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VISION MISSION & GOAL

Vision

A world where everyone enjoys the maximum potential of health

Mission

To improve health outcomes of populations in disadvantaged areas of the world, with particular focus on the poor and women, through the application of the art and science of public health.

Goal

The goal of BRAC University James P Grant School of Public Health is to provide public health education, training and research of international excellence relevant to the particular needs of the developing world. The school will:

Be community-oriented providing experiential learning centered around the public health problems of Bangladeshi and other developing countries;

Emphasize critical, innovative thinking that is rooted in best practice and rigorous research methods;

Use a multi-disciplinary, inter-sectoral approach to learning and problem-solving;

Inculcate the values and ethos of its founding and partner institutions (equity, fairness, and concern for the poor, women and the disadvantaged); and

Build capacity and prepare individuals to become public health leaders, practitioners, critical thinkers, researchers, advocates, and stewards of public health and policy at community, district, national and international levels.

Tribute to Carl E Taylor 1916-2010

“It is a great pleasure to follow your persistent seeking for excellence. It is a great memorial to Jim Grant and we are all delighted with your leadership” Carl E Taylor commenting on James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University.

Carl E Taylor, a reputed public health expert and practitioner, was known for his lifelong dedication and successful work with the poor and marginalized communities around the globe. His interests and professional experiences in nutrition and infection led him to establish healthcare programmes in rural communities in India and Afghanistan to cater to the health needs of village inhabitants.

According to A. Snyder in The Lancet, Taylor worked in more than 70 countries researching community-based health care, mentoring health professionals and community workers, and leading programmes and research projects. Additionally, he advised the World Health Organization (WHO) from 1957 to 1983, and helped write the landmark 1978 Declaration of Alma Ata that set the global agenda for primary health care. He, also, founded and chaired the Department of International Health at the John Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health for twenty-five years.

He was a great supporter and champion of the James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University from the very beginning. Regarding the School's journey into becoming an esteemed public health educational and research institution, Mr. Taylor remarked “It is a great pleasure to follow your persistent seeking for excellence. It is a great memorial to Jim Grant and we are all delighted with your leadership.”

Sir FazleAbed KMCG, Chairman and Founder



Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, founder and Chairperson of BRAC, initially started BRAC in 1972 in a remote corner of northeastern Bangladesh to rehabilitate refugees returning after the country's War of Liberation. During this initial work, Mr. Abed came face to face with the entrenched poverty plaguing the country's poor and he quickly recognized the need for transforming BRAC's work from short term relief to sustainable development efforts. In the span of three decades, BRAC became the largest development organization in the world in terms of the scale and diversity of its interventions. As BRAC grew, Sir Abed ensured that it targeted the landless poor, a large percentage of whom lived below the poverty line, and focused particularly on empowering women. BRAC now works in more than 69 thousand villages in Bangladesh, reaching over 110 million poor people with its unique holistic development model, which includes interventions in income generation, health care, population control and primary education for children. In 2002, with the start of its operations in Afghanistan, BRAC began expanding globally, and is currently working in nine countries across Asia and Africa.

Under Sir Abed's leadership, in 2004, BRAC University (BU) was established in response to societal need for an institution that goes beyond the imparting of knowledge to act as a center of excellence in knowledge creation through teaching and research that connects practice. Another vision of Mr. Abed was realized in 2004 through the establishment of BU's James P Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH), which aims to provide education of the highest quality in the field of public health, utilizing the resources of BRAC and other similar institutions as field laboratories for experiential teaching and learning. In a short span of time, the School has become widely known for its emphasis on community-based experiential learning. The access that the School has to BRAC and ICDDR,B's field work and facilities provides its students with a very unique learning experience. Its affiliations with several top schools of public health in Europe and America adds to its credibility and the links it is creating with several southern institution make it an excellent example of South-North and South-South collaboration. From the onset, the School has been promoting not only the art of public health through education but also the science, where research is an integral part of academic life.

Fazle Hasan Abed has been honoured with numerous international awards for his achievements within BRAC, among which: the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Community Leadership (1980); Unicef's Maurice Pate Award (1992); Olof Palme Award (2001); Gates Award for Global Health (2004); Henry R. Kravis Prize in Leadership (2007). Clinton Global Citizenship Award (2007) as well as several honorary degrees from renowned universities including Columbia, Yale and Oxford. In 2010, Abed was appointed Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George (KMCG) by the British Crown in recognition of his services to reducing poverty in Bangladesh and internationally.

Message from the Vice Chancellor of BRAC University



The James P Grant School of Public Health has successfully positioned itself as the leading school of public health globally. Since its inception in 2005, the School has graduated 136 students hailing from 19 countries spanning the globe such as Afghanistan, Australia, Bolivia, Canada, Ethiopia, Germany, India, Japan, Kenya, Liberia, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Tanzania, Uganda and the United States of America. Currently, the sixth batch of students has started working on their independent research theses which will culminate with them achieving their MPH degrees in January 2011.

The MPH programme at the School benefits from its emphasis on the arts and sciences of public health, its unique location in a developing country, institutional partnerships with BRAC University, BRAC, ICDDR,B and other esteemed global academic collaborations, community-based experiential learning, a burgeoning diverse student enrollment, and international and national faculty renowned for their public health expertise.

Along with the MPH programme, the School boasts a growing portfolio of multiple research activities funded by international donors. The innovative and pioneering research projects undertaken by the School aim to strengthen the health systems and health services provided in Bangladesh; as well as, highlight the plights of the disenfranchised and vulnerable population of the country.

Similarly, the advocacy activities carried out by the School utilize the knowledge generated through research to highlight and advocate for the rights of disadvantaged people in Bangladesh. The advocacy activities are carried out in collaborations with different NGOs, academic institutions, development partners and the Government of Bangladesh. An example of paramount success is the publication of the Bangladesh Health Watch report last year on health sector governance in Bangladesh.

Finally, the School collaborates with BRAC University, BRAC, and ICDDR,B to provide the latest public health training and knowledge to its MPH students. A fluid and seamless exchange of faculty, programmes, practices, interventions, challenges, and successes exist between the School and these vital institutional partners.

The School of Public Health has, indeed, made remarkable progress last year in evolving into one of the esteemed public health institution in the world. I look forward to following its achievements in the coming years.

I wish the School immense fortuity in all its future endeavors.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ainun Nishat', written in a cursive style.

Professor Ainun Nishat
Vice Chancellor

Message from the Incoming Dean



In its sixth year, the James P Grant School of Public Health at BRAC University continues to strive to provide training that lives up to the example of James P Grant whose leadership catalyzed a global child survival revolution in the 1980s. Some three decades later, global health is in the mainstream of global development with the world mobilizing around the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals by 2015. The resulting expansion of health systems in virtually all countries is accompanied by even faster growing expectations among citizens for accessible, safe, and affordable services. In such conditions, there is enormous demand placed on the health workforce from policy-makers through to community health workers to respond effectively. Schools of public health, medicine, nursing and the allied health professionals must thus define clearly how their training programmes are the leaders in this response and not the laggards.

In this regard, the James P Grant School of Public Health commissioned an evaluation this year of its Master's in Public Health programme, led by Dr. Stan Foster. Through interviews and surveys of graduates, faculty and others, the evaluation revealed that the basic orientation of the school remains solid: public health training in the 21st century requires a firm grounding in the complex realities of today's and tomorrow's health problems, an appreciation of how science and knowledge can illuminate effective paths forward and an unswerving commitment to mobilize the resources necessary to achieve results.

In the coming year, we'll build on the more detailed findings of the evaluation along with the recommendations emerging from the Commission on Global Health Professionals for the 21st Century to review and re-direct where appropriate the strategy and activities of the School. In so doing, the School will make even greater efforts to draw on its rich endowment of institutional assets that includes, BRAC, BRAC University and the ICDDR,B.

As the new Dean, I am excited by the extraordinary opportunities ahead. I am also extremely grateful for the effective spadework done by my predecessor, the founding Dean, Dr. Mushtaq Chowdhury. His titan efforts placed the School prominently on the global health landscape and have yielded exceptional training opportunities for the next generation of public health leaders. I would also like to recognize the efforts of my immediate predecessor, the Dr. Alejandro Cravioto and the School's Director, Dr. Anwar Islam, who teamed up to provide superb stewardship of the School over the last 2 years.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy G Evans'.

Dr. Timothy G Evans
Dean

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বাঁচার সংগ্রামে নিরন্তর পথচলা : ঝাগড়াছড়ি

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4-day Workshop on health education held on sexuality and rights

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James P Grant School of Public Health in the Media

যৌন স্বাস্থ্যসেবা কার্যক্রম চলছে

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Understanding
Sexuality and Rights



The Centre for Gender, Sexuality and HIV/AIDS holds a follow-up programme on the workshop on the sexuality and rights at the BRAC Centre Inn in Dhaka on Thursday.

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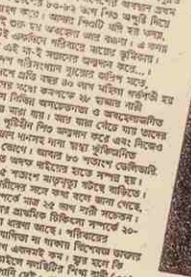


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যথার্থ জানা জরুরী, যথার্থ জানা জরুরী...

Various spread of School's activities in English and Bangla national newspapers

প্রতিদিনের বিশেষ প্রতিবেদন

সোয়াইন ফ্লু 'র ঝুঁকির মু রয়েছে বাংলাদেশ

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Understanding Sexuality and Rights

The Center for Gender, Sexuality and HIV/AIDS (CGSH) at the James P Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH) of BRAC University shared the findings of a pioneering research project on sexuality and rights in urban Bangladesh on November 9, 2009 at Spectra Convention Centre, Dhaka.

This exploratory study, the first of its kind, maps the manifold and changing understandings of sexuality, identity and rights among university students, factory workers, and sexual and gender minorities in Dhaka city. This study has been funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID) and the Realizing Rights Consortium RFC.

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Promote respiratory hygiene to prevent swine flu

Speakers tell seminar



Speakers at a seminar yesterday stressed the need to promote respiratory hygiene among people in the country in order to prevent the spread of swine flu. Although no cases of swine flu have been found in the country, increased density of international travel and high density of population pose potential risk of swine flu, they said.

As suspected human cases of swine flu are being reported in different countries every day, Bangladesh should remain prepared to prevent the spread of it, they added.

James P Grant School of Public Health of Brac University and ICDDR,B jointly organised the seminar titled 'Swine Flu: Global and Local Perspective' at the ICDDR,B auditorium in the city yesterday.

The speakers also said that their mouths with hands during sneezes and 7 percent use saris or scarves to cover their mouths. Sneezing openly helps spread A (H1N1) virus, which causes swine flu, he said, adding that washing hands with soap, avoiding smoking, drinking plenty of fluid and stress management are important to protect one from the disease.

The speakers also said no vaccine against swine flu has yet been developed and it is still unknown how severe the effect of the virus could be.

ring to a survey conducted in 80 households in the city this year. Dr Stephen P Luby of ICDDR,B said 11 percent of people sneeze into their hands.

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কানাডার জনস্বাস্থ্যবিদের অতিমত বিশ্বায়ন দরিদ্র দেশের মানুষের ওপর বিরূপ প্রভাব ফেলছে

বিশ্বায়ন দরিদ্র দেশের মানুষের ওপর বিরূপ প্রভাব ফেলছে। দুর্ভোগ সামাজিক নীতি, আন্যায় কর্মনীতি এবং বাস্তব রাজনৈতিক দরিদ্র দেশগুলোতে ব্যাপক হারে মানুষের মৃত্যুর কারণ।

গতকাল শনিবার 'বিশ্বায়ন ও স্বাস্থ্য' শীর্ষক সেমিনারে কানাডার অটোয়া বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের অধ্যাপক রেনোড লাবোরে এ কথা বলেন। ব্রাক বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের জেমস পি গ্রান্ট স্কুল অব পাবলিক হেলথ ও অন্টারিও বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের অধ্যাপক ডেব্রা হিল (আইসিডিডিআরবি) বৈঠকভাবে এই সেমিনারের আয়োজন করে।

৩০ বছর ধরে জনস্বাস্থ্য নিয়ে গবেষণার রেনোড লাবোরে বলেন, বিশ্বায়নের সুফল দীর্ঘ ও দরিদ্র দেশ সমানভাবে পায়নি। বিশ্বায়নের ফলে দেশে দেশে এবং দেশের মধ্যে আর্থিক পার্থক্য, চিকিৎসা ব্যবস্থা, মার্কিনেটিক প্রযুক্তি মানুষের স্বাস্থ্য ক্ষেত্রে মারাত্মক আনবে, তার কোনো দীর্ঘমেয়াদি ফলাফল এখনো জানা নেই।

Bangladesh in potential risk of swine flu, say experts

CGSH to reveal study findings on sexuality today

The Center for Gender, Sexuality and HIV/AIDS (CGSH) of James P Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH), BRAC University, will share the findings of a pioneering research project on sexuality and rights in urban Bangladesh today (Monday), reports BSS.

Funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID), the exploratory study, the first of its kind, maps the multiple and shifting dynamics of sexuality, identity and rights among university students, factory workers, and sexual and gender minorities in Dhaka city.

Dr Dinā M. Siddiqi, visiting professor and coordinator of the Sexuality Network at CGSH, along with Mahrukh Mohiuddin and Hasan Ashraf, have conducted the study delving into contemporary sexuality in Bangladesh, said a press release today.

The objectives of the search were to provide additional analysis of sex and rights that can be the basis for future training and advocacy in Bangladesh, where sex is still a taboo.

Swine flu imminent in Bangladesh: ICDDR

The space of the global swine flu is imminent in Bangladesh in coming weeks, a scientist of ICDDR,B said yesterday, urging all to be prepared to face the outbreak of the disease that may stem from travellers.

Stephen P Luby, head of ICDDR,B's infectious disease and vaccine division, said the Novel A (H1N1) virus travels from country to country and because of its international relations and movement of people all over the world, influenza A H1N1 is coming in Bangladesh in weeks as it is not far from the rest of the world, said a spokesman of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Atlanta, USA.

A senior public health scientist from the CDC said, "We should expect Novel A (H1N1) virus to be in Bangladesh in weeks as it is not far from the rest of the world, said a spokesman of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Atlanta, USA."

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(6) Chan in the World Health Assembly in Geneva said she would not hesitate to move to the top of the pandemic alert level if the situation warranted.

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James P Grant School of Public Health

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Established in 2004, the James P Grant School of Public Health, herewith referred to as the School or JPGSPH, located within BRAC University, is an international educational and research institution focusing on the integral areas of teaching, research, and services. The goal of the School is not only to impart knowledge but also to act as a centre of excellence in knowledge creation through research and training that connects with practice. Aside from its flagship educational programmes, like the Masters in Public Health (MPH) JPGSPH also provides public health courses for health professionals through the Continuing Education Programme (CEP). Additionally, JPGSPH also possesses a burgeoning research portfolio conducting innovative and pioneering studies on public health issues funded by multiple international donors. Finally, JPGSPH also provides services in the form of trainings, advocacy workshops, and seminars with a special focus on the rights of the marginalized and vulnerable population of Bangladesh.

The School

BRAC UNIVERSITY

The School

What Makes the School Unique?

The School has many unique features that sets it apart from other schools of public health. Some of these features are:

Emphasis on both the arts and sciences of public health The School's teaching and research programmes aim to enhance evidence-informed public health action as well as systematically learn from public health experience.

Location Bangladesh represents an unparalleled learning environment due, on the one hand, to the magnitude and diversity of its health challenges - from infectious and non-communicable diseases, to maternal, child and adult health, to environmental threats including road traffic injuries, industrial pollution and climate change and on the other hand, the presence of some of the most innovative and successful public health programmes in the world.

Partnerships with internationally recognized schools of public health and research institutions from all over the world with dynamic collaborative agreements related to student and faculty exchange, joint degrees and research.(see I.2 box below)

Community-based experiential learning encourages students to apply public health principles and tools as well as structure their learning agenda to acquire further skills and competencies.

A diverse student body drawn from experienced health workers, medical doctors, nurses, social scientists, and other professionals, both in health and development sectors,from around the world.

Institutional Setting. The School benefits from its direct link to BRAC the world's largest NGO renowned for its pioneering

innovative health and development projects for the poor and ICDDR,B a premier international health research centre and BRAC University enabling access to a full range of other disciplines and sectors required for effective public health training and research.(see I.1 box below)

Box I.1 Institutional Arrangements

BRAC's development programmes spanning microfinance, education, legal rights, water and sanitation and health target the poor and ultra-poor, and offer a dynamic and diverse learning laboratory for students of public health. The School draws on the program expertise of BRAC in health and related sectors for formal teaching, field-based experiential learning and collaborative research.

