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World Population Day-2018 observed

The World Population Day (WPD)-2018 was marked with due honor and festivity on 11 July all over the country elsewhere other countries of the world. The theme of WPD-2018 was



fixed by the UNFPA globally as ' Family Planning is a Human Right" The inauguration ceremony of WPD-2018 was celebrated centrally at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium, Dhaka with the kind presence of Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, MP, Honorable Speaker of the Bangladesh National Parliament as the Chief Guest of the inaugural session. Mr Zahid Maleque, MP, State

Minister, MOHFW graced the occasion as Special Guest. The Chief Guest reinforced the importance of ensuring human right in all spheres of Family Planning, Maternal and Child Health and Adolescent reproductive health related services. Quoting the International Human Rights Conference of Tehran(1968), she remarked that the couples" right in choosing



number of children and spacing had been ensured 50 years ago. Now we are trying to establish it in order to improve quality of services and care for the clients which will increase the institutional deliveries in the country. If we are able to ensure it, maternal mortality, child mortality will automatically slow down. Mr



Zahid Maleque, MP, hon'ble State Minister, MOHFW emphasized on empowering people by translating the population in the skilled workforce so that they can contribute in making the country a developed one. He expressed his optimism that if this process of development can be ensured, we will become middle-income country by 2021 and developed country 2041. The Chief Guest also distributed the prizes among the best Family Planning Service Providers and Institutions for their achievements in the relevant fields. He also handed over the Family Planning Media Award to the best media personalities for their role in the media highlighting Family Planning issues. Mr GM Saleh Uddin, Secretary, ME & FW Division, MOHFW presided over the session. Mr Kazi Mustafa Sarwar, Director General, DGFP delivered the welcome speech. He showed his gratitude to the honorable Speaker for gracing the occasion as the chief Guest. After the



closing of the program, the Chief Guests along with the other dignitaries visited the stalls erected by the various GO-NGOs demonstrating the IEC and other materials. Besides, a colorful rally escorted with couples of horse-carts with banner and festoons started from the premise of National Museum, Shahbagh and ended at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the morning before the inaugural

session. Hon'ble Secretary, Health Education and Family Welfare Division, MOHFW Mr GM Saleh Uddin led the rally.

Colorful Rally of WPD-2018 held

A colorful Rally always adds the beauty of the celebration of the World Population Day-2018 and attending the Rally is the start-up of the activities of World Population Day every year. The Rally with thousands of Go- NGO personnel as the attendees started from



the open space of National Museum, moved round the route of Shishu Academy and Nabab Abdul Gani Road and ended at the venue of WPD-2018 Osmani Memorial Auditorium. GM Saleh Uddin, Secretary, ME & FW Division, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare led the Rally as the Chief Guest while Kazi Mustafa Sarwar, Addl Secretary and Director General along with other officials of Ministry

and DGFP participated the rally. Couples of Horse-Carts nicely decorated with the banners and festoons of WPD-2018 theme made the rally a glamorous one. Hundred of uniformed Girl and Boy Scouts contingent escorted by band party with march-past music made the Rally a gorgeous one.

Press Briefing of World Population Day-2018

The Press Briefing Session on the eve of the observance of World Population Day-2018 was

held successfully at IEM conference Room, Directorate General of Family Planning(DGFP)



on 10 July with the mentionable presence of print and electronic media members. Mr Zahid Maleque, MP State Minister, MOHFW graced the session as the Chief Guest. Mr GM Saleh Uddin, Secretary, Medical Education and Family Welfare Division, MOHFW was present as the special guest. Dr. Asa Torkelsson, Representative, UNFPA was also present at the press briefing session. Director General, DGFP

Dr Kazi Mustafa Sarwar, Addl. Secretary, high level officials of the both Divisions of the MOHFW ,Directors and officials of DGFP increased the importance of the Press Briefing session with their presence. Highlighting the theme of WPD-2018 “**Family Planning is a**

Human Right”, Chief Guest briefed the journalist about the Tehran Declaration of International Conference on Human Rights of 1968 in which couples’ right to adopt number of children with spacing has been uphold. The State Minister expressed commitment of his Government to increase the number of different FP method acceptors so that mothers can lead a healthy family life. This will discourage



the unwanted pregnancy and decrease the MMR and IMR as well..The media men raised various questions on the eve of the observance of the day which were rightly answered by the State Minister ,Director General, DGFP and officials of the Ministry and DGFP as well.

