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CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR POLIOVIRUS ERADICATION IN PAKISTAN

In a recent commentary published in **The Lancet** on January 15, 2025, Prof. Zulfiqar A Bhutta, Director of IGHD, highlighted critical challenges facing Pakistan's poliovirus eradication efforts. Despite significant investment and decades of immunisation campaigns, poliomyelitis cases surged to 70 in 2024, marking a significant setback from previous years. The environmental surveillance also recorded a concerning rise, with 31% of samples testing positive for wild poliovirus.



Dr Zulfiqar Bhutta

Prof. Bhutta underscores persistent issues such as low routine immunisation coverage, insecurity, vaccine hesitancy, and a lack of integrated management between poliovirus and routine immunisation programs. He advocates for a comprehensive strategic revision, recommending the integration of poliovirus and routine immunisation services under unified management. Additionally, Prof. Bhutta stresses the need for enhanced community engagement, involving grassroots organisations, private healthcare providers, and focusing on linking routine immunisation to maternal and child health interventions.

The commentary calls for renewed political stability and security as foundational elements for successful public health programs, urging Pakistan to adopt these strategic changes swiftly to fulfill the global goal of poliovirus eradication.

THE LANCET

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The Lancet

STRATEGIC PLANNING ADVANCES CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH IN EAST AFRICA



Dr. Zulfiqar Bhutta, Director of the Institute for Global Health and Development (IGHD), and Dr. Jai Das, Assistant Director, participated in a critical Climate & Environment Strategic Planning Meeting held at Aga Khan University's ACER facility in Arusha, Tanzania, from March 1-3, 2025. This collaborative meeting brought together leadership from IGHD, the Africa Centre of Excellence in Research (ACER), and the Department of Population Health (DPH) at AKU East Africa to review, align, and strategize the region's climate and environmental health research priorities.

Key discussions focused on integrating climate and health research into AKU's broader agenda, expanding training and research capacities, and enhancing cross-institutional collaborations. Dr. Bhutta emphasized the strategic importance of internal capacity-building and infrastructure development, while Dr. Das outlined IGHD's comprehensive research portfolio, highlighting ongoing projects addressing climate resilience, heat stress, maternal health, and food security.

The workshop identified distinctive research opportunities, including longitudinal cohort studies, biodiversity and regenerative agriculture, and climate-smart water management, underscoring AKU's potential to lead transformative, impactful research in East Africa. Concrete action steps and timelines were established to implement a coordinated, synergistic work plan, ensuring sustainable outcomes and robust community engagement.

IGHD PARTICIPATES IN WORKSHOP ON SOCIETAL IMPACTS OF EXTREME HEAT

On February 10-11, 2025, the Karachi Urban Lab (KUL) at IBA, in collaboration with King's College London, hosted a pivotal workshop titled "Societal Impacts of Extreme Heat" at the IBA City Campus in Karachi. This event marked the beginning of a significant research initiative focusing on the societal impacts of extreme heat in Jacobabad, Pakistan—an area increasingly vulnerable to severe heat events.

The workshop, led by Dr. Tom Matthews from King's College London and Professor Nausheen H. Anwar of IBA/KUL, aimed to co-design the research agenda alongside key stakeholders. Farhana Tabassum, Manager of Research at the Institute for Global Health and Development (IGHD), represented the institution, actively contributing valuable insights into health and developmental aspects related to extreme heat.



Participants engaged in discussions to deepen the understanding of the current and anticipated societal challenges posed by heat extremes, aiming to identify strategic solutions for improving community preparedness and response in Jacobabad. This initiative forms part of a broader project focused on mitigating catastrophic risks from unseen climate extremes, emphasizing collaboration and stakeholder engagement.

IGHD PARTICIPATES IN ROUNDTABLE ON PAKISTAN'S CLIMATE PROSPERITY PLAN (CPP)



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On February 12, 2025, Farhana Tabassum, Manager of Research at the Institute for Global Health and Development (IGHD), attended a significant Roundtable Discussion on Pakistan's Climate Prosperity Plan (CPP) hosted by the Climate Action Centre Karachi in collaboration with the Climate Vulnerable Forum (CVF) and Vulnerable Twenty Group (V20).

