

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR HEALTH SYSTEMS AND UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE (CoE-HS&UHC)

Established in 2012, the Centre works with key partners and stakeholders in the government, private and NGO sectors to facilitate the efforts to accelerate evidence-informed, equitable and sustainable action towards Urban Health Coverage (UHC). As part of its core activities, the Centre works to generate essential evidence to further the establishment of UHC in Bangladesh; these include policy briefs and systematic reviews of key determinants of UHC including workforce, management, and information systems. Frameworks are produced on key functions of insurance systems related to provider networks, service packages, premiums, benefits, and claims. Implementing research on UHC initiatives is also conducted with real-time monitoring and evaluation systems.

The Centre also develops core competencies around UHC through various accredited training programmes and short courses. These programmes are held with key implementing institutions of UHC in Bangladesh. Advocacy is another major core activity of the Centre, and is facilitated through forums, learning and research dissemination with local and global partners. National and international workshops, seminars and dialogues are also held focusing on key UHC issues.

RESEARCH PROJECTS ONGOING IN 2022

- **FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING TRAUMA REGISTRY AND TRAUMA SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN FOUR DISTRICT HOSPITALS OF BANGLADESH WITH HIGH RTI BURDEN**

PI: Professor Syed Masud Ahmed, Director, CoE-HS&UHC, BRAC JPGSPH.

Coordinator: Dr Nahitun Naher, Assistant Director, BRAC JPGSPH.

Timeline: June 2021-2022

Objective:

- Explore feasibility of implementing trauma registry and trauma system improvement program (TSIP) in selected four districts with high road traffic injury burden including identification and use of reliable audit filters to monitor the progress of TSIP.

Methodology: Cross-sectional

Donor: The World Bank

Partner: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

- **Empowering Bangladeshi Youth's through Adolescent Health**

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Co-PI and Coordinator: Dr Nahitun Naher, Assistant Director, CoEHS&UHC, BRAC JPGSPH

Timeline: November 2021- 2022

Objective: Comprehensive review and situation analysis to identify and analyze successful and impactful adolescent health programs in Bangladesh and their key elements of success, effectiveness, and efficiency of interventions

Methodology: Scoping review, Qualitative method

Donor: The World Bank

Partner: The World Bank

Research Collaboration on Technology, Equity, and the Right to Health: New business model for Pharmaceutical R&D in Global South

PI: Professor Syed Masud Ahmed, Director, CoEHS&UHC, BRAC JPGSPH

Co-PI & Coordinator: Dr Nahitun Naher, Assistant Director, CoEHS&UHC, BRAC JPGSPH

Timeline: September 2021-August 2022

Objective: To map and explore the rapidly evolving pharmaceutical R&D sector in Bangladesh from a system perspective including challenges and opportunities.

Methodology: Cross sectional study of qualitative approach including a scoping review

Donor: Open Society Foundation of OSUN- Open Society University Network

Partner:

- IHEID- Graduate Institute, Geneva
- ANDES- Universidad des los Andes