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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### Dissemination Workshop on safe delivery services at union level (UH&FWC) held



A Dissemination Workshop on 24/7 safe delivery services at union level (UH&FWC) held at a local hotel in Dhaka on 29 December 2013. It is organized by MCH-Services Unit of DGFP and UNFPA. Mr. M M Neazuddin, Hon'ble Secretary of MOH&FW was present as chief guest. It is presided over by AKM Amir Hossain, Director General of family planning. Dr. Mohammad Sharif, Director (MCH-Services) & Line Director (MCRAH) give inaugural speech. He told till now only 29% delivery performs institutionally rest 71% is home delivery. This is the main cause of high maternal death rate. He strongly opined that the institutional delivery facility at union level will contribute a lot to change the scenario. Dr Shimul Kali Hossain, Assistant Director, MCH Services Unit present main script of the workshop. She told there are 3860 UH&FWC throughout the country. All these are working as a first referral services. Among these 1500 UH&FWC are upgraded. In an upgraded UH&FWC there are all arrangement for normal delivery. In 1060 centers out of 1500 upgraded centers normal delivery services has been enacted. In all these centre there is a FWV specially trained on

midwifery.

Dr. Jahir Uddin Ahmed, Director Ma moni project told to scrutinize the best practices that already created example in the country. He also argued to spread all these best practices throughout the country.

Researcher Obaidur Rob express that within 15-20 years population of Bangladesh will be 20 crores. Each year about 22-23 lacks baby will born. Among them 14-15 lacks will born in rural area. For a long terms planning we must keep in mind all these projected statistical data.

He also told to select suitable model for different areas instead of taking a uniform project for whole country. He also told to link UH&FWC and DSF project. Director (MCH-Services) informs the meeting that the link already has been done.

Ganesh Chandra Sarker, Director, IEM told to increase connectivity between Upazila health complex and FWC. He also told to increase the range of new born care.

Dr. Sayed Abu Zafar Md Musa, Director PHC told 34.4% delivery conducted by skill attendant in 2013. He also reminds everyday that we have to reduce MMR to 143 from 194 by the year 2016. He also told a trained FWV do not conduct any delivery because of lack of confidence. He strongly opined to increase the quality and efficiency of training institute.

Another speaker told to find a way to link CSBA with UH&FWC.

DR. Makhduma Nargis, Additional Secretary, MOH&FW informed that normal delivery service are going on in 350 community clinic for the last one year.

Union parisad chairman of Gopalpur union parishad, Begumgonj, Nokhali told I am working as a chairman for the last 28 years. In my tenure several times my union has been selected as a best Union parisad in chittagong division for family planning, maternal and child health. He also told according to me strong commitment of elected public representative can bring a dramatic change in all sphere of a society.

Hon'ble chief guest told to ensure monitoring and supervision. He told we should ensure residing of FWV and SACMO within the premises otherwise 24/7 delivery service not possible. He told to find out what are the causes behind decreasing institutional delivery in Dhaka division. He also told to mainstream all incentives through operational plan.

### **Dissemination Workshop on ' Assessment of Pre-service MR and PAC Training for Mid-level service providers, Especially for Nurses' held**

A Dissemination Workshop on ' Assessment of Pre-service MR and PAC Training for Mid-level service providers, especially for Nurses' held on 29 December 2013 at local hotel in Dhaka organized by MCH-Services Unit of DGFP, DGHS and IPAS. Mr. M M Neazuddin, Hon'ble Secretary of MOH&FW was present as chief guest. It was presided over by AKM Amir Hossain, Director General of family



planning. Presenter from IPAS gives an overview of IPAS, Bangladesh activities. IPAS was established in 2011 and approved by MOH&FW in August 2011. Memorandum of understanding was signed with DGFP and DGHS in November 2011. Main objective of the project is prevention of maternal deaths from unwanted pregnancies. There are three committees to look after all activities; Technical committee, Working committee and Steering committee. Project duration is 2011-2016 and implementing partners is RH- step. Taslima Begum, Director, Nursing services told that the goal of this project is to reduce MMR through improving MR and PAC services.

Dr. Sayed Abu Jafor Md Musa, Director PHC argued in favor of shifting task from physician to other mid-level service providers (BSc Nurses, Nurses, Registered midwives, MA, SACMO and FWV) especially MR, Abortion and Post abortion care (PAC) services.

Dr. Tapos Ranjan Das, Deputy Director, MCH-Services told there are 78 intervention sites throughout the country. Training and reference manual has been developed and distributed.

Hon'ble chief guest told to take initiative to provide Implant service by mid-level service providers along with physician.

Hon'ble chairperson told to make a highly trained and skill manpower for the sake of quality service and to earn faith of service acceptor.

