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## **Acknowledgment**

It is a matter of great pleasure that AMIK of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM), on the occasion of its month long programme in observance of the World No Tobacco Day, 2001 and the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking as declared by the United Nations, is going to publish a souvenir. Dhaka Ahsania Mission has been obligated both constitutionally and through its collaborative involvement in the programmes and activities of the United Nations. More so, because, DAM has been associated with the UN DPI and also enjoys Consultative Status (special) with ECOSOC and Operational Relations with UNESCO.

The Drug Control and Prevention Programme (AMIK) of DAM launched in 1990 has spread far and wide in the country and has so far set up 402 community based branch committees both at rural and urban areas and has been successful in enlisting support and cooperation from all walks of people, students and youth, parents and guardians, physicians and executives, administrators and civil servants, for instance.

Activities envisaged under this programme include education and motivational campaign resulting into drug demand reduction; creation of social movement and cooperation with law enforcing agencies for drug supply reduction and control of illicit drug trafficking; treatment of drug addicts and their socio-economic rehabilitation including after care.

We hope that people from all walks of life in the country will come forward in a big way to participate in the anti-drug movement. The unscrupulous drug dealers who encourage the young generation to take drug when they are supposed to face new challenges and responsibilities of life needs to be punished. The aftermath of drug abuse is dismal to the family and to the society as a whole.

I am grateful to all who have made valuable contribution in implementing the activities of AMIK. We firmly believe that for the betterment of the young generation and the society as a whole, people of all levels of the community will offer necessary support to this programme and will ensure the expansion of the AMIK programme to free the country from the darkness of the drug underworld and drug abuse.

**Kazi Rafiqul Alam**  
Executive Director

# **World No-Tobacco Day 31 May 2001**

Extract from the Message of the Regional Director  
(on the occasion of World No-Tobacco Day 2001)

**Dear colleagues,**

Once again, we join hands with people across the world to celebrate World No-Tobacco Day 2001. This year's theme and slogan: "Second-hand smoke: Let's Clear the Air" seeks to highlight the serious health impact of second-hand smoke on non-smokers.

There is now adequate scientific evidence which links second-hand smoke to tobacco-related diseases in non-smokers. Non-smokers who breathe second-hand smoke suffer many of the same diseases as regular smokers. Death from heart diseases as well as lung and nasal sinus cancers have been associated with exposure to second-hand smoke. Second-hand smoke also causes a wide variety of adverse health effects in children including bronchitis and pneumonia, middle ear infections and "glue ear" which is the most common cause of deafness in children. Among pregnant women, exposure to second-hand smoke reduces foetal growth. Thus, the challenge is not only to prevent tobacco use but also to protect non-users.

The time has come for governments, institutions, communities, professional bodies and organized groups to recognize the extended nature of the problem of tobacco use and deal with it effectively. We must protect health of millions of children and adults alike who are constantly exposed to tobacco smoke in homes, workplaces and public places. Our efforts to declare public places smoke-free, need to be redoubled. Existing rules and regulations on smoke-free places have to be enforced and regularly monitored. While special efforts are being made to support smokers to quit, more and more workplaces should ban smoking on their premises. As we celebrate this day, let us reaffirm our resolve to protect the health of millions of non-smokers.

..... For the sake of their loved ones, my sincere appeal also goes to parents who smoke, to consider the harm second-hand smoke causes to their family members. I hope they will make a special resolve today to leave the habit once and for all. Together, we can strive for a healthier future, protected from the menace of second-hand smoke.

**Dr Utom Muchtar Rafei**  
Regional Director, WHO South-East Region

## **Introducing Dhaka Ahsania Mission**

Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) with a modest beginning in 1958 as a philanthropic organization gradually turned into a non-profit Non-governmental Development Organization. It is now one of the few leading NGOs in the country working on a wide variety of areas. One important aspect regarding the programme interventions of DAM is that in most cases, its approach and activities are innovative and that in keeping with the modern concept of development, which puts emphasis on human development and includes many other non-economic issues such as cultural, ethical and spiritual development of the people, DAM's agenda of activities address all these aspects. Another aspect of DAM as an NGO is that its programmes and activities have spread well beyond the territory of Bangladesh and at present it works as development partner with a number of organizations and agencies of the UN family, such as ECOSOC, UNESCO, UNDCP, UNICEF, UNHCR, ESCAP, ILO. For more than 10 years DAM has been working as one of the major cooperating partner organizations of UNESCO in the Asia Pacific region. Starting as a small national organization DAM has gained the status of a regional and international organization and it is now known in the whole Asia Pacific and African region. It enjoys consultative status with ECOSOC, Associate Status with UN DPI and Operational Relations with UNESCO. The very constitution of DAM has obligated to propagate the principles and works of the UN and its other organise including its specialized agencies.