The roundtable aimed to address Karachi's specific climate challenges, including urban flooding, diminishing green spaces, and the health impacts of climate change, alongside broader issues such as the ongoing flood crisis in Badin. Participants discussed opportunities for developing climate-resilient policies and mobilizing climate finance to foster sustainable economic growth and create green employment opportunities.

Led by Yasir Husain, Director of the Climate Action Centre, the event brought together climate experts, policymakers, and civil society representatives. Participants emphasized the crucial role of global partnerships in supporting Pakistan's transition towards a climate-resilient, low-carbon economy. IGHD's participation highlights its ongoing commitment to collaborating on meaningful climate action initiatives.



SUPPORTING WOMEN IN SCIENCE PROGRAM ADVANCES WITH COHORT 4 EVALUATION

The Institute for Global Health and Development (IGHD) successfully conducted the Phase II evaluation for Cohort 4 of the Supporting Women in Science (SWIS) Program on February 1, 2025. Out of the initial 179 participants enrolled, 86 candidates were deemed eligible to undertake the Phase II examination.



The evaluation results were impressive, with twelve outstanding participants achieving scores of 80% or higher. These high-achieving candidates have now been selected to proceed to the prestigious Phase III fellowship, representing a significant milestone in their scientific and professional journeys.

Separately, the English evaluation exam for Cohort 4 was successfully conducted on March 7, 2025, marking another important step in the comprehensive selection and training process.

The SWIS Program continues its mission to empower women scientists, reinforcing IGHD's commitment to promoting gender equality and leadership in science and research.

Selected Fellows Advancing to Phase III:



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(Kenya)



KANZA SHUJAET

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Teacher Service Commission
(Kenya)



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Foundation University Islamabad
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DUHS
(Pakistan)



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STEPHANIE WAKABA

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GLOBAL ARCHITECT LALA RUKH MATTIES CONTRIBUTES TO IGHD'S CLIMATE AND HEALTH AGENDA

We were pleased to welcome Lala Rukh Matties, a distinguished architect and graduate of NCA Lahore, during her recent visit to Pakistan. Now based in the United States, she is affiliated with a firm specializing in healthcare facility design.

During her visit, she toured IGHD field sites and contributed valuable input to multiple initiatives. She is also advising on preparations for the upcoming IGHD Annual Conference, where her expertise in sustainable design will be central to discussions on climate and health.



Architect Lala Rukh Matties



Lala Rukh has been actively engaged with IGHD for over a year and serves as co-mentor to postdoctoral fellow Humaira Nazir, whose work focuses on developing climate-resilient healthcare facilities in a district of Sindh. In addition to providing mentorship, she is offering technical guidance for upgrading existing infrastructure and designing a prototype health facility for peri-urban Karachi.

Her continued involvement is a valuable asset to IGHD's mission to build resilient, environmentally sustainable healthcare systems.

DR. ZULFIQAR BHUTTA RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

We are proud to share that Prof. Dr. Zulfiqar A. Bhutta, Founding Director of the Institute for Global Health and Development (IGHD) at Aga Khan University, has been awarded the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award by the International Pediatric Association (IPA). The announcement was made on March 14, 2025, in recognition of Dr. Bhutta's extraordinary contributions to global child health and his longstanding leadership within the IPA.



Dr. Bhutta has been a transformative figure in the field of maternal, newborn, and child health for decades. His pioneering research and advocacy have helped shape global health policy, improve access to care in low-resource settings, and promote health equity worldwide. He currently serves as Co-Director of the Centre for Global Child Health at SickKids and holds the Robert Harding Chair in Global Child Health, in addition to his leadership at IGHD.

“ It is an incredible honour to receive this recognition from the International Pediatric Association. Improving the health and well-being of children has been at the heart of my work, and this award is a testament to the collective efforts of colleagues and paediatricians worldwide who share this common mission. ”

