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Orientation Workshop on WHO Policies and the PDPM Guidelines for newly appointed PD & PMs Organized



Guests of the event.
Photo Mohasin Azad/WHO

The Health Services Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, in collaboration with Planning and Compliance team from WHO Bangladesh, organized a one-day orientation workshop on WHO policies and the Program Directors and Programme Managers (PD & PM) Guidelines on June 24, 2024. WHO has developed a quick reference guidebook outlining actions, processes, and procedures to be followed during the implementation of the GOB-WHO joint workplan.

The primary objective of the workshop was to familiarize PD & PMs with WHO policies and processes, aiming for a unified understanding to effectively execute the GOB-WHO joint workplan for 2024-2025. The event saw participation from over 80 PDPMs. Throughout the workshop, participants had the opportunity to address and clarify their concerns and queries regarding the implementation of activities.

World Health day 2024 celebration!



WHO representative Dr Bardan June Rana delivered his speech at the event.
Photo Salma Sultana/WHO

The inaugural ceremony of "World Health Day," held on April 6, 2024 at the prestigious Bangamata Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Mujib Convention Hall, Dhaka, Bangladesh. This year's theme, "My Health, my right," underscores the universal right to health and well-being. The event was graced by the presence of Dr. Samanta Lal Sen, the Honorable Minister, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare as chief guest. Adding to the significance of the occasion, Dr. Bardun Jung Rana, the WHO Representative to Bangladesh, was honored as the Guest of Honor, highlighting the collaborative efforts between Bangladesh and the World Health Organization to advocate for the right to health for all.

[WHO representative's quote in the social media.](#)

Workshop on Integrating One Health Approach to Surveillance, Prevention & Control of Dengue in Bangladesh



Guests of the event.
Photo Salma Sultana/WHO

A two-day workshop titled "Integrating One Health Approach to Surveillance, Prevention & Control of Dengue in Bangladesh," held on 19-20 May 2024 at Hotel Radisson Blu in Dhaka.

The inaugural session was chaired by Professor Dr. Sheikh Daud Adnan, Director (Disease Control) of the Directorate General of Health Services. Dr. Rokeya Sultana, Honorable State Minister of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Bangladesh, attended the event as chief guest. Dr. Bardan Jung Rana, the WHO Representative to Bangladesh, attended the inaugural event as a guest of honor. [Read more](#)

The National Workshop on Enhancing Health System to Achieve SDGs and UHC in Bangladesh.



Honorable Health Minister, WR in a conversation.
Photo: Staff/HS, WCO

WHO Bangladesh actively participated in the national workshop held on April 3, 2024, at the National Parliament House in Dhaka. The workshop focused on Enhancing Health Systems to Achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in Bangladesh. Dr. Bardan Jung Rana, WHO Representative to Bangladesh, reiterated WHO's commitment to promoting Universal Health Coverage through robust Primary Health Care in Bangladesh. Dr. Rana highlighted the importance of acknowledging achievements, recognizing challenges, and collectively committing to achieving universal health coverage. During the workshop, Ms. Sangay Wangmo provided insights into the status of Universal Health Coverage globally, regionally, and specifically in Bangladesh. She covered conceptual aspects of UHC and discussed the progress made towards its attainment globally and regionally. Hon. Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr. Samanta Lal Sen, the chief guest, emphasized the need for collaborative solutions to improve healthcare in Bangladesh. The workshop featured contributions from governmental and developmental health experts who facilitated discussions and presented solutions related to various health issues.

WHO Bangladesh Marks Landmark Success of the HGSP Project in Cox's Bazar



The World Health Organization (WHO), alongside the Government of Bangladesh and various United Nations agencies, convened a workshop on June 22, 2024, in Cox's Bazar to commemorate

the culmination of the Health and Gender Support Project (HGSP). This initiative in Cox's Bazar aims to enhance access to and utilization of Health, Nutrition, and Population services, as well as Gender-Based Violence services. Led by the MoHFW and funded by the World Bank, the project caters to both host communities and the Rohingya population. WHO played a pivotal role in the project, converting donations into impactful measures to bridge healthcare service gaps.

