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Special Recognition from World Health Organization

Dhaka Ahsania Mission has been awarded the World Health Organization's (WHO) Special Recognition Award for its unique contribution to tobacco control in Bangladesh. On July 26, the award was handed over to Iqbal Masud, Director of Health and WASH, Dhaka Ahsania Mission at WHO's Bangladesh office by Dr. Bardan Jang Rana, Bangladesh Representative, WHO. Other representatives from WHO and Dhaka Ahsania Mission were present at the time of award giving ceremony.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission selected as the best private voluntary organization (clinic based)

Under the second phase of Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project, run by Dhaka Ahsania Mission and supervised by Cumilla City Corporation, primary health services are being provided in 24 wards of the city through one (01) Nagar Matri Sadan and six (06) Nagar Health Centers. Dhaka Ahsania Mission Upazila Family Planning Office, Adarsho

Sadar, Cumilla, is selected as the best private voluntary organization at the upazila level (clinic based) and District Family Planning Office is selected as the best non-governmental voluntary organization (clinic based) at district level in Cumilla. Honorable Deputy Director of the Family Planning Office Md. Mahbubul Karim presented a memento to the organization for being selected as the best private voluntary organization (clinic based) on the occasion of World Population Day on July 11. Sumon Kumar Saha, Project Manager on behalf of Dhaka Ahsania

Mission was present at the program.



Drug demand reduction Programmes

On 5 August, an advocacy meeting on joint efforts to prevent drug abuse was held with representatives of non-governmental organizations registered with the NGO Affairs Bureau through Zoom Online. The meeting was chaired by Md. Rashedul Islam, Director General of the NGO Affairs Bureau. Representatives from Department of Narcotics Control, UNODC and Save the Children were also present at the meeting.

A roundtable meeting with media personnel on anti-drug program “DARAU” project was held on August 26 through Zoom Online. The meeting was chaired by Iqbal Masud, Director, Health and WASH Sector, Dhaka Ahsania Mission. Assistant Director, Department of Narcotics Control, Natore District was present as a guest and Light House Executive Chief Md. Harun-ur-Rashid addressed the meeting.

An advocacy meeting was held with the local government representatives in the conference room of Hotel Warisan on September 26. Rajshahi City Corporation’s panel mayor



Shariful Islam Babu was present as the chief guest at the advocacy meeting. Dhaka Ahsania Mission presented the keynote address outlining the aims and objectives of the Advocacy Meeting. Representatives from DNC and Light House were also present at the meeting.

Orientation meetings were organized for civil society representatives on December 2 in Rajshahi district and December 3 in Natore district to prevent drug abuse. Additional Director of the Rajshahi Divisional Narcotics Control Department Md. Jafarullah Kajal conducted a session on “Drug Control Act and various anti-drug programs of the government”.

An advocacy meeting was also held at Natore district with the local government on September 1. The meeting was chaired by Iqbal Masud, Director, Health and WASH Sector, Dhaka Ahsania Mission. Mayor, Natore Municipality was the Chief Guest at the meeting. Md. Assistant Director, Department of Narcotics Control, Natore District was also present as a guest. Light House Executive Chief Md. Harun-ur-Rashid addressed the meeting.

Tobacco Control Initiatives

In consideration of public health protection and honorable Prime Minister’s Declaration for Tobacco Free Bangladesh 2040 and surge of COVID-19, Chief Health Officer of Dhaka South City Corporation, Brigadier General Md. Sharif Ahmed submitted official request letters to Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation, Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority, Bangladesh Railway and Dhaka Transport Owners’ Association to take initiative for proper implementation of Tobacco Control Act. Dhaka Ahsania Mission has been providing assistance in tobacco control program conducted by Dhaka South City Corporation.

A meeting titled “Baseline Survey Report on Use of Tobacco Products in Public Transport” was held on September 6 in the conference room of BRTA headquarters in collaboration with Dhaka Ahsania Mission and Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids (CTFK) organized by Bangladesh Road Transport Authority. BRTA Chairman

and Additional Secretary to the Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh Mr. Nur Mohammad Majumdar was present as the chief guest at the meeting.