BRAC International works in 9 countries around the world including Afghanistan, Haiti, Liberia, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, Southern Sudan, Sri Lanka, Tanzania and Uganda. The School draws on the rapidly growing presence of BRAC International to identify students for its training programmes, enrich its curricula and forge opportunities for collaborative research.

BRAC University comprising 9 undergraduate departments and 4 graduate institutes aims to develop core capacities to accelerate equitable development in Bangladesh. The School has active links to various centres of the University such as Development Studies, Governance and Education that provide depth expertise to diverse disciplinary and intersectoral perspectives essential to address complex public health problems.

ICDDR,B: The high concentration of world class scientists and cutting-edge health research at ICDDR,B brings the opportunity of the best science and latest knowledge to School's teaching programmes and research. ICDDR,B scientists are faculty of the School teaching courses and advising students doing research or writing theses. Moreover its urban and rural field research sites e.g. Matlab and clinical facilities offer important hands-on learning opportunities for students.

Box 1.2 Academics Partnerships and Research Links

The following schools of public health partners with the School in providing extensive access to their rich array of academic resources and expertise. Some of the partners are listed below:

Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, USA

George Washington University, USA

Harvard School of Public Health, Harvard University, USA

Karolinska Institutet, Sweden

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK

Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, USA

University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

University of Heidelberg, Germany

University of Illinois at Springfield, USA

University of Nagasaki, Japan

Research & Academic Links

The School's various research and collaborative programme activities have created alliances with the following domestic and international partners:

African Population and Health Research Centre, Kenya

Association for Social Development Islamabad, Pakistan

Beijing National and Guangxi Provincial Centres for Diseases Control, China

Concerned Women for Family Development, Bangladesh

Creating Resources for Empowerment and Action, India

Department of Clinical Medicine, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda

Engender Health, USA

Helen Keller International

INDEPTH Network, Ghana

Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK

Karolinska Institutet, Sweden

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK

National Institute of Preventive and Social Medicine, Bangladesh

National Institute of Population Research and Training, Bangladesh

Programme for the Introduction and Adaptation of Contraceptive Technology, Bangladesh

Population Council, Bangladesh

School of Medical Sciences, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana

Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology,
Trivandrum, Kerala, India

The Good Shepherd Hospital/Lubombo Regional Health
Department, Swaziland

The Health Research and Social Development Forum, Nepal

University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada

The School is a member of the following organizations -

Asian Network for Health System Strengthening (ANHSS)

Asia Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health (APACPH)

Sexual Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) Alliance

Coalition for Sexual & Bodily Rights (CSBR) in Muslim Societies

Sexuality & Rights (SR) Forum

Advisory and Governing Authority

The School benefits from the collective wisdom and guidance of an International Advisory Board (IAB). Chaired by Dr. Jon Rohde, the International Advisory Board has six other members (see box 1.3 below). It is governed by the rules and regulations set by the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh.

BOX 1.3 International Advisory Board

Sir F.H. Abed KMCG, Chairperson and Founder of BRAC

Dr. Richard Cash, Harvard School of Public Health

Dr. Alejandro Cravioto, ICDDR, B

Dr. Jim Sherry (Co Chair), George Washington University

Dr. Jon Rohde (Chair)

Prof. Patrick Vaughan, Professor Emeritus, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine



Education Programmes

Education Programmes

Masters in Public Health (MPH)

The Masters of Public Health (MPH) is one of the main educational programmes at the School. Since its inception, the School has hosted 136 diverse students from different corners of the globe such as South Asia, South-East Asia, Africa, Australia, North America and South America, and Europe. Most of the graduates continue to work for their respective governments, national and/or international NGOs, or with various donor and UN agencies. In addition, universities and research organizations also acquire a large number of our MPH graduates.

The MPH curriculum offers in-depth and intensive courses in core areas of public health. The academic calendar in the following page

provides a detailed list of all the courses available in the MPH programme.

The MPH curriculum is uniquely structured to ensure classroom learning is reinforced by witnessing the origins of the knowledge through complementary field visits. Students are given opportunities to conduct research projects in various field sites in order to utilize and comprehend the public health lessons in a developing country setting.

In the 2009-2010 academic year, a total of 30 students composing the fifth batch of MPH students (including two from the fourth batch) graduated - 13 from abroad representing various countries in Asia, North America, Europe, and Africa, and 15 from Bangladesh. (Annex I presents information on the fifth batch of MPH students).

Academic Calendar

	COURSE TITLE	COURSE NUMBER	Credit
Basic Concepts of Public Health: Block I			
1.	Introduction to Public Health	MPH 501	2
2.	Culture and Human Values in Public Health		
	Qualitative Research Methods	MPH 511	2
	Anthropological Approaches to Public Health	MPH 512	3
3.	Community Diagnosis in Public Health		
	Quantitative Research Methods	MPH 520	3
	Biostatistics	MPH 521	3
	Epidemiology	MPH 522	3

	COURSE TITLE	COURSE NUMBER	Credit
4.	Managing Public Health		
	Health System Management	MPH 530	5
	Health Economics & Health Care Financing	MPH 531	2
5.	Environment & Health	MPH 541	3
Public Health Practice COURSES: Block II			
6.	Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases	MPH 620	3
7.	Health and Development (Seminars)	MPH 651	
8.	Reproductive & Sexual Health and Rights	MPH 660	2
9.	Public Health Nutrition	MPH 670	2
10.	Aging and Health	MPH 681	2
11a.	Monitoring and Evaluation	MPH 691	1*
11b.	Principles of Health Communication	MPH 690	1*
Independent Field Study: Block III			
12	Methodology Workshop		
13	Integration Workshop		
14.	Independent Study / Thesis	MPH 700	14
		Total Credits	51

Teaching/Learning Approach

The constant fluid and seamless relationship between classroom and field sites add richness to the School's MPH programme. Students are exposed to key concepts, encompassing scientific, social, and cultural aspects that govern public health policies and practices. Then they are highly encouraged to practically apply the knowledge they have gained from classrooms into field-based activities.

Course work is modular, allowing for integrated teaching and reinforcement with relevant field visits and projects. The course work builds on significant health problems faced in Bangladesh. Basic knowledge of a subject is provided through an extensive exposure to relevant literature and expertise derived from visiting faculty. (Annex 3 provides a full list of the faculty by course during the period of 2009-2010).

Field Activities February 2009 January 2010

Field visits act as an integral element within the MPH programme. During each course module, students are encouraged to visit various field sites surrounding campus and conduct experiments in order to fully grasp public health theories and concepts. Throughout the years, MPH students have embarked upon several small scale research projects in field sites employing both quantitative and qualitative



methodology. These practical exercises allow students to engage with the community and witness first-hand public health issues, challenges, and successes in a low-income country. Students are accompanied by faculty members during all field visits.

During the period of February 2009 - January 2010, the following field sites were visited by the MPH students and faculty:

- Savar community including villagers, pharmacies, local doctors and traditional healers
- Rural and urban villages in Savar and Dhaka
- Ad-Din Hospital
- Dhaka Medical College & Hospital
- Upazila health complex
- Centre for Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed
- Centre for Women and Child Health
- Gonoshasthaya Kendra
- Bangladesh Rehabilitation and Assistance Centre for Addicts
- Bangladesh Centre for Communication Programme
- ICDDR,B hospital and matlab
- Enam Medical College and Hospital
- Marie Stopes clinics

Research and Independent Field Study

As part of the MPH course, the students conduct an independent primary research study of 14 credits at the end of the academic year on a selected public health topic. The study allows the students to demonstrate their ability to synthesize and integrate the full range of MPH knowledge and skills by researching public health problems or programmes using mixed methodology. Students are encouraged to select from a wide array of health issues prevalent in Bangladesh. (A complete list of all the theses from the 5th batch students with their corresponding supervisors is provided in Annex 2).

Knowledge Fair



The Knowledge Fair takes place at the midpoint of the academic calendar. At the Fair, students engage and interact with experts in their fields and also link with potential supervisor for their independent field study. Students exchange their professional experiences and interests with faculty from the School, BRAC, ICDDR,B and BRAC University. The Fair provides the opportunity for the students to select their preferred supervisor for mentoring during their research and independent study period.

Integration Workshop

The Integration Workshop takes place annually for MPH students to reflect on the knowledge gained throughout their coursework and field experiences. At the end of the MPH programme, a 3-day Integration Workshop is conducted by Dr. Jon Rohde and Dr. Cole P Dodge. The objectives of this workshop are to identify public health functions and assess competencies, review learning objectives of each course and their contribution to the public health functions, gauge skills needed for jobs, assess competencies for research, and review information and knowledge for comprehensive public health interventions. In addition to providing a comprehensive overview of the MPH programme, the Integration Workshop allows the students to learn the practical applications of their knowledge within their respective regional contexts. This course effectively binds the MPH programme with the students' expectations and comprehension of how they will apply their classroom knowledge within their respective countries' public health policies and practices.

Health and Development Series

During the MPH programme, distinguished speakers from various development fields are invited by the School to give presentations on their work. The invited speakers usually cover topics including management problems in public hospitals, health and environments, religion and public health, reproductive health and rights of adolescents. A full list of the speakers and topics during the Seminar Series of 2009-2010 academic year is provided below

Courses	Guest Speaker	Organization	Topic	Date
Anthropological Approaches to Public Health	Bejon Mishra, Executive Director, Consumer India	Consumer India	Patient orientation in the Bangladesh health system	March 3, 2009
Qualitative Research Methods	Lynn McIntyre, Professor & CIHR Chair, Gender & Health	University of Calgary	Learning from the daily food routine of ultra poor	March 17, 2009
Epidemiology	Beth Trudell, (former) Director of Training & Development	Kaiser Permanente International	An integrated model of health care	April 13, 2009
Biostatistics	David Bergman, Senior Executive	Bangladesh Worker Safety Programme Center for Corporate Accountability	Occupational safety & health in Bangladesh: Challenges for the future	May 14, 2009
Health Economics & Health Care Financing	Joseph J.Valadez, Professor, International Health	Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, United Kingdom	Using LQAS for decentralized monitoring of health systems	June 10, 2009
Environment & Health	Wendy J. Graham, Professor	University of Aberdeen, Scotland	Seizing the opportunity, collaborative initiatives to reduce HIV & maternal mortality	July 9, 2009
Health Systems Management	Akhter Hossain Miajee, Director, Training	National Institute of Population Research and Training (NIPORT)	Public private partnership	July 23, 2009
	Salehuddin Ahmed (former) Pro Vice Chancellor	BRAC University	Leadership	July 26, 2009

Courses	Guest Speaker	Organization	Topic	Date
	Zahidul Quayyum, Research Fellow	University of Aberdeen, Scotland	Applying need-based resources allocation in health sections of Bangladesh	July 29, 2009
Aging & Health	Jeremy Shiffman, Associate Professor, Public Health Administration	University of Syracuse, United States	Generating political priorities for maternal mortality reduction in five different countries	October 1, 2009
Public Health Nutrition	Saskia Wieringa, Professor & Co-founder, KARTINI, Director	University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands & KARTINI Network & International Information Center and Archives of the Women's Movement	Heteronormativity	October 20, 2009
Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases	Andrew Jenkins, Donor Liaison	BRAC	Environment, health, and participatory water resources management	November 5, 2009

Student Seminar Series

During the first semester of the MPH programme, students present seminars on global and national public health issues. (Annex 4 provides the Student Seminar Series during the year 2009-2010).

Continuing Education (CEP) Programme

The Continuing Education Programme (CEP), introduced in 2007, aims to strengthen the capacity of public health professionals as well as to ensure that new knowledge from the North and South are fluidly exchanged. The CEP provides public health education and training to a large audience through subject-specific short courses. The varied courses take place throughout the year and cater to the needs of the

working public health personnel. Some of the short courses offered are health equity, health systems research and development, health care financing, quality management in health systems, monitoring and evaluation of maternal and neonatal health programmes, evaluation of development programmes etc. The CEP is coordinated by Dr. Farah Mahjabeen Ahmed.

Box 2.1 CEP courses for the period 2009-2010

Duration	Name of Course	Credit
March 1-12 (2 weeks)	Quality Management in Health Systems	3
May 2 June 18	Executive Certificate in Public Health Management	15
October 11 November 19	Executive Certificate in Public Health Management	15
December 6-17	Monitoring & Evaluation	3

Quality Management in Health Systems

With generous funding from the German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) based in Bangladesh, the School in partnership with the Heidelberg University, jointly offered the Quality Management in Health Systems short course. The course was attended by 17 health professionals 10 from the public sector and 7 from the private sector. The facilitators were Ms. Sylvia Sax and Mr. Bejon Misra.

Prior to the quality management course, Dr Farah Mahjabeen Ahmed organized a sensitivity workshop for policy makers and other

stakeholders on February 28, 2009. The purpose was to inform and educate the policy makers and stakeholders about the nature and the value of the quality management in health systems.



Executive Certificate in Public Health Management



The School in collaboration with AusAID offered two residential-based short courses on Executive Certificate in Public Health Management tailored for public sector professionals working at upazila level. 21 participants attended the first course and 25 participants for the second one. The overarching goal of the course was to strengthen the management capacity of the health professionals with relevant knowledge, tools and skills.

Monitoring and Evaluation of MNH Programme

The course was a collaborative partnership among the School, IPACT at the University of Aberdeen, and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), and was delivered in various institutions throughout Africa and Asia. The short course was designed to strengthen capacity in developing countries on monitoring and

evaluation programmes in the context of global reproductive health goals. It also aimed to provide the foundation for evidence-based decision making and tracking progress towards the Millennium Development Goals.



22 participants were health sector managers, government officials and public health experts involved in health sector reform working at national (JPGSPH, BRAC Health, RED, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNAIDS, DGHS, DGFP, Eminence, CWHC and POPULATION COUNCIL) or regional (Cambodia, Ethiopia and Vietnam) level with governments, international organizations or local/international NGOs. In addition to the School, resources were drawn from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), University of Aberdeen, UNFPA and other institutes of higher learning.

Internship Programme

The internship programme at the School aims to provide learning opportunities for national and international students from public health and development backgrounds. By interning at the School, the students are exposed to different fields of research, management, and awareness building and dissemination activities in critical public health issues. The School hosts interns for both individual internship and group/institution sponsored internship programmes. The tenure for such programme varies from 2/3 week to 8 months according to the needs of the interns. The following table provides the list of students who have interned at the School.



SL No.	Name of the Intern	Name of the Organization of Intern	Name of Supervisor at JPG SPH	Duration of nternship at JPG SPH		Category of Intern*
				From (date of Joining)	To (date of completion)	
1.	Hailey Mc Eastern	George Washington University	Dr.Sabina Faiz Rashid	31-08-08	01-12-08	
2.	Lauren Van Enk	George Washington University	Dr.Sabina Faiz Rashid	18-01-09	30-04-09	
3.	Ms.Iffat Nowrin	Development of Life Science, North South University	Dr.Nasima Selim	04-01-09	31-03-09	
4.	Elizabeth Lee (Liz)	George Washington University	Dr.Sabina Faiz Rashid	18-01-09	30-04-09	
5.	Fairuz Fatin	Vassar College, NY, USA	Mahrukh Mohiuddin	12-02-09	01-05-09	
6.	Dr.Tapash Gosh	Tata Institute of Social Sciences	Dr.Sabina Faiz Rashid	20-04-09	01-06-09	
7.	Dr.Hemang Shah	Tata Institute of Social Sciences	Dr.Sabina Faiz Rashid	20-04-09	01-06-09	
8.	Kyoko Taguchi	Nagasaki University	Dr. Anwar Islam	05-04-09	31-12-09	
9.	Hiroko Oishi	Nagasaki University	Dr.Sabina Faiz Rashid	05-04-09	31-12-09	
10.	Hiroko Sakai	Nagasaki University	Dr. Anwar Islam	05-04-09	31-12-09	
11.	Rie Ozaki	Nagasaki University	Dr. Anwar Islam	05-04-09	31-12-09	
12.	Nafisa Huq	Queen Mary University of London, UK	Tisa Muhaddes	21-06-09	21-07-09	
13.	Mandy Slutsker	George Washington University	Dr.Sabina Faiz Rashid	05-06-09	06-08-09	
14.	Yoshito Kawakatsu Kanao Kikuchi Kanao Koyama Naomi Takagi Junichi Tanaka Miyuki Tsuruoka Sayaka Toyoshima Akiko Nagata Mami Hitachi Shiho Hirano Tomoko Masunaga	Nagasaki University	Dr.Anwar Islam	06-08-09	23-08-09	
15.	Shivani Murthy	George Washington University	Dr.Sabina Faiz Rashid	09-09-09	12-12-09	
16.	Shima Dowla	Dartmouth College, USA	Dr.Sabina Faiz Rashid	02-10-09	02-12-09	
17.	Alicia Diaz	George Washington University	Dr.Sabina Faiz Rashid	16-01-10	06-05-10	
18.	Labiba Rahman	Temple University	Tisa Muhaddes	01-06-10	31-06-10	

The background of the slide is a blue-tinted photograph of a person reading a newspaper. The person's face is partially visible on the left side, looking towards the newspaper. The newspaper is held open, and some text is visible on the page, though it is mostly illegible due to the blue tint and focus. The overall mood is professional and academic.

