

## SKILLS BUILDING WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS IN 2022

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### - A TWO-DAY SHORT COURSE ON INTRODUCTION TO R

**Number of Participants:** 18

**Date:** 22 & 26 June 2022

**Facilitators:** Dr Ipsita Sutradhar, Senior Research Fellow, BRAC JPGSPH

**Brief Description:** In response to the growing demand for data analysis using R, this course was the first one of a series of courses to be offered by CPSD on software. It was a two-day course designed with a view to helping academics, researchers, data analysts and professionals coming from different backgrounds to learn data analysis using and apply this knowledge in their respective fields.

**Organised by:** Centre for Professional Skills Development in Public Health (CPSD), BRAC JPGSPH

### - WORKSHOP ON FUNDAMENTALS OF QUALITATIVE RESEARCH: THINKING QUALITATIVELY



**Date:** 29-31 March 2022 | **Participants:**

**Brief Description:** BRAC JPGSPH organised this three-day in-person workshop on Fundamentals of Qualitative Research, titled- 'Thinking Qualitatively', from 29-31 March 2022. The workshop was facilitated by Professor Shahaduz Zaman, Medical Anthropology and Global Health Departmental Lead, Culture, Society and Health Theme and Co-Director, Social Sciences for Severely Stigmatized Skin Diseases (5S) Foundation, Global Health and Infection Department, Brighton and Sussex Medical School, University of Sussex, UK. The three-day workshop provided a deeper understanding of qualitative research methods to the

participants, which included development practitioners and aspiring researchers working in public sector institutes, NGOs, academia, research institutions, and other civil society organizations and are involved in qualitative/mixed method research studies.

**Organised by:** Centre for Professional Skills Development in Public Health (CPSD), BRAC JPGSPH

- **ADVOCACY THROUGH ART: UNDERSTANDING THE LANGUAGE OF ADVOCACY**

**Number of participants:** 11

**Date:** Jan 14, 2022

**Brief description:** For this workshop, a group of artists was selected through a competitive selection process to develop their capacity for advocacy so that they can use art as an advocacy tool to create awareness among the mass people on gender justice. The workshop was facilitated by artists who have been promoting gender justice and diversity through their work for many years. Participants got a clear idea about gender diversity and justice and why these are important to ensure a discrimination-free society.

**Organised by:** CGSRHR

- **ADVOCACY THROUGH ART: GENDER-BASED ART IN THE CONTEXT OF BANGLADESH**

**Number of participants:** 11

**Date:** March 6, 2022

**Brief description:** The objective of the workshop was to discuss the representation of gender diversity and the notion of the gender rights movement in various forms of art. Participants got the opportunity to experience the previous artworks done by other artists that shows the challenges and struggles faced by people of diverse genders. It was a participatory workshop where the participants engaged with the facilitator to interpret different artworks and discussed in groups to develop new and creative artworks to represent unheard and suppressed voices through their artworks.

**Organised by:** CGSRHR

- **TRAINING OF TRAINERS ON SEXUALITY, SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS FOR MASTER TRAINERS OF TERE DES HOMMES (TDH) THE NETHERLANDS, BANGLADESH**



**Number of participants:** 10

**Date:** 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022

**Brief description:** The training of trainers (ToT) was a part of a series of capacity building activities for the master trainers of TDH NL, Bangladesh. The objective of the training was to improve their capacity and facilitation skill to provide training on the issues of Sexuality, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights to the field level employees of DGHS and DGFP of the government of Bangladesh and the staff of Pollisree, a local NGO, working in Dinajpur district. Some key issues covered in the training are conceptual clarity of SRHR, with a focus on the consent and choice regarding bodily rights of early married girls (EMGs) of Dinajpur district; identifying the root causes of not exercising SRHR or EMGs and its impact on their lives, fatherhood, etc. The training methods involved participatory learning processes like case story analysis, role play, situation analysis etc. and on various examples of SRHR issues collected during a training needs assessment conducted in Dinajpur. Sudipta MuKhopadhyay, from India, facilitated the training with the support of a facilitation team from RHSTEP, Bangladesh and BRAC-JPGSPH.

**Organized by:** CGSRHR (BRAC-JPGSPH)

- **TRAINING OF TRAINERS ON GENDER EQUALITY, SEXUAL AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (SGBV) AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING FOR MASTER TRAINERS OF TDH NETHERLANDS, BANGLADESH**



**Number of participants:** 10

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 to 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**Brief description:** The ToT is provided to the master trainers of TDH NL, Bangladesh. The objective of the ToT is to improve their knowledge, understanding, and training facilitation skills on gender, gender equality, sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV), and emotional wellbeing for training field-level trainers and health service providers of Pollisree, DGHS, and DGFP located in Dinajpur. These Pollisree, DGHS, and DGFP trainers will provide training to the target stakeholders in the community (EMGs, adolescents, and youth) to improve beneficiary's knowledge, awareness, and utilization of the services available for addressing SGBV for the betterment of their lives and wellbeing. The training was led by **Sanaiyya Faheem Ansari**, an expert on Rights and Gender issues and her team.

