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Honorable PM laid foundation stone of Sylhet Division FP Office Building

Honorable Prime Minister of Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina has laid the foundation stone of the Division Director and Deputy Director Building, Family Planning, Sylhet along with inaugurating other development activities of Sylhet at Alia Madrasha Ground, Sylhet on 30 January, 2018. After the inauguration and laying the foundation stones she attended a 'monajaat' session to Almighty Allah



সিলেট সরকারি আলিয়া মাদরাসা মাঠে সিলেটের বিভিন্ন উচ্চমান কর্মকর্তার উদ্বোধন ফলক ও ভিত্তিপ্রস্তর স্থাপন ফলক উন্মোচন শেষে মোনাজাত করছেন অনুষ্ঠানের প্রধান অতিথি প্রধানমন্ত্রী শেখ হাসিনা।



there. Senior members of the Cabinet, local MPs and high officials of the concerned ministries attended the inaugural session. Mr Kazi Mustafa Sarwar, Additional Secretary and Director General, DGFP, Mr Kazi AKM Mohiul Islam, Additional Secretary, Medical

Education & Family Welfare Division, MOHFW, Mr Md Kutub Uddin, Division Director, Sylhet were also present in the programme. It is to be noted that Division Director Office of Family Planning is being constructed inside the boundary of FWV Training Institute at Shahi Eidgah, Sylhet.

Minister inaugurates 10 bedded MCWC at Kazipur, Sirajganj

Mr Mohammed Nasim, MP, Minister, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare inaugurates a 10 bedded Amina Mansur MCWC (Maternal and Child Welfare Centre) at Chalitadanga Union at Kazipur, Sirajganj recently. He also inaugurated Chalitadanga UHFWC (Union Health & Family Welfare Centre) and Chalitadanga Union Parishad Building Complex. The Minister addressed a big gathering and remarked that the present Government is committed to provide health and family planning facility to the doorsteps of the commoners. These facilities in this union



will surely cater the need of the people. Engineer Tanveer Shakil Joy, MP, Sirajganj-1



constituency, Mr Kazi Mustafa Sarwar, Director General, DGFP, Brig General M.A. Mohee, Chief Engineer, Health Engineering Directorate, Ms Kamrun Nahar Siddika, Deputy Commissioner, Sirajganj were among the Special Guests. Director General, DGFP conveyed his gratitude to the Minister for inaugurating the infrastructures as the Chief Guest. DG, DGFP requested the service

seekers to visit the centres. He also gave special directives to the service providers to ensure quality services at the centres for their clients.

Sensitization workshop on Strengthening 24/7 (round the clock) Normal Delivery at UHFWCs at Gopalganj

UHFWCs (Union Health & Family Welfare Centres) are becoming client friendly day by day as the DGFP authority is taking innovative service facilities to reach the doorsteps of the commoners. MCH Services Unit, DGFP is raising awareness by associating the

Ministers, MPs, Local Representatives in the workshops all over the country to strengthen the 24/7 delivery services at the UHFWCs. Mr Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim, MP, Gopalganj-2 constituency and President, Parliamentary Standing Committee of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare graced the awareness workshop as the Chief Guest while Mr Kazi Mustafa Sarwar, Additional Secretary and Director



General, DGFP attended as the Special Guest. The Chief Guest Sheikh Selim remarked that the UP Chairmen can play important role in raising awareness for the normal delivery services at UHFWCs as they are head of various committees like Union FP Committee, UHFWC Management Committee

and so on. He urged all, specially the UP Chairmen to give more time in conducting the various meetings of Family Planning so that the all concerned will be encouraged. The Special Guest, DG, DGFP thanked the Chief guest to motivate the participants of the campaign with his kind presence. Director General also advised the service providers to be more friendly and sincere in rendering FP& MCH services to the clients. Dr Mohammed Sharif, Director MCH Services welcomed the participants and made a nice presentation unveiling the present situation of maternal and child health of our country.

Minister, MOHFW inaugurates National IEC materials for Adolescent Health

A mentionable portion of our population is adolescent. Overlooking the issues of the adolescents, ensuring safe motherhood to every nook and corner is not possible. In a view to reducing the adolescent pregnancy, ensuring the Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health Care, IEC materials play very important role.

Minister, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Mr Mohammed Nasim, MP graced the occasion as the Chief Guest at the Dissemination of the National IEC Materials of Adolescent Health & Adolescent Health Fair at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre, Dhaka on 18 February, 2018. The Minister remarked that child marriage and adolescent pregnancy should be reduced in a view to ensuring safe motherhood of the adolescents of the country. Government is always prioritizing the health, education and security of the woman and children.



