1. **Title**
The impact of COVID-19 on food and nutrition security in Bangladesh

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3. **Abstract**
The Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has created a major health and economic crisis globally. As of April 11th, there were almost 1.7 million confirmed cases and more than 100,000 reported deaths due to the virus. The first COVID-19 case was confirmed in Bangladesh on March 8th. Schools were closed on March 16th. Localized lockdowns began on March 18th. Government and private offices were closed on March 26th and a ban on passenger travel via road, air, water or train was introduced on the same day. While these actions are expected to slow the spread of the virus, they may have substantial adverse effects on food and nutrition security. This study aims at understanding the impact of the pandemic and associated restrictions on economic activity on food and nutrition security in Bangladesh via phone surveys. It builds on two recent surveys, the 2019 Bangladesh Integrated Household Survey (BIHS), a rural representative survey and the 2019 Urban Socioeconomic Assessment Survey (USAS).

4. **Data description**
A sub-sample of ~2,060 households will be randomly drawn from the representative sample of ~5,500 rural households that took part in the face-to-face interviews for BIHS in 2019. A stratified sampling and household replacement strategy will be used to ensure that the final sample is balanced by region and household poverty status. A second sub-sample of ~640 households will be randomly drawn from the representative sample of ~2,150 urban households that took part in the face-to-face interviews for USAS in 2019. This sample is stratified by locality (PSU) socio-economic status. The phone survey for the urban and rural households contain identical questions about household food purchase patterns, food and nutrition security, and changes in income sources and levels, and assistance received. We will also ask about household’s knowledge, exposure and behavioral responses to COVID-19.

5. **JEL codes for the project**
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I12 Health Behavior
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