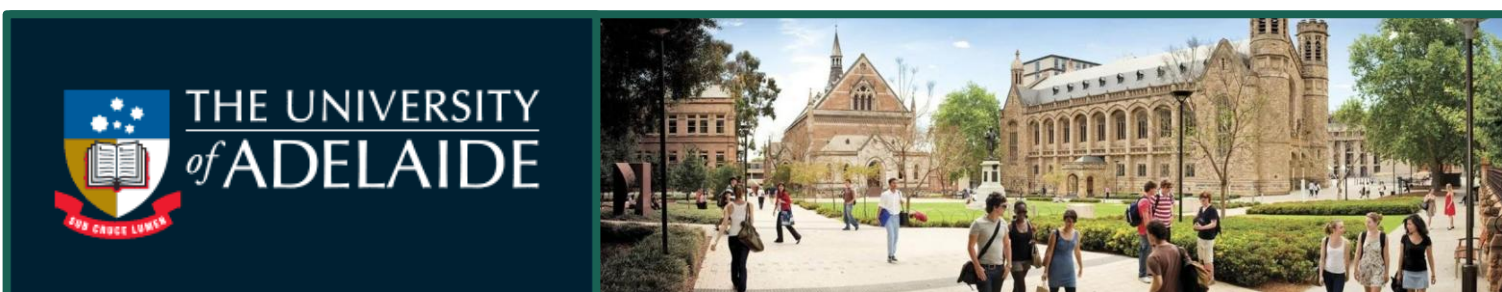
– DR. ZULFIQAR BHUTTA
DIRECTOR, IGHD

A long-time leader within the IPA, Dr. Bhutta served as its President from 2016 to 2019 and as Treasurer from 2007 to 2013. He currently chairs the IPA Working Group on School-Age Children.

The Lifetime Achievement Award will be formally presented to Dr. Bhutta during the 31st IPA Congress, to be held on May 9, 2025, in Mexico City.



DR. ZULFIQAR BHUTTA DELIVERS LECTURE ON GLOBAL MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH AT UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE



On March 24, 2025, Dr. Zulfiqar Bhutta, Founding Director of the Institute for Global Health and Development (IGHD) at Aga Khan University, delivered a lecture titled "The Past, Present, and Future of Global Maternal Child Health: Opportunities for Change" at the University of Adelaide's Adelaide Health and Medical Sciences building.

Hosted by the Robinson Research Institute, the lecture attracted healthcare professionals, researchers, and students. Dr. Bhutta discussed the evolution of maternal and child health globally, highlighting significant achievements and ongoing challenges. He emphasized the importance of evidence-based interventions, community health programs, and the integration of research into policy and practice to improve health outcomes for women and children.

Dr. Bhutta's participation underscores IGHD's commitment to advancing global health through collaboration and knowledge sharing. The event provided a platform for engaging discussions on strategies to address maternal and child health challenges worldwide.

PAKISTAN URGED TO MAKE BOLD NUTRITION PLEDGES AT N4G SUMMIT 2025

NUTRITION FOR GROWTH PARIS 2025

On March 13, 2025, The News International, one of Pakistan's largest English-language newspapers, reported growing calls from health and nutrition experts for the government to take decisive action to address malnutrition, food insecurity, and poor maternal and child health ahead of the Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit 2025, scheduled for March 27–28 in Paris. The summit presents a vital opportunity for Pakistan to make bold, strategic commitments to improve nutrition outcomes, particularly in its most vulnerable districts.

Prof. Dr. Zulfiqar Bhutta, Founding Director of the Institute for Global Health and Development (IGHD) at Aga Khan University, emphasized the need for evidence-based national commitments. “Pakistan must prioritize nutrition as a national emergency,” he said. “The country needs comprehensive policies addressing not only food security but also maternal and child nutrition, education, poverty alleviation, and environmental factors affecting health outcomes.”

Experts and nutrition scientists are urging Pakistan to make key commitments at the summit, such as recognizing nutrition as a constitutional right, increasing domestic financing for both nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive interventions, and improving food fortification programs.

The N4G Summit is a crucial platform for reaffirming Pakistan’s dedication to combating malnutrition and advancing sustainable health and development policies.

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CLIMATE CHANGE HITS WOMEN, CHILDREN HARDEST

On March 17, 2025, The Express Tribune published an article highlighting the disproportionate impact of climate change on vulnerable populations—particularly women and children—featuring insights from Professor Zulfiqar Bhutta, Director of the Institute for Global Health and Development and a leading global expert on maternal and infant health.

In the article, Professor Bhutta explained how rising temperatures, changing precipitation patterns, and the increasing frequency of extreme weather events are having a devastating effect on children’s health, especially in low-income and marginalized communities. He raised concern over worsening malnutrition, stunted growth, and reduced height potential due to sustained exposure to high temperatures and limited access to healthcare and nutrition.



