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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### Minister inauurate MCWC at Sirajganj



Bangladesh made revolution in providing healthcare to door to door of the commoners of the country. Establishment of Community Clinics to the village level has ensured proper medical treatment upto the poorest section of the society. Mr Mohammed Nasim, MP, Minister, MOHFW reinforced the commitment of the present Government to ensure quality service care while he was addressing the opening ceremony of 10 bedded MCWC (Maternal & Child Welfare Centre) at Gandhail, Kazipur, Sirajganj. He requested the local community to

ensure the safety and welfare of the inaugurated MCWC as it will be providing service to the mothers and children of the community with other general treatment. Special Guest Mr Mohammad Wahid Hossain, DG, DGFP thanked the Minister for his utmost guidance and directions to materialize the establishment of the MCWC. Chief Engineer, Health Engineering Department along with other district officials also attended the ceremony while Deputy Director, Family Planning, Sirajganj Mr Sahin Hasan presided over the meeting.

### DGFP officials meet FW Wing of MOHFW

Officials of Family Welfare & Programmes Wing of MOHFW led by Mr Kazi AKM Mohiul Islam, Additional

Secretary had a fruitful official interactions with the officials of DGFP led by DG, DGFP Mr Sheikh Md Shamim Iqbal, Additional Secretary. It cordially happened at the conference room of IEM Unit, DGFP with the presence of all the concerned officials of FW Wing of MOHFW and all the Directorss and concerned officials of different units of DGFP. The objective of the meeting was to present the activities of various units of



DGFP to the newly posted Additional Secretary of FW Wing, MOHFW. All the LDs of DGFP gave overview of their unit's activity briefly at the ceremony. Additional Secretary thanked DG, DGFP for the official interactions with all the units of DGFP about the multi dimensional technical activities performed by DGFP personnels all over the country in a view to reducing maternal and child mortality which has acclaimed couples of global award in last few years including MDG award. He expressed his optimism by saying that both the MOHFW wing, MOHFW and DGFP will work together to obtain the goals fixed for DGFP in future.

## DG emphasizes GO-NGO collaboration at Chittagong

"Participation of both GO and NGO will have to be ensured to obtain SDG within 2030. We will have to double



our achievements if we want to attain FP-2020 "Director General, DGFP Mr Sheikh Md Shamim Iqbal expressed views in the closing ceremony of a workshop "Improving Demand and Referral Linkage for Injectable, LARC and PM through Community Engagement and Public Private Partnership Project " at a venue in Chittagong on February 27, 2017. The main objective of the workshop was to disseminate the findings of performances on the

above mentioned issues. BRAC led the piloting with the government initiatives in 14 Upazillas of Chittagong District in last two years. BRAC organized the workshop with support from EngenderHealth. DG, DGFP was gracing the occasion as Chief guest. Division Director, Family Planning Mr Muhammad Nurul Alam , Director, Health, Chittagong Division Dr Alauddin Majumder, Director, CCSDP, DGFP Dr Moinuddin Ahmed, Civil Surgeon, Chittagong Dr Azizur Rahman Siddiqui, Deputy Director, Chittagong Dr U Khey Win, Dr Arifu UI Alam, Program Head, BRAC, Dr A J Faisel, Country Representative, EngenderHealth were also in the guest list.

## MCH Unit conducts TOT on Nutrition Reporting

Addressing the issues of Nutrition in reducing maternal and child mortality is very important from Family Planning programme point of view .The success of Family planning depends on the various attainments of the nutritional status and determinants. MCH Unit has been implementing TOT on Nutritional Reporting (Revised Nutrition Register and Forms) for the upazilla Managers at MCH Conference Room at DGFP in several batches. Director General, DGFP Mr Sheikh Md Shamim Iqbal, Additional Secretary inaugurated a batch



of officers (UFPOs & MOs) from various upazillas. Director MCH Dr Mohammed Sharif presided over the meeting. Director CCSDP Dr Md Moinuddin Ahmed along with PMs and DPMs of MCH Unit attended the session. The objective of the workshop was to orient the officials of DGFP about the technicalities of filling the various forms on Nutrition. As DGFP grassroot level personnels have to fill-up various forms and reports, they are

to take know-how from their supervising officials. These officials of the workshop will share their learning with their field level personnels. As a result the reporting mechanism is expected to be more speedy and authentic. The chief guest hoped the success of the ongoing TOT of MCH Unit. Director MCH Dr Mohammad Sharif thanked UNICEF for their technical support in organizing the series of workshops on Nutrition Reporting.

