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The USAID's RDM Activity is a five-year implementation research project by icddr,b. On 18 May 2017, the RDM Activity was launched to increase the use of evidence-based research and policy analysis for health planning and decision-making with the ultimate goal to improve the health status of the Bangladeshi population.

In this digest, we invite you to embark on a journey through the world of evidence-based research and policy analysis, as pursued by USAID's RDM Activity. Within these pages, you will discover a series of studies, each a testament to our commitment to improving health planning and decision-making in Bangladesh.



A study to assess the knowledge, skills and quality of training of the graduate midwives in Bangladesh



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Cohort study to examine the dynamics of decision-making process for maternal health care services in a low-income urban area of Dhaka and a rural area in Bangladesh



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Consultative discussion on Improving the Maternal Health Program in Bangladesh: Key lessons from BMMS and BHFS



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Feasibility of introducing a standardized e-Register for EmONC services for strengthening the delivery and complication management in selective hospitals of Bangladesh



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Secondary analysis of Bangladesh Maternal Mortality and Health Care Survey (BMMS) on causes of maternal death



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Assessment of the current status of implementation and practices of Comprehensive Newborn Care Package (CNCP) in Bangladesh



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Development of a model of district-level planning and monitoring of newborn health services using the national Newborn Signal Function (NSF)



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Feasibility of introducing an inpatient register for sick newborn and children in selective hospitals of Bangladesh



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Identification of Newborn Signal Functions and development of Health Facility Assessment Tools for Bangladesh



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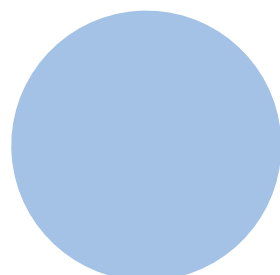
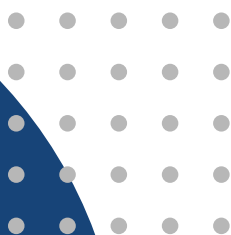
Secondary analysis of BDHS on causes of death



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Family Planning

An assessment of a postpartum family planning intervention in selected areas of Bangladesh*



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Long-acting reversible contraceptives and permanent methods (LARC and PM): Important programmatic point in the management of NCD among women



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Secondary analysis on LARC use and expert group meeting on how to improve PPFP use/LARCPM



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Segmented-client communication approach for improving the use of Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARC) and Permanent Methods (PM) in Bangladesh



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Adolescent Health

Review of e-health programs targeting at adolescents/youth



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Secondary analysis of Bangladesh Adolescent Health and Wellbeing Survey (BAHWS) 2019-20



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Assess the implementation of Bangladesh national infection control policy in public tertiary care hospitals, specialized chest diseases clinics and hospitals, Bangladesh



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Costs of services of the Bangladesh National TB Control Program using One Health Tool



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Evaluation of OMNIgene-SPUTUM as sputum stabilizer for transportation to the referral hospital



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Evaluation of Xpert MTB/RIF Ultra for the diagnosis of childhood pulmonary tuberculosis using stool specimen



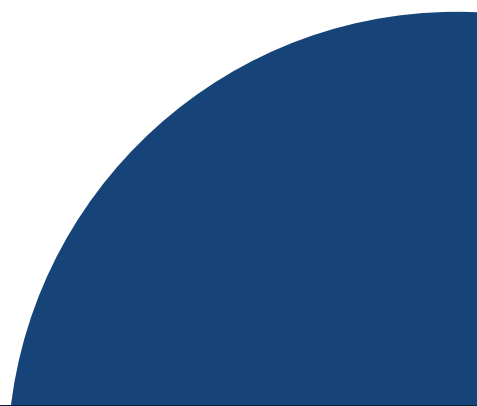
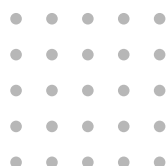
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icddr,b Social Enterprise Model and “Janao” platform to ensure TB care in the private sector of Bangladesh: Investigating the factors associated with diagnostic and treatment delay of TB patients, and assessment of acceptability of “Janao” platform for TB case notification



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Assessing effectiveness of growth monitoring and promotion (GMP) in improving nutritional status of children <2 in rural Bangladesh



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Identify determinants of stunting of children in slums using data from a birth cohort study



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Policy Brief on Environmental Enteric Dysfunction in Bangladesh



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Review of public health interventions, policies and implementation research priorities for improving nutrition of adolescent girls in Bangladesh: A stakeholder consultative meeting



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Secondary analysis of 2017 BDHS



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Assessment of the USAID’s Advancing Adolescent Health (A2H) Project in Bangladesh



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Assessment of licensing status and readiness of MNCH services at private facilities



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Assessment of the national community and facility RMNCH eRegisters in Bangladesh



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Evaluation of the pilot Shasthyo Suroksha Karmasuchi (SSK): A health protection scheme of the government of Bangladesh



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Evaluation of USAID-funded Advancing Universal Health Coverage (AUHC) Activity



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Evaluation of the USAID’s accelerating universal access to family planning (AUAFP) activity



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Resource website for climate change impacts on health and population in Bangladesh



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Secondary analysis to understand the association between air pollution and adverse pregnancy outcomes



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 **Measurements**

Comparison of different strategies to capture accurate pregnancy outcomes in Bangladesh



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Explanation of discrepancy in LARC/PM use between data recorded through service statistics and household reporting



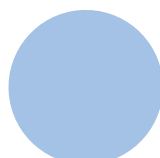
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Testing alternative channels of information on death for routine estimation of maternal mortality



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Advancing Routine Health Management Information Systems (HMIS) to deliver for Every Newborn (EN-BIRTH study phase 2): Assessing the feasibility of incorporating, and exploring data quality and utility for selected maternal and newborn indicators in Kushtia, Bangladesh



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App for promoting the awareness and use of USAID funded national level health and population surveys in Bangladesh



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Assessment of feasibility of the social franchise model for health: Health Advisors.com



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Designing and developing electronic Management Information System (eMIS) to capture maternal hypertension and diabetes services



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Strengthening routine information system of DGFP through eMIS initiative



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Validation of Ending Preventable Maternal Mortality (EPMM) indicators for improving maternal health measurement capacity: A Stakeholder Meeting



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TA to national surveys

2017-18 Bangladesh
Demographic and Health Survey



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2017 Bangladesh Health
Facility Survey



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Technical Assistance to DGHS/DGFP/MoHFW

Developing Results Framework
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Technical assistance to Health
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Capacity Development

Capacity development of junior researchers of icddr,b



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Capacity development of junior and mid-level health professionals



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Identification of GoB institutions and policymakers for capacity development



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Short course on Implementation Research



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