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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Minister. MOHFW inaugurates District FP Office, Sirajganj



“The officials of the Family Planning cannot be complacent with their achievements. They will have to be more responsible and devoted in performing their responsibility”, Hon’ble Minister, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Mr Mohammed Nasim, MP was speaking in a ceremony

in Sirajganj while he was inaugurating the newly constructed District Family Planning Office, Sirajganj recently.

Acting DG, DGFP Mr Sheikh Md. Shamim Iqbal, Chief Engineer, Health Engineering Directorate, Director Planning, DGFP, Director, Rajshahi Division, SP Sirajganj, President, Chambers and Commerce,



Sirajganj and Mayor, Sirajganj Pourasova also delivered speech in the inaugural ceremony. Deputy Director, Family Planning, Sirajganj Mr Saheen Hasan presided over the ceremony.



World Health Day 2017 Observed



“An act has been prepared for the benefit of mental health patients. The act will be placed to Cabinet for approval soon.” Mr Mohammed Nasim, MP, Minister, MOHFW was speaking in the inaugural session of World Health Day-2017 on 7 April as the Chief Guest at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium, Dhaka. Highlighting the theme “Depression: Lets talk ”

the Minister emphasized the responsibility of the psychiatrists regarding the treatment of the mental patients. He added that the family members can support the patients by sharing their problems. The chief guest requested parents to give extra time to their adolescents child so that they might not be derailed to terrorism and extremism.

A survey by National Mental Health Institute with the technical assistance by WHO reveals the fact that 4.6% people are suffering from depression. The survey report says people suffering from diabetes, respiratory diseases, cancer, heart diseases are prone to be affected with depression. Besides, poverty, unemployment, loneliness, family problems, drug addiction, divorce, pregnancy and post pregnancy period role play as the causes of depression. Adolescent between 15-18 years and people of 30-40 years are more likely to be affected with depression.

State Minister, MOHFW Mr Zahid Maleque, MP, former Member of Parliament Dr Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin, DG,DGFP Dr Kazi Mustafa Sarwar, DG,DGHS Professor Dr Abul Kalam Azad, Psychiatrist Dr. Mohit kamal also attended while Mr Md Sirajul islam, Secretary MOHFW presided over the inaugural ceremony of World Health Day 2017.

Workshop on Operational Research and Intervention for Adolescent Health

MCH Services Unit, DGFP organized a workshop on Operational Research and Intervention for Adolescent Health at the IEM Conference Room, DGFP on April 27,2017.The objective of



the workshop was to mainstream the various activities on adolescent health implemented by



different national and international organizations. Dr Kazi Mustafa sarwar, Additional Secretary and DG, DGFP graced the occasion as the chief guest. A mentionable number of local and international organizations presented their activities on adolescent health care in the workshop. Dr Joynal Haque, Program Manager, MCH Services Unit, DGFP presented the keynote presentation 'Present and Future Efforts/Plans on Adolescent Health' where he nicely demonstrated the present activities implemented by the government on adolescent health and explored the future activities in this context. Dr. Mohammed Sharif, Director, MCH services Unit, DGFP thanked UNICEF and Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands to come forward with this vital issue. He assured that the diversified activities on adolescent health done by various organizations will be strengthened in the near future. Honble DG, DGFP Dr. Sarwar expressed his satisfaction for the mainstreaming process of adolescent activities. As the adolescent portion of our population directly contributes our population, the issues of adolescent health care should be properly addressed, he added. DG, NIPORT, Directors of DGFP, representatives from UNICEF and the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands attended the workshop.

LAPM client Fair held at Chittagong



The importance of Longer Acting Permanent Methods of Family Planning in a view to ensuring the TFR:2,NRR:1 and CPR:75% within 2021 is undeniable. CCSDP Unit, DGFP conducted a LAPM Client Fair in various upazillas of Chittagong from 19-20 March, 2017. Mr Sheikh Md

Shamim Iqbal ,Additional Secretary and acting DG, DGFP visited the various upazillas of LAPM Client Fair on March 20,2017 as chief guest. He exchanged views regarding the quality of service and other issues with the waiting clients. He thanked the clients for making the fair a success with their presence .The chief guest also thanked the Marie Stopes Clinic Society for providing technical assistance with operating surgeons. Director CCSDP Dr Md Moinuddin Ahmed, Regional Supervisor, FPCST QAT, Chittagong Region Dr Seikh Rukunuddin Ahmad also attended the fair. Earlier on 19 March Director (MCRAH), DGFP Dr Mohammed Sharif visited the client fair in various upazillas of Chittagong. Director, Chittagong Division Mr Md Nurul Alam, Director, CCSDP, DGFP Dr Moinuddin Ahmed, Deputy Director, CCSDP Dr Md Mahmudur Rahman also visited the LAPM Client Fair.

Upazilla Chairman and UNOs of the concerned upazilla visited the



special camps conducted for the LAPM client Fair. Deputy Director, Chittagong Dr UKhey Win and Assistant Director, Chittagong Mr Subrata Kumar Chowdhury coordinated the LAPM Client Fair of two days.



MOU between DGFP and ICDDR'B



A Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) was signed between DGFP and icddr'b on March 13,2017. The objective of the MoU is to conduct a piloting to reduce adolescent pregnancy in Brahmanbaria district. According to the MoU all the newly-wed couple will be contacted to

provide FP methods at the very beginning of their conjugal life. Local marriage registrars, Imams and other stakeholders will also be engaged in this piloting process. UNFPA will provide technical assistance to the piloting. Mr Sheikh Md Shamim Iqbal, acting DG, DGFP and Mr Syed Monjurul Islam, acting Executive Director, icddr'b signed the MoU on behalf of the respective organizations. Before the signing ceremony Mr Md. Mahb-ul-Alam, Program Manager, FP-FSD, DGFP gave welcome address and pinpointed the salient features of the MoU. Mr Syed Monjurul Islam, acting ED, icddr'b, Dr Sathyanaranan Doraiswamy, Chief of Health, UNFPA delivered their views regarding the signing of the MoU. The chair Mr Pranab Kumar Neogi, Director, Finance, DGFP thanked both icddr'b and UNFPA for the piloting .It is informed that after the successful piloting in Brahmanbaria, it will be scaled up all over the country.

Dr Kazi Mustafa Sarwar joined as the Director General, Directorate General of Family Planning

Dr Kazi Mustafa Sarwar joined as the Director General, Directorate General of Family Planning on April 05, 2017.

He is an Additional Secretary to the Government of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh. He is a member of BCS (Health) Cadre of 1985 batch. Before joining this post, he was the Director General, Nursing and Midwifery Directorate.

He started his professional life as an Assistant Surgeon at Matlab



Upazilla in Chandpur. Later he served as Junior Consultant at Coxsbazar Hospital and



Chandpur Chest Diseases Hospital. He served as an Assistant Professor at National Institute of Chest Diseases and Hospital, Mohakhali, Dhaka before he was promoted as Deputy Secretary in the mainstream administration on September, 2009. He served as Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Public Administration and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare before his promotion as Joint Secretary in 2013. He served for two years at a stretch as Deputy Secretary (Hospital) and Director (Nursing Services). He served as Joint Secretary (Administration) at Statistics and Information Management Division under Ministry of Planning after his promotion as Joint Secretary. He was promoted as an Additional Secretary on May, 2016 and again joined Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Mr Kazi Mustafa Sarwar was born at Palishara, Haziganj, Chandpur in 1960 with the parentage of Mrs Tohurennesa and Mr Kazi Bazlul Haque. His father was awarded with Gold Medal as the Best Teacher of the country at the Secondary Level and Best Headmaster of the country by the President in 1988 and the Prime Minister in 1998 respectively.

Mr Sarwar was graduated with an MBBS degree from Chittagong Medical College. He also achieved Diploma from the University of Dhaka and RTI, Tokyo, Japan. He was accoladed with Leadership Training and Fellowship from Johns Hopkins University, USA. He also received training from National Academy of Public Administration, Vietnam. He successfully completed ACAD, MATT and SSC from BPATC, Savar, Dhaka. He made extensive professional tours in 27 countries of the Globe to participate in various conferences, trainings and workshops. He is a sports-lover and a good organizer since his student life. Sports, travelling and tree plantation are his hobbies.

He is married in his family life and proud father of three daughters. His wife Mrs Suraiya Akhter is a Homemaker. His daughters are studying at NSU, AIUB and Siddika International School, Dhanmondi, Dhaka.

New DG, DGFP meets the officials of DGFP



Officials of DGFP meet the new Director General, DGFP Dr. Kazi Mustafa Sarwar, Additional Secretary in a formal meeting at the IEM Conference room of DGFP on April 6, 2017 the very next day of his joining at DGFP. Directors welcomed new DG with floral reception. All the Directors of DGFP participated in this ceremony. The Directors made powerpoint presentations of their

units individually to give a glimpse of the activities they do at DGFP. DG, DGFP expressed his satisfaction being updated by the Directors about the multisectoral activities performed by various Units at DGFP. DG expressed his gratitude to the officials for giving him a

cordial reception. This department is a very important department and with the concerted effort of both the clinical and non-clinical personalities we will be able to discharge our duties assigned by the government, he added.

New DG visits IEM Unit, DGFP

IEM Unit officials of DGFP meet the new Director General, DGFP Dr. Kazi Mustafa Sarwar, Additional Secretary in a formal meeting at the IEM Conference room of DGFP on April 6, 2017 the very next day of his joining at DGFP. Mr Md Ferdous Alam, Joint Secretary and Director, IEM Unit welcomed new DG with floral reception.