On July 11, a joint venture between the Bangladesh Restaurant Owners’ Association and the Dhaka Ahsania



Mission, an online discussion meeting titled “Findings of the Survey on Monitoring of Tobacco Control Law Implementation in the Dhaka City’s Restaurants” was held. In June 2019, under the supervision of Dhaka Ahsania Mission, a survey on monitoring of tobacco control law implementation in the Dhaka City’s

restaurants was conducted. The purpose of the survey is to monitor the current state of implementation of tobacco control laws in Dhaka city and provide evidence-based information on tobacco control compliance to city corporations, deputy commissioners, restaurant authorities, owners associations and other stakeholders to ensure law enforcement.

Speaking as the chief guest in an exchange meeting titled “Implementation of Tobacco Control Act to Build a Tobacco Free Bangladesh” at the meeting room of the NGO Affairs Bureau’s head office in Agargaon on September 9, Director General Md. Rashedul Islam said the NGO Affairs Bureau (NGOAB) would be more active in building a tobacco free Bangladesh. The meeting was jointly organized by NGOAB and Dhaka Ahsania Mission. Representatives from DAM and Other directors, deputy directors, assistant directors, assignment officers and senior officials of NGOAB were also present in the meeting.

Day/Week observance



World AIDS Day 2020 celebrated

The theme of World AIDS Day 2020 was “Global solidarity, shared responsibility”. The day is celebrated all over the world as well as in Bangladesh on 1st December. Like every year, World AIDS Day 2020 was celebrated with the initiative of Dhaka Ahsania Mission Health Sector. The day was also celebrated outside Dhaka in DAM working area including Cumilla and Rajshahi.

Celebration of International Recovery Day

Worldwide, September is called International Recovery Month. Recovery Month is celebrated this month in many countries to inspire those who recover from drugs. In celebration of this month, Ahsania Mission Drug Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Center celebrated through a variety of activities. The slogan for the day celebration was “Live a Light On”. On September 28th, Ahsania Mission Drug Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Center, Gazipur and on 30th September Ahsania Mission Drug Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Center, Jashore the day was celebrated with friendly football matches, discussions, experience sharing by the recoveries and honoring them.

World Mental Health Day 2020 Observed

In celebration of World Mental Health Day, various programs were organized on October 10 at Ahsania



Mission Drug Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Center, Gazipur; Jashore Men's Center and Women's Center, Dhaka.

Celebrate Universal Health Coverage Day-2020

Celebration of Universal health Coverage Day-2020 is organized with the theme “Health for All, Protect Everyone”, on December 12, at Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project-2nd Phase (UPHCSDP-2nd Phase), at DSCC PAV-3 Hazaribagh, Conducted by Dhaka Ahsania Mission Health Sector.

Celebrated World Breast feeding Week-2020

An awareness meeting was Organized keeping the motto “Help to donate Breast Milk-Create healthy world” at Dhaka Ahsania Mission, Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project-Phase II, DSCC, PA-3, Hazaribagh, on the occasion of World Breastfeeding Week-2020. The meeting was attended by 25 mothers.

World Diabetes Day-2020

On the occasion of World Diabetes Day on 14th November at 10:00 am, Iqbal Masud, Director, Health and WASH, Dhaka Ahsania Mission in collaboration with Lions Club of Dhaka Oasis Inaugurated Free Diabetes Detection Test and Medical Services Camp at Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project-Phase II, Dhaka North City Corporation PA-3, run by Dhaka Ahsania Mission. A total of 102 people



are provided with diabetic medical services and counseling through this free camp.

Free Diabetic Identification and Medical Services were provided by **Henna Ahmed Hospital** run by Ahsania Mission on the initiative of Lions Club of Dhaka Oasis. About 128 patients were provided free diabetic identification and medical services.

Family planning service and promotion week is observed

Family planning service and promotion week is observed from 06 to 08 December for 3 days in accordance with the social distance and hygiene rules keeping in view the motto “Prevent unwanted pregnancies during corona time, take family planning services in compliance with health rules” at Nagar Matrisadan Kendra, UPHCSDP-II RCC, PA-01. 6 People were provided with implants and 6 people with IUD services at the camp.

Family Planning Camp (NSV, Tubectomy, IUD, and Implant) was held on 7th December

On December 6, a gathering of able couples was held at the maternity center. 35 capable couples were present on the occasion. Masks and hand sanitizers were distributed among each of the participants.

A gathering of pregnant mothers was held on December 08 at Primary Health Center-2. Forty (40) pregnant mothers were present in the occasion.