Research Portfolio and Centres

Research Portfolio & Centres

Research Portfolio

The School is renowned for its high quality of research work, timely performance, and strong capacity to undertake research initiatives and activities. The School boasts an enlarging portfolio of multiple research activities funded by international donors. Research projects are undertaken with the aim to generate new knowledge of the lives of the disadvantaged, disenfranchised, vulnerable, and marginalized constituents of Bangladesh. Furthermore, the acquired knowledge is later utilized in advocating on their behalf to relevant stakeholders and policy makers. Additionally, the School is a lead partner for the Global Fund for HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM), which carries out multiple projects on HIV/AIDS in Bangladesh

The various research activities at the School fall under the two Centres, or under the GFATM package 913, or are independent projects.

BOX 3.1 Partners in Research

BRAC Research and Evaluation Division (RED)

Since 1974, Research and Evaluation Division has been an integral part of BRAC's mission, providing an analytical basis for BRAC's programme decisions; allowing and helping BRAC to share the impact and lessons from its work with academics, NGOs, and development agencies around the world. RED undertakes many of its studies in cooperation with international research and academic institutions of the highest caliber. RED research areas span the full range of BRAC activities and beyond: nutrition, family planning, health, legal issues, environment, education, agriculture, credit, gender, NGO capacity strengthening, and many more.

ICDDR,B

The International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B) is one of the major health research institutions in the developing world with its stock of highly-trained professional staff, field and laboratory facilities, and a library with over 50,000 journal titles and 15,000 books, which is one of the largest and most modern in South Asia. In the last 40 years, the Centre has conducted high quality research on health problems of Bangladesh and published thousands of papers in world-class journals. The Centre's laboratories include virology, bacteriology, parasitology, immunology; HIV/AIDS, sexually

Centres at the School

In order to streamline the research opportunities and advocacy activities at the School, two centres of excellence have been created – Centre for Health Systems Studies (CHSS) and Centre for Gender, Sexuality and HIV/AIDS (CGSH). Most research activities are channeled through one of the above centres.

The **Centre for Health Systems Studies (CHSS)** conducts pioneering studies of the public health system in a developing country in order to highlight the diverse channels and avenues through which healthcare is provided to the population. The Centre is presently coordinated by Dean Dr. Timothy Evans.

The **Centre for Gender, Sexuality and HIV/AIDS (CGSH)** conducts innovative studies in reproductive, sexuality, rights, violence, and gender issues in a developing country context. The Centre is presently coordinated by Dr. Sabina F Rashid.

Centre for Health Systems Studies (CHSS)

The Centre was established in order to act as a channel to timely disseminate health system knowledge and lessons among the East and South Asian countries. The Centre also empowers health policy makers with cutting-edge knowledge to close the gap between technical knowledge and policy design and implementation, strengthens the capacity of national institutions to become center(s) of excellence (CoE) in knowledge dissemination, and training and providing policy assistance within the government and the region.

The following research activities took place under the CHSS and are funded by multiple international donors.

COMDIS funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID)

Communicable Disease: Vulnerability, Risk and Poverty –

The project aims to explore the challenges encountered by the BRAC TB control programme in peri-urban and district town areas of Bangladesh. Research partners consist of BRAC and National TB Programme (NTP). The project is expected to run from April 2006 March 2011. The research team formerly consisted of Dr. Shahaduz Zaman, Dr. Anwar Islam, Farhana Sultana, Mejbah Uddin Bhuiyan, and Shafiun Nahin Shimul. Currently, Md. Saiful Islam Sarker joined the team.

Funded by World Health Organization (WHO) South East Asia Regional Office (SEARO)

Globalization as Social Determinant of Health – This project aims to explore globalization as a social determinant of health by linking it to food consumption, food related health problems, and health seeking behaviour in urban youth. Research partners include Mahidol University, Thailand. The

project ran from November 2008 December 2009. The research team consisted of Dr. Shahaduz Zaman, Dr. Nasima Selim, and Dr. Taufique Joarder.

Funded by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada

Comprehensive Primary Health Care (CPHC) Model for Bangladesh – The project aims to develop a comprehensive primary health care model for Bangladesh by reviewing the historical evolution of the PHC system in Bangladesh and identifying the gaps by situational analysis. Research partners include Teasdale-Corti Global Health Research Partnership Program. The project is expected to run from March 2008 -2011. The research team consists of Professor Ronald Labonté, Dr. Timothy G Evans, Dr. Anwar Islam, Dr. Taufique Joarder, Dr. Aftab Ahmed (ICDDR,B), and Asif Kashem.

Funded by the European Commission (EC)

National Food Security Nutritional Surveillance Project – This project aims to develop a mechanism through which the nutritional as well as health status of women and children can be regularly assessed over time throughout the country for advocacy, policy and planning, timely warning, and post assessment. FSNSP also aims to provide timely information on the health, agriculture, economic, and social sectors with regard to food security and nutrition. Research partners include Helen Keller International, Bangladesh and Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics. The project is expected to run from June 2008 2011. The research team consists of Dr. Timothy G Evans, Dr. Anwar Islam, Dr. Enamul Hasib, Dr. McKenzie Andre, Dr. S B Jalal, Dr. P C Sarker, and Dr. Lutfu Ashraf.

Funded by UNICEF

District Investment Case Analysis – The overall purpose of the study is to provide technical support to DGHS and UNICEF to plan and conduct the DICA activities in 3 districts. DICA demonstrates the opportunity for the government and its development partners to strengthen fragile health systems by highlighting the urgent need to accelerate progress towards achieving health related MDGs (1, 4, 5, 6 and 7), leverage resources from the government and its development partners to adequately invest in MNCH in order to achieve tangible and sustainable results. The project ran from August 2009 April 2010. The research team consisted of Dr. Anwar Islam, Dr. Farah Mahjabeen Ahmed, Nuzhat Chowdhury, Dr. Enamul Hasib, and Shafiun Nahin Shimul

Centre for Gender, Sexuality and HIV/AIDS (CGSH)

Established in 2008, the Centre is dedicated to research, policy, advocacy and training activities in the arenas of gender, sexuality and HIV/AIDS in Bangladesh and other developing countries. The Centre has been working to promote a broad-based understanding of sexuality and sexual rights in society, as well as expanding the frontiers of public health discourse and practice in relation to sexuality and rights.

Realizing Rights: Research Programme Consortium (RPC) on Improving Sexual and Reproductive Health for Poor and Vulnerable Populations funded by UK Department for International Development (DFID) (Grant no. HD43).

Universal Access to Health /Neglected Sexual Reproductive Health Rights of Married Men and Women in a Rural Village in Bangladesh – This project aims to understand the knowledge and practices related to neglected sexual and reproductive health problems of married

men and women of reproductive age, and to map local providers of SRH services, and understand their perspectives and practices. The project ran from January 2006 - August 2010. The research team consisted of Dr. Hilary Standing, Dr. Sabina F Rashid, Ilias Mahmud, and Owasim Akram.

Sexuality and Power – This project aims to examine and analyze the contemporary sexual patterns in relation to power of urban Dhaka citizens such as male and female university students, male and female garment workers, MSM (male who have sex with male), gays, lesbians, and transgender communities. Research partners include IDS, INDEPTH, APHRC, LSHTM. The project ran from January 2006 - August 2010. The research team consisted of Dr. Hilary Standing, Dr. Sabina F Rashid, Dr. Dina Siddiqi, Mahrukh Mohiuddin, and Hasan Ashraf.

Gender-based Violence – This project aims to understand the experiences of gender based violence among males and females residing in urban slums. Similar research was concurrently conducted in Kenya among Kenyan urban slum dwellers. Research partners include African Population and Health Research Centre (APHRC). The project ran from April 2009 - June 2010. The research team consisted of Dr. Hilary Standing, Dr. Sabina F Rashid, Suborna Camellia, and Anuradha Hashemi.

UNAIDS funded

PLHS Index Study in Bangladesh – The main aim of the study is to identify the actions needed to address HIV related stigma and discrimination faced by HIV-positive population in Bangladesh. The project ran from August 2008 - January 2009. The research team consisted of Dr. Sabina F Rashid, Owasim Akram, Tanvir Hasan, Ilias Mahmud, and Nabila Khan.

HIV/AIDS Programme Successes & Challenges – This project aims to identify the current HIV/AIDS situation and intervention programmes implemented in order to gauge their successes and challenges as reported by stakeholders. The project ran from June 2008 - December 2009. The research team consisted of Dr. Sabina F Rashid, Razia Sultana, Owasim Akram, and Tanvir Hasan.

CREA funded by The Royal Embassy of Netherlands

Violence against Marginalized Women in Bangladesh, India, and Nepal – This multi-country project aims to examine and analyze the different experiences of violence faced by marginalized women in the three countries. Partners include CREPA, SNEHA, and UCL. The project is expected to run from May 2009 - April 2010. The research team consists of Dr. Sabina F Rashid, Tanvir Hasan, Tisa Muhaddes, Dr. Nasima Selim, and Suborna Camellia.

Funded by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Government of Bangladesh

Improvement of Reproductive Health in Bangladesh – In collaboration with the National Institute of Population Research and Training (NIPORT), the project looked into improving the reproductive health programme, understanding the role of gender in reproductive health outcomes, and understanding demand aspects of maternal health care and family planning. The project ran from April 2007 - April 2009. The research team consisted of Dr. Mushtaque Chowdhury, Dr. Sabina F Rashid, Suborna Camellia, and Eram Y Cooper.

The following projects are either funded by GFATM, or are independent studies at the School.

Global Fund for Tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and Malaria

Global Fund supported HIV/AIDS activities (RCC phase-I)

Building and Strengthening the Technical and Institutional Capacities of Government, NGOs and Implementing Partners – The project activities aim to strengthen government capacity, NGO partners at national and district levels; increase standardized, high-quality interventions; monitor and improve coverage and quality; and improve coordination. The capacity building package has three-pronged activities: develop skilled human resources to ensure transformation of accurate information and required skills at field level; develop standard tools and guidelines to facilitate in enhancing the capacity of service delivery organizations; and improve coordination of activities of NGOs on HIV/AIDS related issues with local level forum. Research partners include a consortium consisting of Population Council, PIACT Bangladesh, National Institute of Preventive and Social Medicine (NIPSOM), and Concerned Women for Family Development (CWFD). The project is expected to run from January 2008 - March 2012. The research team consists of Ms. Ismat Bhuiya, Md. Salim Khan, Mahmudur Rahman Chowdhury, Md. Kamrul Hassan, K M Zahiduzzaman, Md. Mahfuzur Rahman.

Urban Gates Manoshi Project

This project aims to improve maternal and child healthcare, and reduce maternal and child mortality rates in urban slums by conducting initial formative research on community health practices, maternal and child health practices, health-seeking behaviour, private providers and others. The project is funded by BRAC and the Gates Foundation, and jointly carried out by BRAC RED and ICDDR,B. The project is expected to run from 2007-2011. The research team is composed of Dr. Sabina F Rashid, and former Dean, Dr. AMR Chowdhury were involved in some of the research till 2009.

Capacity Strengthening Project at the School

EU Asia Link Project

EU Asia Link Project Building Partnership for Better Health was initiated from November 2007 with the goal to improve the health of the population in low-income countries in the Asian region through application of arts and science of public health and to promote North-South and South-South collaboration for better health. The James P Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH) is the leading institution of the project.

The project is funded by the European Commission. Building Partnership for Better Health Project has been extended for another year. Some of the planned project activities for the current year include the continuation of building a communication strategy; European faculty teaching at JPGSPH; Junior Asian faculty from Asian partner institutions (JPGSPH & SCTIMST) continuing their PhD and Masters training at European partner institution (LSHTM); and developing library resources and curriculum review and development. The project will wrap up with the final workshop to be held in Bangladesh in 2011.



Advocacy Activities

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Capacity Strengthening and Knowledge Sharing Activities under the School

Advocacy is a critical component of the School's activities and there are many different activities conducted to build awareness and promote the rights of vulnerable population of Bangladesh. The advocacy activities are carried out in collaboration with different NGOs, academic institutions, development partners, and multiple ministries of the Government of Bangladesh. Such collaborations are aimed at strengthening capacity as well as facilitating the process of dissemination and utilization of research findings for programming. Research-based evidence produced by the School has proven to be a potent advocacy tool for better policies and programmes.

World Health Day



On World Health Day 2009, the School and the Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) jointly organized a roundtable discussion on the theme Save Lives, Make Hospitals Safe in Emergencies. The discussion emphasized the

importance of resilient and accountable health facilities that are capable to withstand disasters and are prepared to serve both the people directly affected and others in surrounding communities. The discussion was held on April 12, 2009, and jointly chaired by Prof.



Jamilur Reza Chowdhury, former Vice Chancellor of BRAC University and Prof. Muzaffer Ahmad, Chairman, Board of Trustees of TIB. Dr. Anwar Islam, former Director of JPGSPH, moderated the session.

H1N1 Virus in Bangladesh (Swine Flu)



A seminar on Swine Flu : Global & Local Perspectives was jointly organized by JPGSPH and ICDDR,B on May 21, 2009. The seminar highlighted the areas of concerns, preparations, and effective strategies to combat any possible outbreak of swine flu in Bangladesh. Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, former Pro-Vice Chancellor of BRAC University was the Chief Guest, and Dr. Anwar Islam, former Director of the School, chaired the seminar. Influential public health experts discussed the global and national context of swine flu outbreaks.



Distinguished Visits to the School

SEPHIS Coordinator

On March 22, 2009, Dr. Marina de Regt, SEPHIS Coordinator, and participants from the Sexuality Research Methodology workshop from Brazil, Mexico & Zimbabwe visited the School. They were briefed on the various activities conducted by CGSH on studying the marginalized population in terms of gender, sexual rights, sexuality, and reproductive health.

Vice President of Uganda

The Honorable Vice President of Uganda, Dr. Gilbert Balibaseka Bukenya, had a meeting with Dr. Anwar Islam, former Director of the



School, on May 9, 2009. During the meeting, Dr. Bukenya explained the essence of public health in eliminating poverty and disease.

Rockefeller Foundation

A team from Rockefeller Foundation (RF) visited the School on December 20, 2009 accompanied by Dr. Mushtaque Chowdhury, Associate Director, The Rockefeller Foundation, Asia. The purpose of their visit was to meet with key actors from the health sector in Bangladesh. The School organized a meeting between the members of the Bangladesh Health Watch and the Rockefeller Foundation team. Delegates from other organizations like ICDDR,B, RTM international,

BSMMU also participated in the meeting. A discussion took place about the existing health sector situation in Bangladesh and the areas where assistance from the Rockefeller Foundation can be sought.

Partnerships with other Institutions

University of Heidelberg

The School and the University of Heidelberg signed a MOU on February 23, 2009, in order to further expand, formalize and institutionalize the growing collaboration between these two institutions in pursuit of their shared vision of strengthening public health and health systems through education, research, capacity building and advocacy.

Advocacy Activities under the Centre for Gender, Sexuality and HIV/AIDS (CGSH)

CGSH interacts with policy makers and key stakeholders to constructively promote innovative changes in policy, programmes and interventions in support of impoverished and marginalized populations affected by gender discrimination, sexuality and sexual rights violations and of HIV/AIDS.

Training on Sexuality, Health and Media



The workshop on Sexuality, Health and the Media took place on March 13-14, 2009, and was funded by the Realising Rights Research



Programme Consortium (DFID funded) and International Women's Health Coalition, New York. The objective of the workshop was to sensitize the professionals working in the media to issue of sexual rights and health and promote further social awareness amongst women and men alike. Among

the issues discussed at the workshop were concepts of gender and sexuality, relationship between sexuality and the law, popular culture, gender identities and sexual orientation, sexual wrongs vs. sexual rights, pleasure, desire and fantasy, and sexual rights campaigns. Professor Shohini Ghosh, who is a faculty at the AJK Mass Communication Research Centre, India, served as the trainer at the workshop. Participants included correspondents from various print media and from the leading advertising agencies in the country.



