in key national events related to nutrition and food security

Results

FSNSP has generated nationally representative information related to food security and nutrition for households, women, and children. This effort has included incorporating special studies as a part of national nutrition surveillance system and thus informing the policy planners and program managers in planning appropriate initiatives aimed at nutrition improvement. FSNSP findings have been used to monitor the progress in line with the national and global initiative such as the CIP and MDGs.



About BRAC JPGSPH

BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH) was founded with a distinctive mission to address the unmet public health challenges particular to Asia, Africa and South America. Located in Dhaka, Bangladesh, the School was established in 2004 as part of BRAC University, in partnership with BRAC and icddr,b.



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