## FSD Unit conducts Refreshers Training at Upazilla



Field Services Delivery (FSD) Unit of DGFP implements Refreshers Training round the year all over the country in a view to enhancing knowledge and skill among the grassroot level personnels with the latest information of FP programme, FP methods and various other job related issues. The main objective of the refreshers training is to implement the programme with proper planning, increase the quality of service, FP method users and decrease the discontinuation/dropout rate and unmet need of various FP methods. As a part of Refreshers Training FSD unit organized a day-long programme at Banderban. Mr Pronab Kumar Neogi, Director Finance inaugurated the opening session by

gracing the occasion as the chief guest while Deputy Director, Banderban, Dr U Khey Win. Mr Md. Mahub Ul Alam, PM, Mr Md. Iftekhar Rahman, DPM, Mr Md Naser Uddin trained the field personnels of Banderban.

## DGFP hosts Annual Picnic; Unique River Cruise

DGFP officials for the first time attended with delight a unique River Cruise from Sadarghat, Dhaka to Chandpur, a daylong round trip as the occasion of their annual picnic. Officials from MOHFW, all the directors along with a mentionable number of DGFP personnels participated the River Cruise starting from and finishing at Sadarghat, Dhaka in the route of Dhaka-Chandpur with the riverine scenic beauty. The cruising was also enjoyed with a cultural program and Raffle draw at the deck. DG, DGFP Mr Sheikh Md Shamim Iqbal thanked all the participants for attending the picnic. He expressed his view by saying that the picnic will surely increase the



interactions among the officials of the DGFP which will act as a catalyst in performing our service to the organization. He hoped that this type of get-together in the shape of Picnic will continue even in the future to

meet the recreational aspects of the officials of DGFP.



## National Dissemination Meeting on “Progress & Prospect of MR, PAC and PAFP services”

A national dissemination meeting on “Progress & Prospect of MR, PAC and PAFP services” was organized jointly by Directorate General of Family Planning (DGFP) and Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) supported by Ipas Bangladesh on 24 January 2017 at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre, Dhaka. Among others Mr. Md. Sirazul Islam, Honorable Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare graced the occasion as Chief Guest and Officials from MoHFW, DGFP, DGHS, DGNM Ob/Gyn specialists, Ipas, Partners NGOs, development partners and providers participated. Mr. Sheikh Md. Shamim Iqbal, Director (Administration) and Director General (Acting), DGFP Chaired the occasion.



Ms. Lisa Simutami, CEO and Executive Vice President, Ipas USA also briefed on Ipas activities.

The speakers termed this project implemented by Ipas as a unique example of collaboration with government and praised strong commitment and support from DGHS and DGFP for ensuring quality MR, PAC and FP services in Bangladesh. They also appreciated Ipas for creating enabling environment, policy change and also procurement, commodity supply at functional sites etc. Timely initiative of DGHS, DGFP and Ipas BD was instrumental for integration of MR, PAC and PAFP services. Extension of LMP up to 12 weeks was an example of policy achievements.

Participants recalled the previously prevalent adverse state before the project started and the present day of improvements. Even providers previously never used to give so much emphasis on MR, PAC and related issues as they are now.



Institutional capacity building including providers training on MR, PAC and FP by Ipas was highly appreciated.

Some providers also shared their experiences on being trained by Ipas, capacity and confidence built for serving women in their needs and personal achievements on their individual work.

Speakers also praised the role of Ipas for successful coordination between local level Health and Family Planning departments.

Speakers also emphasized need for more investment on women and girls specially for contraceptive services, MR, and PAC.

Government policymakers requested cooperation from all for the next sector program implementation and requested to maintain same spirit to achieve SDG goals and also assured support from government for all future activities and wished to work together and appreciated role of managers, service providers and others concerned for successful collaboration.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks from Dr. Kamal Kanti Biswas, Sr. Advisor R&E, Ipas Bangladesh through expressing gratitude to officials from MoH&FW, DGFP, DGHS, partner NGOs and DFID representative, stakeholders and concluded with a call to joint the journey to save lives of girls and women in Bangladesh.



**NHSDP News Brief**

**Courtesy Orientation to New Secretary and Additional Secretary, MOHFW**



Secretary, Additional Secretaries and DG-HEU of MOHFW in the orientation session conducted by Dr. Halida Akhter, COP-NHSDP

A courtesy orientation meeting with the Secretary of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) **Mr. Sirazul Islam**, **Mr. Sardar Abul Kalam** Additional Secretary, **Mr. Harun-ur-Rashid Khan**, Additional Secretary and **Mr. Ashadul Islam**, Director General, Health Economics Unit (HEU) of the MOHFW and **Dr. Halida Akhter**, COP, NHSDP and Sr. Country Representative, Pathfinder International, Bangladesh was held at Bangladesh Secretariat on the 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 with the purpose of briefing them on the present status of **Surjer Hashi** branded NHSDP (USAID –DFID NGO Health Service Project) activities and the progress of Inter-ministerial Advisory Committee activities.

Dr. Halida presented Surjer Hashi network's model, activities and shared that the project compliments Government by providing GOB's Essential Service Package (ESP) through Surjer Hashi branded network of 399 static clinics, 10,754 satellite clinics and 8,316 community service providers in all 64 districts of Bangladesh which covering over 26 million people of Bangladesh (16% of total population). **Dr. Saikhul Islam** Helal, Policy & Coordination Advisor of NHSDP updated the

progress of 'USAID-DFID NHSDP Advisory Committee' where the Additional Secretary is the chairperson and request to the chairperson for calling up the 4th USAID-DFID NHSDP Advisory Committee meeting.

**Mr. Sirazul Islam**, Secretary, MOHFW said that, "Surjer Hashi clinics are prominent health service delivery centers in Bangladesh. I came to learn more details on this network through this meeting. Hope, we could work together to meet the health challenges in Bangladesh."

**Mr. Sardar Abul Kalam**, Additional Secretary, stated that, "Surjer Hashi is a well-known brand in Bangladesh and as the Chairperson of Advisory Committee I will call up the next meeting as earliest."

**Mr. Ashadul Islam**, Director General of HEU mentioned that 'as a well-known network in Bangladesh, Surjer Hashi is working with GOB to formulate an effective & attainable strategy for Universal Health Coverage Bangladesh.' **Mr. Harun-Ur-Rashid**, Additional Secretary appreciated and highly praised NHSDP's initiative and contribution on expanding 18 Mid-Way-Homes in unreached remote hilly areas.



The meeting ended by handing over a 'Mayer Bank' to the Secretary, MOHFW which NHSDP uses as a symbol of women empowerment during her pregnancy to influence the pregnancy outcome in a positive way.

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**Union health facilities to enter digital era**



The next sector plan of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoH&FW) envisions 1,500 Union Health and Family Welfare Centers (UH&FWC) entering



the digital era with the incorporation of Electronic Management Information System (eMIS). The eMIS initiative has matured from the piloting stage at Madhabpur Upazila and based on that experience it is now being scaled up at all the upazilas of Habiganj since October 2016. The eMIS has two components - facility and community part. In the facility part, the current focus is on UH&FWCs, but in future data from Upazila Health Complex (UHC) and Maternal and Child Welfare Center (MCWC) will also be incorporated. Maternal and newborn care registers (ANC, PNC, Delivery, Newborn), Family Planning registers (Pill, Condom, Injectable, IUD) and General Patient register have been digitalized.

The primary advantage of the e-register is that it is capable of keeping electronic health record (EHR) of individuals. This feature ensures the continuum of care across providers. There are medical logics incorporated into the e-register guiding the providers and alerting them of potential dangers. Recording data at the granular level ensures that MIS-3 report can be generated instantly. It also interlinks data from frontline health workers such as FWAs and HAs. These features created a positive attitude among the healthcare providers as they start to see the value of the e-MIS. In January a total of 7,860 maternal and newborn care [ANC (5,516), PNC Mother (976), PNC-Newborn (904), Delivery (464)] services were electronically recorded throughout Habiganj.

The eMIS team of MaMoni HSS periodically shares the incorporation of new e-registers into the system with the officials from DGHS and DGFP which made the officials confident about the system, and resulted in the inclusion of the implementation of eMIS in 1,500 UH&FWCs in the next sector plan. The system is still evolving based on the feedback from the end users and stakeholders. With eMIS in place the health system landscape of Bangladesh would change significantly.

## Engaging Volunteers to Generate Awareness of FP services

Over the past three years, the MH-II project has been working to increase awareness of FP throughout Bangladesh, especially of long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) and permanent methods (PM) services using volunteers from its partner NGOs working social and behavior change communication (SBCC) (BRAC, Young Power in Social Action, PSTC, VPKA Foundation, Shushilan and Mukti). These volunteers were recruited from their communities and trained by respective NGOs with technical assistance from MH-II on how to create demand for LARC and PM services. For demand generation, volunteers conducted one-on-one session, household visits, and courtyard meetings as well as referred respective clients to the



nearest FP service delivery facilities. The volunteer intervention encountered by three challenges: limited retention of volunteers' knowledge about FP methods, paying communication cost to volunteers and monitoring volunteers' performance. The following measures were taken to mitigate these challenges.

- MH-II SBCC partner NGOs briefly discuss FP methods, the advantages and disadvantages of each FP method, informed choice and volunteerism during each monthly meeting.
- Communication costs are paid to each volunteer through their bKash (a mobile banking company) accounts on a monthly basis: paying communication cost through bKash is easy and quick as well as it helps volunteers to have a control over their own fund and

- In many cases volunteers are attached with local DGFP field staff who monitor volunteer's performance and provide support as required.

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