Celebration of Mujib's Centenary

Provide free primary health care on the Mourning Day of the Nation

On August 15 COCC PA-1 Cumilla, all health services including delivery services are provided free of cost at every PHC center and urban maternity center. DSCC PA-3 Hazaribagh Urban Health Center-1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, total of 6 urban health centers provide free health care to 559 women, 211 men, and 79 elderly patients. 238 diagnose of free blood groups are also done. On the occasion of the day an essay competition on the life style of the Father of the Nation was organized and prizes were given among the participants.

Tree Planting Program on the Occasion of Mujib's Centenary

Ahsania Mission Drug Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Center, Gazipur took the initiative of tree planting program on 22nd September, in light of the slogan of 2020 Mujib Centenary, Mujib Year, 'Plant a tree, save a forest'. Mosharraf Hossain, Councilor, Ward 22, Gazipur City Corporation inaugurated the tree planting program.



In celebration of this day, under the slogan "Green Tree-Clean Environment, Bangabandhu's Bangladesh", Ahsania Mission Drug Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Center, Jashore initiated a program to plant various fruit, forest and medicinal tree saplings on its premises.

COVID-19 Awareness Programmes

Awareness raising activities related to Covid-19

Ahsania Mission Drug Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Center Jashore took an active part in a promotion for the use of Mask through



a demonstration. The program was held on Wednesday, October 11.

Officers of all ongoing projects of Dhaka Ahsania Mission in Jashore district were present on the occasion.

The Bangladesh Nutrition Activity (BNA) project undertakes various activities related to Covid-19 which includes, setting up of 18 temporary hand washing stations at the Growth Center, distribution of 7349 mini soaps at the hand washing stations and daily supply of water, 377 sets of PPE to vendors, 754 face masks, cleaning materials to 179 mosques, 16,000 leaflets distribution and 109 days of

Covid-19 awareness campaign with (miking).

Training on Covid-19 and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)

From the very beginning Dhaka Ahsania Mission has been playing an active role in stopping the spread of Covid-19 infection in the Rohingya community. Through the IEHRR project of the Dhaka Ahsania Mission, training for healthcare providers on "Covid-19 and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)" was organized on 23rd December at Hotel Orchid Blue, Inani, Cox's Bazar.

Awareness raising training for local and Rohingya community representatives on the subject of Covid-19

This training was organized on 12 November at the Palangkhali Union Parishad office. On 13 December, a training session on the same subject was conducted in the meeting room of the CiC office of Camp-19 with the Rohingya people's representatives (Majhi) and on 21st December another training session was conducted with the Rohingya Imams at Health Post.



Distribution of food items and hygienic items among 900 poor and extremely poor families in 9 wards of Satkhira Municipality

On 12, 17 and 19 August 2020, 900 families of 9 wards of Satkhira Municipality, with the own funds of Dhaka Ahsania Mission, agreed to distribute food items and hygiene materials following health rules among the vulnerable, helpless, poor, disadvantaged and marginalized people affected by Covid-19 under the Dhaka Ahsania Mission's PEPSEP project.

Completion of online training on Covid-19 preparation and stress management by National Legal Aid Agency

Training of 183 Officers and employees of different levels of Supreme Court under National Legal Aid Agency were trained through 2 batches from 64 districts of Bangladesh with The support of GIZ Bangladesh's Rule of Law and National Legal Aid Agency. It was conducted by Dhaka Ahsania Mission, health sector and GIZ Bangladesh's Rule of Law under the project "Improvement of the Real Situation of Overcrowding in Prison in Bangladesh (IRSOP)".

Rohingya Responses

Skill development training for Rohingya families in hostile environment

The project of "Strong Families", conducted by Dhaka Ahsania Mission Health sector and supported by UNODC, started in October 2020. This program is aimed to develop family skills in difficult situations like Rohingya community (FDMNS) In Cox's Bazar. The project is currently underway.



Completion of online training on Covid-19 prevention and stress management in prisons

Health Sector Dhaka Ahsania Mission has completed online training on physical and mental stress management and preparedness for in-house physicians, health workers and general staff as part of tackling the pandemic Covid-19. The training has been completed on 04 November 2020 through the 17th batch. The training was imparted to 341 prisons officers from 68 prisons of the country through a total of 17 batches.

Provide online training on Covid-19 preparation and stress management to Divisional Officers (Judicial Officers)

Training program jointly organized by Rule of Law of GIZ Bangladesh and Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs under the project "Improvement of the Real Situation of Overcrowding in Prison in Bangladesh (IRSOP)". Dhaka Ahsania Mission, Health Sector as part of Covid-19 epidemic prevention provided a two-day online training on 11 and 12 December on Epidemic Covid-19 Preparation and Stress Management to a total of 50 Judicial Officers in 25 districts of the country.



