

BRAC JPG School of Public Health, ICCCAD-IUB and AUW jointly awarded US\$1 million EU grant for capacity building in higher education

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The BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University (BRAC JPGSPH), International Centre for Climate Change & Development (ICCCAD), Independent University of Bangladesh (IUB) and Asian University for Women (AUW) have jointly been awarded the prestigious European Union 2018 ERASMUS+ 'Capacity Building in Higher Education' Grant for US\$ 1 million

This pioneering tripartite institutional partnership will collaboratively implement the "Transformative Competency-Based Public Health Education for Professional Employability in Bangladesh's Health Sector" Project, from 2019-2021. BRAC JPGSPH, ICCCAD and AUW will design and offer indigenous competency-based Public Health (PH) curricula which ensure professional skills development and strategically address the chronic skilled workforce shortage in Bangladesh's health sector.

The project's European capacity-building technical partners are Maastricht University (UM), Netherlands and Institute of Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex, United Kingdom.

The Project's stated outcomes are:

- To upgrade nine public health courses to competency-based curricula
- To develop contextualized learning methodologies for competency-based curricula

- To develop 36 local faculty curriculum designers and learning facilitators
- To develop nine faculty professional development training programs with virtual teaching and e-learning platform to sustain faculty teaching and learning capabilities
- To develop three institutional competency-based curricula archives and three learning methodology archives

Chaired by Dr Mushtaque Raza Chowdhury, Vice Chair, BRAC, the event was attended by special guests Professor Omar Rahman, vice-chancellor of IUB and Dr Dave Dowland, registrar of Asian University for Women (AUW); and chief guest Professor Mohammad Tamim, pro-vice chancellor, BRAC University. Dr Sabina F Rashid, Professor and dean BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University, is acting as lead coordinator for this project.