

Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) achieved the Global Women's Health Award



IEDCR received Global Women's Health Award from Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of Bangladesh (OGSB)

IEDCR stands for Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research. IEDCR is the mandated institute within the MOHFW, which is responsible for disease surveillance, outbreak investigation and response, training and research. IEDCR has been engaged in controlling diseases and conducting research on events of public health importance and developing the public health workforce since 1976. IEDCR has been designated as the National Influenza Centre (NIC) and a member of the Global Influenza Surveillance Network (GISN) since 2007. IEDCR is a member of the Global Outbreak Alert Response Network (GOARN) since 2008 and the focal technical institute for implementation of IHR 2005 in Bangladesh. In 2013, the CDC designated Bangladesh as one of the ten Global Disease Detection (GDD) Regional Centers to enhance global health security for rapid detection and response to emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases in Bangladesh. IEDCR leads the outbreak investigation and emergency response through National Rapid Response Team (NRRT) in collaboration with local Rapid Response Team (RRT) and multi-sectoral team.

In recognition of excellent contribution in COVID-19 pandemic and infectious disease control IEDCR has been rewarded by the Global Women's Health Award from Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of Bangladesh (OGSB). The award was received by Director IEDCR Professor Dr. Tahmina Shirin PhD on 20th March 2021 in a virtual conference of 29th International Scientific Conference of Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of Bangladesh (OGSB). The award was presented by Professor Dr. Ferdousi Begum, President of OGSB. Among the guests vice president OGSB Professor Firoza Begum, Prof. TA Chowdhury, Prof. Shahla Khatun and other dignitaries. The national and international participants of 29th International Scientific Conference of Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of Bangladesh (OGSB) were present at the ceremony. This award was gifted to IEDCR for outstanding activities for prevention, control and containment measures for COVID-19.

During COVID-19 pandemic, IEDCR was the first institute involved in developing of laboratory capacity for detection of SARS CoV-2, national guidelines of COVID-19 case investigation and quarantine, localized containment in the country. IEDCR is the National Reference laboratory for COVID-19. During the early phase of pandemic, IEDCR investigated and contact traced every reported COVID-19 cases. IEDCR is also conducting COVID-19 seroprevalence studies, vaccine efficacy studies and genome sequencing. IEDCR also provide technical assistance to Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) to prevent, control and containment of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases.