



Global Conference on Implementation Science & Scale-Up

29th June to July 1st

Radisson Blu Water Garden Hotel, Dhaka, Bangladesh



Day 1: Saturday, June 29
(2:00 pm – 8:45 pm)

Time	Event	Remarks
2:00 pm – 3:45 pm Utshab Foyer	Registration	
4:00 pm – 4:45 pm Utshab Banquet Hall	Welcome Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Vincent Chang, Vice Chancellor, BRAC University, Bangladesh • Mr. Tomoo Hozumi, Country Representative, UNICEF Bangladesh • Mr. Syed Monjurul Islam, Deputy Executive Director, icddr,b • Prof. Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean, BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, Bangladesh 	Moderator: Mrittika Barua, Senior Research Associate, BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, Bangladesh
4:45 pm – 5:00 pm Utshab Banquet Hall	Key-Note Speech <i>“Small is Beautiful, but Big is Necessary”</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Mushtaque Raza Chowdhury, Vice-Chairperson and Advisor, BRAC and Founding Dean and Advisor, BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, Bangladesh 	

<p>5:00 pm – 5:30pm Utshab Banquet Hall</p>	<p>Opening Speech</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Shamsul Alam, Member (Senior Secretary), General Economics Division, Ministry of Planning, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh • Prof. Dr. Meerjady Sabrina Flora, Director, Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control, and Research, Bangladesh • Prof. Dr. Md. Nazmul Islam, Line Director, Medical Education & HMD, Director General of Health Services, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh 	<p>Moderator: Mrittika Barua, Senior Research Associate, BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, Bangladesh</p>
<p>5:30 pm – 6:45 pm Utshab Banquet Hall</p>	<p>Building Global Implementation Research Capacity: Achieving Critical Mass</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Asif Saleh, Acting Executive Director, BRAC and BRAC International, Bangladesh • Prof. Rohit Ramaswamy, Professor, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health, USA • Laura Damschroder, MSc (via Skype), Research Investigator, U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs • Prof. Donna Spiegelman (via Skype), Professor, Yale School of Public Health, USA • Prof. Ayman El-Mohandes, Dean, CUNY Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy, USA • Dr. John Reeder, Director, TDR 	<p>Plenary Session Opening</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Nhan Tran, Coordinator, Unintentional Injury Prevention Unit, WHO</p>
<p>6:45 pm – 7:00 pm Utshab Foyer and Banquet Hall</p>	<p>Intermission</p>	
<p>7:00 pm – 7:45 pm Utshab Banquet Hall</p>	<p>Cultural Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabla by Young Artists: 15 minutes • Local Tribal Dance: 5 minutes • Bangla Folk Music: 5 minutes • Classic English Music: 5 minutes • Dance with Music by Tagore: 5 minutes 	<p>Master of Ceremonies: Mrittika Barua, Senior Research Associate, BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, Bangladesh</p>
<p>7:45 pm – Onwards Utshab Banquet Hall</p>	<p>Formal Gala Dinner</p>	

**Day 2: Sunday, June 30
(8:00 am – 5:00 pm)**

Time	Event	Remarks
8:00 am – 9:00 am Utshab Foyer	Registration	
9:00 am – 10:30 am Utshab Banquet Hall	<p>Scaling-Up NCD Interventions: We Should Be Bolder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Brian Oldenburg, Chair, Global NCD Control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scale-Up: We Should Be Bolder • Dr. John Chambers, Director, National Institute for Health Research, Global Health Research, UK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scale-Up in South Asian Countries • Dr. Vilma Irazola, Director, Dept. of Chronic Diseases, Institute for Clinical Effectiveness & Health Policy, Argentina <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scaling-Up Interventions to Improve Management and Control of Hypertension and Diabetes in LATAM • Prof. Sailesh Mohan, Professor, Public Health Foundation of India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improving Chronic Disease Management in India Leveraging Implementation Science Research • Prof. Nitin Kapoor, Associate Professor, Dept. of Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism, Christian Medical College, India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Role of a Research Capacity Building Program to Address Chronic Diseases: Outcomes from the ENCORE Program 	<p>Plenary Session NCD</p> <p>Chair: Prof. Meerjady Sabrina Flora, Director, Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control, and Research, Bangladesh</p> <p>Co-Chair: Prof. Malay Kanti Mridha, Associate Professor and Director of the Centre of Excellence for Non-Communicable Diseases, BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, Bangladesh</p>
10:30 am – 11:00 am Utshab Foyer	Tea Break	