Mr Kazi AKM Mohiul Islam, Additional Secretary, ME&FW, MOHFW, Prof AHM Enayet Hossain, Additional DG, DGHS, Mr Zeron Stiggs, Head, Development Associates, Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands, Ms Seema Sen Gupta, Representative, UNICEF also attended as the Special Guests. Mr Kazi Mustafa Sarwar, Additional Secretary and

Director General, DGFP chaired the inaugural session of the dissemination. Dr Mohammed Sharif, Director MCH Services Unit, DGFP welcomed the guests and delivered the keynote presentation of the dissemination. The objective of the dissemination was to implement Adolescent friendly Health Services and disseminate the Adolescent Health friendly information at MCWCs (Maternal & Child Welfare Centres) and UHFWCs (Union Health & Family welfare Centres) spreading all over the country. The meeting also shared that National Strategy for Adolescent Health (2017-2030) has already been produced with the leadership of MOHFW. Adolescents need right information of their age so that they are not misguided. The dissemination of the IEC materials will surely help the adolescents to be guided in the right way.

Family Planning 2020 Delegates met Hon'ble Minister, MOH&FW

A high level meeting between Mr. Mohammed Nasim MP, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of

Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) and Ms. Elizabeth Nichols Schlachter, Executive Director, Family Planning 2020 (FP2020), United Nations Foundation held on 26 February 2018 at Honorable Minister's office at Bangladesh Secretariat. The objective of this meeting was to discuss the Ministry's roles and efforts in accelerating renewed Family Planning 2020 commitments. During the meeting, Ms. Elizabeth Nichols Schlachter, Executive Director, expressed her sincere thanks and deep gratitude to Honorable Minister for his kind leadership to promote the health and rights of women and girls in Bangladesh and designating Mr. Fiaz Ahmed, Secretary, Medical Education and Family Welfare Division, MoHFW as Bangladesh's Representative in the FP2020 Reference Group (RG). She briefed that the RG governs FP2020, sets its overall strategic direction and drives coordination among the partnership's stakeholders. Ms. Elizabeth told that the Reference Group (RG) members are drawn from governments, multilateral organizations, civil society, donor agencies, and the private sector. This leadership body plays an integral role in the partnership and will deeply benefit from the insights that Mr. Fiaz Ahmed, Secretary will bring on behalf of Bangladesh. Ms. Beth invited Honorable Health Minister in the upcoming RG meeting to be held in July 2018 in USA. Honorable Health Minister reaffirmed that strong political commitment and focus on data driven, evidence-based actions would enable Bangladesh to ensure quality Family Planning services to the people and achieve the FP 2020 goals as well as that of the SDGs by 2030. Quazi AKM Mohiul Islam, Additional Secretary (Population, FW and Law), ME&FWD, Dr. [Sathyanarayanan Doraiswamy](#), Chief Health, UNFPA and Ms. Brenda A. Doe, Senior Family Planning Advisor, OPHNE, USAID were present in the meeting.



State Minister attends 24/7 Awareness Campaign at Manikganj

Mr Zahid Maleque, MP, State Minister, MOHFW has urged the local representatives to monitor the round the clock normal delivery services provided at the UHFWCs (Union Health & Family Welfare Centres). He also gave special directives to the DGFP officials to



ensure the presence of the service providers at the centres as the UHFWCs has the accommodation facility for the both the FWV and SACMO. State Minister was gracing the awareness campaign to strengthen the normal delivery service (round the clock) at the UHFWCs as the Chief guest at Satoria. Mr Kazi Mustafa Sarwar, Addl Secretary and Director General, DGFP attended the

ceremony as the Special Guest. Mr Sarwar thanked the minister for allocating his valuable time for the programme. Director General requested DDFP to involve all types of stakeholders including the local representatives increase the mCH



performances of the Saturia Upazilla. Dr Mohammed Sharif, Director, MCH Services, DGFP chaired the session. Dr Sharif rendered his special gratitude to both the chief guest and special guest for their kind presence. He summarised the activities implemented by MCH Services Unit all over the country to reduce the MMR and IMR. Dr Ranjit Kumar Mondal, DDFP, Manikganj welcomed the guests at the outset of the ceremony.

Graduation of LDC to Developing Country celebrated by DGFP

Bangladesh has shown tremendous uplift in various socio-economic sectors in last decade which acclaimed her position as the developing Country from the status of LDC. All the Ministries and agencies of the Government celebrated the graduation to Developing Country on 22 March, 2018. A colorful procession of DGFP personnel led by Mr Kazi Mustafa Sarwar, Addl Secretary and Director General, DGFP along with the Ministry officials marked the celebration with a rally starting from Shishu Academy to Bangabandhu National Stadium, the venue where honorable PM was given floral reception by the millions of People.