Training on Gender, Sexuality and Rights

A 4-day workshop on Gender, Sexuality and Rights was held on May 9-12, 2009. This workshop was funded by Realising Rights (DFID funded) and International Women's Health Coalition, New York. The objectives of the workshop were



to clearly define the concepts of gender, sexuality, and sexual rights, and to forge relationships among various professionals, activists, and



academics in order to integrate their training from the workshop into their personal and professional lives. Another aim was to advocate tolerance, development, and activism on issues related to gender, sexuality, and sexual rights, in addition to promoting further social awareness. Pramada Menon, co-founder of CREA, served as the trainer of the workshop. Participants included academics and researchers from public and private universities from around Bangladesh, NGO professionals working in sexual and reproductive health and rights, students, rights activists, and representatives from groups belonging to non-normative sexualities.

Follow up Workshop on Sexuality & Rights



A one-day follow up workshop on Sexuality and Rights was held on October 8, 2009. This workshop was funded by Realising Rights (DFID funded) and International Women's Health Coalition, New York. The event brought together participants of two workshops held earlier that year. The workshop was

held in order to learn how the participants had applied the knowledge gained from previous two workshops in their professional and personal



lives. Additionally, participants were also rewarded for highlighting and working on the plight of the marginalized population.

Training on Research Methodologies for Studying Sexual Health

A two day multi-disciplinary workshop on research methodologies for studying sexual health for researchers and others working with vulnerable populations was organized on November 22-23,





2009. It was facilitated by Dr. Martine Collumbien and Dr. Sarah Hawkes, experienced researchers from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and University College London, UK, respectively. The workshop drew on their recently completed work on sex workers and vulnerable minorities in Pakistan.

Capacity Strengthening and Knowledge Sharing Activities under CGSH

Improving the Reproductive Health in Bangladesh

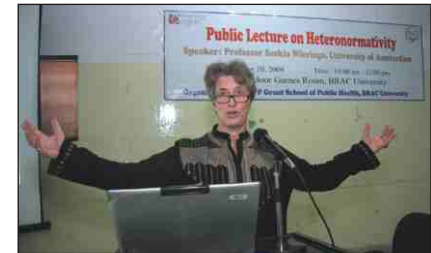
In collaboration with the National Institute of Population Research and Training (NIPORT), the School organized a dissemination seminar on the research findings of the Improvement of Reproductive Health in



Bangladesh project in Dhaka. The seminar was held on April 26, 2009. It was attended by various government, local NGOs, and international NGO officers.

Heter-normativity

A public seminar on Heteronormativity by Dr. Saskia Wieringa, Amsterdam School for Social Science Research, University of Amsterdam, was held on October 20, 2009. The lecture discussed issues of identity, labeling and the tension between sexual behaviors and identities. Prof. Saskia Wieringa has worked extensively on issues of gender planning, women's empowerment, and women's organizations. She co-designed the African Gender and Development Index for the Economic Commission of Africa.



Sexuality & Power

Dr. Dina Siddiqi, Visiting Scholar and Coordinator of Sexuality Network at CGSH, shared the findings of her pioneering research project on sexuality and rights in urban Bangladesh on November 9, 2009. This



exploratory study, the first of its kind, maps the multiple and shifting understandings of sexuality, identity and rights among university students, factory workers, and sexual and gender minorities in Dhaka city. The dissemination event was part of the historic international campaign “*One Day One Struggle*” organized by the Coalition for Sexual and Bodily Rights in Muslim Societies (CSBR).

Sexual and Reproductive Health of Men in Rangpur

Three regional workshops on Sexual and Reproductive Health of Men were organized in Rangpur on November 21, 2009. The participants of the workshops were community people, specialists on venereal diseases, NGO health workers, from different local and national newspapers to informal providers like village doctors, kobiraj/hakim, homeopath etc. The research findings of the School's SRHR research of the situation of the community's married inhabitants were shared at the workshop.

Nagorik Mela (Citizens' Rights Fair)

CGSH participated in the Nagorik Adhikar Mela (Citizen Rights Fair) on January 22-23, 2010. The event was coordinated by BRAC Development Institute (BDI), co-sponsored by CGSH, and included 60 national and local grassroots development organizations from across Bangladesh. The Centre had a stall at the fair along with other organizations working with issues ranging from human rights, education rights, health rights,



land rights, legal rights, women's rights, and rights of indigenous people, workers rights, child rights, environmental rights and many others. The fair was held to recognize the work and struggles of Bangladeshis, and create a space where people can learn about their citizens' rights and responsibilities.

Advocacy Meetings at CGSH

Discussion on Section 377 of Bangladesh Penal Code

A meeting among relevant stakeholders on Section 377 of the Bangladesh Penal Code and other relevant issues regarding the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) community in Bangladesh was organized on July 2, 2009. Dr.



Faustina Pereira, Director, Human Rights and Legal Services, BRAC, served as the moderator. The discussion touched upon several subjects and strategized on the current and future agenda for the LGBT community. Concerned participants from Bandhu, BOB,



ICDDR, BRAC Legal Services, BRAC Pathways, JPGSPH, and individual activists attended the discussion.

Concept Note of the South Asia Human Rights Commission of Marginalized Sexualities and Genders (SAHRCMSG)

The School provided a space for Boys of Bangladesh (BOB) to conduct their meeting on the concept note of the proposed South Asia Human Rights Commission of Marginalized Sexualities and Genders on July 29,

2009. Tinku Ali, an activist, moderated the discussion. The meeting was attended by concerned stakeholders from the LGBT community. All participants gave their perspectives on ways to make the proposed human rights commission relevant to the LGBT community in Bangladesh.

Realising Rights Annual Meeting

The annual planning meeting of Realising Rights Research Project Consortium (RPC) was held on November 24, 2009. A total of 12 participants from APHRC, INDEPTH-Network, LSHTM, IDS and JPGSPH attended the meeting. The objective of the meeting was to discuss among the partners ongoing progress with dissemination activities and outputs for the final year, sharing experience and achievements of the RPC, the cross-RPC final dissemination event, next year's budget and future research partnerships and links.

Realising Rights Communication Strategies for 2010

Members of the Realizing Rights research consortium met on November 26, 2009 to discuss communication strategies for the upcoming year. The RPC will conclude with national and international dissemination events, including an international men's health conference in Dhaka in June 2010. Participants discussed ways to engage with different audiences including journalists, policy makers, NGO's, donors, law enforcement and the general population, and brainstormed on effective communication strategies to disseminate the findings from the ongoing research projects funded by RPC and DFID.

Activities under GFATM

Project activities under GFATM have three pronged aims: develop standard tools and guidelines to facilitate enhancing the capacity of service delivery organizations; and improving NGOs coordination on HIV/AIDS related issues with local level forum. Research partners

include a consortium consisting of Population Council, Programme for the Introduction and Adaptation of Contraceptive Technology (PIACT) Bangladesh, National Institute of Preventive and Social Medicine (NIPSOM), and Concerned Women for Family Development (CWFD).

Training on HIV/AIDS related issues, Management, Monitoring and Evaluation



2 three-week long courses on HIV/AIDS related issues, management, monitoring and evaluation were held from January 10-28, 2010 (first group) and from January 18 February 5, 2009 (second group) in collaboration with NIPSOM, Population Council, PIACT Bangladesh and CWFD with support from National AIDS/STD Program (NASP) and Save the Children USA under GFATM Package 913. The main purpose of the training was to contribute to better management and quality implementation of HIV/AIDS prevention programme in the field level through developing the capacity of the mid level





managers. The participants were mostly government officials, civil surgeons and personnel from NGOs. A total of 21 participants composed the first training group from 11 project districts. A total of thirty two participants attended the second group of training.



Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Meetings

A meeting of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) established under GFATM project - 913 was held on April 2, 2009. Distinguished participants from National AIDS/STD Program (NASP), Save the Children, USA, NIPSOM, Population Council, UNAIDS, GTZ, CARE Bangladesh, PIACT, BWHC, BSMMU, AAS and CAPP attended the meeting. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Anwar Islam, former Director of the School. The meeting mainly discussed the update of GFATM-913 project, the Standards Tools and Operating Procedures (SOP) for services to PLWHA and the TOR for District AIDS Committee (DAC).

Consortium Management Committee (CMC) Meetings

Two meetings of the Consortium Management Committee (CMC) were held on April 30, 2009 and on October 12, 2009. The Director, Country Director, and the focal people of partner organizations participated in the meeting. The challenges of the first phase and future programme direction of GFATM-913 were discussed. Extension of the second phase of GFATM round 6 project, briefing on agreement signing with Management Agency (Save the Children USA), agreement signing with the consortium partners and project implementation/work plan of second phase were also discussed. The CMC is responsible for ensuring smooth implementation of activities of GFATM project - 913.

Workshop on Reducing HIV/AIDS Stigma

A day long workshop on Reducing HIV/AIDS related Stigma and Discrimination was held on July 30, 2009 to review and finalize the draft training manual. This manual is a first of its kind in Bangladesh to address stigma and discrimination in implementing HIV/AIDS related programme. The workshop was jointly organized by Population Council and JPGSPH. It was chaired by Dr. Anwar Islam, former Director of the School. A total of 41 experts from different government, NGOs and international organizations including NASP, Save the Children-USA, UNICEF, FHI, ICDDR,B, CARE Bangladesh, NIPSOM attended the

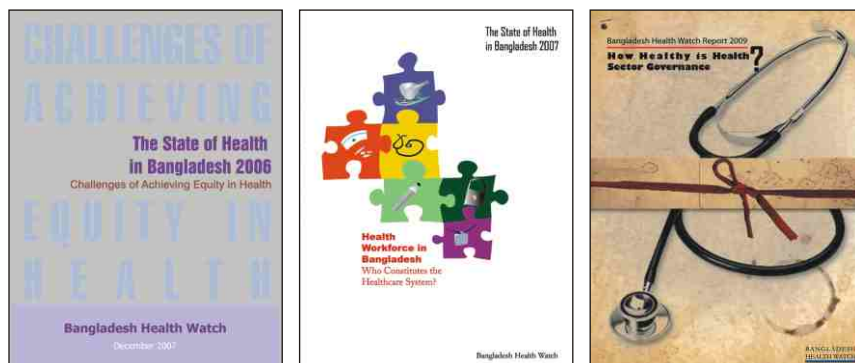


workshop. The manual is developed for all service providers working in HIV/AIDS to create congenial environment for the people living with HIV/AIDS and other most at risk population.

Partners Coordination Committee (PCC) Meetings

A Partners Coordination Committee meeting of GFATM project - 913 was held on October 18, 2009. The meeting was chaired by Md. Salim Khan, Program Implementation Specialist. The revised work plan and implementation of the plan were the main agenda at the meeting.

Bangladesh Health Watch



The School serves as the Secretariat for a civil initiative called Bangladesh Health Watch (BHW), which is a multi-stakeholder civil society advocacy and monitoring network. The main objective of BHW is to improve the health of the population and health systems through monitoring progress, critically reviewing policies and programmes, and playing a catalytic role in making lasting changes in the health sector. BHW activities are funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, SIDA. The names of the advisory committee and working group members are provided in annex 5. A full list of the publications and research under the BHW is provided below:

Challenges of achieving health equity (2006) report highlighted inequities in health and addressed ways to propagate ethics to action.

An assessment on the situation of health workforce in Bangladesh (2007) with special focus on production, availability, and quality of services.

Status of health sector governance in Bangladesh (2009) assessed critical elements of health service delivery and identified actionable points for the policy makers

Academic Study Group (ASG)

The main objective of the Academic Study Group (ASG) is to continually develop the research and teaching skills of the in-house junior faculty, researchers and programme staff. ASG strives to develop and hone the knowledge bank and skills of the School's faculty in public health issues. By organizing guest lectures from diverse fields, the ASG provides a platform for the School's internal staff to stay abreast on contemporary theories and concepts of public health practices and policies.

The following pages provide a summary of all the activities carried out by the ASG during the period of February 2009 January 2010.

Methods and techniques of social research

On February 4, 2009, an ASG seminar on Methods and Techniques of Social Research was held in Aarong building, BRAC University. The seminar was presented by Dr. Abu Sufian, Professor of Statistics and Operations Research, at the University of Bahrain.



Gender, sexuality & popular culture



On March 12, 2009, JGSPH faculty and staff met with Shohini Ghosh, Zakir Hussain Chair & Professor at A J K Mass Communication Research Centre of New Delhi, where she discussed her work on gender, sexuality and popular culture.

Islam and homosexuality



ASG arranged a film screening of *A Jihad for Love* (2007) on March 22, 2009. Directed and produced by Parvez Sharma and Sandi DuBowski, the film is the world's first documentary on the coexistence of Islam and homosexuality.

End of life care and good death in Ghana and The Netherlands: Ironic contrasts



In March 16, 2009, ASG organized a seminar on End of life care and good death in Ghana and the Netherlands: Ironic Contrasts by Sjaak van der Geest, Professor Emeritus, Medical Anthropology, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands. During the session he raised questions about established cultural values and

practices around end-of-life care in the Netherlands (where euthanasia was legalized some years ago) and Ghana where he has been doing research among older people and their care-givers. The participants discussed the issue of end-of-life care in Bangladesh.

Web-browsing for scientific purpose

ASG seminar on web-browsing for scientific purposes was held on April 28, 2009. The guest speaker was Muhammad Mahbubul Islam Bhuiyan, from ICDDR, B.

BRAC women as change agent programme

Dr. Tapash Ghosh and Dr. Hemang Shah, interns from TATA Institute (India), presented their internship experience at the School. The presentation encapsulated their time spent visiting and assessing government facilities and BRAC health centres in Mymensingh and other regions of Bangladesh. Overall, Dr. Ghosh and Dr. Shah concluded that BRAC has been implementing the perfect model of using women as 'change agents' and providing 'accessible, relevant, and adaptable' health facilities and treatments.

Use of Atlas.ti in qualitative health research

Sadia Chowdhury, Senior Research Officer, ICDDR, B provided a training on the use of Atlas ti (basics) in qualitative research. The ASG seminar was held on May 31, 2009. The School's staff learned the basics of Atlas.ti in coding and analyzing qualitative interviews.

Maternal mortality

On June 9, 2009, a documentary titled *Mother Courageous: Maternal Deaths & Discontents* in Uttar Pradesh was screened. The documentary was filmed by Debalina Majumder from India. The



film was followed by a lively discussion on the current state of maternal mortality in Bangladesh, controversies around exact ratio measurements and possible determinants.

Communication for development agencies

On July 7, 2009, the ASG presentation on skills and strategies of development communication was given by Ms. Shazia Ahmed, Department for International Development (DFID) Communication. Shazia Ahmed provided a comprehensive overview of the different challenges, expectations, and models of developing effective communication strategy. In addition, she provided writing tips to ensure that the desired message is always disseminated clearly and succinctly.

Solving research problems in social studies



The ASG on solving research problems in social studies was held by Mr. Showkat Gani, Consultant with BRAC Research and Evaluation Division (RED) on July 9, 2009. Social research is the scientific investigations on social

structures and their functions. It measures, describes, explains and predicts the changes in social and economic structures, attitudes, values and behaviours and the factors which motivate and constrain individuals and groups in society.

Climate change



On July 22, 2009, Dr. Enamul Hasib gave a comprehensive overview of the nature and evolution of climate change and its effects on the human race and on earth.

Genocide, trauma and healing



On August 11, 2009 the ASG featured a documentary film on the Bangladesh Liberation War victim and living martyr Mazibor Rahman Debdas, directed by Mofidul Hoque and produced by the Liberation War Museum. The screening was followed by a brief paper on

Genocide, Trauma and Healing: A case study of the living martyr of Bangladesh Liberation War by Dr. Nasima Selim.

Workshop on scientific writing

A two-day workshop on scientific writing was facilitated by Dorothy Southern, Training Analyst, PIDVS, ICDDR, B from December 13-14, 2009. It covered various aspects of scientific writing for research conducted with qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods. Participants included junior faculty members and researchers from the School,



departments of Architecture and Disaster Management at BRAC University and ICDDR,B.

Framingham risk prediction

In December, the ASG was on Framingham risk prediction equations for CVD incidence using detailed measures for smoking by Dr. Haider Mannan, Research Fellow, Epidemiology Modelling Unit, Monash University.

Risk estimates of arsenic related skin lesions

On January 13, 2010, epidemiologist Nazmul Huda presented his study on risk estimates of arsenic related skin lesions in two large villages in Rajshahi as part of the ASG at the School.

Future Initiatives

This page provides a glimpse into the exciting and ground-breaking future projects and activities planned by the School.

Pay for Performance

The School, in collaboration with the Population Council, and supported by UNICEF will test an innovative service delivery model to provide financial incentives to the institution as a way to enhance their performance on maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH) services in Bangladesh as part of GOB-UNICEF's ongoing MNCH/MNH projects. The study aims to introduce a pay-for-performance (P4P) model, which is paying providers a salary supplement for achieving at least a benchmark of performance in terms of increased quantity as well as quality of services delivered. The project is funded by UNICEF. The project will run from May 2010 June 2011.