Best Service Providers and Media Personalities awarded at WPD inaugural session

The recognition of Best Service Providers/Institutions of DGFP and media personalities is an integral part of the celebration of the World Population Day every year on 11 July. Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, MP, Speaker, Bangladesh National Parliament and Chief Guest of WPD-2018 distributed the prizes among the best Best Service Providers and Media Persons at WPD inaugural session.

Family Planning Media Award of 4 Categories: Electronic Media(Radio); Md Mamun Akhter, producer, Bangladesh Betar, Regional Centre, Khulna. Print Media (Bangla): 1(A).MM Rashed Rabbi, Senior Reporter, The Daily Jugaantor. 1(B): Hasan Al Javed, Staff



Reporter, The Daily Amader Somoi 2. Electronic Media (TV Program): Munny Saha, Researcher and Moderator, Connecting Bangladesh, Chief Executive Editor, ATN News. Electronic Media (TV Reporting): Atiqa Rahman, Staff Reporter, RTV

The best service providers/institutions of 10 categories nationally: Best FWA: Hazira Begum, Ward: 1, Union: Aatlia, Upazilla:

Dumuria, District: Khulna, Khulna Division. Best FWV: Nahid Sultana, Tetulia UHFWC, Upazilla: Manda, District: Noagaon, Rajshahi Division. Best FPI: Md Shafiqur Rahman, Union:

Tetulia, Upazilla: Manda, District: Noagaon, Rajshahi Division. Best SACMO: Md Sajahan Shiraj Chowdhury, Danga UHFWC, Upazilla: Palash, District :Narsingdi, Dhaka Division. Best UHFWC: Tetulia UHFWC, Manda, Noagaon. BEST Union Parishad: Tetulia, Manda, Noagaon. Rajshahi Division, Best MCWC: Narsingdi Sadar, Narsingdi. Dhaka Division. Best Upazilla: Laama Upazilla Parishad, Banderban. Chittagong Division Best NGO (CBD): Swanirvar Bangladesh (Surjer Haashi Clinic), Best NGO (Clinic based): Mamata, Doublemooring, Chattogram, Chattogram Division.

Call Center of DGFP inaugurated by Minister Nasim, MP

Providing quality Health and Family Planning care to the door-steps of the commoners spreading all over the country is the commitment of the present Government. Directorate



General of Family Planning is ahead of other government organizations in rendering services to the vast stakeholders of the country. Mr Mohammed Nasim, Minister, MOHFW inaugurated the Call Center "Sukhi Paribar" in an august gathering at IEM Unit, DGFP on 17 July, 2018. The Call Center service providers will be answering the various queries along with a panel of doctors of the clients round the clock.

The dialling number of the call center is 16767. Minister Nasim, MP hailed the DGFP authority to initiate the call center as it will be providing Health and FP related information to the clients round the clock. This is the perfect example of digitization of Government services to the commoners by the present Government, he added. Mr GM Saleh Uddin, Secretary, MEFW Division, MOHFW hoped that the Call Center will cater the demand of couples, adolescents and pregnant mothers who can communicate in time of emergency. Mr Kazi Mustafa Sarwar, Director General, DGFP thanked the Minister to accommodate some time for this inaugural session from his busy schedule. DGFP will be initiating more client friendly health and family planning services in the future, he opined. All the directors of DGFP along the DGFP personnels and invitees outside DGFP also attended the Call Center inauguration.



Handing-over Ceremony of 5 Ambulances by Minister

Mr Mohammed Nasim, MP, Minister, MOHFW has recently handed over 5 ambulances to 5 Deputy Directors of DGFP in a formal gathering at DGFP premise on 17 July, 2018.



Gopalganj, Manikganj, Patuakhali, Chandpur, Cumilla are the 5 districts which received the ambulances for the respective Maternal & Child Welfare Centres (MCWCS). MCH Services Unit, DGFP purchased the ambulances. The

Chief Guest of the ceremony expressed his satisfaction by saying that access to healthcare is a basic right of human beings. The Government is committed to provide healthcare to all. The ambulances will surely expedite the management and transportation of pregnant mothers, children and others at emergency situation. Mr GM Saleh Uddin, Secretary, MEFW, MOHFW thanked DGFP officials to purchase the ambulances equipped with modern facilities. Mr Kazi Mustafa Sarwar, Director General, DGFP hoped that MCH Services Unit will be providing more modern ambulances to the fields phase by phase which will certainly impact on reducing MMR and IMR. Dr Mohammed Sharif, Director, MCH Services and other Directors also spoke at the ceremony. Later the Chief Guest handed over the replica key of the ambulances to the 5 Deputy Directors of 5 districts.