Mother Gathering at Kapasia, Gazipur

Upazilla Family Planning Office, Kapasia, Gazipur provided series of ANC services, Blood Grouping by the trained doctors and distributed ♦Syeda Johra Tajuddin MCH Card♦ in all the 11 Unions of Kapasia with the patronization from the local Member of Parliament BangaTaj daughter Ms Simin Hossain Rimi, MP. The Member of Parliament of Kapasia was satisfied to visit a Mothers♦ Gathering at the premise of Chandpur UHFWC on 15 February 2018. She also distributed some MCH Cards to the pregnant mothers. She talked to the pregnant mothers



about the quality of services, gave proper directives to the service providers about providing timely services to the clients. She declared the allocation of 200000/(Two Lac) taka for filling earth at the lower part of boundary wall of the UHFWC. She also directed the local Union Parishad Chairman to allocate money to build the connecting road to UHFWC from the main road. 156 pregnant mothers were provided with ANC ,blood grouping and MCH Card that day.

Minister inaugurates 10 bedded MCWC at Noagaon

Ensuring Family Planning and Health services to the doorsteps of the commoners is the motto of present Government. Minister, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Mr Mohammed

Nasim, MP inaugurates two 10 bedded MCWC at Akbarpur and Ghoshnagar at Patnitala, Noagaon on 23 February, 2018. Later the Minister graced an awareness workshop as the Chief Guest. The Minister in his speech as the Chief Guest expressed present Government's commitment in establishing more and more Health and FP infrastructures all over the country. He urged the service providers to ensure 24/7 (round the clock) services to the clients at the recently commissioned MCWC. Mr Md Sahiduzzaman Sarker, MP and Honourable



Whip, Bangladesh Parliament, Mr Solim Uddin Tarafdar, MP, Mr Moloji Kumar Roi, Director, Rajshahi Division, Dr Mohammed Sharif, Director, MCH services, DGFP and Mr Mizanur Rahman, Deputy Commissioner, Noagaon also attended the ceremony as the Special Guests. Mr Kazi Mustafa Sarwar, Additional Secretary and Director General, DGFP presided over the

ceremony. The workshop was also attended by the Superintendent of Police, Civil Surgeon and Deputy Director, Family Planning, Dr Kosturi Amin Queen.

Secretary, ME&FW, MOHFW visits Rohingya Camps

Mr Faiz Ahmed, Secretary, Medical Education & Family Welfare Division, Ministry Of Health & Family Welfare made extensive visits to different Rohingya Camps at Ukhiya upazilla, Coxsbazar. Mr Kazi Mustafa Sarwar, Director General, DGFP, Prof Dr. Nasima Sultana, Additional DG (Administration), DGHS, Mr Muhammad Nurul Alam, Director, Family Planning, Chittagong Division, PS to Secretary Mr Shamim Ahmed and district level officials of Health & Family Planning also were present during the visit. Secretary, MEFW Division talked to the Rohingya people about the health and family planning services provided by DGFP and DGHS people. He also talked to the doctors and other service providers of DGFP and DGHS about the medical facilities rendered by them. He gave special directives to DGFP personnels to strengthen the awareness campaign of Family planning along with maternal and child health. Mr Faiz directed DDFP Coxsbazar to arrange frequent motivational program on



Family Planning with the Majhis (Community Rohingya Head) as the Majhis play vital role in motivating their own community people. Secretary, MEFW reinforced the importance of ensuring the maternal and child health among the Rohingyas before

upcoming rainy season. He urged the service providers to be more cautious so that the pregnant mothers could access lifesaving emergency obstetric and newborn care treatments in the case of a medical emergency. Later Secretary visited Shamlapur UHFWC in Teknaf Upazilla in the afternoon. He talked to the service providers there and expressed his satisfaction as all the service providers

98th Birthday of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu observed at MFSTC