Barriers to Adequate and Equitable Access in the Provision of Menstrual Regulation Services in Bangladesh: A Qualitative Study

The School, in collaboration with the Guttmacher Institute, New York and the Bangladesh Association for the Prevention of Septic Abortion

(BAPSA) is conducting a qualitative study to better understand the critical barriers that impede women's access to Menstrual Regulation (MR) services in Bangladesh. This six month qualitative study will gather in-depth information on behaviors, attitudes and practices regarding use and provision of MR and abortion services in a range of facilities in three urban, peri-urban and rural areas of Bangladesh. The qualitative research will add to the findings of a nationally representative quantitative study. The study is being funded by UNFPA. The project will run from October 2010 April 2011.

KAP Study on HIV/AIDS

The School is in discussion with UNAIDS to conduct a knowledge, attitudes, and practices (KAP) study of male and female university students in Bangladesh regarding HIV/AIDS. The study will be funded by UNAIDS and conducted over the course of three and a half months.



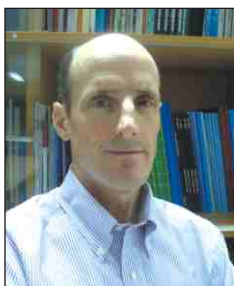
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Faculty and Staff at the School

Starting with a small nucleus recruited from within BRAC, the faculty is growing through recruitment from among a broader pool of international and national professionals including the School's own graduates.

Timothy G EVANS, Dean



Dr. Evans is a dual national of Canada and the United States. Following under-graduate training in social sciences at University of Ottawa, he obtained a D.Phil in Agricultural Economics at University of Oxford on a Rhodes Scholarship. He subsequently trained in medicine at McMaster University in Hamilton and completed a research-residency in Internal Medicine at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston with a joint appointment as a MacArthur post-doctoral fellow at the Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies. From 1995 through to 1997, he was an Assistant Professor, International Health Economics, at Harvard School of Public Health as well as an Attending Physician, General Internal Medicine, at the Brigham and Women's Hospital. In 1997, he was appointed the Director, Health Equity at the Rockefeller Foundation in New York. There he led the development of programmes related to new drugs and vaccines for neglected diseases, tobacco control, access to HIV treatment, disease surveillance, enhancing information systems capacity for vital statistics, disease surveillance and the monitoring of inequities in health, and a global learning initiative on

human resources for health. During his tenure, he was a co-founding Board member of the Global Alliance on Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI) and the Global Forum for Health Research. In 2003, he joined the World Health Organization as an Assistant Director General with responsibility for Evidence, Information, Research and Policy. During his tenure, he pioneered institution-wide strategies for health systems, knowledge management and research and oversaw the annual production of the World Health Report. He led the global Commission on Social Determinants of Health and was a co-founder of various partnerships for strengthening health systems including the Health Metrics Network; the Global Health Workforce Alliance; the World Alliance for Patient Safety and the Providing for Health Partnership. In July 2010, he took up the post of Dean at the James P Grant School of Public Health at BRAC University and ICDDR,B in Bangladesh.

Anwar ISLAM, former Associate Dean & Director



Dr. Islam joined the School in 2007. He has been teaching the course on Health Systems Management since the beginning of the MPH Programme as a visiting Professor. He received his Masters and PhD from Canada. He worked at the Canadian provincial Ministries of Health in Alberta and Manitoba. Subsequently, he joined the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) based in Ottawa as a Medical Sociologist/Senior Programme Officer during the 1990s. In late 1998 he joined the Aga Khan University as an Associate Professor and Head,

Health Systems Division, Department of Community Health Sciences. Lately, he worked with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) as the Principal Advisor of Health Systems in its Policy Branch. Throughout his career abroad, Dr. Islam had been involved in teaching in numerous universities in Canada and elsewhere - the University of Winnipeg (Manitoba), University of Alberta (Edmonton), and Carleton University in Ottawa (Ontario), and at the Department of Community Medicine in Kuwait University. He continues to serve as an Adjunct Faculty at the Aga Khan University. He also serves as a member of the Advisory Board of the Graduate School of International Health Development, Nagasaki University, Japan. Dr. Islam is the author of two books on Bangladesh and published numerous articles in peer reviewed journals. Recently, Dr. Islam has been coordinating a number of short courses as part of the Continuing Education Programme at the School. Dr. Islam is currently no longer with the School.

Sabina Faiz RASHID, Associate Professor and MPH
Coordinator & Coordinator, Centre for Gender Sexuality and
HIV/AIDS and Bangladesh Health Watch



Dr. Rashid has been working in Bangladesh since 1993. She has considerable experience in conducting qualitative research on gender, reproductive and sexual health, sexuality and rights, health systems, urbanization and the health of urban slums populations. She has a PhD in Medical Anthropology, a Bachelors and Masters in Anthropology from The Australian National University, Canberra, Australia. From 1993 to 2001,

she worked at BRAC (NGO and sister institution of BRAC University), UNICEF and Grameen Trust, Grameen Bank, Bangladesh. She joined BRAC University in 2004 and has been teaching Qualitative Research Methods and Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights modules in the MPH programme. In 2009, she became the MPH Coordinator and also coordinates the Centre for Gender, Sexuality and HIV/AIDS (CGSH) and Bangladesh Health Watch, a national civil society initiative. In 2007, she became an Adjunct Faculty member at the International Masters Program at Charite Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany, and teaches the Reproductive Health module every year. In April 2006, she was awarded a Visiting Fellowship at the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, Singapore. She has lead a number of collaborative research grants with national and international partners (Institute of Development Studies, UK; African Population Health Research Centre, Kenya, UNAIDS, WHO, Geneva, CREA, India).

Farah Mahjabeen AHMED, Senior Lecturer and Coordinator,
Continuing Education Programme (CEP)



Dr. Ahmed is a medical doctor with a Masters in Health Services Management from London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, UK. She has served in the Directorate of Family Planning, Ministry Of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Bangladesh. Her areas of interest are capacity development of public health professionals and organizational management.

Hilary STANDING, Visiting Professor¹ and Adjunct Scientist, ICDDR,B and Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK



Dr Standing is a social scientist/social anthropologist with over 30 years of professional experience. She is a Research Fellow at the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK and was based in Dhaka in JPGSPH as a visiting professor from 2008 to 2010. She is a specialist in health and development and has worked extensively in South Asia. Her areas of

interest include micro and macro social analysis of health systems transformation; gender issues in health and development; and qualitative methods for applied and intervention research in the health sector. In Bangladesh, she has provided support to the Health and Population Sector Programmes over the past decade. She is Director of the DFID-funded Research Programme Consortium on Realising Rights: Improving Sexual and Reproductive Health for Poor and Vulnerable Populations (2005-10) of which JPGSPH is a partner.

Ismat BHUIYA, GFATM Project Team Leader



Ms. Bhuiya leads the JPGSPH consortium for capacity building of government and NGOs working in the field of HIV/AIDS. She is also serving as a Senior Programme Officer with the Population Council, Bangladesh. Ms. Bhuiya received her Masters in Laboratory Sciences and Public Health from Chittagong University and Dhaka University respectively. Ms. Ismat Bhuiya has

1. Dr. Standing was a Visiting Professor for the period of 2008- 2010
2. Dr. Siddiqi served as a Visiting Scholar during the period of August 2009 - 2010.

extensive experience in working with the government, non-government organizations, UN agencies and multilateral organizations such as the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank.

Dr. Dina M SIDDIQI, Visiting Scholar², Coordinator, Sexuality Network



Dr. Siddiqi has almost 20 years of research experience in the field of feminist and gender studies. She holds a Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She obtained her B.A. degree in Anthropology and Economics from Wellesley College, Massachusetts; she graduated magna cum laude and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Dr. Siddiqi's publications cover a broad spectrum: Islam and transnational feminist

politics; gender justice and non-state dispute resolution systems; the politics of sexuality; and gender and globalization in Bangladesh. Her new research explores the relationship between masculinity and gender-based violence. She is a member of the Technical Advisory Committee of a UN multi-agency multi-country research project on Masculinities and the Prevention of Gender-based Violence and part of the Core Advisory Group of the South Asian Network of Gender Activists and Trainers (SANGAT). Dr. Siddiqi divides her time between Bangladesh and the US where she teaches courses on South Asia and Women's Studies. She has an appointment as a Visiting Professor at the Southern Asia Institute at Columbia University in Spring 2011.

Mizanur Rashid SHUVRA, Lecturer



Dr. Shuvra graduated from Mymensingh Medical College. He worked with WHO (World Health Organization) in piloting the country's first study on problem based learning. He also worked as a training officer in the first national survey on childhood blindness. Dr Shuvra was identified as a resource person by WHO (World Health Organization) to sensitize all the government medical colleges with problem based learning capabilities. After obtaining an MPH degree from School of Public Health, he was recruited as the first junior faculty in the School. He was awarded a fellowship by the European Educational Programme in Epidemiology and Biostatistics to take an advanced course in Florence, Italy in 2006. His areas of interest are research methodology, biostatistics, public health psychiatry, behavioural genetics, child psychology, educational psychology and pedagogy. He is currently completing a doctoral degree in George Washington University.

Ilias MAHMUD, Lecturer



Mr. Mahmud completed his Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Occupational Therapy from Dhaka University in 2003 and started his career as a Lecturer and Research Associate for the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP). In 2007, he completed his Masters in Public Health from the School in 2007 and received the Best Dissertation award for his MPH independent study on health seeking behaviour of disabled people of Bangladesh. He joined the School in February 2007. He was involved in

two research projects: 1) Neglected Sexual and Reproductive health concerns of men and women and access to providers; and 2) People living with HIV stigma index study in Bangladesh. In 2008, he was promoted to the position of a Lecturer in the School. He is currently completing a PhD at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine.

Shafiu Nahin SHIMUL, Lecturer



Mr. Shimul continues to serve the School as a visiting faculty member for the Health Economics and Financing course. He completed two Masters Degrees, one in Economics and another one in Health Economics from the University of Dhaka with the highest GPA. He has extensive research experience in health economics. He is no longer at the School.

Nasima SELIM, Lecturer II



Dr. Selim is a medical doctor. She worked as the Assistant Registrar in the Pabna Mental Hospital and as Senior Medical Officer at Monon Psychiatric Hospital. In 2007 Nasima completed her MPH from JPGSPH and joined the School. In the same year, she was awarded the SEPHIS Fellowship and participated in an interdisciplinary 11-month international research training programme at the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta (CSSSC) in India. Nasima teaches critical review, anthropological approaches to public health issues, qualitative research methods for MPH students, as well as short course participants at the

School and ICDDR,B. She coordinates the Academic Study Group. She takes public health education seminars for BRAC university undergraduate students organized by CFL at BRAC University. She is involved with the multi-country research project on Violence against marginalized women in Bangladesh. Dr. Selim is currently on study leave to pursue a Masters in Medical Anthropology at the University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands on a NUFFIC scholarship.

Enamul HASIB, Lecturer



Dr. Hasib worked at Unnayan Onneshan, a research organization as a Research Associate. He also worked as a student staff at the students' Union of the University of Wolverhampton, the United Kingdom from where he completed his MPH in 2008. He worked with the School of Health of the University of Wolverhampton on a project focusing on availability of anti-retroviral therapy. He is currently involved in a number of

research projects such as the Food Security Nutritional Surveillance Project, District Investment Case Analysis, Pay for Performance (P4P) etc. His areas of interest include research methodology for epidemiological studies, climate change, air pollution, infectious disease, urban health, anti retroviral therapy and HIV/AIDS.

(All names alphabetical from here)

Nakib Rajib AHMED, Coordinator, EU Asia Link Project



Mr. Ahmed served as the Project Coordinator for EU Asia Link project funded by the European Commission. He has completed his first Masters degree in Botany under the National University of Bangladesh in 2001. His second Masters degree was in International Relations from Graduate School of Asia-Pacific Studies (GSAPS) of Waseda University, Tokyo. He was one of the first JDS

(Japan Development Scholarship) Fellows to leave Bangladesh to pursue higher studies. Since his return, he has been working with SMEC (Snowy Mountain Engineering Corporation) Australia, TIB (Transparency International Bangladesh) before joining the School. Currently, he is not working at the School.

Owasim AKRAM, Research Associate



Mr. Akram completed his BSS Honors and MSS in International Relations in 2006 and 2008 respectively from Dhaka University. Prior to joining JPGSPH, he worked as a Programme Officer in Volunteers Association for Bangladesh (VAB). He also worked as Research Assistant for the Sustainable International Peace Project of Hiroshima University, Japan. He received an award for the Best Poster at the 8th International

Conference on Urban Health held in Nairobi, Kenya in October 2009. Currently, he is not working at the School.

Md. AI-MAHMUD, Assistant System Administrator



Mr. Mahmud joined the School in 2005. He works for the information technology system including planning, implementing, maintaining the systems, administration and documentation. He completed his MBA from Southeast University and the CCNA (CISCO Certified Network Associate) course from BRAC University.

Tapan BISWAS, Programme Officer IT



Mr. Biswas completed his B.Sc. in Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) from BRAC University in 2006. Mr. Biswas has also completed a year-long Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) course at BRAC University in 2007. He has been working with BRAC University IT systems since December, 2006. He joined the School in April, 2008. His areas of interest are networking, web programming, managing and

developing software systems.

Suborna CAMELLIA, Research Associate



Ms. Camellia has been working as a Research Associate at the School for two years. She is currently coordinating the research project, *Gender-based Violence among urban slum residents*, which is a core component of the Realising Rights Research Programme Consortium funded by DFID. She has a Masters and Bachelor degree in Anthropology from Jahangirnagar University. Prior to joining the School,

she worked on several research projects with renowned national and international organizations like Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, BRAC University Institute of Educational Development, Save the Children Sweden and Denmark, and ICDDR,B.. Her areas of interest are gender, urban poverty, sexual and reproductive rights.

Shahanoor Akter CHOWDHURY, Senior Research Associate



Ms. Chowdhury worked as Senior Research Associate in the Realising Rights Research Programme Consortium from June 2008 to February 2010. She completed both her B.S.S. Honours and M.S.S. in Anthropology from Dhaka University in 1997 and 1998 respectively. Ms. Chowdhury also received a Masters degree in Medical Anthropology (AMMA) at the University of Amsterdam with a fellowship from NUFFIC and graduated in 2008. Before joining the School, she worked as a Senior Research Officer in the Social and Behavioural Sciences Unit, ICDDR,B. She also worked in Jajaidin Protidin, PROSHIKA, Democracywatch and UNDP-Dhaka. Currently, she is not working at the School.

Mahmudur Rahman CHOWDHURY, Monitoring & Evaluation Specialist, (GEATM-913, RCC phase I)



Mr. Mahmud is working as the Monitoring & Evaluation Specialist on the GFATM Project at the School. He attained his Masters and Bachelor degree in Statistics from Jahangirnagar University. Prior to working at the School, Mr. Mahmud worked for Population Council, NGO Forum, CARE Bangladesh, Swanirvar Bangladesh and Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE). He has

obtained extensive experience in Monitoring and Evaluation, Management Information System (MIS) and Research.

Ms Nuzhat CHOWDHURY, Research Associate



Ms. Chowdhury completed her first MS degree in Psychology from University of Dhaka in 2000. She completed her MPH in 2008 from the School. She worked as a Substitute Lecturer (Psychology) in Shiddheswari Girls College, as a mental health counselor in a research project domestic violence against women, volunteered several counseling session for substance users as a psychologist in pre-school, and also volunteered the student assessment session in the department of Educational Psychology, University of Dhaka. Ms. Nuzhat joined the School in September 2009 as a Research Associate and is currently in a number of health systems related research projects such as the District Investment case Analysis (DICA) and the Pay for Performance (P4P).

Eram Y COOPER, Research Associate



Ms. Cooper completed her Bachelors in Communications and her Masters in International Relations from Monash University Australia. She worked as a researcher at the School. Her interest lies in reproductive health particularly that of young married adolescent females. Currently, she is not working at the School.

Upama CHAKRABARTY, Research Assistant



Ms. Chakrabarty completed her Bachelors in Computer Science from Pune University, India. She completed her MBA from Stamford University, Bangladesh. She is currently working as a Research Assistant at the School.