DAM's first agenda and priority area of intervention is education and its vision is to create a learning society in Bangladesh

so as to develop the society in all fields from the grass roots level. However, over the years due to pressure of national needs and circumstances to provide a comprehensive development of individuals and the community, DAM had to spread up its activities on other areas, development of IEC and literacy materials, training offerings for skill development and capacity building, women's development through education and training, credit offerings for income generation, poverty reduction of the disadvantaged poor women and men, combating drug abuse, anti tobacco advocacy, environment conservation, child and women rights, combating child and woman trafficking, vocational education and training for working children, etc. DAMs Drug Control and Prevention Programme (AMIK) launched in 1990 is a based anti drug programme which a now community comprises of activities against alcoholism, use of tobacco, abuse of drug and illicit drug trafficking.

It has also set a number of specialized institution like-Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah Teachers Training College, Ahsanullah University of Science & Technology (AUST), Institute of Technical & Vocational Education and Training, Institute of Primary & Non-formal Education (IPNE), Ahsania Mission Book Distribution House (AMBDH), Bangladesh Literacy Resource Centre (BLRC), Child Labour Resource Centre (CLRC), Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital (AMCH), Vocational Training Institute for Working Children, Ahsanuallah Institute of Information and Communication Technology (AICT).

## **Ahsania Mission Drug Prevention and Control Programme (AMIK)**

### **Introduction:**

Drug Abuse has long been identified as a major problem in the developed countries of the West, but here now exists much evidence to suggest that this problem is also assuming alarming dimensions in most of the third World Countries.

In the context of rigid situations being faced by the drug markets in the developed countries of Europe and America, the drug barons are gradually attempting to expand their market in the developing countries.

Bangladesh is strategically located between the Golden Triangle (covering Laos, Myanmar and Thailand) and the Golden Crescent (covering Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran), the two major heroin producing areas of the world. It is surrounded on three sides by India and on one side by Myanmar the major producer of illicit opium and cannabis and has sea and air links with many other countries having wide demand for hard drugs.

Originally Bangladesh was seen as a transit country through which drugs from these producing countries had been shipped to points in North America and Europe. However, the distinctions among producers, transit and user countries is evolving, and today, Bangladesh is both a transit and user country. Although Bangladesh is not considered a major producer country of drugs, cannabis is illegally grown in the country and some alcohol is produced both legally and illegally.



## **The drug abuse problem in Bangladesh:**

In recent years, the incidence of drug trafficking has been increasing both in volume and frequency in Bangladesh. The prevalence of drug abuse is being noticed not only by the law enforcing agencies, but also by members of the public. Many aspects of the drug underworld in this country are regularly being surfaced through news media.

Although it is very difficult to give an elaborate picture of the drug abuse situation in Bangladesh some estimates suggest that the country has up to 2.5 million drug addicts. From this we realize the gravity of the situation. One incident, which occurred in Gaibandha, one of the northern districts in Bangladesh took a toll of more than 100 lives and caused hospitalization of 484 people for taking poisonous spirit on 14 April, 1998.

From different sources including news papers it is gathered that the use of phensidyl (codin Phosphate) has been increasing at an alarming rate among the youths including students. Another feature of the drug abuse is wider use of Tidigesic injection, very often sharing needles which increases the vulnerability of the users to HIV/AIDS and STD. This indicates the alarming situation now obtaining in the country requiring immediate attention to address the problem from all quarters-public sector, NGO sector and others.

Before proceeding to discuss Dhaka Ahsania Mission's approach on this issue, it may be desirable to give a brief description on efforts in the public and other sectors in the country.

