

SCN 2003 Report from BRAC

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Tell us something about your project/activities/research:	<p>Title - Multiple micronutrient drink supplementation to adolescent girls at BRAC schools.</p> <p>Objectives are to assess impact of a multiple micronutrient formulation provided as an orange flavored drink on anemia, iron, vitamin A and zinc status; growth; and cognitive development and learning performance of school-going adolescent girls. Other objectives of the study include evaluate the acceptability of the drink, feasibility of using community-based schools as nutrition centers, comparison between the drink and multiple micronutrient tablets in terms of acceptability and compliance and linking the intervention with existing BRAC Development Program.</p> <p>Design – A community-based randomized placebo-control 12-month trial.</p>
Where is the project/activities located?	Fifty-four villages in Sherpur district of Bangladesh – located about 160 km northeast of the Capital city Dhaka.
What stage is your project?	The baseline data collection ended in April-May 2002 and the second round data collection will be done in December 2002. The third or last round data collection will be done in April 2003.
Who are your clients or target group?	Adolescent girls, coming mostly from bottom fifty percent of the Bangladeshi rural households.
Who are the partners?	Funded by the MI and portion of the supplements were provided free of costs by P&G. Research partners include Institute of Child Health London, Tufts University, University of California Davis.
What have you learned in this project/activity that would be useful to others in your country or other places?	The outcome of the project would broadly benefit all the adolescent girls in developing countries, if the research results are translated into actions.
In what ways could IDPAS support you?	Update me with latest reference materials in the field of anemia and iron deficiency