98th birthday of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Shiekh Mujibur Rahman and National Child Day was observed with due respect and honor at MFSTC (Mohammadpur Fertility Services & Training Centre), Mohammadpur, Dhaka on 17 March, 2018. Mr Faiz Ahmed, Secretary, Medical Education & Family Welfare, MOHFW graced the discussion meeting as the Chief Guest. Mr Mahbubur Rahman Joarder, Director Logistics, Mr Md Hanifur Rahman, Director, Audit, DGFP also attended the ceremony. Dr Md Muniruzzaman Siddiqui, Director, MFSTC chaired the discussion meeting. The Chief Guest marked the salient



features of the eventful life of the Father of The Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. He also unveiled the history of reform of Bangladesh in the hands of Bangabandhu. Secretary, MEFW, MOHFW also highlighted the present PM's relentless effort for making the country move forward. Dr Md Muniruzzaman Siddiqui, Director, MFSTC and 100 Bedded Mother and Child Health Services Hospital thanked the Secretary for curtailing some of his valuable time for the programme. He urged everybody to uphold the ideal of Bangabandhu. As a part of the celebration, MFSTC organized different cultural programme, Children's drawing Competition, Doa Mahfil for Bangabandhu at mosques, delivering all types of free medical care including outdoor services and essay competition about children's health consciousness.

Handing over an Ambulance to Mother and Child Welfare Centre (MCWC), Cox's Bazar

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) has handed over one Ambulance to Honorable Secretary, Medical Education and Family Welfare Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) on 2 March 2018 for the Mother and Child Welfare Center (MCWC) of Cox's Bazar district. UNFPA, with the financial support of Global Affairs Canada has handed over the Ambulance to the Honorable Secretary, MEFWD, for the Mother and Child Welfare Center (MCWC), Cox's Bazar. Mr. Faiz Ahmed, Secretary, Medical Education and Family Welfare Division thanked UNFPA and said the Ambulance would ensure Myanmar Nationals living in Kutupalong and Nayapara camps, as well as host communities, could access lifesaving emergency obstetric and newborn care treatments in the case of a medical



emergency. He expressed his heartfelt thanks to UNFPA and Global Affairs Canada for this generous support to reproductive health programs in Bangladesh and hoped that this type of support will continue which would save lives of mother and reach the Sustainable Developmental Goals by 2030. Kazi Mustafa Sarwar, Director General DGFP said that the ambulance was needed because of overwhelming health needs of the recently arrived Rohingya refugees, health facilities face a number of challenges including transportation of pregnant women specially referred Rohingya refugees to health facilities in an emergency situation.

Divisional Director-FP, Chittagong, Civil Surgeon, and Deputy Director-FP also spoke at the event.

Director General, DGFP inaugurates the *Paribar Parikalpana Mela* at Coxsbazar

IEM Unit, DGFP is successfully implementing *Paribar Parikalpana Mela* in all the 64 districts of Bangladesh phase by phase in the month of March/April-2018. The objective of the fairs is to aware the commoners by disseminating numerous IEC (Information, Education & Communication) materials to the audiences so that the audiences can be motivated to seek the various services given at the several DGFP service facilities by the clients. Coxsbazar has implemented 2 day



long *Paribar Parikalpana Mela* (Social Behaviour Change Communication Fair) at Daulat Moidan, the heart of Coxsbazar town. Mr Ashek Ullah Rafiq, MP, Moheshkhali-Kutubdia, Coxsbazar graced the inauguration session as the Chief guest while Mr Kazi Mustafa Sarwar, Additional Secretary and Director General, DGFP was present as the Special Guest. The Chief guest thanked DGFP to implement such innovative fair to attract the audiences. Mr Rafiq hoped that other Government organizations also can replicate this type of fair to invite their stakeholders about the services they render to the clients. The Special Guest Director General, DGFP conveyed his gratitude to the MP for his kind words and time from his busy schedule.

◆ *Gramer Naam Shimulpur* ◆

New Daily Soap of DGFP on Channel I

New daily soap named ◆ *Gramer Naam Shimulpur* ◆, produced by Directorate General of Family Planning is going to be on air on Channel I from 18 march 2018. In this regard a Press Meet held at Channel I Studio on last Tuesday, 13 March 2018. Director General of DGFP Additional Secretary Mr Dr. Kazi Mustafa Sarwar, Joint Secretary, Director IEM & Line Director IEC, DGFP Mr. Soleman Khan, Head of Creative & Expressions Social of Expressions Ltd Tropa Majumdar, General Manager of Program Dept. of Channel I Mr. Amirul Islam, Playwright Mejbah Uddin Suman, Director of the play Georgis Bashar, actors of the play and other higher officials



from Directorate General of Family Planning and Channel I were present at the event. Speakers in the Press Meet informed that, different family planning services, early marriage, early pregnancy, reproductive healthcare, antenatal & neonatal care, services



for adolescents are the main subjects of this serial. This daily soap is aimed to create awareness amongst the viewers on mentioned topics. ♦Gramer Naam Shimulpur♦ will be on air only on Channel I on every Sunday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday at 5.30 pm, every Monday & Tuesday at 6.00 pm and every Thursday at 6.30 pm. This daily soap is produced under

the supervision of Expressions Ltd, written by Mejbah Uddin Suman and Directed by Georgis Bashar. Arman Parvej Murad, Majnun Mizan, Tajin Ahmed, Moushumi Hamid, Shahed Khan, Shamima Tushty, Borda Mithu are the main cast.