#HIT TB OUT OF BANGLADESH!



Guests are with #HIT TB OUT OF BANGLADESH bat.
Photo: external photographer

The "Global Forum on Advancing Multisectoral and Multistakeholder Engagement and Accountability to End TB" event kicked off on 23 June at the Inter-Continental Hotel in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

The event was organized in collaboration with the Communicable Disease Surveillance (CDS) Unit of WHO Bangladesh, WHO headquarters, and SEARO. Dr. Samanta Lal Sen, Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare, graced the event as the Chief Guest, and Dr. Rokeya Sultana, State Minister of Health and Family Welfare, as the special guest. Dr. Twrwa Kasaeva, Director of the WHO Global TB Programme, Dr. Bardan Jung Rana, WHO Representative to Bangladesh, and a TB survivor were also present as guests of honor. Saima Wazed, Regional Director of the WHO South-East Asia region, participated virtually and delivered a significant speech. Dr. Bardan Jung Rana encouraged global TB experts, youth advocates, and partners from health and non-health ministries who gathered to pledge their commitment to collectively combat TB through multisectoral action.

Joint Review of FETP, Bangladesh 2024!



Participants and the guests are in group photo.
Photo: Salma Sultana/WHO

The weeklong review of Bangladesh's Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP) took place from April 21 to April 25, 2024.

Dr. Tahmina Shirin, Director of IEDCR, inaugurated the session on April 21, emphasizing IEDCR's role. Dr. Masaya provided an overview of the review process. Participants from IEDCR, MOH&FW, EM-PHNET, SAFETNET, USCDC, DGHS, Sher-e-Bangla University, and field epidemiological experts attended. Established in 2013 with support from USCDC, FETP offers three tiers: Advanced (2 years), Intermediate (12 months), and Frontline (2 months). As of January 2023, over 324 physicians and veterinarians have participated, contributing to COVID-19 response, conducting outbreak investigations, and advancing public health knowledge.

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WHO Bangladesh celebrated World Health Day 2024 internally!



Barrister Shameem Haider Patwary, a former Member of Parliament, offered reflections on the theme from a rights perspective. Photo: Reazwanul Haque, IVD/WHO

World Health Organization Bangladesh marked World Health Day (WHD) 2024 on April 7th through a variety of engaging internal activities. The day commenced with a town hall meeting where the WHO Representative highlighted the day's importance and discussed this year's theme, "My health, my right." A standout moment was the engaging talk by Barrister Shameem Haider Patwary, a former Member of Parliament, offered reflections on the theme from a rights perspective. This event also served as a platform for staff to articulate and showcase their commitments to health, displayed prominently on an event banner. Additionally, a quiz competition centered around WHD and its theme underscored the staff's commitment to advancing health equity. The World Health Day celebration of WHO Bangladesh was concluded with enjoying the Iftar party by all staff.

Training on Medicine Procurement and Supply Chain Management in Bangladesh



From June 3-5, 2024, DGHS, with technical assistance from WHO, hosted a three-day training workshop at The Cox Today Hotel in Cox's Bazar. The workshop's primary objective was to strengthen the capacity of personnel from DGHS and the Essential Drugs Company Limited (EDCL). The key goals of the training were, enhancing understanding of procurement regulations, procedures, and best practices among government officials. Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of medicine procurement and supply chain management in Bangladesh.

Ensuring equitable access to essential medicines throughout the country. The workshop aimed to empower participants as trainers so they could share their knowledge with peers and colleagues within their respective departments. Thirty participants representing DGHS, EDCL, and international partners MTaPS attended the training. The training utilized a collaborative learning approach, incorporating presentations and interactive sessions to encourage active participation and knowledge exchange.