## **Vision**

- The community will be aware of the harmful consequences of drug abuse and will organize programs for elimination of the drug abuse menace
- Social protection against drug abuse will emerge as consequence of organized community effort.
- Treatment and rehabilitation of the already addicted persons will be ensured through local initiatives and through involvement of provided with relevant organizations.
- Vulnerable groups of people including youths will be with employment oriented training by GOs and NGOs.
- Mass awareness and social protection against HIV/AIDS pandemic will emerge.

## **Community Based Approach for Drug Demand Reduction**

Dhaka Ahsania Missions (DAM) has recognized since long the social, economic, familial and societal consequences of drug abuse and felt the need to address this issue. In keeping with the spirit of the UN Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances 1988, DAM launched its drug prevention and Control programme called AMIK in 1990. While initiating the Programme DAM gave wide publicity through national dailies giving a clarion call to the various organizations, individuals, social workers, teachers and students to come forward and undertake the task to stamp

out the drug menace from the country by forming committees at local levels so as to create a national anti-drug network. There was unprecedented response from all quarters. So far 402 Branch committees at district, thana, union, ward, village and educational institutions levels have been formed. The programme, both in design and approach is an innovative one having the following objectives:

- ▶ To create awareness among adolescents, youths and the guardians about the harmful effects of drug on the person and on the society at large.
- ▶ To identify the drug addicts and to arrange their treatment and rehabilitation to normal life.
- ▶ To minimize effect of drug among the drug addicts through counseling and guidance.
- ▶ To convene meetings of young addicts, current and recovering, to disseminate their perceptions about drug related problems for the benefit of youths.
- ▶ To advocate and bargain with the Government to formulate and implement a national drug policy and undertake measures to combat abuse of legal and illegal, hard and synthetic drugs.
- ▶ To organize a social movement and a social defence against drug abuse.

## **Strategy:**

Realizing that any programme on drug abuse control to be effective and fruitful should be community based, all comprehensive and multi-dimensional in nature having all the essential components beginning with education and awareness building down to treatment and rehabilitation, DAM designed its 2-tier AMIK Programme as a multi-dimensional anti-drug programme. It is designed to involve the total community creating a network of local level initiatives enlisting the support of volunteer youths for mobilizing the civil society against drug abuse. The strategy of the programme involves the following **activities:**

Extending networks in the Thana Union, Ward and village levels and also in school, college and university levels.

Organizing meetings and discussions at regional, district and thana levels.

Creating mass awareness against drug abuse

Identifying the drug addicts and providing counseling and guidance for their return to normal life.

Providing training to the networking personnel for identification of drug addicts and to create a movement in the respective areas against abuse of drug.

Organizing intensive programmes in selected geographical areas where the problem is more acute.

Establishing multi-disciplinary drug centres with facilities for medical assistance, counseling, social skill training, job skill training, employment assistance within the same campus.

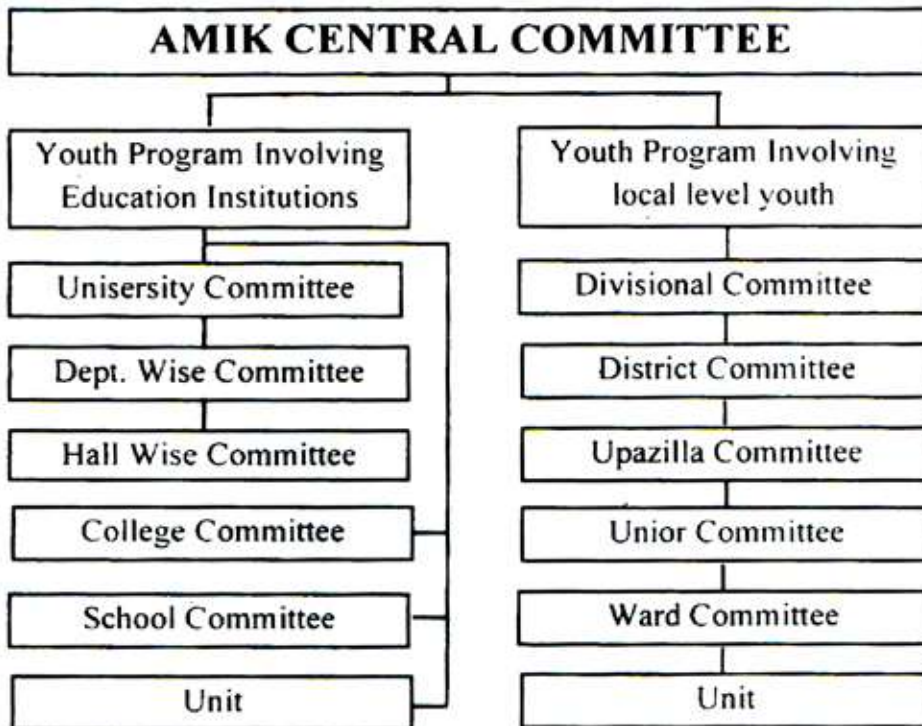
- 4 Developing and/or incorporating drug education within the broader health education component of the primary and adult literacy curriculum.

