

**CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR GENDER, SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS
(CGSRHR)**

Research Projects (2020-2021)

1. Exploring Opportunities to Improve Health Outcomes and Enable Better Health Systems Delivery through Digital Financial services

PI: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director, CGSRHR

Coordinator: Farzana Misha, Research Coordinator

Implemented by: Center of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Timeline: January 2020 – Ongoing

Objective: To explore opportunities to improve Health Outcomes and enable better Health Systems delivery through Digital Financial services.

Methodology: Mixed method

Donor: Gates Foundation

Partner: Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

2. Impact Evaluation Design for Evaluation of Adolescent Student Program (Bangladesh)

PI: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director, CGSRHR

Co-PI: Maheen Sultan, Acting Head and Senior Fellow of Practice, BRAC Institute for Governance and Development (BIGD)

Coordinator: Farhana Alam, Assistant Director, CGSRHR

Implemented by: Center of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Timeline: 22 March 2020 – 30 December 2020

Objective:

- Evaluate the impact of various components of the Adolescent Student Program (ASP) intervention at the school level, with the overall aim to improve adolescent well-being.
- To equip the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) with an evidence-based and cost-effective model before scaling-up the ASP intervention.
- To understand the knowledge, perceptions, practices, challenges and coping mechanisms of adolescent boys and girls living in low income settlements during the pandemic

Methodology: Qualitative

Donor: GAGE ODI (UK)

Partners:

- BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University
- BRAC Institute of Governance and Development, BRAC University.
- Gender and Adolescence: Global Evidence Programme, Overseas Development Institute

3. A Baseline Study of the Current Situation of Women and Girls with Disabilities (WGWDs) Facing Violence in Selected Areas of Bangladesh

PI: Md. Tanvir Hasan, Associate Professor, and Co- Director CUEH

Technical Advisor: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director, CGSRHR

Co-I and Focal: Md. Uzzal Chowdhury, Senior Statistician; Fatema Akhter Bonny, Research Associate

Timeline: July 2020 to December 2020

Objective:

- To explore the knowledge & awareness about SRHR issues, level of violence experienced by the women & girls with disabilities (WGWDs)
- To explore the coping strategies adopted by women & girls with disabilities
- Identify the gaps in currently implementing interventions and/or services, and to recommend strategies to improve delivery of efficacious interventions and/or services.

Donor: UN Women funded through Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW)

Methodology: Mixed method

Partners:

- The Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- Women with Disabilities Development Foundation (WDDF), Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- BRAC James P. Grant School of Public Health (BRAC JPGSPH), BRAC University.

4. Exploring the outcomes, successes and challenges of the soft skill training component of BRAC Skills Development Program (SDP)

PI: Farzana Misha, Research Coordinator

Coordinator: Mohammad Riaz Hossain, Sr. Field Coordinator

Implemented by: Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Timeline: January 2020- July 2020

Objective:

- To understand perceptions of beneficiaries and peer leaders regarding the soft skill training program, exploring the effect of soft skills training program on beneficiaries,
- Explore the successes and challenges of the soft skill training program to generate relevant recommendations for program strengthening and scale up.

Methodology: Mixed method

Donor: BRAC SDP Program

5. Rana Plaza Collapse: BRAC's Experience as a key player on Post Rana Plaza Disaster

PI: Professor Kaosar Afsana, BRAC JPGSPH

Co-PI: Mrinmoy Samadder, Sr. Research Fellow

Other Researchers: Nicholas Turzo Mandol, Research Associate; Rafaat Hasan, Nosin Nahian, Research Assistant

Implemented by: Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Timeline: Feb-July 2020 (now extended to October 2020)

Objective:

- Holistic Support Package for Rana Plaza Survivors, where they supported 50 survivors;
- Assistance and support to the victims of Rana Plaza Collapse and their families, where they supported 280 survivors
- Ensure long-term medical services and post-award livelihood support for 450 victims of Rana Plaza tragedy
- To document BRAC's performance post Rana Plaza disaster and illustrate the ongoing physical, psychological and socio-economic conditions of the survivors

