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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**“Child marriage should be eradicated from society”
Mohammed Nasim, MP, Minister, MOHFW**



“Information technology and education has widened the opportunity of empowerment of women. Women are acting as the catalyst of the development of the country being placed as the various responsible positions of the state. In a such kind of women-friendly situation why the child marriage should not be eradicated from the society?” Mohammed Nasim, MP, Minister,

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare expressed his optimism about child marriage at a national level workshop on “Importance of Preventing the Child Marriage” held at the Sirajganj Govt. College Auditorium in Sirajganj on January 03, 2015. IEM Unit, Directorate General of Family Planning conducted the workshop with the financial assistance from the United Nations Funds for Population Activities (UNFPA). All the Chairmen of all the Upazilla,

all the Upazilla Nirbahi Officers, all the Upazilla Family planning Officers, Medical Officers (MO, MCH-FP), all the Pourashava Mayors, all the Chairmen of the Union Parishad and the Marriage Registrars of Sirajganj were present in the workshop. In order to ensuring the inter-ministrial co-ordination Superintendent of Police District Registrar, Deputy Director, Islamic Foundation, District Education Officer, District Woman Affairs Officer, District Youth Development Officer, President and General Secretary of Press Club, Sirajganj also attended the workshop along with print and electronic media members as the participants.

Professor Dr. Habibe Millat, MP of the Sirajganj Sadar Constituency and Md. Nur Hossain Talukder, Director General, Directorate General of Family Planning graced the program as the Special Guests. Dr. Md. Nasir Uddin, Director, IEM Unit, Directorate general of Family Planning presented the present national and global scenerio on child marriage situation while Dr. Sayed Abdulla Al-Maruf, Associate Professor, Dept. of Arabic, University of Dhaka delivered the speech as the Expert Speaker.

The special guest Mr. Md. Nur Hossain Talukder remarked, "Every individual s an institution. If we render our responsibility obeying the prevailing rules and regulations of the country, we can get rid of this social curse." Professor Dr. Habibe Mllat, MP told. "Government has prioritized the education of the girls in a view to establishing the women empowerment. As a result, girl education upto the graduation level has been declared free. Child marriage as well as violence against women will decrease as more womenfolk participate in jobs.

The Chief Guest Mr Mohammed Nasim emphasised the importance of contribution of all sections of enlightened groups like religious personalities and teachers in this regard.

The causes of child marriage, the impact of child marriage and initiatives taken by government all the related issues have been demonstrated elaborately in the workshop. The Expert Speaker highlighted the importance of Family Planning in the light of Islam and the detrimental sides of child marriage as well. All the speakers in the workshop reiterated the importance of preventing the child marriage by declaring crusade against it which, in fact, is one of the commitments of the present government.



The president of the Workshop and Deputy Commissioner of Sirajganj, Mr. Md. Billal Hossain conveyed his heartiest thanks to the authority for conducting such workshop. He also promised to make Sirajgang "Free from of Child marriage" in his concluding remarks.

Workshop on Strengtheing LAPM Services Delivery and Ensuring 24/7 hours Normal Delivery of CCSDP held at Sylhet



A workshop on Strengthening LAPM Services Delivery and Ensuring 24/7 hours Normal Delivery at UH&WFC was conducted by CCSDP Unit of DGFP at the Hall Room of Divisional Commissioner, Sylhet. Mr Md. Nur Hossain Talukder, Director General, Directorate General of Family Planning graced

the occasion as chief guest while Mr. Sajjadul Hasan, Commissioner, Sylhet presided over the meeting. Mr.Md Kutub Uddin, Director, Sylhet Division, Sylhet, Dr. Mohammed Sharif, Director, MCH Services of DGFP and Dr. Md. Moinuddin Ahmed, Director, CCSDP Unit of DGFP were present there as the special guests.

All the Deputy Directors of the FPCST-QAT Sylhet Region, Upazilla Family Planning Officers and Medical Officers(MCH-FP) were present as the participants.

The chief guest emphasized strengthening the LAPM services Delivery and Ensuring 24/7 hours Normal Delivery at UH&WFC so that we can achieve the desired target of LAPM. Dr Md Mahmudur Rahman, Deputy Director (CS) and PM(SD) made his presentation on Strengthening LAPM Services Delivery and Dr. Rafiqul Islam Talukder, DPM of CCSDP Unit delivered his presentation on Ensuring 24/7 hours Normal Delivery at UH&WFC. The program concluded with a vote of thanks from the chair.

