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FURTHER TRAINING FOR COMMUNITY CO-RESEARCHERS

The co-researchers engaged in two further days of training this month. They had the opportunity to feedback on the research tools that have been put together by the ABAJ team. These included the screening questionnaire, the probin qualitative interview questions and the quantitative questionnaire. The co-researchers discussed the translation of the questions in both Shuddo and Sylheti Bangla. They then agreed on some common words and expressions to keep the interview with the probin consistent.

On the second day, BRAG members, Moriom, Faruq and Osman joined the co-researchers and offered to be interviewed. This was an exciting opportunity for the co-researchers to practice their interviewing skills and to become familiar with the recording equipment.

ANNUAL REVIEW WITH PROJECT FUNDERS



The ABAJ team had their annual project review meeting with the funders, The Dunhill Medical Trust. The reporting mechanism has changed from being an online form to now including a conversation with research teams followed by submitting an online report. All the team members worked hard to produce a written document, based on which the funders asked questions. It was an opportunity for the ABAJ team to showcase the great progress the project has made and the wonderful engagement and activities of the BRAG group members and the keen co-researchers the project has successfully recruited. The funders seemed pleased about the progress and are excited to see the plans for the coming year unfold.

RECRUITMENT FOR PROBIN

It is all hands on deck as the ABAJ team, BRAG and co-researchers prepare to recruit the probin. Bashir with the help of his granddaughter produced a short recruitment video, and after much consultation with BRAG and the co-researchers the OU team have produced the research tools, which include the screening questionnaire, qualitative interview questions and the quantitative questionnaire. Mahera with the help of her granddaughter packed and sealed these and other resources and materials, which have all been sent to the co-researchers.



NEXT... Probin screening, recruitment and interviewing