He also pointed out the heightened vulnerability of pregnant women, who face increased risks from extreme heat, poor air quality, and inadequate access to nutritious food and clean water—factors that contribute to low birth weight, preterm births, and impaired fetal development.

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Professor Bhutta called for urgent investment in climate-resilient healthcare systems, expanded access to essential services, and community education to help mitigate these risks. He emphasized the importance of coordinated action between policymakers, health professionals, and affected communities to protect the most vulnerable.

IGHD PARTICIPATES IN HEATNEXUS NETWORK CONVENING IN SOUTH AFRICA

Dr. Zulfiqar Bhutta, Dr. Jai Das, Dr. Ana Bonell, and Abbas Jaffer from the Institute for Global Health and Development (IGHD) participated in the HeatNexus Network Convening, held from February 5–9, 2025, in Cape Town, South Africa. The event brought together nine Wellcome-funded research projects from around the world to exchange insights and strategies on heat adaptation and reducing the health impacts of extreme heat in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).



HeatNexus (Heat Adaptation Research for Action) is a global network supported by the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) that seeks to bridge the gap between research and real-world solutions. It fosters cross-cohort learning, capacity building, and engagement with policymakers and practitioners to support evidence-based action. The network includes projects across nine countries, focusing on interventions ranging from community-based heat response to innovations in housing, agriculture, and public health systems.

IGHD's project, led by the Aga Khan University, evaluates the effectiveness of heat adaptation and heat reduction interventions for vulnerable populations in both urban and rural Pakistan. During the convening, the IGHD team shared key updates through flash talks and engaged with other project leads to explore opportunities for collaboration and collective learning.

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HeatNexus Network,
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DR. JAI DAS SPEAKS AT AKDN WEBINAR ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND COMMUNITY HEALTH



On February 14, 2025, Dr. Jai K. Das, Assistant Director at the Institute for Global Health and Development (IGHD), Aga Khan University, spoke at a webinar hosted by the Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) on “Climate Change and Health at the Community Level.” The session was part of a series of pre-meeting webinars designed to inform AKF’s Global Community Health and Nutrition Meeting.

Dr. Das shared insights on the health impacts of climate change, with a particular focus on vulnerable populations. He highlighted emerging risks such as heat exposure, changing disease patterns, and food insecurity, while also emphasizing practical strategies for community-level adaptation—particularly for pregnant women, infants, and low-resource settings.

The webinar contributed to shaping AKF’s strategic priorities in community health across its global portfolio, and Dr. Das’s contributions helped connect current research with actionable approaches for programming in the field.

This engagement reflects IGHD’s commitment to advancing climate-informed health responses and strengthening collaboration across the Aga Khan Development Network.

DR. JAI DAS SPEAKS AT GENEVA-BASED INJAZ FELLOWSHIP ON POLIO ERADICATION

On January 21, 2025, Dr. Jai K. Das, Assistant Director at the Institute for Global Health and Development (IGHD), Aga Khan University, delivered a session titled “Polio Eradication: Global Perspectives and the Pakistan Experience” during the Geneva Weeks component of the Injaz Fellowship for Disease Elimination.

The Injaz Fellowship, hosted by the Global Institute for Disease Elimination (GLIDE), is a prestigious program designed for mid-career professionals dedicated to advancing global health outcomes. As part of its Geneva-based activities, the fellowship brings together leading experts, policymakers, and health professionals to engage in high-level dialogue on global health leadership, diplomacy, and disease eradication.

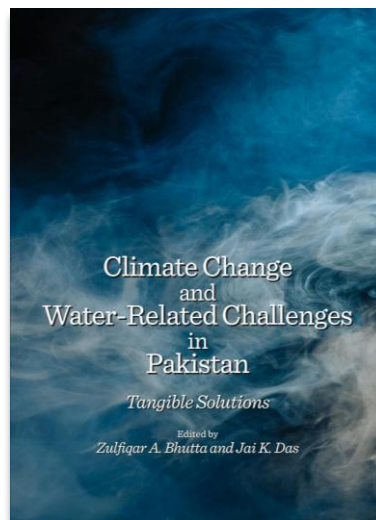
In his session, Dr. Das shared insights into the global progress made toward polio eradication and highlighted the specific challenges, strategies, and lessons learned from Pakistan’s experience. His presentation was followed by an interactive Q&A, enabling fellows to explore key aspects of implementation, community engagement, and leadership in polio program delivery.