Methodology: Qualitative

Donor and Partner: BRAC

6. Perceptions of mental health integration in Pashe Achi Telecommunication model among the stakeholders

PI: Professor Kaosar Afsana, BRAC JPGSPH

Co-PI: Mrinmoy Samadder, Sr. Research Fellow

Other Researchers: Nicholas Turzo Mandol, Research Associate; Nazrana Khaled, Deputy Coordinator; Hossain Mohammed Omar Khaiyum, Sr. Research Assistant; Mahmuda Sarkar, Qualitative Data Manager

Timeline: May-December 2020

Objective:

- To provide learning and mental health support through 20-minute tele-conversation when the Covid-19 pandemic hit the country in March 2020.
- To strengthen the role of frontline staff and workers by providing further training in psycho-social aspects to develop their counselling skills.
- To provide learning and mental health support through 20 minute tele-conversation using the platform Pashe Achi telecommunication model during the pandemic

Methodology: Qualitative

Donor and Partner: BRAC IED

7. Gender and Adolescence: Global Evidence (GAGE)

PI: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director CGSRHR

Co-PI: Maheen Sultan, Head (a.i.) Gender and Social Transformation Cluster, BRAC Institute for Governance and Development (BIGD), BRAC University

Coordinated by: Farhana Alam, Assistant Director CGSRHR and Md. Sajib Rana, Research Assistant.

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Timeline: March 2020 - November 2020

Objective: To address the transformative processes of adolescents in the face of discriminatory social norms and institutional barriers by generating data of their capabilities, changing the context of early adolescence through to adulthood and focusing on the dynamic interactions that shape adolescents' outcomes and life experiences in their world.

Methodology: Qualitative

Donor: GAGE ODI [UK Institute for Overseas Development (GAGE funding agency)]

Partner: Gender and Social Transformation Cluster, BRAC Institute for Governance and Development (BIGD), BRAC University

8. Designing a study on menstrual regulation and post-abortion care among Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh

PI: Professor Kaosar Afsana, BRAC JPGSPH

Other researchers: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director, CGSRHR; Tahmid Hasan, Sr. Research Assistant; Ayanti Barua, Research Assistant

Timeline: July 2020-March 2021

Objectives:

- To prepare the study design, protocol and data collection instruments for a study on menstrual regulation and post-abortion care among Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.
- To provide much-needed evidence on Rohingya women's access to and use of menstrual regulation (MR) and post-abortion care services in refugee camps in Bangladesh to inform policies and programs to improve their access to these services.

Methodology: Qualitative

Donor: Guttmacher Institute (USA)

Partners:

- Guttmacher Institute (USA)
- Association for the Prevention of Septic Abortion, Bangladesh (BAPSA)

9. Development of Integrated nutrition messages for schools

PI: Professor Kaosar Afsana, BRAC JPGSPH

Other Researchers: Dr. Malay Mridha, Professor and Director, CNCND; Saira Parveen Jolly, Sr. Research Fellow; Abu Mohammad Shamim, Associate Scientist; Fahmida Akhter, Sr. Research Fellow; Barnali Chakraborty, Assistant Scientist

Timeline: 1 August - 5 December 2020

Objective: The study aims to develop integrated nutrition messages for the school children (pre-primary to grade 10) using the cover pages of the school textbooks.

Methodology: Mixed methods

Donor: Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Partner: N/A

10. Documentaries on consent and skin colour

PI: Farhana Alam, Assistant Director, CGSRHR

Coordinator: Farhana Alam, Assistant Director, CGSRHR

Implemented by: Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Timeline: 1 January 2020 - December 2020

Objective:

- To increase knowledge and conceptual clarity among young people on issues of consent and choice in the context of SRHR
- To sensitized university students and young people on issues of choice in the context of early marriage, relationships, marital rape and cybercrimes.
- To explore the common perception of colorism in Bangladesh and collect narratives of those who have been discriminated against for darker skin tone.
- To examine the realities of how colorism can deeply affect all aspects of peoples' lives and the decision they make or opportunities they are given.
- To raise awareness regarding this social injustice which is otherwise 'normalised' in the society.