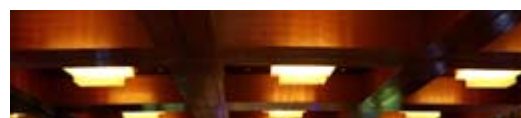
Strengthening public health facilities to improve institutional delivery in Bangladesh

Bangladesh has witnessed significant gains in increasing institutional delivery in recent years. In ten years ending in 2016, the percentage of births in health facilities increased from 23 percent to 47 percent (BMMS). This rise however masks a worrying trend - the private sector accounted for most of the increase with a paltry share going to the public



sector. The private sector facilities are mostly based in urban and semi-urban areas and often expensive, making it hard for communities in the rural and hard-to-reach areas to access and avail services there. Hence the importance of strengthening the public sector facilities, especially those in the union level. USAID's MaMoni Health Systems Strengthening (MaMoni HSS) Project is

supporting the government to do exactly that. At a dissemination event held on 4 June and titled "Improving institutional deliveries by strengthening public health facilities for 24/7 services", the project shared its experience as to how this shift to institutional delivery was achieved in the public sector health facilities in Noakhali, Lakshmipur, Habiganj and Jhalikathi districts. The Directorate General of Family Planning (DGFP) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOH&FW) hosted the event with support from MaMoni HSS project. Mohammed Nasim, MP, Minister, Ministry of the Health and Family Welfare, as well as Chief Guest of the event, appreciated MaMoni HSS' work and expected that this learning would help the government's efforts to increase the availability and use of critical maternal and newborn health services in the public sector facilities across the country. He also asked the health managers, Upazila and Union Parishad Chairmen and service providers, who were invited as the champions of institutional delivery to the event, to speak about their work and how that helped to advance the cause of delivery services. Dr. Kazi Mustafa Sarwar, Director General, DGFP, and Chair of the event, mentioned about the advocacy initiatives DGFP has been



conducting to engage the local government representatives in strengthening the union level facilities in view of MaMoni HSS Project's success. The government is committed to improving the maternal and newborn health services, he remarked adding that the 4th HPNSP OP had an allocation of 450 crore taka to upgrade 310 UH&FWCs. Joby George, Chief of Party, MaMoni HSS Project, in his presentation explained the innovative approaches the project undertook to increase the access and utilization of life-saving services, particularly before and during the time of delivery. Other Special Guests who addressed the event included Zahid Maleque, MP, State Minister, MOH&FW, Faiz Ahmed, Secretary, Medical Education and Family Welfare Division, MOHFW, Professor Dr. Abul Kalam Azad, Director General, Directorate General of Health Services. Among others government officials from the MOH&FW, representatives from donor agencies, development partners, and media took part in the event.

Minister Mohammed Nasim, MP gave directives to DDFP Sirajganj personnels

Mr Mohammed Nasim, MP, Minister, MOHFW advised the Family Planning personnels to render their assigned duty wearing the duty dress apron. He was addressing the all sections



of Family Planning personnels of Sirajganj. He urged to increase the performance of the department by rendering the services to utmost care and sincerity. He gave away BP machines, Stethoscope, Aprone, Umbrella, bag and trunk among the FWAs. he also promised the personnels about their various professional demands. Mr Gazi MM Amzad Hossain Milon, MP of Raiganj-Tarash Constituency, Sirajganj, Mr

Safiqul islam, Director, Family Planning, Khulna Division, Mr Abdur Rouf Mukta, Mayor, Sirajganj Pourashava and other local representatives also attended the meeting. Ms Kamrunnahr Siddiqua, Deputy Commissioner presided over the meeting.

Railways Minister inaugurates Chauddogram Family Planning Office

Railways Minister Mr Mujibul Haque, MP laid the foundation stone of Chauddogram Upazilla



Family Planning Office cum Store at Chauddogram Upazilla on 2y July 2018 in a meeting. The Family Planning building will house the Family Planning Office and Upazilla Family Planning Store simultaneously. The Minister expressed his satisfaction with the ongoing activities of Family Planning Department. He

gave directives to the Family Planning personnel to serve the clients with utmost care and sincerity. He also assured the FP personnel that he will do his best to solve the problems presented to him by the DDFP, Cumilla, Md Mahbubul Karim, Charman, Upazilla



Parishad,Chauddogram,UNO, UFPO Mohammad Lokman Hossain also spoke at the occasion.