**Organised by:** CGSRHR (BRAC-JPGSPH)

## - COUNTERING BACKLASH RECLAIMING GENDER JUSTICE WORKSHOP



**Date:** 3– 6 May 2022

**Participants:**

- Partners from Bangladesh, India, Lebanon, Kenya, Uganda
- Raafat Hassan and Sharin Shajahan Naomi attended on behalf of JPGSPH

**Facilitated by:** The Institute of Development Studies, Sussex University, and Advocates for Social Change-Lenya

**Brief Description:**

- Mutual Learning – sharing updates on the Countering Backlash work and plans
- Reviewing and consolidating the analytical framework
- Developing plans for influencing and research uptake

## - PROJECT PARTNERS' MEETING ON COUNTERING BACKLASH – RECLAIMING GENDER JUSTICE

**Date:** 9th – 13th May 2022

**Participants:** Partners from, Bangladesh, India, Lebanon, Kenya, Uganda, Brazil o Raafat Hassan and Sharin Shajahan Naomi attended on behalf of JPGSPH

**Facilitated by:** The Institute of Development Studies, Sussex University, and Centre for Basic Research - Uganda

**Brief Description:**

- Mutual Learning – sharing updates on the Countering Backlash work and plans
- Reviewing and consolidating the analytical framework
- Developing plans for influencing and research uptake

**- DEDUCTIVE ANALYSIS AND GIS MAPPING PEER RESEARCHER TRAINING**

**Number of participants:** 19

**Date:** 28th February-3rd March & 13th March

**Brief description:** Peer Researchers were trained to do GIS Mapping so that they can go back to their hometowns and detect the barriers and enablers in their daily livelihood. They also participated in deductive analysis of the data they collected from phase 1 of this research.

**Organized by:** Sightsavers & BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University

**- IMPLEMENTATION RESEARCH IN HEALTH CAMPAIGN EFFECTIVENESS: A RETROSPECTIVE STUDY IN IMMUNIZATION-RELATED CAMPAIGN INTEGRATION IN BANGLADESH**

**Number of participants:** 42

**Date:** 18 January 2022 (1.00PM-5:00 PM)

**Brief description:** BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University organized the stakeholder workshop on “Implementation research in health campaign effectiveness: A retrospective study in immunization related campaign integration in Bangladesh” on 18 th January, 2022 at Hotel Lakeshore, Dhaka, Bangladesh. The workshop was attended by present and former government officials from Bangladesh, as well as other donors, partners and stakeholders. Dr. Malabika Sarker, Professor and Associate Dean of BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University, conducted the stakeholder workshop and the participants shared their opinions on the Health Campaign Effectiveness (HCE) project and expressed their viewpoints on the HCE research questions.

**Organized by:** BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University

**- TRAINING ON THE QUANTITATIVE DATA COLLECTION FOR CLIMHB PROJECT**



**Number of participants:** 16

**Date:** 22nd May to 24 th May

**Facilitators:** Muhammed Nazmul Islam, Rezoan Kobir, Jony Barnard Mackfield, and Antara Roy

**Brief description:** The purpose of this training was to train the data collection officers to conduct the pilot of the quantitative survey by maintaining the inclusion criteria. They were also trained to collect data from 120 participants (60 participants from Tala Upazilla, Sathkhira, and 60 from Mirpur Bhola and Eastern Housing slum).

**Organized by:** BRAC JPGSPH

#### - QUALITATIVE DATA COLLECTION GUIDELINE.

**Number of Participants:** 9

**Date:** 10 May 2022

**Facilitators:** Saima Mehjabeen, Avijit Saha, Humayra Binte Anwar

**Brief Description:** A follow-through to the guidelines of the interviews.

**Organised by:** HCE Project Team, BRAC JPGSPH

#### - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STAKEHOLDER DIALOGUES

Number of participants: 100

Date: Cumilla- 8 Feb; Chittagong- 14 Feb; Sylhet- 22 Feb; Narayanganj-28 Feb 2022

Organised by: CoEHSUHC

Brief description:

Community engagement in the form of stakeholder dialogue (SD) meetings is a participatory approach in line with the Sonar-Global Action Framework, in which community engagement (CE) SD meetings foster dialogue and ownership by engaging stakeholders to share their knowledge and collaborate with one another. As part of SoNAR Global community engagement activities in Bangladesh, the study team conducted four 'Community Engagement Stakeholder Dialogues' in four selected districts including Cumilla, Chittagong, Sylhet and Narayanganj in February 2022. Objective of the workshop was to stimulate dialogue, gather insights and provide a platform for exchange of views among mixed group stakeholders for their perception and recommendations on COVID-19 community engagement approaches. The dialogue provided scope to identify potential obstacles and solutions to address factors contributing to community engagement activities in such an epidemic. A total 100 participants of various socio-economic and professional background (e.g., health care providers (public, private, formal informal), NGO represents, community leaders, local influential people, students, volunteers, transgender, sex workers, religious leaders, domestic workers, housewife, teachers, retired elderly person, small business owner, daily wage earners) joined the discussion.

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## - TRAINING COURSE ON IMPLEMENTATION RESEARCH

**Number of participants:** Twenty (20) [6 participants from BRAC JPGSPH, 7 participants from ARK Foundation Bangladesh, 7 participants from HERD International, Nepal]

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Brief description:** The course will be organized as part of CHORUS project's capacity strengthening activities led by Dr. Zahidul Quayyum, Professor and Director Research, BRAC JPGSPH. This will be a 3-day training course offered to the CHORUS researchers of three partner organizations in the South Asian region (BRAC JPGSPH and ARK Foundation from Bangladesh, HERD International from Nepal). The course will be coordinated by Dr. Malabika Sarker, Professor & Associate Dean, Director, Center of Excellence for Science of Implementation & Scale Up, BRAC JPGSPH. The ultimate goal of this course will be to imbed implementation research as part of the system and the implementation process. Implementation research (IR) helps design strategies or solutions to overcome bottlenecks that prevent proven and innovative public health interventions to reach the people who need them and ensure that these interventions are used in a manner that results in the outcome



for which they were intended. At the end of this course, participants will be able to understand the basic concept on cycle of implementation; recognize the importance of context in IR; critically appraise role of stakeholders; familiarize themselves with IR Framework; formulate of IR research Question and select appropriate study design; recognize the connection between IR and Health system; understand the role of ethics in IR and appreciate the importance of knowledge translation.

**Organized by:** BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University

#### - **TRAINING COURSE ON QUASI-EXPERIMENTAL METHODS FOR POLICY EVALUATION**

**Number of participants:** Ten (10) [2 participants from each of the 5 CHORUS partner organizations BRAC JPGSPH, ARK Foundation, HERD International, Nepal, University of Nigeria, University of Ghana)

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

**Brief description:** The course will be organized as part of CHORUS project's capacity strengthening activities led by Dr. Zahidul Quayyum, Professor and Director Research, BRAC JPGSPH. This will be a 3-day training course offered to the CHORUS researchers of different partner organizations (BRAC JPGSPH and ARK Foundation from Bangladesh, HERD International from Nepal, University of Nigeria, and the University of Ghana). The course will be coordinated by Dr. Daniel Howdon, Health Economist, LIHS UCU Department Representative. This course will seek to explore appropriate methods for the quasi-experimental analysis of observational data. Taking a starting point of an ideal type of experiment, the course will proceed through discussion of randomized controlled trials (RCTs) and ways in which this gold standard can be best proxied in cases where RCTs are either undesirable or infeasible. Students will be introduced to a discussion of various techniques for the analysis of data in such cases, encompassing matching methods, regression discontinuity design, difference-in-difference analysis, and interrupted time series analysis. By the end of the course, students will be able to identify the most appropriate methods given the data and problem at hand and implement these methods using STATA.

**Organized by:** BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University

#### - **ARISE EXECUTIVE MEETING**

Number of participants: 1

Date: January 28, 2022

Brief description: In the ARISE Executive Meeting, Nadia Farnaz joined as the chair of Early Career Researcher (ECR) group and provided updates on other ECRs of her group.

Organised by: ARISE Hub

#### - **EPIGEUM'S ONLINE COURSES**

Number of participants: 1

**Date:** January-February 2022

**Brief description:** A candidate of ARISE PhD cohort, Bachera Aktar (PhD student from Bangladesh) completed two Epigeum's online courses on research integrity and research ethics in practice.

#### - **ONLINE SHORT COURSE, "SHAPING POLICY WITH EVIDENCE"**

Number of participants: 1

**Date:** January 17-February 18, 2022

**Brief description:** This was a very interactive five-week-long online course where the participants were oriented on different key concepts and tools for communicating research evidence for influencing policy and action. Participants were divided into small groups. Each

group was assigned to a specific case study to analyze and develop communication strategies for policy influence. Internal Development Research Centre (IDRC) sponsored Bachera Aktar for attending this short course.

### - **A THREE-DAY TRAINING COURSE (ONLINE) ON IMPLEMENTATION RESEARCH**

**No. of Participants:** 18

**Date:** 5-7 April 2022

**Facilitators:** Professor Malabika Sarker, Acting Dean

**Brief Description:** The course was offered to the CHORUS researchers of three South Asian partner organizations (BRAC JPGSPH, ARK Foundation, and HERD International). The ultimate goal of the course was to embed implementation research as part of the system and the implementation process.

**Organized by:** Dr. Zahidul Quayyum, Professor & Director Research, Brac James P Grant School of Public Health as part of **CHORUS** project Activities

### - **TRAINING COURSE ON QUASI-EXPERIMENTAL METHODS FOR POLICY EVALUATION**

**No. of Participants:** 10

**Date:** 25-27 April 2022

**Facilitators:** Dr. Daniel Howdon, Health Economist, University of Leeds

**Brief Description:** The course was offered to a total of 10 CHORUS researchers across all the partner organizations (Brac JPGSPH, ARK Foundation, University of Ghana, University of Nigeria, HERD International, Nepal). In this course, participants were introduced to discussion of various techniques for the analysis of data in such cases, encompassing matching methods, regression discontinuity design, difference-in-difference analysis, and interrupted time series analysis.

**Organized by:** Dr. Zahidul Quayyum, Professor & Director Research, BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health as part of CHORUS project Activities

### - **ARISE TRAINING ON PARTICIPATORY ACTION RESEARCH METHODS**

**Facilitators:** Bachera Aktar, Saifa Raz, Muhammad Riaz Hossain, Atiya Rahman

**Participants:** Seven members from ARISE Bangladesh team and three field research assistants from three study sites of the project in Dhaka, Kallyanpur, Shyampur and Dholpur.

**Brief Description:** The training aimed to familiarize the participants with four tools under 'Participatory Action Research' method, service mapping, stakeholder mapping, social mapping and transect walk, and research ethics and safeguarding to prepare the team for qualitative data collection. The training program includes sessions on concepts of different study tools, role-play sessions, field tests at Korail slum and debriefing sessions on learnings from the field. However, after conducting the training for two days, the training had to be postponed due to the COVID-19 situation among the team members.

**Organised by:** ARISE Bangladesh

- **THE WHO PACKAGE OF ESSENTIAL NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES (PEN) TRAINING CONDUCTED BY THE CENTRE FOR NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND NUTRITION (CNCDN) IN COX'S BAZAR**



**Number of participants:** 151 | **Date:** 16 May 2022 – 23 June 2022

**Brief Description:**

The Centre for Non-communicable Diseases and Nutrition team of BRAC JPGSPH has been providing training to both the government and non-government Primary Health Care (PHC) workers on the World Health Organization (WHO) Package of Essential Non-communicable Diseases (PEN) Interventions from 2019 in collaboration with the Non-communicable Diseases Control (NCDC) unit of DGHS and the WHO Bangladesh.

Between 2019 and 2021, the team trained 409 physicians, nurses, medical assistants, and sub-assistant community medical officers (SACMO); and 575 Community Health Volunteer Supervisors and Community Health Volunteers.

This year also CNCDN is also providing the training. This year the training started on 16th May 2022. Till now CNCDN conducted 5 batches of PEN training for 131 participants consisting of doctors, nurses, and sub-assistant community medical officers (SACMO). The training of the 6th and the last batch underwent with 20 participants and ended on 23 June 2022. Each training is residential and has been scheduled for four days. The expert PEN trainers from BRAC JPGSPH (Dr. Rina Rani Paul, Dr. Ali Ahsan Hemel, Dr. Priscilla Khyang, and Dr. Uthaisinh Marma) and WHO (Dr. Raisul Islam, Dr. Md. Watin Islam) have conducted

the training. One of the focuses of the training was an integrated cardio-vascular disease risk-based approach for the management of hypertension and diabetes and encouraging a team-based care approach. To monitor the effect of training on the knowledge and skill of the participants pre-and post-training assessments were conducted. At the end of the training, the participants evaluated the trainers and the quality of the training. Simultaneously we have conducted 6 supportive supervision workshops at upazilla health complexes (Ukhia, Coxbazar Sadar, Chakaria, Teknaf, Pekua, Moheskhali) involving 185 participants. Two supportive supervision workshops are remaining (Ramu, Kutubdia).

**Organized by:** The Centre for Non-communicable Diseases and Nutrition (CNCDN), BRAC JPGSPH

- **8 SUPPORTIVE SUPERVISION WORKSHOPS AT UPAZILLA HEALTH COMPLEXES OF COX'S BAZAR**

**Date:** 7 May - 7 July 2022

**Number of Participants:** 193