BMSS participated in the first-ever WHO Observership program

Bangladesh Medical Student Society is pioneering the inaugural observership program in collaboration with the WHO Bangladesh. This innovative initiative offers medical students from diverse colleges nationwide an invaluable opportunity to immerse themselves in the workings of WHO within the country. By partnering with BMSS, the program aims not only to provide firsthand experience but also to cultivate a profound interest in public health among the participating students. BMSS comprises medical undergraduates from more than 37 medical schools across the country, with a mission to empower these students to become well-rounded future leaders in healthcare. [Read more](#)



Dr Nuha attended the measles outbreak orientation session Photo: EPI vaccination center

Revising the Bangladesh National Health Care Financing Strategy (HCFS)



Guests on the dais Photo: HS/WHO

In 2012, Bangladesh adopted the National Health Financing Strategy (HCFS) 2012-2032 with the aim of achieving universal health coverage (UHC), thereby safeguarding citizens from financial risks, improving efficiency and equity, and strengthening health systems. Recognizing the need for strategic adjustments, the Health Economics Unit (HEU) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), in partnership with WHO Bangladesh, conducted a comprehensive review of the strategy in 2023.

This collaboration has been instrumental in identifying gaps and challenges within the current HCFS. Moving forward, the HEU is taking the lead in the revision process, with continued support from WHO Bangladesh. The goal is to ensure that the revised national healthcare financing strategy effectively addresses both existing and emerging challenges in health service delivery and financing.

Mental Health Gap Action Programme (mhGAP) training held in Pabna and Dhaka

With support from World Health Organization (WHO) Bangladesh and the Non-Communicable Disease Control (NCDC) Program of the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), three batches of three-days Mental Health Gap Action Programme (mhGAP) training successfully took place in Pabna and Dhaka by the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). The training sessions were held in Pabna from 4–6 May 2024, from 19–21 May and 9–11 June 2024 in Dhaka. A total of sixty-five healthcare professionals, including physicians, psychologists, and nurses participated in the training. The objective of the mhGAP training was to further strengthen primary health care services by training more non-specialist health care providers. Experts from NIMH, Mental Hospital Pabna, Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital and WHO conducted those trainings. Dr Shafquat Waheed, Director of the Mental Hospital Pabna, and Dr Sahidullah Dewan, Civil Surgeon of Pabna, attended the training held in Pabna. Professor Dr. Avra Das Bhowmik, Director of NCDC, and Professor Dr. Md. Robed Amin, Line Director of NCDC, attended the trainings held in Dhaka. The mhGAP Intervention Guide Bangladesh Version 2021 was familiarized to participants throughout the training sessions. In the practical sessions, they developed skills in assessing and managing mental health conditions.



Way to the EPI session in Jamalpur, Dewanganj



PRSM orientation for newly recruited staff, third-party contract staff and collaborators of WHO



During the second quarter (April to June 2024), activities related to Prevention and Response to Sexual Misconduct (PRSM) primarily focused on enhancing the capabilities of newly recruited staff, third-party contract staff, and collaborators within the World Health Organization (WHO). Specifically, four orientation sessions on PRSM were conducted, training a total of 129 individuals of World Health Coordination Office (WCO) and World Support Office (WSO).

The primary objective of these orientation sessions was to deepen participants' awareness and understanding of PRSM within WHO. They were introduced to WHO's approach to addressing sexual misconduct and other abusive conduct, including the Policy on Addressing Sexual Misconduct (PASM) and the Policy on Addressing Abusive Conduct (PAAC). These policies outlined their roles and responsibilities not only in preventing sexual misconduct but also in addressing broader forms of abusive conduct. Additionally, the sessions provided practical demonstrations on how to disclose, submit, and report complaints of sexual misconduct and abusive conduct to the Incident Oversight System (IOS).

EPI session visit in HTR (Hard to reach) area of Jamalpur, Dewanganj

It's vital that we keep up with vaccination, especially now that floods can lead to outbreaks of diseases. These vaccines will protect our children," emphasized Mr. Khurshedul Islam, Government Health Assistant, who has dedicated 15 years to this role. Mr. Khurshedul has been dedicated to this role for 15 years. Haglar Char in Dewanganj upazila of Jamalpur district is a remote area heavily affected by monsoon rains and subsequent floods that disrupt transportation routes. This geographical isolation poses a significant challenge for healthcare delivery. Despite these obstacles, the Government EPI team of Dewanganj upazila persevered and conducted their vaccination sessions without interruption.

Dr. Saifullah, the Surveillance & Immunization Medical Officer for Jamalpur, ensured meticulous supervision of the cold chain maintenance and provided essential on-the-job training to ensure the delivery of high-quality services. Their efforts highlight the commitment of healthcare workers to reach even the most remote communities and protect vulnerable populations, despite adverse conditions.

Knowledge Management & Capacity Building Update

Annual Forum on Community Engagement and Resilience: Infodemic Management training



Group photo! Photo: Bhutan country office photographer

On May 16, 2024, the Regional Stakeholder Consultation of the Strategic Action Framework for Strengthening Community Engagement and Resilience in the WHO South-East Asia Region (2024-2027) commenced in Paro, Bhutan. This event marked the beginning of an annual training focused on Community Engagement and Protection, with a specific emphasis on Infodemic management. The primary objective of this training was to bolster regional capabilities in effectively communicating during emergencies. Participants from various WHO SEAR countries attended the training to deepen their understanding and acquire practical skills in Infodemic management, drawing from content provided by Open WHO courses. The sessions included group discussions that facilitated a thorough comprehension and application of these skills. Additionally, facilitators delivered updates on diverse social listening tools and resources essential for gaining insights into Infodemics.

From WHO Bangladesh, Dr. Anthony Eshofonie, Team Leader (Health Security and Emergency Response), Dr. Jorge Martinez, Head of WHO Bangladesh Sub Office in Cox's Bazar, Salma Sultana, National Professional Officer – Communication, and Ms. Mehnaz Manzur, RCCE officer, WHO sub-office attended the training.

Spotlight!

[Dengue Situation Report](#)

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[Early Warning, Alert and Response System \(EWARS\)](#)

UPCOMING

“Walk the Talk” to Observe World Population Day 2024!

Social Media Campaign on “Walk The Talk”!

Enhancing Research through Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Journal



The New Editorial Board Members brainstorming on Journal Improvement with External Editors. Photo: External Photographer

The World Health Organization (WHO) Bangladesh has been supporting the capacity building of academia on research to encourage good quality ethical research stimulating a positive research culture in Bangladesh. The WHO has conducted training of teachers of post-graduate medical courses in Government institutes, medical colleges, and universities. Recently, the Research and Publication unit of WHO Bangladesh was represented in the meeting held on 20 March 2024 at BSMMU. The BSMMU Journal has progressed considerably since 2023, in terms of enhancing the quality of publications and indexing. Its current submission-to-acceptance time is forty days reduced from about three hundred days. It has achieved indexing by several authorities. The editorial board expressed their heartfelt gratitude towards WHO for its support in research capacity building of teachers and enhancing the quality of the Journal in 2023. It is mentionable that, the WHO has been supporting BSMMU including BSMMU Journal for capacity building, quality improvement, and indexing since 2023 respectively. Further support to improve the journal management platform, journal function, and indexing is planned.

Social Media Followers insight

Social Media Follower Insight

Facebook followers	Instagram followers	X followers	LinkedIn followers	YouTube followers
43.1K	2.3K	176	1K	1.1K
Higher than others	Higher than others	Higher than others	Higher than others	Higher than others
Typically 21K	Typically 12K	Typically 0.7	Typically 567	Typically 155

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