Parallel Session 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
TDR Fellows / FHI360 / BRAC Education / Infectious Diseases – Tuberculosis & Malaria

<p>11:00 am – 12:30 pm Utshab Banquet Hall</p>	<p>Strengthening IR Capacities through TDR-supported Postgraduate Scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alfred Kwesi Manyeh, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Using intervention mapping to design and implement quality improvement strategies towards elimination of lymphatic filariasis in Northern Ghana • Andrés Felipe Úsuga Rodríguez, Universidad de Antioquia, Colombia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Barriers that limit implementation of thermal fogging intervention in vector control for dengue at Medellín, Colombia • Ateeb Ahmad Parray, BRAC University, Bangladesh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hospital Infection control in selected facilities managing drug-resistant TB in Bangladesh: An explanatory mixed-methods study • Sabina Timilsina, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Acceptability of Screening of Diabetes Mellitus among Tuberculosis Patients at Directly Observed Treatment Shortcourse (DOTS) Centres in Selected Districts of Nepal • Patricia Maritim, University of Zambia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Evaluating the Appropriateness of a Mass Drug Administration Program in Livingstone District, Zambia • Faustina Gyimah, University of Ghana <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fear of the unknown: exploring psychosocial factors that influence implementation of DOTS strategy in Accra Metropolis, Ghana. • Saha Naseri, American University of Beirut, Lebanon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Post (Implementation) Evaluation of a Tuberculosis Awareness Campaign in Afghanistan using RE-AIM Framework 	<p>Parallel Session TDR Fellows</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Mahnaz Vahedi, Scientist, TDR</p> <p>Co-Chair: Dr. Edward Mberu Kamau, Technical Officer, TDR</p>
<p>11:00 am – 12:30 pm Mallika Meeting Room</p>	<p>Employing Implementation Research to Improve Bangladesh’s Response to Malnutrition: USAID’s Strengthening Multisectoral Nutrition Programming through Implementation Science Activity (MSNP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Taufique Joarder, Research Director, MSNP, FHI360, Bangladesh 	<p>Parallel Session FHI360</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Md. Shah Nawaz,</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The how and why of using implementation research to improve Bangladesh’s nutrition response ● Fatema Showkot Jahan Rojy, Deputy Director, Capacity Building and Training, Partners in Health and Development, Bangladesh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bridging Development and Research Mindsets: Implementation Design and Challenges ● Dr. Enam Hasib, Research Utilization and GoB Relations Advisor, MSNP, FHI360, Bangladesh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improving evidence uptake: Findings from stakeholder mapping, evidence utilization assessment ● Dr. SM Hasan Mahmud, Assistant Director, Bangladesh National Nutrition Council, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Building Capacity: Strengthening Evidence Utilization for Policy Makers in an Implementation Research Project ● Sakina Sultana, Team Leader, MSNP, CARE Bangladesh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Building Capacity: Strategic Use of Information for Subnational Programmers in an Implementation Research Project 	<p>Director General, Bangladesh National Nutrition Council, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh</p> <p>Co-Chair: Jennifer Crum, Chief of Party, MSNP, FHI360, Bangladesh</p> <p>Wrap-Up Chair: Dr. Theresa Hoke, Director, Health Services Research, FHI360, USA</p>
<p>11:00 am – 12:30 pm Madhabi Meeting Room</p>	<p>Implementation of BRAC “Cohort Model” in Designing “Second Chance Education” in Bangladesh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Md. Gias Uddin Ahmed, Additional Secretary (Development), Ministry of Primary and Mass Education, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh ● Tapan Kumar Ghosh, Director General (Additional Secretary), Bureau of Non-Formal Education, Ministry of Primary and Mass Education, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh ● Fahmida Shabnam, Team Leader, Department for International Development, Bangladesh ● Dr. Safiqul Islam, Director, Education Program, BRAC, Bangladesh 	<p>Parallel Session BRAC Education Program</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Mustafizur Rahman, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh</p>
<p>11:00 am – 12:30 pm Mahua Meeting Room</p>	<p>Experiment to Experience: Implementation Research in Tuberculosis and Malaria</p>	<p>Parallel Session Infectious Diseases</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrittika Barua, Senior Research Associate, BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, Bangladesh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Divergent messages on tuberculosis control: Implications for sexual and reproductive health and prevention of tuberculosis in Bangladesh • Dr. S.M. Hasan-ul-Bari, SRH Programme Analyst, UNFPA, Bangladesh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Facilitators and Barriers in Supply Chain Management Related to Prevention and Control of Childhood Tuberculosis in Urban Dhaka, Bangladesh: A Mixed-methods Study • Sayantan Chowdhury Maternal Mortality Surveillance Coordinator, UNFPA, Bangladesh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Facilitators and barriers to implementation of current IPT strategy in Childhood TB program in urban Dhaka, Bangladesh – A mixed method study • Olivia Biermann, PhD Student, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Factors influencing active tuberculosis case finding policy development and implementation: a mixed-methods study • Dr. Helen Elsey, Senior Lecturer in Global Health, University of York, UK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Evaluation of the institutionalisation of tobacco cessation within routine Tuberculosis programmes: results from implementation research in Pakistan, Nepal and Bangladesh • Dr. Shamsun Naher, Programme Manager, Communicable Disease Programme (Malaria), BRAC, Bangladesh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Exploring utilization, use gaps of Long-Lasting Insecticidal Nets (LLINs) among pregnant women and under five children of malaria endemic districts in Bangladesh 	<p>Chair: Dr. Md. Akramul Islam, Director, Tuberculosis and Malaria Control, BRAC, Bangladesh</p> <p>Co- Chair: Dr. Shaikh A. Shahed Hossain, Professor, BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University, Bangladesh</p>
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm Utshab Banquet Room	Lunch Break	
Parallel Session 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm Population Council / Beyond Health / Infectious Diseases – NTDs & Polio / ARISE		

