

# Dhaka Ahsania Mission

DAM Health Sector took urgent initiatives to ensure the health of both its beneficiaries and its service providers

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- DAM Health Sector has been providing hand sanitizers, PPE to the health service providers since the beginning of the COVID19 outbreak
- Distributed more than 55,000 leaflets containing precautionary messages
- DAM Health Sector has been continuously organizing orientation, demonstration and update meetings for the service providers
- Facebook live on Covid-19, Develop video clips on Covid-19 for mass awareness  
Staffs were conducting more sessions on preventive measures like hand washing and cleanliness techniques for the camp dwellers.
- The service providers demonstrated the techniques. However, the current situation is not the same as before. Community level transmission has started in Bangladesh. So we had to take more drastic and strong initiatives in order to ensure health safety of the our clinical staffs.
- We stopped all visits and courtyard sessions to adhere to the social distancing protocol  
We have provided PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for our health workers. The kit contained three reusable full set PPE, and disposable PPE (gloves, masks, caps, gowns and shoe covers)
- We are in the process of procuring more PPE from local market. Although there is much scarcity of PPE locally, we are trying our best to collect them or if possible, then to produce them, for our health workers
- We have ensured supply of enough number of hand sanitizers/alcohol hand rubs (hexisol) in the health centers
- We are taking the steps to introduce isolation room in each of our static health centers for proper treatment of COVID19 case
- We have developed a guideline for PPE measures and staff management within a very short time which reflects the WHO, CDC, IEDCR and DGHS recommendations
- We have developed guideline for Drug Treatment Centers
- We are closely monitoring the DGHS and other government authorities for further instruction for battling the pandemic

- We are motivating the Rohingya patients visiting our centers to maintain hand hygiene, cough etiquette and general rules of cleanliness
- General consultations are brought to a minimum to reduce public gathering
- We have stored emergency medications and we are still in consultation with pharmaceutical companies to ensure the supply chain of medicines in case the situation worsens
- We are in the process to obtain an ambulance for our health centers, if emergency transport is required for any infected patient
- Festoons and other materials are being placed in different sites of the camps for raising awareness and motivating camp dwellers on keeping themselves clean
- We are closely observing the national and international situations where refugee people are concerned regarding COVID19

**DAM Health Sector has been in the pursuit to provide quality health services for everyone in Bangladesh – Bangladeshi nationals, as well as Forcibly Displaced Myanmar Nationals taking refuge in our motherland. We are also prioritizing the safety of our health workers above all else. Our team is kept at alert on any situation change regarding COVID19.**