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INSTITUTE OF EPIDEMIOLOGY, DISEASE CONTROL AND RESEARCH (IEDCR)
MSc. in Applied Epidemiology (2026-2027)
Field Epidemiology Training Program Bangladesh (FETP,B), Advanced



A unique 2-year training opportunity for government physicians and veterinarians with the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control & Research (IEDCR) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (US CDC).

Background

The goal of the FETP,B is to strengthen the human capacity of the public health system of Bangladesh and produce the public health leaders of the future. Since 1980, US CDC has partnered with Ministries of Health and have trained more than 22,000 disease detectives who respond to the world's most urgent health events in more than 90 countries across the globe. Many graduates obtain high-level leadership positions within the health system.

Field Epidemiology Training Program, Bangladesh: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9fjK9HJLWCI>

Successes

- Engaged in investigation of over 300 outbreaks (anthrax, Nipah virus, acute watery diarrhea, leptospirosis, influenza, suspected MERS-CoV, and many more) since its inception in 2013
- Played critical roles throughout the COVID-19 pandemic response
- Conducted more than 50 surveillance evaluation projects and contributed to strengthening of the surveillance
- Been accepted for presenting more than 100 abstracts at different national and international conferences (EIS conference, World One Health Congress, EMPHNET Conference, SafetyNet conference and ASCODD etc.)
- Received grants from reputed funders like (Abott, EMPHNET, TEPHINET, CDC etc.) for conducting research

Training

- Classroom: courses in epidemiology, biostatistics, research methodology, disease surveillance, outbreak investigation, communications, health planning, leadership and management
- Field: conduct outbreak investigations, surveillance system evaluations and data analysis, disease control and prevention, research, reporting to decision-makers, and teaching

Benefits

- 1) FETP graduation certificate granted by IEDCR and US CDC upon completion of the program
- 2) Graduation certificate for **MSc in Applied Epidemiology**

Criteria of Applicants

- 1) Government physicians (MBBS) and veterinarians (DVM or BSc. Vet. Sci & A.H) only
- 2) Government deputation criteria will apply
- 3) English proficiency – reading, writing, speaking, and understanding
- 4) Computer proficiency
- 5) Maximum age limit of 40 years and physically able to conduct fieldwork
- 6) Willingness to travel, on occasion, on short notice within Bangladesh
- 7) Willingness to work extended hours and weekends, as needed

Optional, but preferred criteria

- 1) Advanced public health degree (MPH, MPhil, etc.) and/or post-graduate training or diploma

How to apply

Online application link: <https://forms.gle/m2hBTknzYWYXXJ4y7>

For further queries, please mail: fetpbrecruitment2021@iedcr.gov.bd

Application Deadline: **April 07, 2026**

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Selection Process

- 1) **Shortlisted applicants will attend a written examination for initial selection.**
- 2) Initially selected applicants will attend a **Certificate Course on Introduction to Field Epidemiology** and will receive a certificate of completion from IEDCR and US CDC
- 3) **Ten (10) participants will be selected** for 2-years MSc. in Applied Epidemiology and FETP,B course
- 4) Beginning of FETPB course in **July 2026**

