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# Delivering for Success at Scale

Dhaka, Bangladesh 7–8 February 2017

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## Programme

### Conference on Delivering for Success at Scale

7th and 8th February 2017, BRAC Auditorium, Mohakhali, Dhaka, Bangladesh

#### Overview

The Conference on Delivering for Success at Scale will build on the longstanding partnership between BRAC, ICDDR,B and Institute of Development Studies (IDS) to explore the role of knowledge in the conceptualisation, design, delivery and management of development programmes and policies. Bangladesh has been a lead player in the use and integration of research into development decision-making, notably in relation to health systems, nutrition, social protection, agriculture and poverty. Evidence will continue to be important in strategic development planning by the Government of Bangladesh among others. The conference will include examples of how high quality research can be embedded within programmes, showcase research findings, discuss the challenges of integrating research with programmes, highlight successful examples and discuss future needs.

#### Objectives

The conference will explore the role of knowledge and evidence in supporting Bangladesh's achievements with respect to inclusive development. Specifically, it will aim to:

- generate and consolidate knowledge about what worked in Bangladesh, and why/how;
- build long term research/knowledge partnerships;
- strengthen knowledge of the transferability of knowledge and practice across country and sectoral contexts; and
- scaling up of generated knowledge

TUESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2017 (morning)	
8:45 – 9:15	REGISTRATION
9:15 – 10:15	<p><b>Opening session</b></p> <p>Welcome remarks by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr Mushtaque Chowdhury</b>, Vice Chair, BRAC</li> <li>• <b>Dr Tahmeed Ahmed</b>, Acting Executive Director, ICDDR,B</li> <li>• <b>Dr Gerry Bloom</b>, Research Fellow, IDS</li> <li>• <b>Dr Sabina Faiz Rashid</b>, Dean, James P Grant School of Public Health</li> <li>• <b>Dr Edouard Beigbeder</b>, UNICEF Representative, Bangladesh</li> <li>• <b>Dr Shafiqul Islam</b>, Health Adviser, DFID Bangladesh</li> </ul>
10:15 – 10:45	TEA BREAK
10:45 – 12:25	<p><b>Session 1</b></p> <p><b>Exploring the contributions of research partnerships to intervention design and implementation in health, population and nutrition</b></p> <p>Short presentations and panel discussion chaired by <b>Dr Hilary Standing</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How have evaluations and implementation research influenced BRAC’s programming on health and nutrition over the last 30 years? <b>Dr Kaosar Afsana</b>, Director, Health, Nutrition &amp; Population, BRAC</li> <li>2. Linking livelihoods and nutrition: results of the ENLIB impact evaluations in Bangladesh, <b>Dr Nick Nisbett</b>, Cluster Leader, Research Fellow, Health and Nutrition, IDS and <b>Prof Ferdous Jahan</b>, Professor of Public Administration, Dhaka University</li> <li>3. Strengthening implementation research capacity, <b>Dr Malabika Sarker</b>, Professor, JPGSPH</li> <li>4. BRAC-ICDDR,B project, Matlab –two decades of collaborative research, <b>Dr Syed Masud Ahmed</b>, Professor, JPGSPH</li> </ol>
12:25 – 1:25	LUNCH

TUESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2017 (afternoon and evening)

1:25–3:05

## Session 2

### Generating learning on reaching scale through multiple platforms: experiences from Bangladesh and India

Short presentations and panel discussion chaired by **Dr. Meerjady Sabrina Flora**, Director, Institute of Epidemiology and Disease Control Research (IEDCR)

1. Working with informal providers to improve services at scale: lessons emerging from Bangladesh, **Dr Mohammad Iqbal**, Project Coordinator, Health Systems and Population Studies Division (HSPSD), ICDDR,B
2. Working with informal providers to improve services at scale: lessons from West Bengal, **Ms Rittika Brahmachari**, Research Officer, Indian Institute of Health Management Research (IIHMR), Kolkata, India
3. Opportunities and Challenges associated with growing access to mobile phones and the internet: lessons from Bangladesh, **Dr. Fatema Khatun**, Associate Scientist, HSPSD, ICDDR,B
4. Delivering nutrition interventions through an NGO-platform in Bangladesh; lessons for other systems, **Dr. Purnima Menon**, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI, New Delhi India
5. Linking social protection and nutrition: result of the TMRI study, **Dr. Akhter Ahmed**, Chief of Party, IFPRI Bangladesh

3:05–3:35

AFTERNOON TEA BREAK

3:35–5:15

## SESSION 3

### Clinical care and systems – reaching for scale

Short presentations and panel discussion chaired by **Dr. Malabika Sarker**, Professor, JPGSPH