The total AMIK edifice is designed to involve the community in a big way by associating clubs, associations, educational institutions, youths, students, teachers and other conscious sections of the society with the ultimate objective to mobilize the whole community imbued with a spirit of self help under the guidance of DAM to face the drug menace. DAM's experience of working in other fields like, education, poverty alleviation, etc. throughout the whole country convinced the planners that sporadic and fragmented efforts either by the government or by the NGOs would be of little use in facing this gigantic problem and that the whole community needs to be involved to create a mass movement against the drug problem.

### **National Level:**

There is a 21 member Central Committee of AMIK at the national level which meets quarterly to offer policy decisions and guidance for the Central Secretariat of AMIK and for the branch Committees as well. A Central Committee-National Committee presently under the Chairmanship of one former Vice-President of the Country, Justice A.K.M. Nurul Islam, includes one national Professor, eminent lawyers, educationists, physicians and government officials. The central Committee has been active in establishing fruitful contacts with different national and international anti-drug organizations, apart from maintaining close liaison with the Department of Narcotics Control of the Government of Bangladesh.

## AMIK NETWORK STRUCTURE



### Local level:

At the local levels there exist the branch committees, which are of two types- Advisory Committee, and Executive Committee.

The advisory committees consist of seven members drawn from the community leaders not below the age of 35 years. These Advisory committees function as providers of policy and technical guidance, resource mobilization and over all supervision of the branch committees.

The executive committees with 12 members not above 35 of age are all drawn from the general body. Drug abuse problem

being a very tricky and complicated issue normally representatives from local administration, DNC offices, other government bodies/offices like Health and Family Planning are included in the Executive Committees. This is the local level body of the entire network which keeps linkage and contract with Dhaka Ahsania Mission and also receives material support and guidance. It may be mentioned here that at present 402 community based Branch Committees have been formed by Dhaka Ahsania Mission in 150 Thanas (Sub-Districts) in 54 districts through local initiatives. These Branch Committees organize campaign programme including rallies, seminars, essay and debate competitions, cultural and sports programmes school orientation etc. for creating mass awareness at local level. They also publish poster, leaflet, bulletin, souvenir etc.

### **The Programme:**

The programme has been so designed as to bring behavioural changes in the community at the grass root level through voluntary efforts which includes awareness building, promotion of voluntary action oriented activities through motivating the people about harmful effects of drug abuse so as to help drug demand reduction, providing community based treatment and rehabilitation services to the drug addicts. The following are the major types of activities implemented under the AMIK Programme.

### **Awareness Creating under Preventive Programme:**

Under the preventive programme, the local level committees are supplied with different education and awareness building

materials such as, booklets, posters, sticker, leaflets by DAM for use in their respective localities. They are also provided with materials like News Bulletin of DAM containing information on their activities as well as on drug related matters.

### **Training:**

The branch committees are required to create awareness among the members of the public, the parents and youths including students so as to create a movement against drug abuse. To carryout these tasks he local level Branch Committee members need to be trained on different aspects of the drug problem. Dhaka Ahsania Mission organized a number of Training Courses on Masters Trainers. These Master Trainers are nominated by the Branch Committees on the basis of set criteria. These trainers after attending the Training Courses, go back to their respective community and are required to organize local workers Training Course, where they transfer their experience, knowledge and skill gathered from the Master Training Courses. In addition to these cumulative training programme orientation courses are organised for different types/groups of people such as students of vulnerable age group, community and religious leaders and village elder men, teachers, of primary and secondary schools and also colleges under the school campaign programme of AMIK.

Under the campaign programme the local branch committees also organize seminar, symposium, rallies, street drama, debates and essay competitions etc. involving students, teachers, youths, community leaders etc.



### **Curative Programme:**

Under this programme, the local committee members try to identify drug addicts, offer counseling to motivate them to receive treatment and other curative measures. As stated earlier that the treatment facilities in Bangladesh is very much limited compared to the wide scale need, DAM has designed a Community Based Treatment Programme as follow:

### **Counseling and Guidance:**

It is well circulated within the working area of Branch Committees that any drug abuser can get counseling and guidance. Under this activity the Branch committees motivate the abusers to give-up the drug habit. Simultaneously they also counsel members of the family to ensure their support.

### **Organization of Detoxification Camp:**

The treatment facilities for drug addicts are very limited and expensive in Bangladesh and thus most of the addicts cannot afford it. On the other hand, social stigma is a big barrier for the addicts to be exposed in the society. In this connection, it may be mentioned here that without the follow-up service and rehabilitation there remains every possibility of relapse of the recovering addicts into the drug habit. Mover, there is no community involvement in the traditional treatment procedure. As a result, the relapse rate is very high which makes people disappointed and makes them believe that drug addiction is incurable. Realizing this critical situation Dhaka Ahsania Mission started community based treatment programme through organizing Detoxification Camps within the community. This is an innovative approach to the problem and involves different critical sections of the community.

## **Rehabilitation Programme:**

DAM considers rehabilitation programme as an essential component of the whole anti-drug programme edifice, because until and unless they are socially and economically rehabilitated the treatment recipient addicts are very much likely to go back into the old dark world of drug. On the other hand, DAM does not have enough resources to organize and conduct any elaborate rehabilitation programme. It, however, has identified a number of activities under its rehabilitation programme. The following are some of those activities.

- ▶ DAM provided some equipment/vehicles like sewing machines, cycle rickshaw/vans, etc. to the recovering addicts for enabling their economic rehabilitation.
- ▶ Under DAM credit programme, the wives or other members of the families of recovering addicts are provided with credit for undertaking small business ventures.
- ▶ DAM sometimes enrolls such recovering addicts for its regular skill development training courses.
- ▶ DAM facilitates their enrolment in the skill training programmes organized by the various Ministries/Divisions after completion of which they are entitled to get credit for income generating productive activities.

## **Advocacy:**

DAM plays an important advocacy role on anti-drug activities. DAM has been persuading Govt. to draft a Tobacco Control Low which is a remarkable job.

One of the important and courageous actions successfully led by DAM, in cooperation with Bangladesh Anti-Tobacco

Alance, was stopping of the *Voyage of Discovery*, a publicity voyage organized by some of the world's biggest Cigarette companies. They traveled the whole world and lastly arrived at the Chittagong port of Bangladesh to organize a publicity concert. DAM mounted a massive movement against such publicity, went to court of law and got a decree against organizing such a publicity concert. It repute of DAM on anti-drug activities from far and wide.

### **Impact:**

The achievements/impacts made during the implementation period of the programmes are wide-scale on both individuals and the community. In the areas where DAM's anti-drug programme is operative, the community seems to have been adequately motivated and activated to ensure drug demand reduction and mobility of drugs. Above all, more and more abusers and responding to DAM's programmes are establishing contacts with the Branch Committees for treatment facilities. The parents are now very much careful to keep watch over their wards. The most significant impact of the programme is that social protection groups against movement or trafficking of drug have emerged in the community level thus limiting illicit drug trafficking. On the strength of this a good number of working areas have been declared "Drug-Free Zones" and "Smoke Free Zones".

The school programme has been successful in making a large section of the members of the student community aware of the evils of drug addition. The teachers also have been watchful on the issue over their students.

Under the drug prevention and control programme, DAM has already prepared and published 10 posters, 7 stickers and 5 leaflets primarily for creating awareness among the public.

## **Month long Programme of AMIK**

Dhaka Ahsania Mission Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Program (AMIK) implemented a month-long programme against the use of tobacco and abuse of drugs during 26 May - 26 June 2001 last through a number of activities which attracted attention of quite a good number of people both in the private as well as public sector.

The programme included activities like Press Conference, Forming Human Chain, Discussion Meetings at District and Upazilla level, School Programme, Anti-tobacco and Anti-drug Rallies, etc.