<p>1:30 pm – 3:00 pm Utshab Banquet Hall</p>	<p>Leveraging Primary Healthcare Providers and Engaging Communities to Improve Prevention and Management of Pre-eclampsia and Eclampsia (PE/E)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Charlotte Elizabeth Warren, Senior Associate and Project Director, Population Council, New York • Dr. Salisu Mohammed Ishaku, Director, Reproductive Health, Population Council, Nigeria • Mumraiz Khan, Deputy Program Manager, Population Council, Bangladesh • Dr. Kanij Sultana, Assistant Program Officer, Population Council, Bangladesh • Shongkour Roy, Assistant Program Officer, Population Council, Bangladesh • Dr. Sharif Mohammed Ismail Hossain, Associate and Deputy Project Director, Population Council, Bangladesh • Dr. Ubaidur Rob, Senior Associate and Country Director, Population Council, Bangladesh 	<p>Parallel Session Population Council, Bangladesh</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Mohammad Sharif, Director, (MCH Services), Line Director, MCRAH, Directorate General of Family Planning, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh</p> <p>Co-Chair: Edna Jones, Supervisory Maternal Health Advisor, USAID Bangladesh</p>
<p>1:30 pm – 3:00 pm Mallika Meeting Room</p>	<p>Bringing Implementation Research Beyond Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Nepal Chandra Dey, Environment & Climate Change Unit, BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, Bangladesh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Challenges and opportunity of implementation research: A review • Prof. Gomathyamma K. Mini, Associate Professor, Global Institute of Public Health, Ananthapuri Hospitals and Research Institute, India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The effectiveness of state level implementation of tobacco control laws: Case study of Kerala state, India • Maidul Alam Chaklader, Lecturer, Independent University, Bangladesh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bridging research and action through Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR): Challenges and how to deal with them • Dr. Md. Al-Amin Bhuiyan, Project Manager, Centre for Injury Prevention and Research, Bangladesh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Challenges in implementing drowning prevention program for children in rural Bangladesh 	<p>Parallel Session Beyond Health</p> <p>Chair: Prof. Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean, BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University, Bangladesh</p> <p>Co- Chair: Dr. Fabrizio D’Esposito, Senior Research Advisor, The Fred Hollows Foundation, Australia</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arturo García, Project Director, Econometría, Colombia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Double inclusion and empowerment based on large impacts 	
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm Madhabi Meeting Room	<p>Fighting Towards Elimination of NTDs and Polio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Theresa Hoke, Director, Health Services Research, FHI360, USA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Calling Time on Neglected Tropical Diseases: COUNTDOWN’s approach to maximizing the influence of implementation research on NTD policy and programming • Dr. Sharma Neeraj, Research Officer, STRIPE Project, Indian Institute of Health Management and Research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Knowledge mapping under STRIPE project in India – Implementation Science • Dr. Nai Rui Chng, Research Associate, Institute of Health and Wellbeing, University of Glasgow, UK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Can we save lives and money through better intervention-based surveillance? A feasibility study of Integrated Bite Case Management of Canine Rabies in the Philippines • Dr. Theobald Nji Lecturer, University of Buea, Cameroon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community Engagement: A Critical Factor in Scaling-Up Adherence to MDA towards NTDs Elimination • Dr. Akinola Oluwole, Research Officer, COUNTDOWN NTD Project, Sightsavers, Nigeria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Optimising the performance of frontline implementers engaged in the NTD programme in Nigeria: Lessons for strengthening community health systems for Universal Health Coverage 	<p>Parallel Session Infectious Disease</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Sanya Tahmina, Director (Diseases Control) and Line Director (Communicable Disease Control), Directorate General of Health Services, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh</p> <p>Co-Chair: Dr. Mahfuza Rifat, Associate Director, Communicable Diseases (TB Control) Programme, BRAC, Bangladesh</p>
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm Mahua Meeting Room	<p>Accountability for Equity in Urban Informal Health: Lessons from the ARISE Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Rachel Tolhurst, Research Director, GCRF ARISE, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, UK 	<p>Parallel Session ARISE</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Rachel Tolhurst, Research Director, GCRF ARISE, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, UK</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ UKRI GCRF Accountability for Informal Urban Equity HUB (ARISE) Challenging Ill-Health, Inequity and Insecurity in Informal Urban Settlements ● Dr. Caroline Kabaria, Associate Research Scientist, African Population and Health Research Center, Kenya <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Participatory Approaches to Mapping Health Services in Slums ● Yashiyi Nuphi James, Social Scientist, COUNTDOWN NTD Project, Sightsavers, Nigeria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Implementation Research: Applying a Participatory Action Research Approach to Co-Create Community Engagement and Participation Strategies in Nigerian Urban Context ● Robinson Karuga PhD Research Fellow, LVCT Health, Kenya <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Implementation Quality Improvement in Community Health Programs in Urban Slums in Kenya ● Bachera Aktar, Senior Coordinator, BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, Bangladesh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Urban Informal Settlements in Bangladesh: Case Study – BRAC Manoshi ● Jane Wairutu & Joseph Kimani, Support Professional, SDI Kenya <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Implementation Imperative: Emerging Partnerships between Researchers and Social Movements in Informal Settlements in Kenya ● Abu Conteh Research Officer (Health Focus), Sierra Leone Urban Research Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reflections on Working with the Urban Poor to Improve Wellbeing in Freetown’s Informal Settlements 	
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm Utshab Foyer and	Tea Break	
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm Utshab Banquet Hall	Leveraging the Power of Implementation Research to Accelerate Universal Health Coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. John Reeder, Director, TDR 	Plenary Session TDR Capacity Chair: Prof. Richard Adanu, Professor, University of Ghana, School of