All the officers and staffs of IEM Unit participated in this ceremony. Mr Md. Taslim Uddin Khan, Deputy Director (PM)



made powerpoint presentations of the unit to give a glimpse of the activities they do at DGFP. Director IEM Mr Ferdous Alam shared that IEM Unit is the mirror of DGFP as this unit is assigned with planning, producing and disseminating different types of audio visual and printing materials to motivate the target people. DG, DGFP expressed his satisfaction being updated by the Director about the SBCC activities performed by Unit at DGFP which act as a demand generating unit for both clinical and non-clinical methods of Family Planning. DG expressed his gratitude to the officials for giving him a cordial reception. He marked that he will try his best to solve the challenges IEM unit faces to achieve the various targets of FP.

DG (acting) and Director, MIS visit MaMoni HSS working area



MaMoni HSS project hosted visits from top officials from Directorate General of Family Planning (DGFP) in March 2017. The first one was by the Acting Director General of DGFP Sheikh Md Shamim Iqbal who visited Madhabpur Upazila on 4th March 2017 to have a first-hand experience of the project's automated electronic Management Information System (eMIS). He visited Bagasura

Union Health and Family Welfare Center (UH & FWC) where e-register for UH & FWC is

fully operational.

Acting Director General of DGFP at Bagasura UH&FWC in Habiganj

At the facility the DG talked to the FWV, FPI and a few FWAs who demonstrated how the e-register works. The FWV explained the advantage and the efficiency of the e-register, specially the live tracking of mother. The DG appreciated the live tracking option of mothers with pre-eclampsia/eclampsia risk and the integration between FWA and FWV work through eMIS.

Figure 1 Director, MIS, DGFP, visited a union facility at Madhabpur Upazila to observe progress in eMIS work.

The DG was appreciative of the role played by the local government officials in transforming the Bagasura UH & FWC from category B to category A.

Another team from DGFP led by Saiful Hassan Badal, Joint Secretary & Director (MIS) also visited Madhabpur Upazila, Habiganj from 29th March to 30th March to see the eMIS related work. Following an initial brief at the project's Madhabpur office the team visited two UH & FWCs where they talked to the FWV, SACMO, FPI and FWAs. They observed how a patient is served through the e-register, and how eMIS is helping integrate FWA and FWV's work. The team appreciated the progress achieved so far.

On the second day they visited Poil UH&FWC at Sadr Upazilla. Deputy Program Manager Abul Kalam Azad here tested the offline data synchronization feature and verified how it works. They also met FWAs, FWV, FPI and other service providers. During their stay at the facility a delivery was performed which allowed the team to observe how normal deliveries were being performed there. Director MIS was very impressed with facility in general and the fact that this delivery details now readily present once it is electronically recorded.

SURJER HASHI HEALTH FAIR

'Ring the bell' on reaching community

Surjer Hashi (SH) network is conducting community mobilization (CM) activities nationwide through different media/channels to modify health seeking behavior of different segments of population in Bangladesh. To enhance community linkages with Surjer Hashi clinic services 31 Health fair (Sasthyo Mela) hold during April 2016 to March 2017 under 31 Surjer Hashi clinics of 25 NGOs.

Over 62,000 people participated in these health fairs organized in

a colorful and festive mode and are considered as one of the most viable forms of community-based health promotion event. The events displayed a variety of enter educative programs showcasing health interventional messages and offered opportunity for listening to community voices.

Community Contribution: Cash and Kind: A modest size of funding for organizing health fair came from community contribution which included, local businessman, Upazila



Mr. A.ZM Nasiruddin, Mayor, Chittagong city corporation speaking in a health fair held at Chittagong.

chairman and members, City Corporation and Municipal Mayors and Counselors, GOB officials, pharmaceutical companies, development partners, decorator and printing owners, school & college authority, local elites etc.

Lessons Learned: The health fair created evidence that NGOs can leverage social capital and community volunteerism, government ownership through sponsorship as well as endorsing private stakeholders' willingness of involvement in public health programs. They can successfully discover, unfold and leverage the resources that exists in 399 location of SH network in of Bangladesh. The fair also opened a window of opportunity to have CSR from local organizations and the discovery is that Health Fair reflected a sense of "ownership" to Surjer Hashi network among the local stakeholders. Most clinics reported that the number of customers have increased after the health fair. As envisioned people appeared to be more empowered with the health information they receive from various events of Health Fair.



Conclusion: This is first time ever the Surjer Hashi network implemented Health Fair. The NHSDP experience thus far suggests that, health fair can successfully contribute to network autonomy, accountability, focus, and engagement, and thus contributing to improve NGO performance.

Note: The NGO Health Service Delivery Project (2012-2017) is a five-year project, funded by USAID and DFID, which aims to provide technical assistance and capacity building to NGOs to provide a quality essential services package to the poor and underserved populations in Bangladesh. Pathfinder International manages and directs the project.

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