



Research Grant Scheme (RGS)

Meeting the Undernutrition Challenge (MUCH)

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Background and Rationale




- **MUCH Research Grant Scheme (RGS)** follows the good lesson and experience of the National Food Policy Capacity Strengthening Programme (NFPCSP) project and is designed to assist in **evidence-based policy and decision making** with new evidence/information to fill knowledge gaps and **practical tools** to support policy, strategy and programme implementation.

Examples


- National Food Composition Tables
- Complementary Feeding Guidelines
- Improved Recipes for Complementary Feeding
- Desirable dietary pattern and dietary guidelines






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**GUIDELINES FOR
 COMPLEMENTARY
 FEEDING IN BANGLADESH**


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Food Composition Table for Bangladesh



 Institute of Nutrition and Food Science
 Centre for Advanced Research in Science
 University of Dhaka

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**Dietary Guidelines
 for Bangladesh**






 Bangladesh Institute of Research
 and Rehabilitation in Diabetes, Endocrine
 and Metabolic Disorders (BIRDEM)

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**Improved Recipes For
 Complementary Feeding
 Of Children Aged 6-23 Months**



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RGS Process

Nov 2017

Guidelines set out on research proposals, including broad areas of research interest

Jan 2019

Task Team of 4 eminent experts (2 academics, 1 CSO & 1 private sector representatives) reviewed **10** recommended study topics out of 16.

Apr 2019

Call for Proposals to be launched

Jul-Aug 2019

Screening, ranking and short-listing of research proposals by MUCH Technical Assistance Team

Nov 2019

Neutral Panel reviewed short-listed proposals



2018

16 Terms of Reference (TORs) developed in collaboration with FAO Rome & Bangkok, FPMU and TWG engaged in CIP2

Mar & May 2019

Review Committee reviewed and recommended final research topics to Secretary, Ministry of Food

Jun-Jul 2019

Second call
New deadline: 15 Jul
Total **120** proposals received



Research studies / topics

#	Topics	Institutions
1	Development of integrated nutrition messages for schools	BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University
2	Implications of diversified agriculture production on the economic and nutritional status of farming households in selected areas of Bangladesh	Bangladesh Bureau of Socio-Economic Research and Training (BSERT), Faculty of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, Bangladesh Agricultural University
3	Estimation of overall food losses and waste at all levels of the food chain	Department of Horticulture, Bangladesh Agricultural University
4	Total diet study of Bangladesh	Department of Soil Science, Bangladesh Agricultural University, Mymensingh
5	Nutrient density and affordability of habitual and desirable diets in Bangladesh by life cycle stage, region, and vulnerable groups	Institute of Nutrition and Food Science (INFS), Dhaka University
6	Linkages between Women's Empowerment, Children's Diet and Nutrition under Rapid Urbanization in Bangladesh	Interdisciplinary Institute for Food Security (IIFS), Bangladesh Agricultural University
7	Survey on consumer awareness of nutrition, food safety and hygiene	BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University – Different group of researchers