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TDR: Supporting Implementation Research to Accelerate Universal Health Coverage ● A/Prof. Olakunle O. Alonge, Assistant Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, USA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ethical Considerations in Implementation Research in Resource Limited Setting ● A/Prof. Vijayaprasad Gopichandran, Assistant Professor, ESIC Medical College & PGIMSR, India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Key Challenges in Aligning Efforts to Support Country-Led Implementation Research Towards Achieving National Goals ● Prof. Malabika Sarker, Director of CoE-SISU, BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, Bangladesh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conducting Implementation Research: Un Voyage Difficile 	<p>Public Health</p> <p>Co-Chair: Dr. Debra Jackson, Senior Advisor Health & Chief, Implementation Research and Delivery Science Unit, UNICEF, NY</p>
<p>5:00 pm – 6:30 pm Mallika Meeting Room</p>	<p>Deans’ and Directors’ Roundtable on the Role of Universities in Implementation Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prof. James Sherry, Professor of Immigrant, Refugee and Global Health, CUNY Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy, USA ● Dr. Samantha Ski, Implementation Research Scientist, TRAction Project, University Research Co. and Center for Human Services, USA 	<p>Satellite Session USAID</p> <p>Chair: Prof. Ayman El-Mohandes, Dean, CUNY Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy, USA</p> <p>Co-Chair: Prof. Asri Adisasmita, Professor, Department of Epidemiology, Vice Dean for Administration, Faculty of Public Health, University of Indonesia</p>

