

Notes from Engagement and Co-production Working Group meeting – January 14, 2020

During our Skype meeting we discussed:

- Details of a stakeholder engagement workshop in Dhaka (tentatively for the w/c March 30th – April 5th). BRAC researchers are keen on getting more information on what the major issues are in the city and how the relevant stakeholders prioritise them; however, their research is shaping to be focussed around waste, water logging, neighbourhood safety and security. To avoid these topics to be overlooked, Zahid's team and Camilla/Frans will think about format and activities. The first suggestion was to have a short session halfway through day 1 in which researchers have an opportunity to say if a major topic or angle is missing and people have the possibility to react to it.
- Regarding the potential stakeholders, BRAC already has a lot of interactions and contact and is keen on inviting both local government and authorities and other NGOs / development initiatives as they can be particularly key for water quality and waste.
- The core idea remains for the workshop to be open and ask the stakeholders what challenges they face, then perhaps also ask questions regarding topics that may be relevant to researchers but haven't come up.
- The workshop may be going on in a combination of Bangla and English; the idea is for people to be as comfortable as possible in whichever language they'd like to share. Translation may be required if KCL team are using it as an opportunity to get data on co-production in practice.
- We agreed that a local, professional and well-informed facilitator can make a huge difference. BRAC is keen on recruiting one that is both experienced and knows how to work with the stakeholders
- We also discussed the possibility of writing a paper off the back of the Accra workshop focussing on housing, population density in the city and the risks and opportunities of building up VS building out from a health angle. It would have co-production elements (how does co-p influence the process? Can we provide evidence or example to back up our claim?). This would be a collaboration between Camilla/Frans, Judith/Gary, Sam/George and others if relevant.

Action points:

- Zahid/BRAC to circulate a list of potential stakeholders for the workshop
- Camilla to share with Zahid ToR from the facilitator for the Accra workshop
- Camilla to circulate aims/goals and format to be discussed and elaborated according to the local context
- Camilla/Frans to reflect on an outline for the housing paper and share by end of January.

The next meeting is planned for Tuesday, February 10th.