



How can we counter the negative effect of poverty on early child development?

Poverty prevents an estimated 219 million children under the age of five in low- and middle-income countries from reaching their full developmental potential, and negatively impacts their health. A new icddr,b study examines how poverty affects the development of key cognitive abilities in the early years of life and shows that factors such as parental education, early childhood growth and home stimulation may counter the influence of poverty.

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The new panel of experts will advise the UN Secretary-General on organisational and operational aspects of setting up a Technology Bank to spur structural change and sustainable development in the least developed countries.

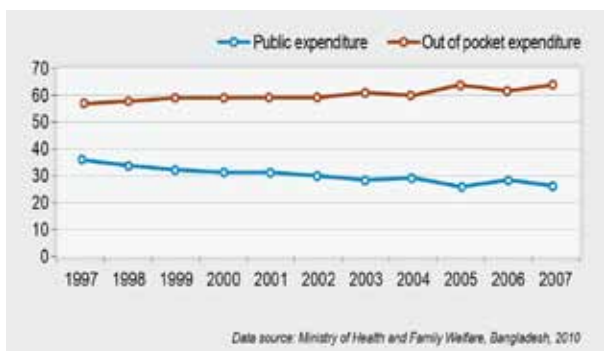
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Dr Shah M Faruque has been selected for the Wellcome Trust's Senior Investigator Award, which recognises his outstanding track record in research and provides funding to generate further knowledge on control of cholera epidemics.

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