Day/Date: Day 3: Monday, July 1

Time	Event	Remarks
8:00 am – 9:00 am Reception Area	Registration	
9:00 am – 10:30 am Utshab Banquet Hall	<p>Embedded Implementation Research for improving Maternal, Newborn, Child, and Adolescent Health Programmes in Resource-Poor Settings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Ngozi Akwataghibe, Country Lead, OR WASH, UNICEF, Nigeria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Using Embedded Implementation Research to Improve Immunization Utilization in Nigeria • Yejimmawork Ayalew, Health Officer, HSS UNICEF, Ethiopia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assessment of Barriers and Opportunities for Linking Birth Notification and Registration in Amhara and Somali Regions of Ethiopia • Dr. Minjoon Kim Health Specialist, UNICEF Bangladesh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Implementation Research on Kangaroo Mother Care in Bangladesh • Dr. Malabika Sarker, Director of CoE-SISU, BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, Bangladesh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Implementation Research in Humanitarian Settings: What We Have Learnt from Cox’s Bazar Experiences • Dr. ASM Shahabuddin, Health Specialist-Implementation Research, Implementation Research and Delivery Science Unit, UNICEF, NY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Decision-maker Lead Implementation Research: Challenges and Key Lessons Learnt from Pakistan’s Immunization Programme 	<p>Plenary Session UNICEF Global</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Debra Jackson, Senior Advisor Health & Chief, Implementation Research and Delivery Science Unit, UNICEF, NY</p>
10:30 am – 11:00 am Utshab Foyer	Tea Break	

Parallel Session 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
ETHIPOLEX / MNCAH / Health Systems Strengthening / HEARD