**Press Conference :** The press conference was held on the 23rd of May, 3 days before the actual date of the start of the programme. A good number of journalists working in the national dailies and periodicals attended the conference. Kazi Rafiqul Alam, Executive Director of Dhaka Ahsania Mission gave details of the month long programme and answered questions from the attending journalists. The journalists expressed their solidarity with the Mission in its fight against drug abuse.

**Discussion Meeting :** The month long programme formally started with the holding of a discussion meeting on 26 May 2001 in the conference room of the Mission with Justice AKM Nurul Islam, former Vice-President of Bangladesh and Chairperson of AMIK Central Committee in the chair. In the meeting Barrister Tania Amir presented a paper on the unethical role of the multi national companies in their business in tobacco and tobacco products, specially in cigarettes. The meeting was addressed among others by Ms Debra Eforimsion of Path Canada, Brigd.(Retd.) Q M S Hafiz, Representative of

WHO. Barrister Shamsuddin Ahmad Choudhury. Deputy Attorney General of Bangladesh and Doctor Professor Sayed Fazlul Huq' Chairman of Bangladesh Cancer Society. At the outset Kazi Rafiqul Alam. Executive Director of Dhaka Ahsania Mission welcomed the guests and gave a resume of AMIK activities accomplished since 1990.

**Release of commemorative Stamp:** On 31 May the Department of Posts and Telegraph of the Govt. of Bangladesh released a 10 Taka commemorative stamp and a first day cover on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day .In the function organised in this occasion in which the Hon'ble State Minister for Post and Telegraphs Mr. Abdur Rouf Choudhury was present as the Chief Guest, the Secretary of the Ministry Mr. Nazmul Ahsan Choudhury stated that the stamp was released after due consideration of a proposal put forward from Dhaka Ahsania Mission. In the meeting Executive Director, Dhaka Ahsania Mission Mr. Kazi Rafiqul Alam proposed that Govt. should make the offices and campuses of all post offices within the country 'no smoking' areas. The proposal was instantly approved by the Government and it was declared that necessary directives soon be issued by the authorities concerned.

**Human Chain :** On 9 June at 11 A.M. in the morning a human chain was formed in front of the National Press Club demanding a comprehensive law against tobacco. The Executive Director of DAM, officers and employees of DAM, members of the Central AMIK Committee, teachers and students of local schools participated in this human chain and stayed standing hand in hand for about two hours. The event attracted attention of general public and got wide coverage in the national media.

**International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking:** In observance of the International Day against Abuse of Drugs and Drug Trafficking a Discussion Meeting was held on 25 June in the Conference Room of the Mission. Hon'ble State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Professor ( Dr.) M. Amanullah graced the meeting as the Chief Guest. The key note paper entitled 'Drugs : World Situation vis- a- vis Bangladesh' was presented by Mr. Rashedul Huq, Director ( Prevention & Education), Directorate of Narcotics Control, Govt. of Bangladesh. Dr. Shamim Matin Choudhury, Chief Consultant, Central Drug Addiction Treatment Centre and Prof. M. A. Momen, former Chairman, Dhaka University Institute of Social Welfare and Research were among the discussants.

**District and Upazilla (Sub-district) Level Activities:** As part of the month long programme rallies and discussion meetings were organised in the district head quarters of Jhenaidaha, Kushtia, Narshingdi, Jessore and Satkhira. In all of the programmes organised in these districts senior officers of the government, educationists, social workers and local elites took part in great numbers. Executive Director of DAM Mr. Kazi Rafiqul Alam presided over the meeting held in Jessore while Director Programmes Mr. M. Ehsanur Rahman in Satkhira. In several Sub-districts including Raipura of Narshingdi district and Mohanganj of Netrokona district similar programmes were taken up and implemented successfully. Respective Deputy Commissioners attended those institutions as Guests of Honour.

**Institutional Level Activities:** Rallies, discussion meetings, seminars and similar other activities marked the obser-

vance of the month long programme of AMIK organised in different educational institutions like universities, colleges, secondary schools and primary schools. About 200 educational institutions were declared smoking free institutions. About 1000 Ganakendras (Community Learning Centres) also came up with their individual programmes of activities which created wide spread enthusiasm in the respective areas.