Online Training Completed on Learning Sharing and Stress Management Skills for GIZ Officers to Prevent Covid-19

As part of the Improvement of the Real Situation of Overcrowding in Prisons in Bangladesh (IRSOP) project jointly initiated by Health Sector Dhaka Ahsania Mission and GIZ an online training on Learning Sharing and Stress Management Skills to prevent pandemic COVID-19, where a total of 59 officers and employees of different levels working at GIZ were involved.

Providing awareness information on Covid-19 prevention to the bailed and released prisoners

From July 2020 through the Improvement of the Real Situation of Overcrowding in Prisons in Bangladesh (IRSOP) project conducted by the Health Sector, Dhaka Ahsania Mission to Prevent Global Corona Epidemic Covid-19 released on bail and released prisoners from Prisons 1 and 2 and Kashimpur Women's Central Prison have been provided with information to protect themselves from the epidemic Covid-19 Corona virus

Inauguration of Primary Health Care Center (PHC) at Rohingya Camp

A primary health care center was inaugurated on November 25 in the block C of Camp 13 with the aim of providing quality and improved health care to the Rohingya community. Mr. Shah Rezwan Hayat, Refugee, Relief and Repatriation Commissioner, Cox's Bazar was the chief guest at the program.



Health care Support

Emergency Health Care Support

A fire broke out on the night of October 30 at Purabasti, under UPHCSDP-Phase II, DNCC PA-3 Project, Ward No. 11, Kalyanpur, Natun Bazar. During the disaster a medical team of 5 people through the project provided free health services on Saturday, October 31 from morning to afternoon.

Discussion meeting and preliminary examination camp on the occasion of Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Thematic camps are organized on 24th October at Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project 2nd Phase, Partnership Area-3 by Dhaka Ahsania Mission in collaboration with Lions Club of Dhaka Oasis and implemented by Dhaka South City Corporation. In this camp, 50 women underwent preliminary tests for breast cancer, out of which 4 were found to have breast lumps. They are referred for further examination and consultation.

Free eye treatment

A free eye treatment camp was organized on November 29 by Dhaka Ahsania Mission and Bangladesh Eye Trust Hospital. The camp was held at Capital's Nagar Matrisadan, Hazaribagh. A free medical camp was also organized in Islambagh area on November 28. A total of 85 people

including women, men and children were provided services and counseling through the camp. In addition, 50 patients were given free deworming drugs.

Initiative meeting on adopting permanent methods of family planning

Initiative meeting on adopting permanent methods of family planning meeting was held at Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project-Phase II, DSCC, PA-3, Nagar Swasthya Kendra-6, Islambagh Rickshaw Garage on August 10, 2020.

The finalization of the health care strategy paper of Satkhira and Savar municipalities

Strategies related to health services of Satkhira and Savar municipalities have been finalized. In order to build Satkhira and Savar municipalities as healthy model municipalities, workshops were organized on 22nd September in Satkhira municipality and on 13th December in the conference room of Savar municipality.

Monasef Ahsania Health Center Provide free health care

On September 8, free healthcare was provided by Monasef Ahsania Health Center, run by Dhaka Ahsania Mission. A team of 5 members was formed to provide this service. This free healthcare service is provided to a total of 58 patients from 9 am to 4 pm

Orientation on tuberculosis control with factory workers

An Orientation Meeting on Tuberculosis was organized on 12th September with the workers of Needle Craft and Embroidery located in the working area under Khilkhet Center under the Tuberculosis Control Program of Dhaka Ahsania Mission. Orientation on tuberculosis control was also organized on September 19 with people who had recovered from tuberculosis and on September 28 with graduate private practitioners.

Inauguration of Hum (Measles)-Rubella Campaign

On December 12, Dhaka South City Corporation Chief Health Officer Brigadier General Mohammad Sharif Ahmed inaugurated the "Hum(measles) rubella Campaign" at UPHCSDP Phase- II, DSCC, Partnership Area-3, Nagar Matrisadan, Hazaribagh, run by Dhaka Ahsania Mission putting the theme "aye aye shonamoni tika niye ja".

On 29 December, under Hum (Measles)-Rubella Campaign a total of 1550 children were vaccinated against measles and rubella in Kamarjuri area in collaboration with Gazipur City Corporation at the premises of **Monasef Ahsania Health Center** run by Health Sector, Dhaka Ahsania Mission.



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