<p>11:00 am – 12:30 pm Utshab Banquet Hall</p>	<p>Informed Consent: A Right or a Formality?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Daniel Wikler, Professor of Ethics and Population Health, Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health, USA • Prof. Melkizedeck T. Leshabari, Ex-Dean, Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences, Tanzania • Dr. Emmy Metta, Lecturer, Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences, Tanzania • Dr. Elia Mmbaga, Senior Lecturer, Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences, Tanzania • Astrid Berner-Rodoreda, Researcher, Heidelberg Graduate School of Global Health, Germany • A/Prof. Shannon McMahon, Assistant Professor, Heidelberg Graduate School of Global Health, Germany 	<p>Parallel Session ETHIPOLEX</p> <p>Chair: Prof. Abu Abdullah, Research Professor of Global Health, Duke University and Professor of Global Health, Duke Kunshan University, USA</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Atonu Rabbani, Associate Professor, Dhaka University, Bangladesh</p>
<p>11:00 am – 12:30 pm Mallika Meeting Room</p>	<p>Implementation Science for Improving MNCAH: Learnings from Asia & Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fariza Fieroze, Research Associate, ARK Foundation, Bangladesh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Urban day-care for improved health and social outcomes: research to understand demand and implementation of day-care in Dhaka • Dr. Animesh Biswas, UNFPA, Bangladesh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Translation of Data into Action: Exploring Data Documentation process and further Scope for Improvement in Bangladesh • Fahmida Akter, Senior Research Officer, Emerging Infections, Infectious Diseases Division, icddr,b, Bangladesh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Barriers and facilitators to adaptation of psychosocial stimulation intervention for pregnant and lactating women in rural Bangladesh • Dr. Ngozi Akwataghibe, Country Lead, OR WASH, UNICEF, Nigeria 	<p>Parallel Session MNCAH</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Quamrun Nahar, Senior Director (Acting), Health Systems and Population Studies Division, icddr,b</p> <p>Co-Chair: Dr. Morseda Chowdhury, Associate Director, Health, Nutrition, and Population Program, BRAC, Bangladesh</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Using embedded implementation research to improve immunization utilization in Nigeria – a participatory evaluation and action research ● Choolwe Jacobs, Lecturer, University of Zambia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Implementation of a community-based intervention in the most rural and remote districts of Zambia: a process evaluation of safe motherhood action groups 	
11:00 am – 12:30 pm Madhabi Meeting Room	<p>Engaging Stakeholders in Implementation Research for a Strengthened Health System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. Theresa Hoke, Director, Health Services Research, FHI360, USA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continuous stakeholder engagement for greater evidence use: Experiences applying a research utilization framework ● Dr. Kim Ozano, Research Associate, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, UK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Participatory action research to strengthen health systems: Key reflections from researchers and health system implementers in Liberia and Nigeria ● James Yashiyi Nuphi, Social Scientist, COUNTDOWN NTD Project, Sightsavers, Nigeria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Implementation Research: Applying a participatory action research approach to co-create community engagement and implementation strategies in a Nigerian urban context ● Dr. Harimat Hendarwan, Deputy Director, Center for Health Resources and Services Research and Development, Indonesia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increasing Access to Health Workers in Remote and Rural Areas through Nusantara Sehat Program: Assessment of Perception and Adaptation of Stakeholders ● Alice Siakeh, Research Manager, ULPIRE/COUNTDOWN, Liberia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The use of innovative visual methods to disseminate research findings and promote bottom-up solution development to health systems challenges ● Dr. Akinola Oluwole, Research Officer, COUNTDOWN NTD Project, Sightsavers, Nigeria 	<p>Parallel Session Health System Strengthening</p> <p>Chair: Md. Afzal Hossan, Director (Deputy Secretary), Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division, Ministry of Planning, Government of Bangladesh</p> <p>Co-Chair: Prof. Syed Masud Ahmed, Professor and Director of the Centre of Excellence for Health Systems and Universal Health Coverage, BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, Bangladesh</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Revitalising multi-sectoral approaches for the delivery of health interventions: Bridging the gap between the health and education sectors 	
11:00 am – 12:30 pm Mahua Meeting Room	<p>Importance of Implementation Research for Health Evaluation and Applied Research Development (HEARD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. James Sherry, Professor of Immigrant, Refugee and Global Health, CUNY Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy, USA • Dr. Samantha Ski, Implementation Research Scientist, TRAction Project, University Research Co. and Center for Human Services, USA • Prof. Asri Adisasmita, Professor, Department of Epidemiology, Vice Dean for Administration, Faculty of Public Health, University of Indonesia 	<p>Parallel Session HEARD</p> <p>Chair: Prof. Rohit Ramaswamy, Professor, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health, USA</p> <p>Co-Chair: Dr. Debra Jackson, Senior Advisor Health & Chief, Implementation Research and Delivery Science Unit, UNICEF, NY</p>
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm Utshab Banquet Hall	Lunch Break	
<p>Parallel Session 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm Implementers' Experience / STRIPE</p>		
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm Utshab Banquet Hall	<p>Implementation Science for Better Service Delivery: Program Implementers' Experiences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. AKM Rezaul Haque, Senior Director, Health and Training, Gonoshasthay Kendra, Bangladesh • Dr. Morseda Chowdhury, Associate Director, Health, Nutrition, and Population Program, BRAC, Bangladesh • Dr. Md. Akramul Islam, Director, Tuberculosis and Malaria Control, BRAC, Bangladesh • Dr. Ikhtiar Khandaker, Head of Health Program, Plan International, Bangladesh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Programme Effectiveness Trial on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights in Three Rural Districts of Bangladesh: A Qualitative Exploration • Joby George, 	<p>Parallel Session Implementers' Experience</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Ishtiaq Mannan, Deputy Country Director, Save the Children, Bangladesh</p> <p>Co-Chair: Dr. Juanita Vasquez-Escallon, Evaluation Specialist, UNICEF, Bangladesh</p>

