A six members team from the Monash University South East Asia Community Observatory (SEACO), Segamat, Malaysia visited Health Systems and Population Studies Division of icddr,b from 25-28 November. The team came from the SEACO Field and Data Management group of the HDSS led by Ms. Ruhaida Binti Bachok, Manager, Field Operations.

The South East Asia Community Observatory (SEACO) of Monash University is a research platform in population health and well-being focusing on a middle-income community in regional Malaysia. Launched in November 2011, the platform’s primary purpose in Segamat is to collect salient and high-quality data to gain insights into the factors that affect health in a whole of life context. The platform is modeled on the successful Demographic and Health Surveillance Systems (DHSS) used successfully in many other countries.

During visiting icddr,b the team met with Prof. Daniel D Reidpath, Sr. Director of HSPSD as well as with Heads/Leads of divisional Programmes and Initiatives.

The team visited Dhaka Urban HDSS, Dhaka Hospital, Research Administration and Library as a part of knowledge sharing. The team also visited Matlab Health Research Centre (MHRC) for observing activities of Matlab HDSS and Matlab Hospital.

The team appreciated the contribution of icddr,b towards health research and hospital services. They also appraised activities of Dhaka Urban HDSS and Matlab HDSS and wished for collaborative activities in near future.