

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR URBAN EQUITY AND HEALTH (CUEH)

Established in 2013, with the focus on health equity challenges of the urban poor, particularly on urban health governance; the Centre works in inter-sectoral research, training, policy and results-based action. The Centre motivates evidence-based dialogue and decision-making, and supports partnerships and networking among government policymakers, private and public service providers, researchers and development partners.

The key areas of the Centre's work include training and capacity development to enhance skills and competencies for better urban health governance, inter-sectoral action, needs and impact assessments as well as programme design, implementation and evaluation. Research at the Centre focuses on urban health governance, community engagement and accountability, and facility mapping and innovations in service delivery models for the urban poor. With broad participation of relevant sectors (health, housing, transport, etc.) and stakeholders (development partners, local government, NGOs, etc.), the Centre applies an evidence-based approach to building consensus, aligning resources and coordinating action towards better governance practices.

RESEARCH PROJECTS IN 2020

- **COMMUNITY-LED RESPONSIVE AND EFFECTIVE URBAN HEALTH SYSTEMS (CHORUS)**

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Timeline: May 2020 - April 2026

Implemented by: Centre of Excellence for Urban Equity and Health (CUEH)

Objective: To build a resilient and responsive urban health system to the existing challenges e.g. double burden of communicable & non-communicable diseases, dominance of NGO sector, low health service coverage for marginalised urban people, through capacity building and research uptakes including sectors beyond health and enabling linkages between multiple government, NGO and private providers whilst ensuring accountability to urban residents, particularly the poor.

Methodology: Desk Review, Quantitative and Qualitative methods, Participatory Research, RCT and Retrospective Study.

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Partners:

- Nuffield Centre for International Health and Development;

- University of Leeds;
- University of York;
- ARK Foundation, Bangladesh;
- HERD International, Nepal;
- University of Nigeria;
- University of Ghana.