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
Food Composition Table for Bangladesh

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

Dietary Guidelines for Bangladesh

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

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

Bangladesh Breastfeeding Foundation
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.

**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

**Apr 2019**
Call for Proposals to be launched

**Jun-Jul 2019**
Second call
New deadline: 15 Jul
Total 120 proposals received

**Jul-Aug 2019**
Screening, ranking and short-listing of research proposals by MUCH Technical Assistance Team

**Nov 2019**
Neutral Panel reviewed short-listed proposals
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<td>Development of integrated nutrition messages for schools</td>
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<td>Implications of diversified agriculture production on the economic and nutritional status of farming households in selected areas of Bangladesh</td>
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<td>Estimation of overall food losses and waste at all levels of the food chain</td>
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<td>Nutrient density and affordability of habitual and desirable diets in Bangladesh by life cycle stage, region, and vulnerable groups</td>
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