Mrityunjoy DAS, Senior Academic and Administrative Officer



Mr. Das completed his BSS Honors and Masters in International Relations from University of Dhaka in 2003 and 2005 respectively. He worked as an executive in the Public Relations and Administration Department in a commercial firm in Beijing, China. He also served as a Sr. Officer in NMCI (Bangladesh) Ltd, which is a subsidiary of National Marine Consultants Inc., USA. He joined the School in May 2008. Mr. Das serves as the Senior Administrative Officer to the school. Currently Mr. Das is pursuing a part-time Masters in Disaster Management from the University of Dhaka.

Md. Tanvir HASAN, Research Associate



Mr. Hasan completed his Masters of Science in Applied Statistics from the University of Dhaka in 2008. He joined the School in October 2008 and is currently overseeing the quantitative component of the project Violence against Marginalized Women in Bangladesh. His interests include quantitative research methodology, biostatistics, epidemiology, econometrics, and social issues.

Anuradha HASHEMI, Research Staff



Ms. Hashemi is working as Research Staff at the Centre for Gender, Sexuality and HIV/AIDS. She received her B.A in Anthropology from Mount Holyoke College in 2009. Her previous experience includes working with Bangladeshi migrant workers in Jordan and people in women's prisons in the US. She is currently working on the Gender Based Violence in Urban Slums research project. She is also involved in the Centre's efforts to strengthen coalitions and create greater awareness about sexuality and rights. Her interests lie in reproductive justice and sexuality rights.

Mohammad Mofijul ISLAM, Research Associate



Dr. Islam completed his Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree from Mymensingh Medical College in 2005. He worked in Incepta Pharmaceuticals as a product executive. After obtaining his MPH degree from the School, he joined as a Research Associate in January 2009. Currently, he is not working at the School.

Taufique JOARDER, Senior Research Associate



Dr. Joarder completed his MBBS in 2007 and his MPH from the School in 2008. He was awarded the Allan Rosenfield Award. He is currently working as the Coordinator of the Comprehensive Primary Health Care Project funded by IDRC, Canada.

Asif Mohammad KASHEM, Research Associate



Mr. Kashem completed his Masters in Biomedicine, Bioscience & Society from the London School of Economics & Political Science, LSE and Bachelors degree in Medical Biochemistry from the King's College London, University of London, UK. He joined the School as a Research Associate in 2009. He jointly coordinates the Comprehensive Primary Health Care Project funded by IDRC.

Md. Kamrul HASSAN, Documentation and Communication Specialist, (GEATM-913, RCC phase I)



Mr. Kamrul completed his master degree in Mass Communication & Journalism from the University of Dhaka. He has 11 years work experience in different national and international organizations like Population Council, Naripokkho, Communica, Samata and Disaster Forum. He joined the School under the GFATM project in November 2009 as a Documentation and Communication Specialist.

Md. Salim KHAN, Programme Implementation Specialist, HIV Prevention Project. (GEATM-913, RCC phase I)



Mr. Khan has a Masters in Political Science. He completed his Masters in Public Health (MPH) from North South University, Dhaka. He has been working in development for about 22 years. He joined the school in November 2008 as Programme Implementation Specialist for the GFATM Project. Previously he has worked for NGO Forum for Drinking Water and Sanitation,

Peace Corps Bangladesh, CARE Bangladesh, UNDP (BCLG project), National Democratic Institute (NDI), International Development Enterprise (IDE), BRDB.

Mahrukh MOHIUDDIN, Senior Research Associate/Lecturer



Ms. Mohiuddin is a freelance consultant and an adjunct faculty (Health Communication) at the School. As a Senior Research Associate at JPGSPH and co-coordinator of Bangladesh Health Watch secretariat, she was involved in research on quality of health care, sexuality and rights, pharmaceutical promotions and health sector governance. She is the primary author of the eHealth Strategy Paper proposed by the Access to Information Program at the Prime Minister's Office, GOB. Previously, she has worked in research and communication in organizations such as JSI Research and Training Institute (Boston), Tufts University School of Medicine (Boston), Dialogue Direct (Boston), Social Marketing Company (Dhaka) and Family Health International (Dhaka). Currently, she is not working at the School.

Tisa MUHADDES, Research & Communication Officer



Ms. Muhaddes is the Research & Communications Officer at JPGSPH. She completed her B.A in Communication Arts from Marymount Manhattan College, New York. She has extensively worked in publishing and teaching in both the United States and in Bangladesh. She joined the School in May 2009. Tisa is responsible for the external and internal communication aspects of the School. She also coordinates a the Violence against Marginalized Women research project. She is interested in gender, sexuality, and rights.

Mahfuzur RAHMAN, Field Research Officer; (GEATM-913, RCC phase I)



Mr. Rahman completed his MSS in Anthropology from Shahjalal University of Science & Technology, Sylhet, Bangladesh. He worked at the School as a Field Research Officer in the GFATM-913 project on HIV/AIDS related issues. Before joining the School, Mahfuzur worked with the Population Council where he was involved in operations research on life skills based sexual and reproductive health education. Currently, he is not working at the School.

Profulla C SARKER, Sr. Policy Advisor, National Food Security & Nutrition Surveillance Project and Adjunct Faculty



Mr. Sarker was a former Professor in the Department of Social Work, University of Rajshahi, Bangladesh since 2006. He joined as a Professor of Social Work and Social Administration in Beijing Normal University-Hong Kong Baptist University, United International College, China. He also served there as Acting Dean in the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences and Director for the Institute of Cross-cultural Studies since June, 2009. He was a consultant of UNICEF, WHO, and NGO Forum. Profulla C. Sarker is an author of five books and co-author of two and seventy five articles published in his credit in professional journals, edited books and proceedings of the seminars, conferences and symposia across the globe. Currently, he is not working at the School.

Md. Saiful Islam SARKER, Research Associate



Mr. Islam completed his Masters and BSS Honors in International Relations from Dhaka University. He joined the School in 2009 as Research Associate. Mr. Islam coordinates the Communicable Diseases: Vulnerability, Risk and Poverty research project funded by DFID. He is also involved with the Continuing Education Programme as a Teaching Fellow. Prior to joining the School, he worked as a Resource Centre

Development Officer at the National Resource Center; the Knowledge Management body of NGO Forum for Drinking Water Supply & Sanitation.

K.M ZAHIDUZZAMAN, Senior Field Research Officer; HIV Prevention Project. (GEATM-913, RCC phase I)



Mr. Zahid completed his masters in Sociology. He joined the School in June 2009. He has been working in population and public health field with diversified marginalized groups for over eight years. He worked with different national and international organizations like Population Council, RTM International, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), National Institute of Population Research and Training (NIPORT). He

has developed several training manuals and behavioral change communication (BCC) materials on sexual and reproductive health, and HIV/AIDS. He is a member of the Global Health Council, USA and the Public Health Association of Bangladesh.

Mahmud-Bin-ZAMAN, Procurement and Admin Officer, Research Assistant and FRA



Mr. Zaman is responsible for the projects accounts at the School. He also works with the BRAC University main accounts and central procurement department. He previously worked as a Research Assistant, on the research project Sexual and Reproductive Health for Poor and Vulnerable Populations in Chakaria, Cox's Bazar District. His responsibilities included monitoring and supervising data collection amongst many others.

New Members at the School

Nadia Ishrat ALAMGIR, Senior Research Associate



Ms. Alamgir is working as a Sr. Research Associate at the School. She completed her Masters in Health Economics from University of Dhaka and Masters in Public Health from the School in 2006-07. She has over five years experience in conducting research and project management in reputed national and international research organizations. At the school she works under the project P4P. She provides extensive and intensive support in implementing, monitoring and evaluating the surveys, project activities, data analysis and report preparation of the project.

Kuhel ISLAM, Research Associate



Mr. Islam is the Research Associate for the Bangladesh Health Watch (BHW) at the School since May 2010. He completed his Bachelors in Biology from University of Victoria, Canada and later an MPH degree from the School. Previously, he worked as the Microbiologist and Laboratory Coordinator for IOM, Dhaka. He is the internship coordinator at the School.

Md. NURUZZAMAN, Research Associate



Mr. Nuruzzaman is working as a Research Associate at the School. He completed his BSS (Honors) and MSS degrees in Social Work from SUST. He also completed his second Master degree in Human Resource Management from Dublin Business School, Ireland. Before joining the School, he worked at the Volunteers Association of Bangladesh (VAB) and at East West University in research and education division.

Mashida RASHID, Senior Research Associate



Ms. Rashid is a Senior Research Associate at the School. She completed her BSc. in Environmental Science from North South University and an MPH from the School in 2009. She worked at ICCDRR,B in health systems policy research for two years before she moved to the school. She is involved in the strategic planning process for the 10-year strategy plan of the school, and a reproductive health project, as well as teaching.

Nargis SULTANA (Lata), Research Assistant



Ms. Lata completed her BSS Honors and Masters in Sociology from University of Dhaka. She is currently involved in providing administrative support to the operations of the Food Security and Nutrition Surveillance Project (FSNSP) at JPGSPH as the Research Assistant. She is no longer at the School.

Office Assistants at the School

Shah Ali



Mr. Shah Ali has been working at School since 2006

Monsura Akhter



Ms. Monsura Akhter has been working at School since 2008

Faculty from BRAC at JPGSPH during the period of February 2009 January 2010

Kaosar AFSANA



Dr. Afsana, the Associate Director of BRAC Health Programme is responsible for the rural and urban Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health Programmes at BRAC. She is an MD with an MPH from Harvard and PhD from Edith Cowan University, Australia. Her PhD thesis addressed maternal health practices and the health care system in Bangladesh. She is a board member of the Partnership for Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health and the Maternal Health taskforce. She lectures in the Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights course at JPGSPH.

Faruque AHMED

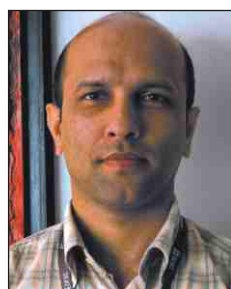
Mr. Ahmed is the Director of BRAC Health Programme. His area of interest is to take an economic and multi-sectoral perspective on public health performance and to build on the existing policy framework at a national level. His interest lies in researching promising strategies for engaging private sectors in maternal and child health, and building a national sector goal.

Syed Masud AHMED



Dr. Ahmed is a Research Coordinator at the Research and Evaluation Division (RED), BRAC. He is a medical doctor with a Doctorate in Public Health from Karolinska Institute in Sweden. His research interests include studying the impact of health and non-health interventions on the lives of the poor especially, women and children. He has published extensively in national and international peer reviewed journals, authored book chapters, monographs and working papers. He teaches the Monitoring and Evaluating course at the School.

SB Jalal CHOWDHURY



Dr. Chowdhury SB Jalal leads the Food Security and Nutrition Research Unit at the Research and Evaluation Division, BRAC, Bangladesh. He studied medicine at the University of Dhaka and subsequently earned PhD in International Nutrition from Division of Nutritional Sciences, Cornell University, USA. Dr. Jalal is a part-time faculty at BRAC University JPG School of Public Health. He teaches epidemiology and a number of short courses and also mentors MPH students. He also represents the school in the Project Management Committee and in the Technical Group of Consultants in Food Security and Nutrition Surveillance Project under JPGSPH. He is a Resource Faculty at the Institute of Educational Development of the same university. His areas of interest are program evaluation, child nutrition, food security, and subjective wellbeing.

Faculty from ICDDR,B at JPGSPH during the period of February 2009- January 2010

(All names in alphabetical order)

Tahmeed AHMED



Dr. Ahmed is an adjunct Professor of Public Health Nutrition and Coordinator of the Nutrition module of the MPH program at the School. He also teaches at the Institute of Maternal and Child Health, University of Uppsala, Sweden. Dr Ahmed is a clinician with a PhD and is a Senior Scientist and the Head of the Nutrition Program of ICDDR,B. For the last 25 years he has been working on the treatment of and public health measures for childhood malnutrition, childhood tuberculosis, and diarrheal diseases. As a member of the Nutrition Task Group in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Bangladesh, Dr Ahmed advises the Ministry on various issues related to nutrition. He works closely with WHO, UNICEF and the International Atomic Energy Agency in research and training on nutrition. As a member of the Nutrition Advisory Group of the WHO, he is currently working on the revision of the global guidelines on management of childhood malnutrition. He has conducted training courses on management of diarrheal diseases and malnutrition in Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Cambodia, Bhutan, Sudan, Uganda, and Southern Sudan.

Shams El ARIFEEN



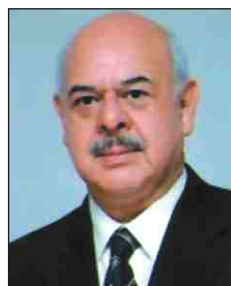
Dr. Arifeen, an epidemiologist, heads the Child Health Programme at ICDDR,B as a Senior Scientist. He is the Principal Investigator of a number of projects in different parts of Bangladesh. Dr.Arifeen is also an Adjunct Professor of JPGSPH and coordinates the course on Epidemiology. Dr. Arifeen also supervises MPH students during their Independent Research.

Abbas BHUIYA



Dr. Bhuiya is currently the Deputy Executive Editor at ICDDR,B. He is also an adjunct Professor at JPGSPH and coordinates the course on Biostatistics. His areas of research interest include interaction of poverty and health, equity and health systems, and monitoring and evaluation of programmes with equity focus.

Alejandro CRAVIOTO



Dr. Cravioto is the Executive Director of ICDDR,B and the former Acting Dean of the School. Dr Alejandro also supervises MPH students at JPGSPH during their Independent Research. Dr.Cravioto has an MD degree and is a Specialist in Pediatrics with the Faculty of Medicine of the National Autonomous University (UNAM) of Mexico in Mexico City. He has a Diploma in Tropical Public Health and a PhD from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical

Medicine, University of London. Before coming to Bangladesh he was the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) in Mexico City from 1995-2003.

Tracey KOEHLMOOS



Dr. Koehlmoos has a Master of Health Administration and a PhD from the University of South Florida. She is the head of the Health and Family Planning Systems Programme at ICDDR,B and coordinates the Centre for Control of Chronic Diseases. Her research portfolio includes the national scale up of zinc in Bangladesh, the Centre for Systematic Review, and a range of healthy systems research ranging from improving EPI and delivering services to the urban homeless to promoting the translation of evidence to policy. At the James P. Grant School of Public Health Dr. Koehlmoos teaches Health Systems Research and Development and guest lectures in Health Economics and Health Systems Management. She is also an adjunct professor at the College of Health and Human Services of George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia, USA. Dr. Koehlmoos coordinates the Certificate in Advanced Research Methods in which she teaches Chronic Disease Programmes and Policy in Developing Countries.

Stephen LUBY



Dr. Luby is Head of the Programme on Infectious Diseases and Vaccine Sciences at ICDDR,B and the Bangladesh Country Director for the U.S Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Luby holds an MD degree from the University of Texas--Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. Previously, he taught at the Aga Khan University, Karachi,

Pakistan. He has also worked as an epidemiologist in both the Malaria Branch and the Food borne and Diarrheal Diseases Branch of the U.S Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr Luby has authored over 150 scientific articles, the majority concerning communicable disease epidemiology and prevention in low-income countries. He is an adjunct Associate Professor at the Emory School of Public Health, USA and an Adjunct Professor at JPGSPH, where he teaches the infectious disease epidemiology course. He also supervises students during their theses work.

Aftab UDDIN



Dr. Uddin is a public health specialist heading the Technical Training Unit of ICDDR,B, as a Senior Manager. He is an adjunct faculty member at JPGSPH, BRAC University, and at the Centre for Medical Education under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt of Bangladesh. Dr. Aftab also supervises MPH students during their Independent Research.

Kazi Mizanur RAHMAN



Dr. Rahman is working at ICDDR,B as an Assistant Scientist. Since 2000 he has worked in different public health research projects that covers research areas including child health, infectious diseases, nutrition, vaccines, maternal health, and climate change. Dr. Rahman graduated from Dhaka Medical College, University of Dhaka in 1998. He went to Harvard University in 2004 and obtained a Master of Science degree in Epidemiology. In addition to his full time involvement with ICDDR,B, Dr. Rahman also works with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical

Medicine as a part-time tutor at the MSc Clinical Trials Distance Learning Programme. At James P Grant School of Public Health, Dr. Rahman is involved in teaching fundamentals of epidemiology, infectious disease epidemiology and quantitative research methods at the Master of Public Health Programme. He also coordinates the course on quantitative research methods. Dr. Rahman also participates in the methodology workshop intended for guiding students to prepare for their thesis works, and supervises students on their thesis. Dr. Rahman has been involved with JPGSPH since 2006 as an adjunct faculty member.

