



# COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPACT IN BANGLADESH

## INVESTING IN THE NEXT GENERATION OF TRANSFORMATIVE PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERS

**WOMEN HEALTH LEADERS SCHOLARSHIPS**  
TO PROMOTE YOUNG WOMEN PROFESSIONALS  
IN PUBLIC HEALTH

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TO PROMOTE RESEARCH AND PRACTICE  
IN PRIORITY HEALTH AREAS

## DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERS

For sustainable and inclusive development, the need for innovative public health leaders has never been greater in Bangladesh. The explicit mission of the BRAC James P. Grant School of Public Health is to develop innovative public health leaders and provide solutions through cutting-edge, experiential Education, Training, Research and Advocacy.

Started in 2004, over 500 graduates from 30 countries including Bangladesh have completed the flagship Masters of Public Health (MPH) programme and are contributing both nationally and globally. Graduates have moved on to set up the midwifery programs, joined government ministries, managed humanitarian and epidemic crisis at home and abroad (e.g., Rohingya camps in Bangladesh and Ebola in Liberia), joined national and international programs and institutions including research institutions, teaching at renowned Universities, and contributing to informing and influencing health policies.

Among our graduates, 10 have completed, and 32 are currently in the process of completing, PhDs at universities like Basel, Columbia, Emory, Freie, Harvard, Heidelberg, Johns Hopkins, La Trobe, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, Monash, Stockholm, Sussex, Sydney, and Toronto.

The School's funding has been largely donor-driven, thereby restricting its full capacity to address the most urgent community health needs within Bangladesh. To realize its vision to be the leading regional PH Institute to address the priority health challenges affecting Bangladesh and South Asia's most disadvantaged communities, BRAC JPGSPH requires support from Bangladesh's own philanthropists and private sector. Through strategic local funding partnerships, BRAC JPGSPH can ensure its long-term impact on the most vulnerable communities in Bangladesh and other developing countries.



“**Thanks to the strong partnerships with leading public health institutions around the world, the School has been able to establish itself as an exceptional institution for public health education and reform.**”

- Sir Fazle Hasan Abed KCMG  
Founder, BRAC

## BRAC School seeks to partner with individual philanthropists and interested organizations to establish:

### BRAC SCHOOL CHAIR ENDOWMENT

To Promote Research and Practice in Priority Health Areas



The School invites Bangladeshi philanthropists and interested organizations to support expanding public health education and research by endowing a Chair in their chosen area of public health which could be, e.g., Women's Health, Climate Change & Health, Nutrition, Urban Health and Governance, and Maternal and Children's Health.

BRAC has recently established a Professorship in the name of its former Vice Chair Dr. Mushtaque Chowdhury for promoting research and education in the interface of Health and Poverty.

### WOMEN HEALTH LEADERS SCHOLARSHIPS

To Support Young Women Professionals in Pursuing a Public Health Career

To help bring women at the helm of the nation's health system, the School is establishing the first ever 'Women Health Leaders Scholarship.' This is expected to develop leadership skills that the young professional women need for transforming the system in 21st century environment.

The Scholarship recipients will participate in a comprehensive, people-centered health learning praxis where real world health problems demand real world innovative solutions. Through immersive, experiential learning coupled with critical public health skills to solve problems, the scholars will be constantly challenged to bring out the best in them whether in communities, or clinics in the public and private sectors, or outreach facilities of the NGOs and faith-based organizations, or hospitals.



The School invites philanthropists to support its Scholarships for high potential, young women health professionals. We are happy to announce that a local philanthropist has already established the School's first such scholarship fund in memory of his mother and mother-in-law's names through a one-time donation of Taka 2.5 crores. Proceeds from the fund will be used to, provide MPH tuition to meritorious and socio-economically disadvantaged women students to pursue their Public Health careers.

### CURRENT MPH SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

#### 2020 - AMENA AZFAR & HURMATUNNESSA ROB SCHOLARSHIPS

Full tuition waiver for meritorious and socio-economically disadvantaged Bangladeshi female students.

## SELECT GRADUATES SERVING AS CHANGE MAKERS IN BANGLADESH



**Saiqa Siraj (2nd Batch), Country Director, Nutrition International, Bangladesh**

Directing Nutrition International's programs and an active member of a civil-society platform on nutrition for vulnerable communities.



**Taufique Joarder (4<sup>th</sup> Batch), Research Director, USAID's Strengthening Multi-Spectral Nutrition Programming through Implementation Science Activity (MSNP) team at FHI 360**

Providing Research Leadership at FHI 360 Bangladesh and Executive Leadership for a National NGO. He also teaches Global Health & Health Systems at several Universities.



**Morseda Chowdhury (6<sup>th</sup> Batch), Associate Director, Health, Nutrition and Population Programme, BRAC**

Leading the largest Community-based Health Service Delivery Programme in Bangladesh.



**Md. Mofijul Islam Bulbul (8<sup>th</sup> Batch), Deputy Program Manager, National Nutrition Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Bangladesh**

Undertaking capacity building and public health research and policy work at GoB Ministry level on Nutrition, Global Health, Maternal and Child Health.



**Punam Ganguly (10<sup>th</sup> Batch), Public Health Associate (SRH), UNHCR**

Managing the Humanitarian and Public Health crisis related to Sexual and Reproductive Health of Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar.

2019 - Public Health Education Leadership Award by the South East Asia Public Health Education Institutions Network (SEAPHEIN).

2019 - Mentioned as one of the top-notch Schools in LMICs in an article published in the news website of Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Read the article here:  
[bit.ly/GlobalHealthNOW](https://bit.ly/GlobalHealthNOW)



2007 - Featured by WHO as one of the SIX schools in the world promoting and practicing innovative higher public health education.

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