### **First own Family Planning Office building are going to construct at chittagong**



Foundation stone of chittagong Family Planning Office building has been laid by Mr. M. M. Neazuddin, Hon'ble secretary MOH&FW and chief guest of the occasion on 24 January 2014. In this occasion a discussion meeting held at the premises of regional store house, Agrabad chittagong. The Office building is going to construct in the same campus. In this Office building there are arrangements for chittagong division Family Planning Office, chittagong district Family Planning Office and upzila Family Planning Office. Discussion meeting presided over by Kazi Md Shafiul Alam, division director (FP), Chittagong, Brigadier general Ahmedul Kabir, chief engineer, Health engineering directorate, Dr. Mohammad Sharif, Director (MCH-Services) & Line Director (MCRAH) DGFP. Dr. Alauddin Majumder, Divisional Director (Health), chittagong were present as special guest. Among others there were Dr. Abu Taiob, Director, Institute of Tropical medicine and research Dr. Sheik Rokon Uddin, Deputy Director (FP) chittagong, Dr. Sarfaraj chowdhury, Civil Surgeon chittagong and Executive engineer Md. Nazrul Islam, Health engineering directorate chittagong region. Chief guest in his speech told that this is the start of a journey. phase by phase all district and Upazila Family Planning buildings will be constructed. He also told Hon'ble Prime Minister is very much committed for the development of Health and Family Planning

sector. Due to Prime Minister's strong political commitment Bangladesh has received International award for the remarkable reduction in MMR and IMR.

### **Readymade garments workers will come under the umbrella of Family Planning**

A memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed between BGMEA and Engender Health, Bangladesh to bring 44 lacks readymade garments workers under family planning service.

The signing ceremony occurred at BGMEA auditorium on 19 February 2014 under the Mayer Hashi Project. Mr. Atiqul Islam, chairman, BGMEA expect that through this project huge number of workers will be conscious more about family planning. He told preliminarily project activities start at 12 health centers and at two hospitals of BGMEA. He told after Rana Plaza incident readymade garment sector is going through great challenges. To overcome this we have to work more unitedly to increase the images of this sector. In the ceremony Director Finance, Mr. Md. Fayakuzzaman, Director CCSDP, Mr. Dr. Moinuddin Ahmed, Vice president of BGMEA Mr. Reaz Bin Mahmud and other leaders of BGMEA were also present.

### **Work plan sharing Meeting Of BKMI-2 Project held**

A work plan sharing meeting of BKMI-2 Project held on 16 January 2014 at IEM Conference hall of DGFP. Mr Ganesh Chandra Sarker, Director General of Family Planning was present as chief guest. Among other guests there were Mr. Jalal Uddin Ahmed Hossain, Dorector (Audit) , Mr. Dipok Kanti Mazumder Deputy Director (IEM), IEM unit and officers from, BKMI, BCCP and IEM Unit. BKMI implementing the project through direct participation of IEM unit, DGFP, Institute of public Health nutrition (IPHN) and Bureau of Health Education (BHE). All the project procedure and activities are supervised and monitored by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.



### **A Workshop on 'Advances in strategic Communication' held**



A thirteen days (1-13 March 2014) training Workshop on 'Advances in strategic Communication' held at BCCP, Dhaka. An inaugural ceremony held at BCCP conference hall in this



regard. Mr. M M Neazuddin, Hon'ble Secretary of MOH&FW was present as chief guest. It is presided over by Mr. Md. Shajahan, Director and CEO of BCCP. Ms Melisa Jones, Director OPHNE, USAID was present as a special guest. Chairperson of the meeting informed that it is the 19<sup>th</sup> batch of such training. This training program specially design for the mid and upper level official working in service sector. He also told in previous batches a lot of foreign officials were also present. He expect that participant will be able to know about recent advances in SBCC and BCC from training program. Among the participant there were 7 from government sector and 17 from Non- government sector.

### Message Development Workshop

A day long message development workshop on family planning issues was held on 19th Feb 2014 at the conference room of IEM Unit of Directorate of National Family Planning at Kawran Bazar. with the technical support from UNFPA.



The objective of the workshop was to develop new messages with the aim to use those in the IEC materials which will be produced for family planning campaign. Mr. Ganesh Chandra Sarker, Line Director of IEM Unit and DG of Directorate Family Planning inaugurated the workshop.

Ms. Zakia Akter, Assistant Director of IEM Unit, Syeda Selina Parveen, BCC Specialist of UNFPA Bangladesh, Mr. Mohammad Azmal Hossain, Team Leader, Gender, BCC and Visibility of Engender Health and Mr. Dipak Kanti Mazumder, ex deputy director of IEM unit facilitated the workshop.

Participants from different units of DGFP, Health Education Bureau of DG Health services, media house ( Asiatic and Expression, Channel I) , Engender Health, Merrie Stops and BCCP was attended in the workshop. At the end of the workshop many new messages developed and shared.

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