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Preface

Nutritional deficiencies are widely prevalent in Bangladesh and other developing countries. Deficiencies of macronutrients (protein-energy malnutrition) as well as micronutrients (vitamin A, zinc, iodine, iron, etc.) have an enormous impact on health and productivity. The effects are imparted directly or through their involvement as critical co-factors in gastrointestinal and other infections, low birth-weight, psychomotor and cognitive development, and others.

Nutrition research has been a high priority at ICDDR,B since its inception. Areas of research include nutritional impact and management of diarrhoeal diseases, maternal nutrition, low birth-weight, reproductive health and child nutrition, severe and moderate child malnutrition, micronutrient deficiencies, nutrient metabolism, body composition, in addition to other aspects of clinical and community nutrition. Without doubt, research issues in nutrition cut across the Centre's divisional lines and are relevant to nearly all priority areas of research as described in the Centre's Strategic Plan.

The Nutrition Programme is one of the several scientific programmes undertaken to give a thematic focus and to complement the current activities of the divisions, i.e. Clinical Sciences (CSD), Laboratory Sciences (LSD), Public Health Sciences (PHSD), and Health Systems and Infectious Diseases (HSID). The objectives of the Nutrition Programme are to facilitate inter-divisional collaborative research in nutrition, assist in capacity-building of the Centre in the field of nutrition, and to help identify priority areas for relevant future work. The Centre has been publishing annotated bibliographies of research work on nutrition done by the Centre scientists. Such bibliographies have been widely acclaimed as rich source of information on nutrition research. The current bibliography was, therefore, undertaken as an activity of the Nutrition Programme. In this edition, the input from 1997 to 2001 has mainly been included, and the studies were carried out directly or in collaboration with national and international institutions. We gratefully acknowledge the support received from Mr. M. Shamsul Islam Khan, Head, DISC and his staff, Ms Loretta Saldanha, Executive Secretary, Clinical Sciences Division, and Mr. Mahbulul Hoque, Office Manager, Nutrition Programme, for putting this document together. It is hoped that this bibliography will facilitate access to the results of the Centre's previous nutrition research and assist future researchers, policy-makers, and programme planners globally.

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