Qumrun NAHAR



Dr. Nahar is a Social Scientist under the Public Health Sciences Division of ICDDR,B. She obtained her medical degree from the University of Dhaka and obtained a Postgraduate Diploma in Primary Health Care and Master of Medical Science Degree from the University of Western Australia. She also has a Masters and a PhD in Sociology from the University of Hawaii. Dr. Nahar has been working in ICDDR,B for almost 20 years in different capacities. She has received DHS fellowship in Population and Reproductive Health, PRB Fellowship for Population Policy Program, East West Center Degree Fellowship, Gates Award and AusAID Fellowship. Dr. Nahar is an Adjunct Faculty at James P. Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University and a part-time faculty at Independent University, Bangladesh.

Other Faculty at JPGSPH during the period of February 2009 - January 2010

Bilqis Amin HOQUE



Dr. Hoque is currently the Director of Research at the Environmental and Population Research Center (EPRC). She is an adjunct Associate Professor at the School of Public Health, Emory University, USA. Previously she worked as a visiting professor at the Kyoto University, Japan and Senior Water and Sanitation Specialist at the World Bank. Dr. Hoque also worked as the Head (and Senior Scientist at an international level) of the Environmental Health Programme (EHP) at

International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh. She currently supervises several MSc and PhD students from universities in Bangladesh and other countries.

Minhaj MAHMUD



Dr. Mahmud has a PhD in Economics from the University of Gothenburg, Sweden. Dr. Mahmud, currently a research fellow at the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), teaches health economics and environmental economics at BRAC University. He previously taught at Queens University, Belfast and Keele University in the UK and Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh. He has been a visiting faculty at the Jawaharlal Nehru

University, India as well. Dr Mahmud is a consultant at the ICDDR,B, Health System and Infectious Disease Division and has been working on several research projects on the Point-of Use Water Treatment in Bangladesh.

Akramul ISLAM

Dr. Islam, Programme Coordinator of BRAC Health Programme, is responsible for the HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria control programmes. He is currently the technical consultant at The Union South East Asia, International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease. He has a PhD from Tokyo University and has published widely.

MA HAFEZ



Prof. Hafez has completed 35 years of government service, including a 6 year stint at WHO as long term staff under SEARO, New Delhi. He has 16 years of teaching experience in biostatistics at MPH and MPhil levels. Since retirement, he has been working as a visiting/full-time professor of biostatistics at various universities. He has conducted research under BMRC, Dhaka; World Bank; WHO; and AUSAID.

M Mostafa ZAMAN



Dr. Zaman is a medical doctor with a Master of Public Health from NIPSOM and a PhD on Epidemiology from Tokyo Medical and Dental University. He is an executive member of the Council for Rheumatic Fever and Rheumatic Heart Disease of the World Heart Federation, Geneva. He is founder of Ekhlaspur Center of Health (ECOH) in Matlab North of Chandpur district where he has established a small cohort for NCD studies.

Currently he is a National Professional Officer for NCD in WHO Bangladesh. At the School he teaches NCD prevention of the Ageing and Health course as a guest faculty. Dr Zaman also supervises students during their independent research works.

International Faculty

International faculty at JPGSPH represent renowned universities from Europe and North America.

Alayne ADAMS



Dr. Adams is the Co-director of the Joint Learning Initiative on Children and HIV/AIDS (JLICA). Supported by a group of international and bilateral agencies, NGOs, and foundations, JLICA is a global research effort that seeks to improve the well-being of children affected by HIV/AIDS. JLICA promotes evidence-based policies and actions to reach the poor more effectively, expands access to essential services, and strengthens families and communities.

Prior to joining JLICA, Dr. Adams was an Assistant Professor at Heilbrunn Department of Population and Family Health at the Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University. She teaches the Introduction to Public Health course at the School. In September 2010 she will be joining the ICDDR,B in Bangladesh as a senior social scientist, and increasing her teaching and research involvement in the JPG School of Public Health.

Richard CASH



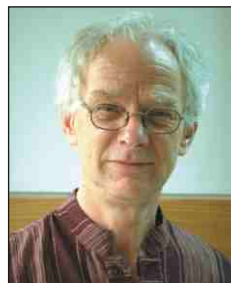
Dr. Cash is a Senior Lecturer in International Health, Department of Population and International Health at the Harvard School of Public Health. He is also the Director of the programme, "Ethical Issues in International Health Research". Dr. Cash is a visiting professor in Public Health and an advisor in Global Health at the Public Health Foundation of India, Delhi. He is also an Adjunct Professor at JPGSPH and teaches the

Introduction to Public Health and Infectious Disease courses at the School.

COLE P DODGE

Mr. Dodge is well acquainted with Bangladesh having represented Oxfam from 1974-75 and Unicef from 1989 to 1992. Retired from UNICEF as the Regional Director for East and Southern Africa in 1995, he went on to set up the Resource Mobilization office for UNEP and advised the Executive Director before leaving the UN in 2001. Facilitator of the planning process for the school of public health, Cole has continued to co-facilitate an integration course at the end of each academic year. As an advisor to BRAC and BRAC University, he is frequently in Dhaka, reviewing performance, generating innovations and exploring opportunities with commitment and enthusiasm for bringing the science of public health to the South. He holds a Masters in Public Health and an MA in Anthropology.

Sjaak van der GEEST



Dr. Geest is an Emeritus Professor of Medical Anthropology at the University of Amsterdam and Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Medische Antropologie*. He has done fieldwork in Ghana and Cameroon on a variety of subjects including the use and distribution of medicines, popular song texts, meanings of growing old, and concepts of dirt and hygiene. He teaches the Anthropological Approaches to Public Health course at the School.

Zarina Nahar KABIR



Dr. Kabir is the Head of Unit, Division of Nursing, Department of Neurology, Caring Sciences & Society and Associate Professor of Public Health at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden. Her research interests are elderly health and mental health particularly in low-income countries. She teaches the Aging and Health course at the School.

Jon ROHDE

Dr. **Rohde** is Co-chair of the International Advisory Board of the School and teaches in the Public Health Integration course. He also reviews the entire curriculum annually and reports to the Advisory Board on evaluation of the program. He was formerly a UNICEF representative for India and is an Adjunct Professor of JPGSPH.

Malabika SARKER



Dr. Sarker is a Reproductive Health Specialist and senior lecturer at the Institute of Public Health at the University of Heidelberg, Germany. She is currently involved in several research projects in Sub Saharan African countries on the quality of prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV and safe motherhood. She has previously worked in the BRAC Health Programme. Dr. Sarker is the co-coordinator of the Reproductive Health course at JPGSPH.

Prea GULATI



Dr. Gulati is a health economist and is currently an associate research professor in the Department of Global Health at the George Washington University. She is also the Global Health curriculum director and the GH Policy Track coordinator. Dr. Gulati is a visiting faculty member at the James Grant School of Public Health and she teaches Health Economics and Financing. She worked with the World Food Programme on developing their End Child Hunger and Undernutrition Initiative (ECHUI) and the Global Health Council where she was Senior Editor and Project Manager for the Global Health Opportunities Report. Previous assignments have included working at UNAIDS, Stanford University and the National Institute of Public Health in Mexico. She has a Ph.D. in Sociomedical Sciences from Columbia University.

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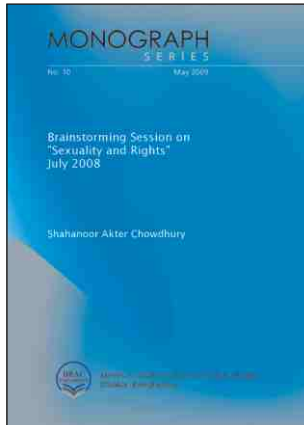
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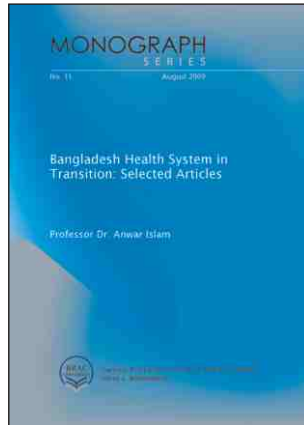
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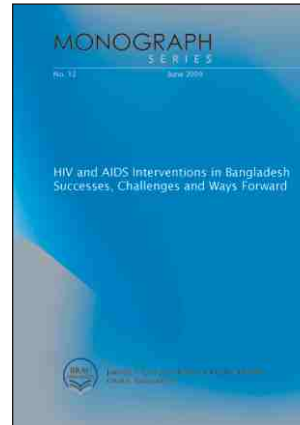
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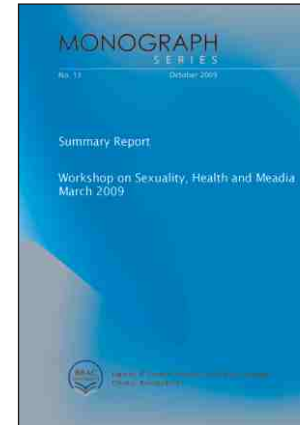
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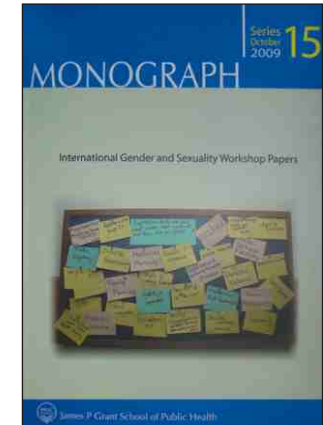
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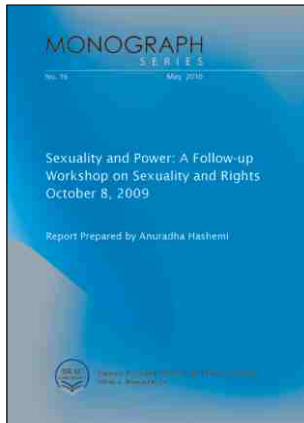
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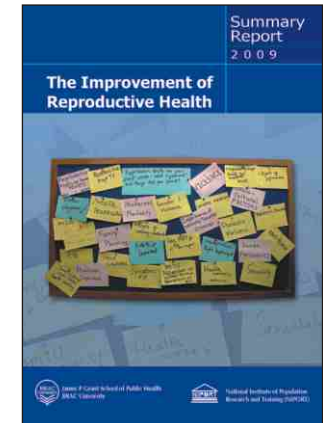
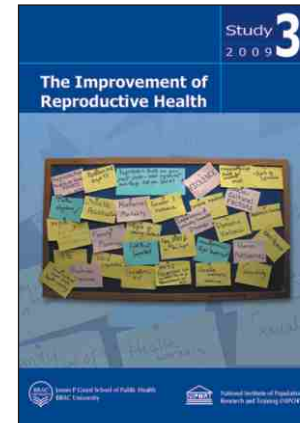
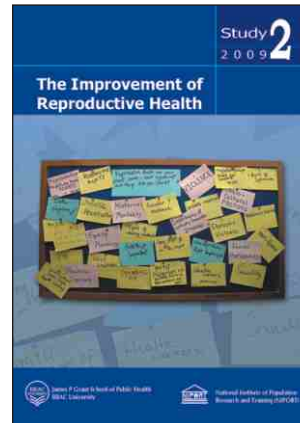
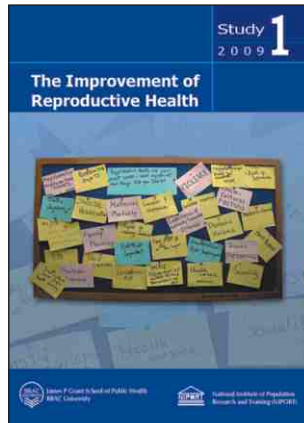
Sexuality, Health & Media Workshop Report



International Gender & Sexuality Conference Papers



Sexuality & Power Workshop Report



The Improvement of Reproductive Health



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Fifth Graduate Forum



The fifth batch of students concluded their year-long MPH programme from the James P Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH), BRAC University with a Graduates' Forum held on January 31, 2010 at the Sasakawa Auditorium at ICDDR,B.



The forum was attended by the graduating students, their families, JPGSPH faculty and staff, and adjunct faculty, supervisors, and examiners from ICDDR,B, BRAC, and BRAC University. It was chaired by Professor Golam

Samdani Fakir, Pro Vice Chancellor, Brac University

Dr. Nasima Selim served as the Master of Ceremony. Dr. Anwar Islam, Associate Dean and Director of JPGSPH, provided opening remarks where he read out famous quotes as important messages for the graduating students to remember as they proceed on to new frontiers. Dr. Ronald Labonte, Research Chair, Globalization and Health Equity at the Institute of Population in the University of Ottawa, was this year's valedictorian speaker. Dr. Labonte's speech was lively, and he emphasized that public health practitioners also needed to be politically active in order to be successful. Dr. Jon Rohde, Chair of the International Advisory Board, also gave a speech where he congratulated the students and wished them illustrious careers.

Four MPH students, Abdul Qahar from Afghanistan, Ingrid Heidemarie





Schaffer from Germany, Annet Naguudi from Uganda, and Monsural Haq from Bangladesh spoke on behalf of the student body. They thanked the School, the faculty, the staff, and other students for making their time in Bangladesh and at the School a rich learning experience.

The certificates and awards were then handed out to all the MPH graduating students. The following people were recipients of the awards.

Sir Fazle Hasan Abed Award for Leadership **Htun Lin OO** from Myanmar

Allan Rosenfield Award for Best Overall Performance **Matthew James Reeve** from Australia

W.B. Greenough III Award for Best Dissertation **Matthew James Reeve** from Australia

Richard Cash Award for Best Poster **Annet Naguudi** from Uganda and **Md. Shahidul** Hoque from Bangladesh

Dr. Sabina F Rashid, Associate Professor and MPH Coordinator, spoke on the components of the independent study as the final thesis to complete the MPH programme. She proceeded to call forth the five students who were randomly selected to present their dissertation to the audience. The five students selected were Matthew James Reeve, Yasir Arafat, Neelima Das, Abu Md. Naser, and Sara Liza Baumann.

The Forum was concluded by a speech by Professor Golam Samdani Fakir, the Pro-Vice Chancellor of BRAC University. He spoke on the history of the University and of the School, the students, and bade them good fortune on their future endeavors. The audience was then invited to review the student's final theses and posters in detail during the poster-displaying session.

Recruitment and Orientation of MPH Students 2010 - 2011



A rigorous recruitment process is followed for selecting and admitting students for the MPH Programme. International short-listed students are interviewed in their home countries by designated JPGSPH representatives and later contacted to complete the admission process. National students have to take written exams. Qualifying short-listed national students are then contacted for group and individual interviews.



Within the current sixth batch of the MPH students, there are 11 international and 12 national students. The international students represent nations such as India, Nepal, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Pakistan, Liberia and Uganda. In addition, as part of a new collaboration between The George Washington University and JPGSPH, 11 GW MPH students will be taking a semester at the School from January-May 2010.



Where are they now? A look at what the 5th batch MPH students post - graduation

Name	Current Country	Organization	Current Work
Abdul Qahar	Afghanistan	BRAC International	Team leader, Strengthening Health Activities for the Rural Poor (SHARP), CB-MNCH
Abu Mohd. Naser Titu	Bangladesh	ICDDR,B	Medical Officer
Ali Tanweer Siddiquee	Bangladesh	ICDDR,B	Research Fellow
Annet Naguudi	Uganda	St. Maria Hospital & Kalongo Hospital	Medical Officer
Arshee Rahman	Canada	Oxfam Canada	Volunteer Intern , Policy and Outreach
Bipra Bishnu	India	World Health Organization (WHO)	Technical Consultant, WHO-RNTCP Technical Assistance Project
Daniel Gwynne Jones	Canada	Canadian Mental Health Association	Health Promoter
Farah Naz Ahmed	Bangladesh	ICDDR,B	Research Fellow
Gulshan Ara Khanom	Bangladesh	ICDDR,B	Medical Officer
Hawa Salum Mziray	Tanzania	Medical Women Association of Tanzania	Programme Officer
Henry Lomjong Enunu	Sudan	MSFF Niertiti	Project Coordinator
Htun Linn OO	Myanmar	Myanmar Business Coalition AIDS	Coordinator
Iffat Tasnim Haque	Bangladesh	ICDDR,B	Research Fellow
Ingrid Heidemarie Schäfer	Denmark	Copenhagen Community	Public Health Visitor
Kuhel Faizul islam	Bangladesh	James P Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH)	Research Associate

Name	Current Country	Organization	Current Work
Lameck Onyango Odallo	Kenya	Kimetrica Limited	Survey Expert
M.H.M Mahmudul Hassan	Afghanistan	BRAC International	Technical Manager, TB Control Programme (Global Fund Round-8 TB)
Matthew Reeve	India	Nossal Institute for Global Health, Melbourne University	Project Officer & Technical Advisor, Project Orchid
Md. Shahidul Hoque	Bangladesh	ICDDR,B	Senior Field Research Officer
Mohammad Ashique Haider Chowdhury	Bangladesh	ICDDR,B	Research Investigator, NCD
Mohammad Monsurul Hoq	Sudan	BRAC International	Communication Manager
Nafisa Sadat	Afghanistan	BRAC International	CBHP & BCC Manager
Neelima Das	Bangladesh	ICDDR,B	Research Fellow, HSID
Nuzhat Choudhury	Bangladesh	ICDDR,B	Research Investigator, Nutrition Program, Clinical Science Division
Roxana Rahim	Bangladesh	ICDDR,B	Research Fellow
Sara Elizabeth Baumann	USA, India, Bangladesh	USAID Maternal & Child Health Integrated Programme	Consultant, Filmmaker
Sharmin Sharif	Canada	Strategy Institute Toronto	Conference Coordinator
Yasir Arafat	Sierra Leone	BRAC International	Health Manager

Student Cultural Programme

During their year-long stay in Bangladesh for the MPH programme, international and national students partake in various cultural activities and shows. The cultural activities allow the students to educate, enlighten, and entertain their peers of their native cultures.

