

Bangladesh Community Coaching

ICES Network member organisation, BKSP, the Bangladesh Institute of Sports, has led the way in developing a new curriculum and training programme for community coaches in Bangladesh. Informed by the ICES framework, the curriculum has been developed as part of the International Inspiration programme in Bangladesh. Partner organizations include the British Council, UNICEF and CARE in Bangladesh who have made an outstanding contribution to the successful completion of the coaches' course. The first training course took place at BKSP's headquarters in Savar, Dhaka at the end of January and 32 trainees, 16 women and 16 men, successfully completed the course.

The curriculum includes elements such as sport-specific training, safety for participations, planning skills and community understanding. The trainers were drawn from a diverse group of experts from NGOs and BKSP, and the Director General of BKSP, Brigadier General M M Salehin, delivered training modules including coaching philosophy.

This new development has been supported by an expert working group of stakeholders including II lead partners, the Bangladesh Olympic Association and local NGOs. This group will continue to mould the training programme and work towards a nationwide roll out in the coming year.

UK Sport's Pippa Goodhead, who was part of the group that developed the programme and has worked closely with BKSP said: "This is an exciting development in Bangladesh as part of II. BKSP have committed their expertise to this programme, which adds to their existing remit for development of excellence. The contributions of the working group have been invaluable and together we have created a great training programme for community coaches in Bangladesh."

Mr Mohammed Shawkat Ali, Director of Training at BKSP added: "The course was very successful and, as Course Director, I am really encouraged to put more effort to develop the quality of life of our children: that is the ultimate goal of the International Inspiration."

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