Dr. Das’s participation underscored IGHD’s commitment to knowledge sharing and leadership in global disease elimination efforts.



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DR. ZULFIQAR BHUTTA AND DR. JAI K. DAS PUBLISH NEW BOOK ON PAKISTAN'S CLIMATE AND WATER CHALLENGES



We are pleased to announce the publication of a significant new work by Dr. Zulfiqar A. Bhutta, Founding Director of the Institute for Global Health and Development (IGHD), and Dr. Jai K. Das, Assistant Director at IGHD. Their book, titled *Climate Change and Water-Related Challenges in Pakistan: Tangible Solutions*, was released on March 31, 2025, by Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

This comprehensive volume addresses critical issues at the intersection of climate change and water security in Pakistan. It brings together insights from distinguished experts who explore topics such as water safety, agricultural impacts, human nutrition, and the gender dimensions of climate change. The book aims to provide actionable solutions to some of the most pressing environmental challenges facing the country.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Bhutta and Dr. Das on this remarkable achievement. Their work contributes significantly to the ongoing discourse on climate resilience and sustainable development in Pakistan and beyond.

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DR. BHUTTA CONTRIBUTES TO LANDMARK LANCET GLOBAL HEALTH SERIES ON PAEDIATRIC CLINICAL TRIALS

Prof. Dr. Zulfiqar A. Bhutta, Founding Director of the Institute for Global Health and Development (IGHD) at Aga Khan University, co-authored a major publication in The Lancet Global Health as part of its special series on Clinical Trials in Global Health. Titled “Strengthening the Paediatric Clinical Trial Ecosystem to Better Inform Policy and Programmes,” the paper was published on March 2025 and highlights critical gaps in evidence generation for child health and lays out a comprehensive strategy to improve the quality, coordination, and equity of paediatric research globally.

Dr. Bhutta and fellow global health experts emphasized the urgent need for investment in research infrastructure, ethics frameworks tailored to children, and regional consortia to ensure that trials reflect local health priorities. The publication also calls for greater alignment between governments, communities, researchers, and funders to bridge the disparity between disease burden and research activity in low- and middle-income countries.

This influential paper is part of a six-part series emerging from the first WHO Global Clinical Trials Forum and represents a significant step toward shaping global health policy and advancing equitable paediatric care.



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IGHD RESEARCH INFORMS WHO GUIDELINES ON CHILDHOOD DIARRHOEA TREATMENT

Guideline on management of pneumonia and diarrhoea in children up to 10 years of age



A research team from the Institute for Global Health and Development (IGHD), led by Dr. Jai K. Das as Principal Investigator, and comprising Kanza Naqvi, Ayesha Arshad Ali, Mustafa Zubairi, and Zain Hasnain, contributed to the development of the 2025 WHO Guideline on the Management of Pneumonia and Diarrhoea in Children up to 10 Years of Age, published in February 2025.

The team conducted a series of systematic reviews on key aspects of diarrhoea management, including zinc supplementation, antibiotic use, and oral rehydration strategies. Their findings were presented during the WHO Guideline Development Group (GDG) meeting held in Geneva, Switzerland, in November 2023, and directly informed several of the guideline's updated recommendations.

The new WHO guideline reflects important shifts in diarrhoea treatment, including refined antibiotic use criteria, revised zinc dosing protocols, and expanded guidance for children aged 5–9 years—a group previously underrepresented in global treatment strategies.

This contribution underscores IGHD's commitment to advancing global child health through high-impact research and evidence-based policy development.

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DR. JAI DAS HIGHLIGHTS CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS AT 3RD PUBLIC HEALTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



Dr. Jai K. Das, Assistant Director at the Institute for Global Health and Development (IGHD) and Assistant Professor of Paediatrics and Child Health at Aga Khan University, participated in the 3rd Public Health International Conference hosted by the APPNA Institute of Public Health at Jinnah Sindh Medical University (JSMU). The conference, held on March 5–6, 2025, brought together leading public health professionals to explore critical health challenges and opportunities for innovation.

Dr. Das spoke during Plenary Session 4, which focused on the intersection of climate change and public health. His presentation, titled “Climate Change and Public Health: Protecting Vulnerable Populations,” highlighted the growing risks posed by climate-related events, particularly for marginalized communities, and emphasized the importance of adaptation strategies and health system resilience.