FP BCC Campaign held at Spectra Convention Centre

USAID's Office of Health, Population, Nutrition and Education (OPHNE) coordinates its Implementing Partners to develop a joint, comprehensive and strategic family planning behavior change communication (FP BCC) campaign. The purpose is to address the unique family planning needs of Bangladesh while ensuring appropriate integration and supporting MoHFW BCC plans, strategies and activities. For this reason USAID funded



Bangladesh Knowledge Management Initiative(BKMI) organized a national campaign on FP BCC that would help increase demand and reduce unmet need for family planning by addressing specific audiences with tailored messages and interventions. The Campaign sharing workshop was inaugurated at the Spectra convention Centre on January 27, 2015 by Mr Md. Nur Hossain Talukder, Director General, Directorate General of Family Planning as the chief guest. Gary Saffitz, Consultant, USAID and Dr Sukumar Sarkar, Senior Technical and Policy Advisor, OPHNE, USAID were present at the workshop as the special guests. Various Government and Non-Government organizations along with International NGOs (UNFPA, Marie Stopes, Ipas etc) who are engaged with the BCC campaign in the HPN sector attended the workshop.



Dr. Md. Nasir Uddin, Director, IEM Unit, DGFP made a presentation on current demand generation FP BCC activities. Representatives from UNFPA and Marie Stopes also demonstrated their FP BCC campaign of the current year. The chief guest remarked, I am glad that USAID has taken initiative to undertake a demand generation campaign to energize family planning with the goal of increasing of proper use of modern FP

method. He also thanked USAID's initiative in aligning partners and stakeholders so that gaps are filled and duplications are avoided for the best use of the resources. Mr. Hossain expressed his optimism by saying that the campaign will help achieve Bangladesh Government's target of further reducing fertility to 2.0 births per woman; increasing the CPR to 72 percent and reducing unmet need to 9 percent by 2016.

Dissemination Workshop on Demand Generation Implementation Kit held



The United Nations Commission on Life Saving Commodities (UNCoLSC) for Women and Children under the Every Woman Every Child (EWEC) movement identified 13 underutilized reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health (RMNCH) commodities that if more widely available and used properly could save the lives of over 6 million women and children worldwide over five years. Among ten

recommendations from UNCoLSC, Recommendation 7 is to increase the demand and utilization of the 13 life-saving commodities.

To increase the demand and utilization of the 13 life-saving commodities the global Health Communication Capacity Collaborative (HC3) is the Lead Implementing Partner in the Demand Generation Working Group, and JHU-CCP & PSI are taking the lead on behalf of HC3.

The Demand Generation Working Group has developed an online Demand Generation Implementation Kit, or I-Kit, which is a step-by-step guide on how to develop communication strategies using an innovative approach to rapid development of communication strategies for the 13 commodities.

In Bangladesh with the support from HC3 and BKMI a dissemination workshop on demand generation for 13 life saving commodities was held on January 14, 2015 at Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) Conference room, Agargaon, Dhaka to orient the demand generation implementation kit (life saving commodities) in Bangladesh to all stakeholders

who either currently work on demand generation activities or would like to include or support such work in the future.

Chief Guest of the workshop Mr. Md. Nur Hossain Talukder, Director General of Directorate General of Family Planning (DGFP) explained the importance of creating demand for 13 life saving commodities for Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (RMNCH). He further mentioned that the Demand Generation I-Kit can support the efforts of communication professionals working directly on behavior change communication programs, as well as other professionals working in RMNCH who need to create a demand generation component to support program activities. Through targeted demand generation communications strategies, demand for and use of priority life saving commodities can be increased.

Ms Rebecca Arnold, Project Director, BKMI shared the status of Country context of Bangladesh and also a case study from UNICEF project shared by Dr. Hayalnesh Tarekegn, Program Officer, UNICEF.

Ms Sanjanthi Velu from JHU: CCP and Heather A Chotvac from PSI introduced the step by step online I-Kit to create communication strategy for 13 life saving commodities.

Experts from different organizations appreciated the initiative and mentioned that the I-kit will be useful to achieve their programs objectives. They mentioned that it can be incorporated in the MPH Course to introduce it to the young public health professionals. It will also be helpful to achieve the goal of Digital Bangladesh.

Around 60 representatives from Govt. national and international level NGOs, agencies, universities and media attended the workshop.

Advocacy Meeting on Sexual & Reproductive Health Right

An advocacy Meeting on Sexual & Reproductive Health Right was held at IEM Conference Room at DGFP organized by MCH Services Unit with the support from BAPSA and rfsu. It was a part of the Sweden based rfsu's project of "Improving Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) Situation in Urban and Rural Areas of Bangladesh" aiming to increasing the level of awareness about Sexual and Reproductive Health



and Rights among the senior level public officials. Mr Md. Nur Hossain Talukder, Director General, Directorate General of Family Planning graced the occasion as the chief guest while Dr. Mohammed Sharif, Director, MCH Services presided over the meeting. Dr. Shimul Koli Hossain, PM of MCH Unit demonstrated the Government programs on Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health. Dr. Altaf Hossain, Director, BAPSA made a presentation on the ASRH activities of BAPSA. The chief guest reiterated the importance of upholding the Sexual and Reproductive Health Right of the clients in FP. Dr. Mohammed Sharif, Director, MCH Services reinforced the initiatives taken by DGFP in this regard and concluded the program with thanks to all to make the advocacy meeting a success.