Methodology: Qualitative

Donor: International Republican Institute (IRI)

11. HUMANITARIAN RESEARCH: A Qualitative Evaluation of BRAC Humanitarian Play Lab (HPL) Model in Rohingya Camps in Bangladesh

PI: Professor Kaosar Afsana, BRAC JPGSPH

Technical Advisor: AKM Mazharul Islam, Adjunct Professor, BRAC JPGSPH; Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director, CGSRHR

Timeline: February 2019 – December 2023

Objective: This study aims to understand what makes the HPL model unique in the Rohingya refugee camp setting.

- Explore and document the life history and experiences of Rohingya families, learn indigenous knowledge, attitudes and practices of the community in terms of ECD and play-based learning,
- Evaluate HPL's impact on learning, healing and coping of children, children's acceptance of HPL and play based learning
- Observe how Rohingya cultural aspects and practices are being preserved through the model and what impact it has on social cohesiveness.

Methodology: Qualitative

Donor: BRAC Institute of Educational Development (BRAC IED)

12. A study of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) of persons with disabilities (PWDs) in Bangladesh

PI: Md. Tanvir Hasan, Associate Professor, and Co-Director, CUEH

Co-PI: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director, CGSRHR

Coordinator: Irin Akhter, Deputy Project Coordinator

Implemented by: Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Timeline: December 2018 to May 2020

Objectives:

- To understand SRHR needs, knowledge about SRHR, SRH sufferings, perception around sex and sexuality and barriers in accessing SRH services for PWDs in Bangladesh through primary research
- Secondary review of existing interventions and/or services relevant to SRHR of PWDs, identify gaps in currently implementing interventions and/or services and recommend strategies to improve delivery of efficacious interventions and/or services
- Review existing laws and policies relevant to SRHR and disability in Bangladesh and explore barriers to the implementation of laws and policies and recommend strategies for improvement

Methodology: Mixed method

Donor: Embassy of the Royal Kingdom of Netherlands

Partners:

- Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) of Ministry of Health
- Family Welfare (MoHFW) is providing technical assistance

13. Countering Backlash and Reclaiming Gender Justice

PI: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director, CGSRHR

Coordinator: Ishrat Jahan, Research Associate; Aisha Siddika, Sr. Researcher

Implemented by: Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Timeline: October 2019 -2024

Objective:

- Understanding the backlash against women's rights and gender justice
- Addressing the erosion of gender agendas, their co-option and its stereotyping effects
- Advancing new opportunities for women's movements and rights defenders to reclaim gender justice
- Enhance the understanding and capacities needed – and identify opportunities – for women's rights organisations and other gender justice defenders

Methodology: Qualitative

Donor: Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)

Partners: Leading institute - Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex

Partner countries/ regions - India, Brazil, UK, Kenya, Uganda and Middle East regions.

14. Mobilizing for a Research Revolution to Ensure LGBTIQ Inclusion in Asia: A High-impact, Transformative International Partnership (MFARR-Asia)

PI: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director, CGSRHR; Peter Newman (University of Toronto)

Co-PI: Farhana Alam, Assistant Director, CGSRHR; Selima Sara Kabir, Assistant Research Coordinator; Maruf Rahman, Research Assistant

Coordinator: Maruf Rahman, Research Assistant

Implemented by: Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Timeline: November 2019 – March 2024

Objectives:

- To generate a shared understanding of characteristics and priorities of LGBTIQ inclusion in six sectors: education, employment, family, violence/security, health and political participation
- To measure and monitor LGBTIQ inclusion in four countries (India, Thailand, Bangladesh and Hong Kong) over time
- To identify model programs and initiatives, and good practices to support LGBTIQ inclusion
- To increase access to and use of knowledge by community-based organization (CBO) and intergovernmental organization (IGO) partners through innovative knowledge mobilization, including participatory video

Methodology: Mixed method

Donor: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

Partners:

- Oboyob – Diversity Circle
- Bandhu Social Welfare Society

15. HUMANITARIAN RESEARCH: Learning Through Play: Looking into Play Lab in Government Primary School of Bangladesh

PI: Professor Kaosar Afsana, BRAC JPGSPH

Co-PI: Mrinmoy Samadder, Sr. Research Fellow

Coordinator: Mrinmoy Samadder, Sr. Research Fellow

Implemented by: Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Timeline: 15 September 2019 - January 2020

Objectives:

- To illustrate the lessons learnt in mainstreaming play based learning model among 4-5 year children into the Government Primary School

Specific objectives:

- To understand the perspectives of community and key stakeholders about play based learning model
- To describe the changes in the development of children exposed to the activities of the Play Lab
- To document the driving force for and the challenges to initiating and implementing the Play Labs in the government primary spaces

Methodology: Qualitative

Donor: BRAC Institute of Educational Development (BRAC IED)

16. BRAC – Disrupting Cross Border Trafficking Networks in Jashore, Bangladesh

PI: Farhana Alam, Assistant Director, CGSRHR

Co-PI: Md. Tanvir Hasan, Associate Professor and Co-Director, CUEH

Coordinator: Sophia Kaufman, Project Coordinator

Technical Advisor: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director, CGSRHR

Focal: Farhana Alam, Assistant Director, CGSRHR

Implemented by: Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Timeline: November 2019-April 2021

Objectives:

- To conduct formative research during inception to understand the gaps and barriers that might inhibit effective CBT programming in Jashore
- To conduct operational research (in close coordination with monitoring teams and the digital monitoring system) to understand how and why the project is able to achieve objectives or not, and inform fast adaptations and improvements on how to move to scale effectively
- To conduct baseline and end line surveys and evaluation reports to understand project performance against the project results framework

Methodology: Mixed method

Donor: Children Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF) - UK

Partners: Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST)

17. Promoting Rights Through Inclusion and Empowerment (PRITIE)

Lead from BRAC JPGSPH: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director, CGSRHR

Coordinator: Ashfique Rizwan, Deputy Project Coordinator (May 2018-November 2019); Md. Mostafizur Rahman, Assistant Coordinator (December 2019 – March 2020); Tasfiah Jalil, Sr. Coordinator (March 2020-Present)

Implemented by: Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Timeline: January 2019 – September 2020

Objective:

- To address discriminatory laws, policies and practices related to marriage and sexual violence in the context of Bangladesh and international human rights standards
- To create platforms for university students and young professionals in the project area to express their views and experiences on their freedom to express, choose, and consent to matters related to their own lives, and strengthen their knowledge and understanding and increase their participation in ensuring their rights
- To enhance the capacity of service providers on SRHR

Methodology: Capacity Strengthening and Advocacy

Donor: Swedish Association for Sexuality Education (RFSU)

Partner: Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST)

18. Strengthening Voices and Capacities for Addressing Gender Based Violence

Lead: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director, CGSRHR

Coordinator: Farhana Alam, Assistant Director, CGSRHR; Mostafizur Rahman, Assistant Coordinator

Implemented by: Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Timeline: January 2019 – September 2020

Objective: N/A

Methodology: Qualitative

Donor: Creating Resources for Empowerment and Action (CREA)

19. Social inclusion through Skill Development: Exploring the lived realities of BRAC SDP Graduates through photo narrative

PI: Farhana Alam, Assistant Director, CGSRHR

Co-PI: Wafa Alam, Assistant Coordinator

Coordinator: Farhana Alam, Assistant Director, CGSRHR; Wafa Alam, Research Associate

Implemented Under: Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Timeline: September 2019 - August 2020

Objective:

- To explore the experiences of women in non-conventional trade, transgender individuals and persons with disabilities after graduation from SDP training programs
- To understand their need for support after graduation in order to ensure a sustainable social inclusion
- To understand experiences of SDP graduates during COVID-19 pandemic through follow up phone interviews in July

Methodology: Qualitative

Donor: BRAC Skill Development Program

Partner: BRAC Skill Development Program

20. Right Here Right Now (RHRN)

PI: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director CGSRHR

Coordinator: Kuhel Islam, Senior Coordinator (2019-June 2020); Tasfiah Jalil, Sr. Coordinator (March 2020-Present), Rituja Shome, Research Assistant (2019-Present)

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Timeline: July 2017-October 2020

Objective:

- To create a world where everyone is able to access quality and youth-friendly health services.
- To ensure that no one is afraid to openly express who they are and who they love.