DG, DGFP, visits Durgapur UH&FWC, Noakhali

Mostafa Sarwar, DG, DGFP (3rd from right), attends a meeting following his visit of Durgapur UH&FWC on 11 March 2018 Durgapur Union Health and Family Welfare Center (UH&FWC) in Begumganj Upazila in Noakhali District is well-known for its excellent service, especially 24/7 normal delivery service. Since introduction of round-the-clock delivery service in July 2014, the facility has gradually become very popular with the community members in and around the union for its health service. The number of deliveries began to rise consistently and now the facility handles 140 to 150 deliveries a month, a huge number for a union level health facility. Its extraordinary success has drawn many visitors over the years, the latest being



the Additional Secretary and Director General of Directorate General of Family Planning (DGFP) Kazi Mostafa Sarwar on 11 March, 2018. The DG, accompanied by AKM Jahirul Islam, Deputy Director, Family Planning, Noakhali District, and Joby George, Chief of Party, MaMoni HSS Project, visited each of the rooms, talked to the service providers and praised the efficient management of the facility. In a meeting followed by his visit the DG learned about the role of MaMoni HSS Project and the active involvement of the Local Government Institutions in making what Durgapur UH&FWC has become today. He termed it as a model facility and expected that other facilities across Noakhali would emulate this inspiring example. MA Jalil and Abed Saiful Kalam, respectively the former and present Chairman of Durgapur UP, were also present.

DGFP set to initiate HRIS

Dr. Kazi Mustafa Sarwar, Director General of DGFP (first from right) inaugurated the ToT MaMoni HSS is supporting the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for piloting the Central Human Resource Information System (HRIS) in Habiganj and Noakhali districts

and at a later stage, rolling out nationally. The Directorate General of Family Planning recently organized a Training of Trainers (ToT) for its staff with support from the project. With a staff strength of more than 55,000 and 5,000 health facilities and administrative offices throughout the country, DGFP is set to enter a new era of connectivity with HRIS coming into force. The implementation of central HRIS is included in the MIS Operational Plan (OP) in the 4th HPNSP of DGFP. DGFP's MIS Unit organized the three-day ToT in November and provided training to 38 of its staff members. Dr. Kazi Mustafa Sarwar, Director General of DGFP and Mr. Suleman Khan, Director MIS of DGFP attended the inaugural ceremony.



IEM Unit implements *Paribar Parikalpana Mela* all over the country

Mela (Fair) is a tradition of the rural Bangladesh where people get together in festive



and festive mood to celebrate various occasions like Boishakh, Nobanno etc. IEM Unit, DGFP has

used this tool *Mela* all over the country to expedite the FP-MCH activities by disseminating IEC materials so that people can have the information about Family Planning services provided by the DGFP people. IEM Unit has already implemented more than 55 fairs all over the country. The fairs are being inaugurated with the presence of the local Ministers/ MPS and officials of different Government organizations. The fairs with stalls, shops of traditional pithas, snake dances, folk song etc are attracting huge audiences .



MOU Signed between DGFP and EngenderHealth

A ceremony was held at the conference room of DG Directorate General of Family Planning (DGFP) for handing over the title transfer of Skill Labs on March 8, 2018. Dr. Kazi Mustafa Sarwar, DG, DGFP; Dr. Md. Moinuddin Ahmed, Line Director, CCSDP; Dr. Muniruzzaman Siddiki, Director, MFSTC; Dr. Ishrat Jahan, Superintendent, MCHIT; Dr. Bushra Abbasi, Country Director, EngenderHealth Bangladesh; Cait Unites, AOR for MH II, USAID; and several other high officials from DGFP, and EngenderHealth



Bangladesh were present in the ceremony. Respected DG, thanked EngenderHealth and USAID for their continuous support for strengthening the system, especially establishing the Skill Labs in Sylhet, Khulna, and Comilla. He assured that the Directorate will work closely to utilize the Labs as the center of excellence for enhancing the capacity of their manpower to provide quality FP & RH services. The centers will, in turn, help addressing the human resources gaps, build and maintain the capacity of the local level trainers on FP counselling and training techniques, and conducting clinical monitoring. The centers will ultimately improve the capacity of all providers and field workers through addressing the gaps in the system by creating an ideal environment prior to real life application in the FP service delivery, operating rooms for PFP, LARC and PM.

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