Workshop on UIMS Troubleshooters' Roles and Responsibility



A workshop on “Upazila Inventory Management System (UIMS) Troubleshooters’ Roles and Responsibility” was held at Spectra Convention Center, Gulshan-1, Dhaka, Bangladesh on 1st February 2015. Organized by the Logistics & Supply unit of the DGFP, the workshop was facilitated by MSH/SIAPS program. The workshop was conducted according to a developed schedule with the chair by Md. Abdus Salam Sarker, Director (Logistics & Supply) of DGFP in presence of Md. Nur Hossain Talukder, Director General of DGFP as chief guest. Director (Finance) Md. Kafil Uddin, Director (MIS) Md. Jahiruddin Babar, Director (Planning) Dr. Md. Fazlul Haque & Director, Family Planning, Dhaka Division Md. Delwar Hossain of DGFP were also present in the occasion. About 90 participants took part in the workshop from different tire of the supply system.

The workshop started through welcome address by Md. Hanifur Rahman, Additional Director, Central Warehouse of DGFP followed by a self-introduction session. Then the main activity of the workshop proceeds following the schedule through few PPT presentation on : Roles & Responsibilities of troubleshooters (related to UIMS & SCIP), Data availability, Data quality, Sharing views/feedback, Monthly reporting, Performance review and Ranking, Way forward, Upgraded UIMS, Tools Management Committee, SDP Module Roll-Out, Challenges etc. An open discussion session was held led by the chief guest where many issues were raised some decision has been given by Director General. The overall objective of the workshop was to review pre-developed roles and responsibility of the troubleshooters and get consensus among the participants of the workshop. The specific objectives are : List out the roles and responsibilities to have a consensus among the participants, Discuss in details each of the responsibility, Discuss coordination mechanism among the troubleshooter, Discuss the role of DGFP Inventory Tools Management Committee, Involve DGFP high officials in the process and get necessary decisions to improve the functionality of UIMS etc. The participants actively participated in the discussion session and provided their valuable comments for smooth functional of DGFP inventory tools. Director General pointed out the challenges shown in the power point presentation and stated that these are not real challenge, we can easily overcome those challenges if everyone has that level of commitment to make the program success. Director (MIS) stated in his speech that there will be no paper based FWA register in future; Electronic register will be introduced soon; piloting of e-Registration is going on in 6 Upazilas; All SDP will get handheld device, a data center will be set up at DGFP. Most of the guest lecturer emphasized the roles of the troubleshooters’ in the field and recommended to increase number of troubleshooter 2-3 per district. They also pointed

to have regular refresher training for the troubleshooter.

It should be mentioned that SIAPS is providing assistance to Directorate General of Family Planning (DGFP) in operationalizing inventory management system from the very beginning of its intervention. Upazila Inventory Management System (UIMS) is running in all 488 Upazilas with the minimal assistance from field based Technical Advisors (TAs) of MSH/SIAPS. As the UIMS is a computer based program and may give trouble anytime. It has been learned that on an average 5 to 10 Upazilas having trouble in operating the UIMS in the respective TA's region. Keeping in mind the regular maintenance the operationalization of UIMS, SIAPS/MSH adopted an approach during building capacity of DGFP personnel in using the tool. That was to develop a group of champion users as the "Master Trainer" of UIMS. Accordingly that group (15 DGFP persons) was utilized during rolling out of UIMS all over the country. Now total 77 DGFP officials are available to provide any sorts of troubleshooting support to their colleagues.

Consultative workshop on Adolescent Friendly Health Services

A Consultative workshop on Operational Strategies on Adolescent Friendly Health Services was held on the conference Room, MCH Services Unit (10th floor), Directorate General of Family planning jointly organized by DGFP and UNICEF. The objective of the meeting was aimed to sharing the experiences on adolescent health services by DGFP, DGHS and development partners. Dr



Shimul Koli Hossain, PM (A&RH) of MCH Unit delivered the welcome address and presented the objectives of the meeting. Dr Riad Mahmud, Health Specialist (MNH) presented UNICEF's key interventions on adolescent friendly health services (AFHS) and proposed operational strategy under broader child marriage (CM) program. All the participants of DGFP, DGHS and Development Partners participated on the plenary session on draft AFHS operational strategy. Dr. Mohammed Sharif, Director MCH-S & LD, MCRAH, as the chairperson of the workshop concluded the workshop by saying that the finalization of the draft AFHS operational strategy of Government and Development partners will surely enhance the quality of AFHS.

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