



Global study finds huge improvements in diarrhoeal diseases and life expectancy in Bangladesh

Findings from the latest Global Burden of Disease study published in the *Lancet* show that deaths from diarrhoeal diseases in Bangladesh declined by 91% between 1990 and 2013 and deaths due to preterm birth complications fell by 79%. Bangladesh is also among the top ten countries in the world in life expectancy gains. However, in line with trends worldwide, deaths from heart disease and diabetes are on the rise.

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A live attenuated Japanese encephalitis vaccine trial led by icddr,b scientists allows WHO to approve the vaccine for pre-qualification, which is a step forward for the vaccine to be included in routine immunisation programmes worldwide.

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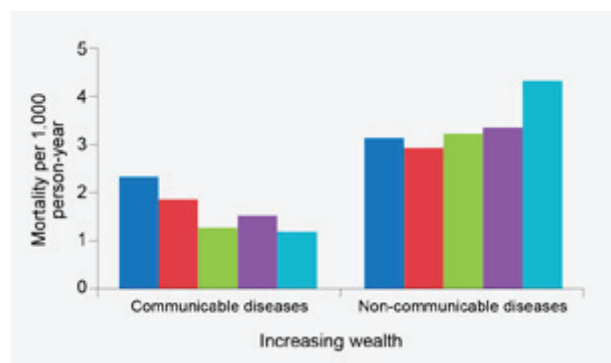
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Spreading the benefits of zinc to prevent and treat diarrhoea

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