



## COVID-19 Mitigation Study among Bangladeshi Migrant Workers in Singapore

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**Brief Overview:** In this unprecedented time of global pandemic of COVID-19, each country across the world has taken both public health and medical care measure to protect the populations from the deadly disease. In Singapore, despite taking stringent measures, the case load of COVID-19 is very high among the migrant workers but with very low case fatality rate. This study led by Saw Swee Hock School Public Health (SSHSPH), National University Singapore seeks to better

understand ways to communicate and engage to reduce COVID-19 transmission through community mitigation, while maintaining social cohesion. BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH), BRAC University will partner with SSHSPH in the qualitative assessment of study along with other partners.

**Methodology:** This is a multicomponent qualitative study using discourse analysis that focuses on knowledge configuration and identifies interpretive schemes or frames which helps in the classification of phenomena. In-depth interviews will be conducted among migrant workers to understand knowledge and risk perceptions and coping mechanisms to improve communication messaging and enhance social cohesion and community empowerment.

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