

CANADA SUPPORTS BANGLADESH'S STRENGTHENED MANAGEMENT AND TRAINING OF NURSE MIDWIVES FOR IMPROVED MATERNAL AND NEONATAL SERVICES

This talk will focus on the 2012-2017 DFATD-funded Human Resources for Health Project in Bangladesh. The project aims to improve maternal and neonatal health services in Bangladesh by supporting the government's management and training of public nurse midwives and community-skilled birth attendants. After highlighting the current challenges facing the nursing profession in Bangladesh, Mr. Collens and Dr. Ahmed will discuss the HRH Project's objectives, the consortium partnership (Cowater International, McMaster University School of Nursing, Plan International Canada and the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing), its achievements, constraints, and lessons learned to date. Finally, they will explore larger implications of this kind of health human resources program with respect to nursing internationally, health systems strengthening, funding trends and global health priorities post-2015.

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Stephen R. Collens

Stephen Collens is currently a Project Director for Cowater International. He is a global health management specialist with 24 years experience designing, managing, and evaluating large health sector programs in South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. As an independent consultant, he provides ongoing technical assistance in Bangladesh, Pakistan, Tanzania and Ukraine. In addition to the DFATD project, he supports two other Cowater projects in North West Pakistan and Indonesia, as well as a USG/PEPFAR-funded HIV treatment program with the Ministry of Health in Ukraine.

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Dr. Lubana Ahmed

Dr. Lubana Ahmed is a Canadian Field Manager for Cowater International, Ottawa. An experienced public health professional, she has spent the last 20 years designing, managing and implementing health sector programs.

Dr. Ahmed is a medical graduate with a Masters in Public Health from Sussex University in the UK. She has held the roles of Maternal Health Specialist for UNICEF's Health Section, and Program Director for ACCESS (USAID's global flagship on maternal and newborn health). She has also worked for Save the Children-USA, where she managed a national scale HIV/AIDS youth prevention project and served as the field focal person in fundraising for Caps-to-Capital and Survive-to-5 campaigns in the USA and Bangladesh.

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