His participation reflects IGHD’s ongoing commitment to addressing environmental determinants of health and contributing to sustainable, evidence-based public health solutions. The conference also served as a valuable platform for interdisciplinary dialogue and collaboration across academia, government, and civil society.

DR. JAI DAS PARTICIPATES IN ADB WORKSHOP ON GENDER AND HEAT STRESS IN PAKISTAN



On February 11, 2025, Dr. Jai K. Das, Assistant Director at the Institute for Global Health and Development (IGHD) and Associate Professor of Paediatrics and Child Health at Aga Khan University, participated as a featured speaker at the Asian Development Bank’s (ADB) workshop titled “Igniting Conversations on Gender and Heat Stress in Pakistan”. The workshop was held at the Islamabad Serena Hotel and brought together stakeholders from government, development organizations, and civil society.

Dr. Das delivered a keynote presentation on “Inclusive Adaptation: The Impact of Extreme Heat on Vulnerable Populations and the Importance of Heat Action Planning”, emphasizing the intersection of climate change, health, and social equity. He shared insights on the heightened vulnerability of women and children to extreme heat, and the urgent need for coordinated action to integrate health-focused adaptation measures into national and local policy.



**Solving Complex
Challenges Together**

In the afternoon, Dr. Das also led the health-focused breakout session on “Gaps and Good Practices”, which explored practical solutions for mitigating heat stress through community-based and health system interventions. He later contributed to the collaborative session on setting priority areas and planning ahead, helping shape a roadmap for inclusive heat action planning in Pakistan.

Dr. Das’s participation reflects IGHD’s commitment to advancing climate-resilient health strategies and supporting gender-responsive approaches to public health in the face of environmental challenges.



DR. ZULFIQAR BHUTTA HONOURED WITH THE PRESTIGIOUS NILS ROSÉN VON ROSENSTEIN MEDAL

We are proud to share that Prof. Dr. Zulfiqar A. Bhutta, Founding Director of the Institute for Global Health and Development (IGHD) at Aga Khan University, has been awarded the 2024 Nils Rosén von Rosenstein Medal—one of the most distinguished international recognitions in paediatrics. The medal was presented on April 1, 2025, at Uppsala University in Sweden, jointly by the Swedish Paediatric Association and the Swedish Society of Medicine.



Named after the 18th-century pioneer of modern paediatrics, the Rosén von Rosenstein Medal is awarded once every five years to honour exceptional contributions to children's health. Dr. Bhutta joins an esteemed list of global paediatricians recognized for their life-long commitment to advancing child health and development.

Dr. Bhutta, who completed his doctoral studies at the Karolinska Institute in Sweden, is widely recognized for his pioneering work in maternal, newborn, and child health, with a special focus on nutrition, health systems strengthening, and equity in low-resource settings. His decades of impactful research and advocacy have shaped global health policy and improved outcomes for millions of children and families worldwide.



“ It is a tremendous honour to receive the Nils Rosén von Rosenstein Medal. This recognition, like many others, underscores the fact that paediatricians across the world hold common values in protecting children and working to optimize child health and development. ”

– DR. ZULFIQAR BHUTTA
DIRECTOR, IGHD

This recognition further underscores Dr. Bhutta's leadership and the vital role of IGHD in advancing evidence-based approaches to global child health.

WELCOMING MS. KHADIJA VADSARIA TO IGHD

We are pleased to welcome Ms. Khadija Vadsaria as a Senior Instructor at the Institute for Global Health and Development (IGHD), Aga Khan University.

Ms. Vadsaria brings extensive experience in maternal and child health, nutrition, digital health, and public health research. She holds an MSc in Epidemiology and Biostatistics, as well as a BSc in Nursing from Aga Khan University. She is currently a PhD Scholar in Population and Public Health, at Aga Khan University. Prior to joining IGHD, she served in academic and research roles across AKU, The Indus Hospital, and as a consultant for the World Bank.

Her recent work includes developing grant proposals for funding, leading systematic reviews on childhood diarrhoea that informed WHO guidelines, conducting country case studies on postpartum haemorrhage, and presenting award-winning research at international conferences, including Delivering for Nutrition 2024 in Colombo.

Ms. Vadsaria's multidisciplinary research background and dedication to public health make her a valuable addition to the IGHD team. We are excited to have her onboard and look forward to her contributions in advancing global health research and policy.



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