Urban meeting on Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health held at Mirpur

Adolescent portion of population contribute 23% of our total population.They will be the future skilled workforce of the country.Among the adolescents,the girls have to experience the menstruation every month.Most of the poor girls are using pad made of clothes instead



of sanitary pads.As a result many of them are suffering from various infections due to the use of unhygienic pads.The accessories of the sanitary pad should be duty free so that the poor girls even at the villages can use cheap but hygienic sanitary pads.

Ms Ashrafunnessa, Joint Secretary, MEFW, MOHFW and Director IEM, DGFP was addressing a group of adolescent girls at Baunia

Badh Ideal School, Mirpur, Dhaka in an awareness meeting on Maintaining Hygiene during Menstruation period and Safe Motherhood as the Chief Guest.The chief Guest assured that she will discuss the issue with NBR(National Board of Revenue) so that the duty of sanitary pad accessories can be duty free. Mr BrojGopal Bhoumik, Joint Secretary and Director, Family Planning,Dhaka Division, Mr Abdus Salam Khan, Deputy Chief, MEFW, MOHFW and Mr Imrul Hasan Khan, GM, Marie Stopes also attended the meeting as the Special Guest. IEM Unit, DGFP with technical asistance from Marie Stopes and BAPSA conducted the awareness meeting.

Awareness Workshop on Strengthening Normal Delivery (24/7) held at Cumilla

Encouraging normal delivery all over the country by maximizing use of the government infrastructures is the commitment of the government.MCH Services Unit of DGFP has been



implementing awareness workshop all over the country with the presence of politicians,local elites,religious leaders and various other professionals in a view to reducing the maternal mortality and child mortality. Mr AKM Bahauddin Bahar, MP of Cumilla-6 constituency graced the workshop as the Chief Guest while Dr Mohammed Sharif ,Director MCH services Unit, DGFP attended as the Special Guest. Mr

Abul Fazal Mir, Deputy Commissioner, Cumilla, Dr md Mujibur Rahman, Civil Surgeon, Cumilla were among the Special Guests. The Chief Guest requested all the local representatives to disseminate the news of normal delivery round the clock at the UHFWC to the all sections of people of our community. Special Guest Dr Mohammed Sharif urged the personnels of DGFP to serve the clients with utmost sincerity and devotion so that MMR and IMR can be discouraged.

State Minister Bir Bahadur MP emphasizes on Institutional Delivery

Encouraging institutional delivery can have a good outcome with reducing maternal and



child mortality. Both the Public representatives and government officials should work together to ensure quality MCH services so that we can reduce maternal and child mortality. Mr Bir Bahadur Ushai Shing, MP, State Minister, Ministry of CHT related Affairs was addressing various professionals in an awareness workshop on strengthening the 24/7 Normal Delivery at Union Health & Family Welfare Centres at

Banderban. MCH Services Unit, DGFP. Mr Muhammad Nurul Alam, JS and Director, Family Planning Chittagong Division, Dr Mohammed Sharif, Director, MCH Services Unit, DGFP, Mr Md Aslam Hossain, Deputy Commissioner, Banderban, md Zakir Hossain Majumdar, Superintendent of Police, Banderban, DR Aung Sui Pru Marma, Civil Surgeon, Banderban attended the workshop as the Special Guests. Dr Mohammed Sharif, Director MCH Services Unit called upon the government personnel render quality services to the clients so that they can trust the government institutes for safe delivery.

GO-NGO Coordination & Collaboration meeting at MIS

GO-NGO collaboration plays a pivotal role in implementing the Government activities a success. MIS Unit of DGFP recently conducted a GO-NGO collaboration meeting with the presence of mentionable number of NGO representatives along with the government officials. The major objective of the meeting was to strengthen the coordination and



collaboration between government organizations and Non Government organizations in implementing various activities. Mr Kazi Mustafa Sarwar, Director General, DGFP graced the meeting as the chief Guest. Directors of DGFP, NGO representatives also attended the meeting. The Chief Guest hoped that the huge number of NGOs working in the HPN sector will surely be coordinated

with the Government activities. He also expressed his view by saying that NGOs will use the government statistics rightly so that the initiatives taken by government can be disseminated accurately everywhere. Mr Suleman Khan, JS and Director, MIS presided over the meeting.

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