Methodology: Evidence-based Advocacy and Capacity Strengthening

Donor: Rutgers

Partners:

- BRAC Education Programme, BRAC
- RHSTEP
- Bandhu Social Welfare Society (Bandhu)

- Naripokkho
- SERAC-Bangladesh
- Family Planning Association of Bangladesh (FPAB)
- Oboyob, BLAST
- United for Body Rights (UBR) Alliance
- Bangladesh Mahila Parishad
- Dance4Life
- Arrow / HiVOS

21. Male Youth and their Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) in Bangladesh: A Mixed-methods Nationwide study

PI: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director, CGSRHR

Coordinated by: Farzana Misha, Research Coordinator

Qualitative Lead: Subas Chandra Biswas, Senior Research Fellow

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Timeline: December 2018-December 2020

Objective:

- To explore the SRH needs of male youth (aged 15-24) in Bangladesh by exploring existing SRH interventions;
- Identify the gaps and challenges to improve SRH interventions and/or services
- Identify the barriers of implementation and recommendations for policy advocacy.

Methodology: Mixed method

Donor: Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

22. HUMANITARIAN RESEARCH: A Story of the Evolution of BRAC Humanitarian Play Lab (HPL) in Rohingya Camps of Bangladesh

PI: Professor Kaosar Afsana, BRAC JPGSPH

Coordinator: Nazrana Khaled, Research Associate

Implemented by: The Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Timeline: Feb 2019 - December 2023.

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

Methodology: Qualitative

Donor: BRAC Institute of Educational Development (BIED)

Partner: N/A

23. Maternal mortality and emergency obstetric care (EmOC) facilities in BRAC health nutrition population programme (HNPP) areas in rural Bangladesh

PI: Professor Kaosar Afsana, BRAC JPGSPH

Co-PI: Saira Parveen Jolly, Sr. Research Fellow

Implemented by: Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Timeline: 1 March 2019 - Ongoing

Objectives:

- To identify the areas with high maternal deaths in BRAC health, nutrition and population programme (HNPP) areas in Bangladesh
- To examine the density of Emergency Obstetric Care (EmOC) facilities in BRAC HNPP areas across Bangladesh
- To explore knowledge, perception, practice, barrier and challenges in the communities with high MMR in Bangladesh, in access to formal healthcare facilities for utilization of antenatal, delivery and postnatal care

Methodology: Mixed method

Donor: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Partner: BRAC Health Nutrition and Population Programme (HNPP)

24. Migration Passages and SRH Needs of Rural to Urban Migrant Women in Bangladesh

PI: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director, CGSRHR

Coordinator: Syeda Seama Mowri, Senior Project Coordinator(former)

Implemented by: Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Timeline: March 2019 - February 2020

Objective:

- To understand access to information and services that meet the sexual and reproductive healthcare needs of rural-urban migrant women in Dhaka.
- To understand the push-pull factors that contributed to the decision to migrate.

Methodology: Qualitative

Donor: Georgetown University

Partner: Georgetown University

25. Socio-Cultural Understanding of ECD: Perspectives of the Rohingya Community in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh

PI: Professor Kaosar Afsana

Coordinator: Nazrana Khaled, Deputy Coordinator

Implemented by: Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Timeline: August 2019 - February 2020

Objectives:

- To understand perspectives of childhood and childhood development among Rohingya mothers and fathers
- To know their practices and beliefs related to childhood and childhood development

Methodology: Qualitative

Donor: BRAC Institute of Educational Development(BIED)

26. Perceptions of Rohingya Community about BRAC Humanitarian Play Lab and Changes Occurred to Exposed Children

PI: Professor Kaosar Afsana, BRAC JPGSPH

Co-PI: Fouzia Khanam

Coordinator: Nazrana Khaled, Deputy Coordinator

Implemented by: Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Timeline: August 2019 – February 2020

Objectives:

- To explore the perception of parents and community about HPL interventions
- To understand and explain how play based ECD interventions bringing developmental changes among Rohingya children and supporting their mothers

Methodology: Qualitative

Donor and Partner: BRAC Institute of Educational Development (BIED)

27. A Mixed-Methods Cluster Randomized Controlled Trial of Biometrically Enabled mHealth System of BRAC Community Health Programme

PI: Md. Tanvir Hasan, Associate Professor, and Co- Director CUEH

Co- PI: Professor Zahidul Quayyum, Professor and Co-Director CUEH

Focal person: Adrita Kaiser, Research Associate

Implemented by: Center of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Timeline: October 2019- December 2020

Objectives:

- To evaluate the impact of a biometrically enabled mHealth (Simprints) system on selected maternal and child health outcomes in 36 districts of Bangladesh
- To examine the cost-effectiveness of the biometrically enabled mHealth system in improving maternal and child health outcomes in the 36 selected districts. In addition, to determine whether benefits exceed costs (cost-benefit analysis)
- To explore, if the “Simprints” system contributes to an efficiency gain in overall management of health care and Management Information System (MIS) in providing maternal and child health services in 36 districts of Bangladesh
- To explore perceptions and understandings of the beneficiaries about potential benefits (if there is any) of the biometrically enabled mHealth system

Methodology: Mixed method

Donor: Simprint/ BRAC HNPP

Partner: BRAC HNPP

28. HUMANITARIAN: Exploring the feasibility of collecting a core set of indicators for monitoring and evaluating sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health services and outcomes in humanitarian settings

PI: Dr. Md. Tanvir Hasan, Associate Professor and Co-Director CUEH

Co-PI: Bachera Aktar, Assistant Director, CGSRHR

Coordinator: Nadia Farnaz, Research Fellow

Timeline: September 2019- April 2020

Objective:

- To assess the feasibility of collecting data on a core set of indicators for monitoring and evaluating SRMNCAH in settings affected by humanitarian crises.

Methodology:

This project used a concurrent multi-methods study design to explore the feasibility and usefulness of the core set of SRMNCAH indicators. The project conducted semi-structured interviews with purposely selected stakeholders to explore a range of perspectives on data collection and the core set of SRMNCAH indicators. It also conducted facility mapping exercises which allowed it to obtain information about those data that organizations are already collecting as well as identify gaps in data collection. It also engaged members of different field teams in facilitated group discussions to explore attitudes to data collection as well as challenges and opportunities for incorporating the core set of SRMNCAH indicators into routine systems of data collection and use.

Partners: Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Ottawa (Canada); Cambridge Reproductive Health Consultants (USA)

Donors: World Health Organization (WHO) Geneva

29. Sustainability of Telecommunication Model in support of promoting Play based Learning among Children

PI: Professor Kaosar Afsana

CO PI: Anis Parvez

Coordinator: Mrinimoy Samadder

Other Researchers: Khandakar Mohymeen Layes and Syeda Sayka Tabassum

Timeline: September 2020- November 2020

Objective: Understand the Sustainability of the telecommunication model for play-based learning

Methodology: Qualitative

Partner and Donor: IED

30. Documenting integration of ECD with Mental Health

PI: Professor Kaosar Afsana

Co-PI: Anis Parvez

Coordinator: Mrinmoy Samadder

Other Researchers: Khandakar Mohymeen Layes and Syeda Sayka Tabassum

Timeline: December 2020- February 2021

Objective: document the process of integration of mental health into play-based model

Methodology: Qualitative

Partner and Donor: IED

31. Capturing Best Practices of BRAC's Engaging Men (EMB) Project

PI: Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean and Director, CGSRHR

Implemented by: Centre of Excellence for Gender, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (CGSRHR)

Timeline: October 2019 - May 2020

Objective: Capture and document evidence/learnings and best practices of successful and unsuccessful strategies and approaches (what has worked best and what has not worked) used for mobilizing men and boys in support of gender equality.

Methodology: Qualitative

Donor: BRAC

Partner: BRAC GJD, CEP & IDP

Grant Amount: USD 16,000