On August 2009, the current 5th Batch of MPH student held a Cultural



Evening where the students performed for the JPGSPH faculty and staff, and their friends and family. The show was full of lively performances by the students showcasing their dancing, singing, and even acting talents. Most of the students performed pieces that were representatives of their own culture. This show was



concluded by a dinner for the students, faculty and staff.

Annex

Annex 1 Fifth Batch Students

International

Afghanistan

Abdul Qahar

Qahar is a Medical Doctor. He completed his degree from Nangarhar Medical Institute, Afghanistan. He had worked as administrator in Nangarhar Provincial Hospital. He worked as Medical Officer in Al- Kuwait Hospital, Peshwar, Pakistan. He has also worked as Program Coordinator Of Community Based Tuberculosis Control Program with BRAC Afghanistan.



Afghanistan

Nafisa Sadat

Nafisa has a MD degree from Kabul Medical University, Afghanistan. She worked as CHW Master Trainer with BRAC Afghanistan. She also worked as Sector Specialist for Community Health with BRAC Afghanistan.



Australia

Matthew James Reeve

Matthew completed his MBBS (Hons) degree from University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia in 2006. He has a B.Sc degree as well from the same institution. He worked as a Resident Medical Officer, NSW Health, Australia.



Canada

Daniel Gwynne Jones

Daniel is a Bachelor of Science from McGill University, Montreal, Canada. He has worked as a substitute teacher at Chelsea Elementary School, Quebec, Canada. He has helped in the construction of a micro hydro project in Maccot, Thailand. He has also had experience working in an AIDS orphanage in Kenya (2007) and with International Red Cross in Uganda.



Canada

Sharmin Sharif

Sharmin has a Hons. Bachelor of Science Degree from University of Toronto with specialization in Developmental Biology and South Asian Studies. She worked with Strategy Institute Toronto as Conference Coordinator. She also worked as Constituency Assistant and Community Outreach in the Office of Federal Member of Parliament (The Office of Maria Minna, P.C., M.P) in Toronto after her graduation.



Germany

Ingrid Heidemarie Schafer

Mrs. Schafer has a Diploma in Health Visitor from Aarhus University, Diploma in Community Nursing from South Africa and a Diploma in General Nursing. She worked in Hvidovre Hospital in Pediatrics, Copenhagen, Denmark. She also worked as a Public Health Visitor in Copenhagen Community.



Kenya

Henry Lomojong Enunu

Henry has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from University of Eastern Africa, Baraton Eldoret, Kenya. He worked as a Project Coordinator with MSFF Niertiti, West Darfur, Sudan.



Kenya

Lameck Onyango Odallo

Lameck completed his BA in Geography and Environmental Science from Monash University, Johannesburg, South Africa. He volunteered with UNAIDS, South Africa. He also worked as an intern at MAP International HIV/AIDS Policy Office in Nairobi.



India

Bipra Bishnu

Bipra is a Medical Doctor from Calcutta National Medical College, Calcutta University. She worked as a Surveillance Medical Officer in National Polio Surveillance Project, India. She also worked as Medical Consultant in Revised Tuberculosis Control Program with WHO.



Myanmar

Htun Linn OO

Htun completed his MBBS degree from Institute of Medicine, Yangon, Myanmar. He worked as a Assistant Project Manager with Myanmar Business Coalition on AIDS. Then, he worked as a Project Manager (from March 2006 to April 2007) and Program Coordinator (since 2007) with the same organization.



Tanzania

Hawa Salum Mziray

Hawa completed her Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree of Medicine in 2006 from Muhimbili University College of Health Sciences, Tanzania. She worked as a counselor with Tanzania Youth Alliance. She also worked as a Programme Officer at Medical Women Association of Tanzania.



Uganda

Annet Naguudi

Annet holds a BA in Medicine and Surgery from Mbarara University of Science and Technology. She worked as a Project Officer with African Medical and Research Foundation.-Uganda. She has also served as a Medical Officer at St. Maria Hospital, Lacor and Kalongo Hospital in Uganda.



United States of America

Sara Elizabeth Baumann

Sara received her BA Degree in Literature Arts and Sciences from University of Michigan, USA. She worked with THREAD Project, Chennai, India. She also worked with YRG Care Centre for AIDS Research and Education, Chennai, India.



National

Abu Mohd. Naser Titu

Naser is a medical doctor who graduated from Sir Salimullah Medical College, Dhaka in 2005. He completed his post graduate training in Internal Medicine from Shaheed Suhrawardi Hospital. He worked as a medical officer in Bhuiyan Medical Hospital and Research Centre.



Ali Tanweer Siddiquee

Tanweer obtained his MBBS from Armed Forces Medical College, Dhaka University in 2005. He worked as medical officer in Japan-Bangladesh Friendship Hospital, Dhaka. He had also worked as a Research Medical Officer in the new UK-Bangladesh Higher Education Link Project.



Arshee Rahman

Arshee passed her BA Honors in Anthropology, Law & Society from York University, Canada in 2008. After graduation she worked as volunteer/member in War Child, Canada. She also worked with Research Initiatives Bangladesh (RIB).



Farah Naz Ahmed

Farah Naz completed her MBBS from Mymensingh Medical College in 2006. She worked as a medical officer in Telemedicine wing, Japan Bangladesh Friendship Hospital, Dhaka. She has done an Executive Certificate Course ?Understanding Development from the department of Development Studies, Dhaka University and diploma in International Relations from the same university in 2008.



Gulshan Ara Khanom

Gulshan Ara completed her MBBS from Rajshahi Medical College in 2000. She worked as a medical officer in Dhaka Shishu Hospital. She worked as a medical officer with ICDDR,B before joining the MPH programme.



Iffat Tasnim Haque

Iffat completed her MSc in Microbiology from University of Dhaka 2008. She been working as a Senior Research Assistant with Environmental Microbiology Laboratory under Laboratory Science Division, ICDDR,B.



Kuhel Faizul islam

Kuhel has a BSc in Biology from University of Victoria, Canada joined as a Research Assistant at King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Center, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He Worked as a microbiologist in International Organization for Migration (UOM).



M.H.M Mahmudul Hassan

Mahmud is a medical doctor graduation from Mymensingh Medical College in 2003. Before joining the MPH Programme he worked as a Assistant Surgeon, Agla Union Subcentre, Nawabgonj Upazilla Health at the Complex, Nawabgonj, Dhaka.



Md. Shahidul Hoque

Shahidul completed a Master of Arts from University of Chittagong in 1989. He had worked with the Christian Commission for Development in Bangladesh (CCDB). He worked as a senior field research officer with ICDDR.B before joining the MPH Programme.



Muhammad Ashique Haider Chowdhury

Ashique completed his MBBS from Chittagong Medical college in 2005. He worked as a honorary medical officer In Respiratory Medicine, NIDCH. He worked as medical officer in Cardiology Department of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University.



Mohammad Monsurul Hoq

Monsurul attained his Master of Science in Statistics from Jahangirnagar University. He worked as Assistant to national coordinator, Intervida Bangladesh. He also worked as a field supervisor, MRC-Mode.



Neelima Das

Neelima is a medical doctor and completed her MBBS from Rajshahi Medical College in December 2007. She worked with PIACT. She joined the MPH Programme after finishing her internship.



Nuzhat Choudhury

Nuzhat completed her MSc in Nutrition from University of Dhaka in 1992. She had worked as a training specialist in Regional Training Program - Food & Nutrition Planning (RTP-FNP) Project in Bangladesh under University of Philippines, Los Banos. She worked as a Research Associate II at the Research and Evaluation Division of BRAC before joining the MPH Programme.



Roxana Rahim

Roxana completed her BS degree in Environmental Science and Management from North South University in 2008. She worked as a Documentation Executive in Energy Pac Power Generation Ltd. and at an NGO called PRISM, as Project Officer dealing with hazardous hospital waste management.



Yasir Arafat

Arafat obtained his MBBS from Armed Forces Medical College, Dhaka University in 2005. He worked as a Clinic Supervisor in Basic Health Care Project of MSF-Holland:Kutupolong Refugee Camp, Teknaf.



Students at a glance

	Male	Female	Doctor	Non Doctor
International (14)	7	7	10	4
National (16)	9	7	9	7
Total (30)	16	14	19	11

Annex 2 5th Batch MPH Students

Research Thesis with Supervisors Names

Serial	Name of Student	Thesis Title	Supervisor	Co-Supervisor
1.	Akiba, Yuko	Does micro health insurance increase the utilization of health care services among the poor? An exploratory study in Savar, Bangladesh	Shafiun Nahin Shimul Lecturer, Institute of Health Economics, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh	
2.	Baumann, Sara Elizabeth	Its not all about AIDS: Perceptions of illnesses, health seeking behaviour and barriers to health care among hijra (transgender) in urban Dhaka	Dr. Dina Siddiqi, PhD Visiting Professor Centre for Gender, Sexuality & HIV / AIDS, James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University	
3.	Bishnu, Bipra	Exploring barriers faced by the health system affecting collaboration among TB-HIV services in Kolkata, India	Dr. Dipendra Narayan Goswami Assistant Professor, Department of Community Medicine, Calcutta National Medical College and Hospital	

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5.	Jones, Daniel Gwynne	Sexual health is a real man's Issue: Perceptions of sexual health concerns among young Bangladeshi men	Dr. Laura Jean Reichenbach Social Scientist Social & Behavioural Sciences Unit ICDDR,B	Co-Supevisor: Dr. Sabina Rashid, PhD
6.	Mziray, Hawa Salum	Knowledge, perception & practice of menstrual regulation among married women of Vasantek Slum, Dhaka	Dr. Quamrun Nahar, PhD Sr. Operations Researcher ICDDR,B	
7.	Naguudi, Annet	Knowledge, perception and socio-cultural impact of obstetric fistula: A study among fistula patients in a tertiary hospital in Dhaka, Bangladesh	Dr. Abu Jamil Faisal PD, Mayer Hashi & Country Representative EngenderHealth Bangladesh Country Office	
8.	Odallo, Lameck Onyango	Perception of STI screening amongst hotel based female sex workers in Dhaka	Dr. Julia Ahmed Team Leader COVAW	
9.	OO, Htun Linn	Youth on the road: A survey on road-using behaviors of university students in Dhaka	Dr. Aftab Uddin Senior Manager, Technical Training Unit, ICDDR,B	

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12.	Schafer, Ingrid Heidemarie	Utilization of demand side financing voucher scheme for maternal health services: A qualitative study exploring the decision making process of pregnant women in Mirsarai, Bangladesh	Dr. Tracey Lynn Perez Koehlmoos Health Systems Scientist Health Systems & Economics Unit, ICDDR,B	
13.	Sharif, Sharmin	A tale of an upazila health complex in rural Bangladesh: Analysis of its resources, production and delivery of services.	Dr. Syed Masud Ahmed Research Coordinator Research and Evaluation Division BRAC	

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16.	Arafat, Yasir	Paying for health services at Upazilla level hospital: What do people think about 'user fees'?	Dr. Anwar Islam, PhD Associate Dean & Director, JPGSPH, BRAC University	
17.	Choudhury, Nuzhat	'The effect of food insecurity on undernutrition among preschool children of extreme poor households in rural Bangladesh	Dr. Chowdhury SB Jalal Research Coordinator RED, BRAC	
18.	Choudhury, Muhammad Ashique Haider	Effects of climatic factors/variability on the occurrence of hospitalized Dengue cases in Uttara, Dhaka	Kazi Mizanur Rahman Assistant Scientist, Child Health Unit, Public Health Sciences Division, ICDDR,B,	
19.	Das, Neelima	Respiratory morbidity of women exposed to indoor air pollution from cooking stove: A cross sectional study in rural Bangladesh	Dr. Anwar Islam Associate Dean & Director, JPGSPH, BRAC University	Co-supervisor: Dr. Mohammad Sohel Shomik, Research Investigator, Social and Behavioural Science Unit Public Health Science Unit ICDDR,B

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21.	Hassan, M.H.M Mahmudul	Challenges in breastfeeding low birth weight babies in hospital	Dr. Khurshid Talukder MBBS (Dhaka), DCH (Glasgow), MRCP (Uk) Consultant Pediatrician and Research Coordinator; Center for Women and Child Health (CWCH).	
22.	Hoque, Md. Shahidul	Does community empowerment process increase utilization of health services? An exploratory study in Chakaria, Bangladesh	Dr. Sabrina Rasheed, PhD Assistant Scientist, Social and Behavioural Sciences Unit (SBSU), PHSD, ICDDR,B	
23.	Hoq, Mohammad Monsural Islam	Referral system for emergency obstetric care: BRAC's experience	Dr. Malabika Sarker Research Faculty Institute of Public Health University of Heidelberg, Germany	
24.	Islam, Ruhel Faizul	Awareness, perception and knowledge of HIV/AIDS among wives of migrant workers in rural bangladesh: A Case Study from sylhet	Dr. Dina M. Siddiqi Visiting Professor, Centre for Gender, Sexuality & HIV / AIDS, JPGSPH, BRAC University	
25.	Khanom, Gulshan Ara	Knowledge on respiratory infection and acceptability of the respiratory hygiene intervention in an urban slum	Dr. Stephen P Luby Head, Program of IDVS, ICDDR, B	

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26.	Rahim, Roxana	An exploratory study of the common injuries, disease and social problems identified by the people of Chowkbara, Gabura in Satkhira, South West Bangladesh following cyclone Aila	Dr. Jena Derakhshani Hamadani Head, Child Development Unit Scientist, Clinical Sciences Division ICDDR,B, Dhaka	
27.	Rahman, Arshee	The reported health problems and the socio-cultural consequences of garment factory workers in Dhaka	Dr. Sharful Islam Khan Associate Scientist; Social and Behavioural Sciences Unit Public Health Sciences Division, ICDDR,B	
28.	Siddiquee, Ali Tanweer	Risk factors for developing infections (pneumonia and diarrhea) in babies born LBW in a Dhaka city slum	Dr. Khurshid Talukder MBBS (Dhaka), DCH (UK), MRCP (Glasgow), Consultant Pediatrician and Research Coordinator; Center for Women and Child Health	
29.	Titu, Abu Mohd. Naser	The economic burden of influenza like illness in Mirpur, Bangladesh :A cost of illness study from household perspective	Dr. Stephen P. Luby Head, Program of IDVS, ICDDR, B	Eduardo Azziz-Baumgartner Medical Epidemiologist, PIDVS, ICDDR,B

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II	Arshee Rahman, Henry Lomjong Enunu, Sara Elizabeth Baumann	Eliminating Polio in Latin America and the Caribbean	13.05.2009
III	Abu Mohd. Naser Titu, Daniel Gwynne Jones, Sharmin Sharif	Curbing Tobacco Use in Poland	27.05.2009
IV	Ali Tanweer Siddiquee, Bipra Bishnu, Roxana Rahim	Controlling Tuberculosis in China	03.06.2009
V	Ingrid Heidemarie Schafer, Ismail Ibrahim Fakir, Muhammad Ashique Haider Chowdhury	Reducing Fertility in Bangladesh	10.06.2009
VI	Htun Linn Oo, Farah Naz Ahmed, Nuzhat Choudhury	Preventing Diarrheal Deaths in Egypt	24.06.2009
VII	Lameck Onyango Odallo, Md. Shahidul Hoque, Neelima Das	Saving Mothers' Lives in Sri Lanka	01.07.2009
VIII	Hawa Salum Mziray, Iffat Tasnim Haque, Kuhel Faizul Islam	Preventing HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections in Thailand	15.07.2009
IX	Md. Monsurul Hoq, M.H.M. Mahmudul Hassan, Nafisa Sadat,	Improving the Health of the Poor in Mexico	22.07.2009
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