

CHORUS Research Consortium

“From Evidence to Impact” Policy Dialogue Series

Who Gets Left Behind? Addressing Health Vulnerability and Inequity in Urban Contexts

Join us for engaging discussions on reducing urban health inequity and furthering progress towards Universal Health Coverage.

To mark Universal Health Coverage Day 2025, the CHORUS research consortium is bringing together experts from Bangladesh, Nepal, Nigeria and Ghana to share findings, lessons and insights on health vulnerabilities in urban contexts, and recommendations for health system interventions that can help address health inequity and advance progress towards achieving Universal Health Coverage

This webinar will look at who are most vulnerable in the urban contexts we work in, the barriers faced, how CHORUS has identified and worked with the most marginalised and the key recommendations for strengthening urban health equity.

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THURS 11TH DECEMBER

10:00 AM (UK TIME)



- 10.00 Welcome
- 10.05 CHORUS findings on urban health system strengthening initiatives to improve NCD service delivery
- 10.20 Panel discussion on the challenges and advantages of implementing linkages between private and informal healthcare providers
- 10.50 Q&A & Closing Remarks

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Speakers



Dr. Osasuyi Dirisu is the Executive Director of the Policy Innovation Centre, and a Senior Fellow at the Nigerian Economic Summit Group. She oversees behavioural and policy interventions in health, governance, gender, and social inclusion in Nigeria. She is an alumna of the Harvard Kennedy School and the Blavatnik School of Government at the University of Oxford. Osasuyi has been listed among the top 100 career women in Africa.

Professor Syed Masud Ahmed is Director of the Centre for Health Systems and Universal Health Coverage at BRAC James P. Grant School of Public Health. His research focuses on development interventions for marginalized communities, health and gender equity, human resources for health, UHC, health sector corruption, and AMR. He leads research, advocacy, and capacity-building relevant for Bangladesh's journey to UHC, and has served on global committees including NWO/WOTRO, HWAI, and the Wellcome Trust Health Systems Research Committee.



Dr. Deepak Paudel is a public health professional and health systems researcher, at HERD International, Nepal. With 25 years' experience applying systems thinking across health and social sectors. He has led major projects on maternal and child health, family planning, nutrition, HIV, TB, malaria, and climate resilience, including USAID's health systems strengthening and Global Fund programs in Nepal. He has supported national and provincial health policies such as the National Health Sector Strategic Plan 2023–2030. His expertise includes strategic planning, governance, policy development, grant management, and implementation research.



Professor Zahidul Quayyum is Co-PI of CHORUS Bangladesh, Co-Director of the Centre of Excellence for Urban Equity and Health, and Technical Adviser to the Centre for Health Systems and Universal Health Coverage at BRAC James P. Grant School of Public Health. His research spans health policy evaluation, urban health and equity, resource allocation, economic evaluation of interventions, health technology assessment, and financing for universal health coverage. With over 20 years' experience in health economics research and teaching in UK universities, he has led numerous international projects and was a founding faculty member at Dhaka University's Institute of Health Economics.



Professor Peter Elias is the Co-Director of the Centre for Housing and Sustainable Development, and a Professor of Development Geography at the University of Lagos. He serves as the Co-Chair CODATA WDS Task Group on Citizen Science Data for the SDGs and the West African Coordinator, Citizen Science Africa Association. He has almost two decades of teaching, research, and consultancy experiences in science-policy-society orientation.



CHORUS Resources on Urban Health System Strengthening for Improved Health Equity



Opinion Piece: 'Ensuring Equity in the Health Sector' by Prof. Rumana Huque

Blog: The Transgender Community and Disparities of the Urban Healthcare System: Untold Stories

Blog: Urban Slum Life Hit by Poverty and Tragedy.

Blog: Gender Norms and Health Seeking Behaviour in Nepal, Bangladesh, Ghana and Nigeria

Paper: Study Protocol for Developing an Urban Deprivation Index in Nepal

Paper: Assessment of Socio-Economic and Health Vulnerability among Urban Slum Dwellers in Bangladesh

Paper: Stakeholders' Perspectives on the Unmet Needs and Health Priorities of the Urban Poor in South-East Nigeria

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Poster: Co-designing an Urban Health Data Hub

CHORUS Innovation Fund Project: Assessing Urban Poverty and Deprivation in Nepal

CHORUS Innovation Fund Project: Ethnographic Study of Intersecting Inequities of Urban Poor in Kathmandu

CHORUS Innovation Fund Project: Understanding and Addressing Health Communication Needs of Slum Dwellers in Ghana and Nigeria



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