

Upcoming CPSD Short Courses in 2021: Contents for JPGSPH webpage

Background: BRAC JPGSPH will undertake four short courses and one pilot course for Bangladesh Health Watch (BHW) in 2021. The umbrella theme of these courses is “Health Systems Strengthening (HSS) towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC)”. Under the theme, four short courses are planned to be executed between July-December 2021. Tentative course themes are: (i) Pandemics and the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) Responses, (ii) Good Governance in Health Sector, (iii) Voice & Participation of Stakeholders in Service Delivery, and (iv) Equity for Accessing Healthcare Services. Regarding pilot course, “Multidisciplinary aspects of COVID-19 and Health” will be piloted in June 2021 before starting actual short courses.

Course development process: Course contents will be designed and developed based on stakeholder consultation. A rigorous training needs assessment (TNA) has been conducted to achieve these objectives: (i) to identify skill gaps, (ii) to reach the target group, (iii) to finalize and streamline course content, and (iv) to develop innovative teaching learning methodologies. The TNA process includes needs assessment, in-depth interviews, and focus group discussions with relevant stakeholders. As the final part of the TNA process, a validation workshop will be held with key stakeholders to share draft course contents, and interactive teaching learning methodologies being proposed. The contents of these short courses will be refined and adapted continuously in the future. A feedback session will be organized after completion of each course in which participants would give their candid opinion to improve the respective courses. This will be useful for refining and enriching course contents.

Who will participate: The potential participants of short courses will be programme planners and managers in government, NGO and private sectors.