	<p>Chief of Party, MaMoni Project, Save the Children, USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ From evidence to impact at scale: experiences of scaling up newborn health interventions in Bangladesh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nazneen Rahman, Team Leader, CARE, Bangladesh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improving Childhood Nutrition Through System Strengthening and Multi-Sectoral Approach: Experience Nutrition at the Center, CARE Bangladesh 	
<p>1:30 pm – 3:00 pm Mallika Meeting Room</p>	<p>Synthesis and Translation of Research and Innovations from Polio Eradication (STRIPE): An Implementation Science Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A/Prof. Olakunle O. Alonge, Assistant Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, USA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Synthesis and translation of research and innovations from polio eradication (STRIPE): Initial findings from a global mixed methods study ● Dr. Oluwaseun O. Akinyemi, Senior Lecturer, Health Policy and Management, University of Ibadan, Nigeria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Conflict, community and collaboration: Shared implementation barriers and strategies in two polio-endemic countries ● Dr. Wakgari Deressa, Associate Professor, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sustaining success: A preliminary analysis of challenges and strategies for polio eradication in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Ethiopia ● Prof. Yodi Mahendradhata, Vice Dean for Research and Development at Faculty of Medicine, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How did they get to polio-free? Challenges and successes from three countries in Asia 	<p>Parallel Session STRIPE</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Tajul Islam A. Bari, Ex-Program Manager, Expanded Program on Immunization & Surveillance, Directorate General of Health Services, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh</p> <p>Co-Chair: Prof. Malabika Sarker, Director of CoE-SISU, BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, Bangladesh</p>
<p>3:00 pm – 4:00 pm Utshab Foyer Mallika Meeting Room Madhabi Meeting Room Mahua Meeting Room</p>	<p>Tea Break and Poster Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anu Mary Oommen, Christian Medical College, Vellore, India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Targeted population-based screening for diabetes and hypertension in rural Vellore, south India: challenges and lessons learned ● Zunayed Al Azdi, 	<p>Note: Posters will remain displayed throughout the conference</p>

	<p>Research Associate and Uptake Manager, ARK Foundation, Bangladesh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Muslims for Better Health: Developing a smoke free home intervention for delivery in mosques <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. Pragati Hebbar, PhD Scholar, Institute of Public Health, Bengaluru, India <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anushthana - Implementation research for scaling up tobacco control policy interventions ● Md. Khobair Hossain, Research Officer, Environmental Intervention Unit, Infectious Disease Division, icddr,b <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use of representative illustrations to avoid direct disclosure of unhygienic environmental conditions within the home in a participatory women’s group intervention in rural Bangladesh ● Dr. Anthony K. Bettee, National Coordinator, NTDs Program, Liberia Ministry of Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Using Implementation Research Findings to Inform Policy: Learnings from the cross-departmental development of a communication strategy for Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) in Liberia ● Alfred Kwesi Manyeh, WHO/TDR PhD Fellow, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assessing level of coverage and exploring factors affecting quality of implementation of lymphatic filariasis mass drug administration in Bole District of Northern Ghana ● Patricia Maritim, University of Zambia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Factors shaping the implementation of the SAFE strategy for Trachoma using the Consolidated Framework for Implementation Research: A systematic review ● Karsor Kollie, Director, COUNTDOWN, Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Liberia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vertical disease programmes integration to sustain gains and ensure no one is left behind: A case study of the Liberian NTD integrated case management strategy ● CoE-SISU and UNICEF, Bangladesh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “KMC in Bangladesh: Small Babies’ First Nest” – Results of Implementation Research in Kangaroo Mother Care ● Cabinet Division, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh; CoE-SISU; and UNICEF, Bangladesh 	
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4:00 pm – 4:15pm Utshab Banquet Hall	<p>Closing Key-Note Speech</p> <p>“Scalability and Sustainability- Co-opting Mission for a Holistic Approach”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sir Fazle Hasan Abed KCMG, Founder and Chairperson, BRAC 	
4:15 pm – 5:45 pm Utshab Banquet Hall	<p>A Bright and Shining Future: The Role of Implementation Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prof. Kaosar Afsana, Former Director, BRAC Health Programme and Professor, BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, Bangladesh ● Samuel Bickel UNICEF Regional Evaluation Advisor for South Asia ● A/Prof. Olakunle O. Alonge, Assistant Professor, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, USA ● Prof. Sally Theobald, Professor, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, UK ● Dr. Till Bärnighausen, Director, Heidelberg Institute of Global Health, Germany ● Dr. Malabika Sarker, Director of CoE-SISU, BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, Bangladesh 	<p>Closing Plenary</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Rohit Ramaswamy, Professor, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health, USA</p>
5:45 pm – 6:30 pm Utshab Banquet Hall	<p>Farewell Address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. Md. Rizwanul Karim (Shameem), Program Manager, Noncommunicable Disease Control Program, Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Bangladesh ● Mr. Tomoo Hozumi, Country Representative, UNICEF Bangladesh 	<p>Master of Ceremonies: Mrittika Barua, Senior Research Associate, BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, Bangladesh</p>

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6:30 pm – Onwards Utshab Banquet Hall	End of Conference with Food and Drinks	