1. Stakeholder monitoring for improving QOC in for-profit private facilities in Bangladesh, **Dr Iqbal Anwar**, Project Director, Universal Health Coverage, HSPSD, ICDDR,B
2. Lessons on the role of research in support of the TB/DOTS programme, **Dr Akramul Islam**, Director, TB & Malaria Control; and WASH, BRAC
3. Scaling up NCD care: A BIRDEM/BADAS experience, **Prof A K Azad Khan**, President, Diabetic Association of Bangladesh
4. Challenges in implementing urban primary care, **Dr Halida Akhter**, Country Representative, Pathfinder
5. Scaling up care for neonates – **Dr Sayed Rubayet**, Director, Saving New Born Lives, Save the Children Bangladesh

5:15–6:15

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Venue: **Shuruchi Restaurant**, BRAC Centre

WEDNESDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY 2017

9:00–11:35	<p><b>Session 4: Stories of Change in Nutrition in Bangladesh</b> Short presentations and panel discussion chaired by <b>Dr Rukhsana Haider</b>, Chairperson, Training and Assistance for Health and Nutrition (TAHN)</p>
9:00–10:15	<p><b>Part I (Session 4)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Changing scenario of exclusive breastfeeding in Bangladesh, <b>Dr S K Roy</b>, Chairperson, Bangladesh Breastfeeding Foundation</li> <li>2. Leveraging agriculture for nutrition: A Bangladesh Case, <b>Prof Abdul Bayes</b>, Director, Research and Evaluation Division, BRAC</li> <li>3. Stories of Change in nutrition: What can we learn from long term trends?, <b>Dr Nick Nisbett</b>, Cluster Leader, Research Fellow, Health and Nutrition, IDS</li> </ol>
10:15–10:45	MORNING TEA BREAK
10:45–11:35	<p><b>Part II (Session 4)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Using the health system to deliver nutrition interventions in Bangladesh, <b>Dr Shams El Arifeen</b>, Senior Director, Maternal and Child Health Division, icddr,b/ <b>Masum Billah</b>, Senior Research Investigator, MCHD, icddr,b</li> <li>5. Using accountability systems to improve coverage and quality of Nutrition service delivery, <b>Dr Anuradha Narayan</b>, Chief, Nutrition, Unicef</li> </ol>
11:35–11:45	BREAK
11:45–01:30	<p><b>SESSION 5: What types of implementation-focused research are needed to inform health and nutrition policy and programmes in a changing Bangladesh? What is the role of partnerships with international research institutes?</b></p> <p>Short presentations and panel discussion co-chaired by <b>Ms Roxana Quadir</b>, Additional Secretary, Public Health and WHO Wing, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GoB and <b>Dr. Gerry Bloom</b>, Research Fellow, Knowledge, Technology and Society, IDS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bangladesh success story on Family Planning - <b>Dr Jahir Uddin Ahmed</b>, formerly JPGSPH</li> <li>2. The story of ORT – <b>Dr Mushtaque Chowdhury</b>, Vice Chair, BRAC</li> <li>3. Journey to Zero: story of sanitation in Bangladesh – <b>Dr. Md Khairul Islam</b>, Country Director, WaterAid Bangladesh</li> <li>4. Role of collaboration with international organisations: Learnings from FHS – <b>Dr Shehrin Shaila Mahmood</b>, Assistant Scientist, HSPSD, icddr,b and <b>Ms Rittika Brahmachari</b>, Research Officer, IIHMR</li> <li>5. Replication beyond Bangladesh – <b>Mr Faruque Ahmed</b>, Executive Director, BRAC International {via Skype}</li> </ol>
01:30–02:30	LUNCH

WEDNESDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY 2017

2:30–4:30	<p><b>CLOSING PANEL</b></p> <p>This session should sum up lessons from the experiences presented and provide recommendations for the future role of research in support of health, population and nutrition policy and programmes.</p> <p>Moderated by <b>Dr Muhammad Musa</b>, Executive Director, BRAC</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr Ashadul Islam</b>, Additional Secretary and Director General, Health Economic Wing, MOHFW</li><li>• <b>Dr Meerjady Sabrina Flora</b>, Director, Institute of Epidemiology and Disease Control Research (IEDCR)</li><li>• <b>Dr Shams El Arifeen</b>, Senior Director, Maternal and Child Health Division, ICDDR,B</li><li>• <b>Dr Ubaidur Rob</b>, Country Director, Population Council, Bangladesh</li><li>• <b>Dr Ishtiaq Mannan</b>, Deputy Country Director, Save the Children Bangladesh</li></ul>
4:30–5:00	TEA
5:00–6:00	Moving Forward (closed session with selected invitees) Venue: Research and Evaluation Division (RED) Conference Room, Floor 15, BRAC Centre

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