**AMIK Branch Committees:** The 70 Branch Committees of AMIK from different parts of the country, north and south and east and west, joined the month long programme with their own awareness building and mass mobilisation activities with encouragement and support from DAM.

**Materials Development:** During this month-long programme, a number of information and awareness creation materials were developed of which a Calendar, a Poster and a Sticker are important. During this period, 3,000 Calendars, 10,000 Posters and 10,000 stickers, 5000 Leaflets were distributed throughout the country.

**Conclusion:** News of the month-long Anti-Tobacco and Anti-Drug Programme were circulated through print and the electronic media at the national and the local levels. AMIK really created a movement against tobacco and drug during the month and massive response of the people in general provided inspiration and strengthened their morale to work more vigorously for prevention and control of tobacco and drug.

Executive Director of Dhaka Ahsania Mission Mr. Kazi Rafiqul Alam has been elected as one of the Members of the Board of Directors of Switzerland based international anti-drug organization - International Council on Alcohol and Addiction (ICAA)

## **A journey from darkness to light:**

A few youths of 'Jatrabari', had been gradually hooked up into drug abuse. Jatrabari is a busy transport centre in the city of Dhaka. These addicts drank deep into the 'pyrean sping'. Guardians, friends and well-wishers-all lost hopes of getting them back into normal life. With Jasim, Liton, Awal, Milton, Shafique, Aziz, Idris, Rafique, Ibrahim and some other youths like them, life became a terrible nightmare. Almost all of them forgot their roles and duties to themselves, to their families and to the society at large. An unprecedented change, however, happened with them and they at last came back into normal life. No, not because of a magic wand, but because of a precious programme of detoxification camp organised by the branch committee of AMIK at Jatrabari. This branch committee is one of the 402 such committees organised at the community level by local initiatives under the overall guidance of DAM's AMIK programme. These misguided youths have found new meaning of life and are now moving forward with bold steps to live a new life. The path that they have just abandoned offered them no sweet memory; all it gave them was neglect and hatred. Every single venomous moment with them was covered with darkness and they were not finding ways to get out of that disastrous situation. Since they are human beings, they have every right to survive and to live a healthy, normal life. With this in mind, the members of the Jatrabari AMIK branch came forward to rescue them and offer new hopes of life and survival.



They were successfully motivated convinced to attend the detoxification camp organised at Jatrabari for their recovery from the drug menace. They attended not only the detoxification programme but also the follow-up rehabilitation programme organised by AMIK. They attended skill training programme of AMIK which proved very much effectively useful in their life and in the lives of members of their families. Awal is now a skilled worker in a garments factory, Milton a taxi driver, while Aziz, Idris, Ibrahim and others have tailoring shops. Dhaka Ahsania Mission supplied credit facilities to them for purchasing sewing machines.

Thus, the AMIK network of Dhaka Ahsania Mission spread over 107 Upazillas (sub-districts) in 54 districts out of a total of 64 districts in the country has been engaged in offering different types of activities including organisation of detoxification camps devoted to treatment of addicts and thus to ensure drug demand reduction; in the creation of awareness against drug abuse; in the creation of a social movement against illicit drug trafficking and increased cooperation with the law enforcing agencies in this respect.

The participation of Jasim and others of his group in the detoxification programme and other follow-up activities of AMIK had salutary affect on their lives. They are now salvaged from the heinous ways of living and are now able to live with honour and dignity as responsible citizens in the country. And have started a new journey from the old world of darkness and hopelessness to a new world of light and hopes.

## Activity Report (July 1990-June 2001)

Sl. No.	Activity	Achievement
1.	Anti-drug rally	1,965
2.	Discussion on drug abuse	2,981
3.	Seminar/Symposium	92
4.	Essay Competition	166
5.	Debate	127
6.	Sports and Cultural Programmes	377
7.	Master's Trainer Training Course	14
8.	Worker's Trainer Training Course	179
9.	Students' Training Course	996
10.	Community Orientation	77
11.	Establishment of Libraries	33
12.	Street Meetings	177
13.	Poster Competition	01
14.	Creation of Smokes Free Zones	498
15.	Creation of Drug Free Zones	124
16.	Souvenirs Published	39
17.	Community Based Detoxification Camp	11
18.	Community Based Detoxification Centre	02
19.	Counseling	933
20.	Formation of Self-help group	11
21.	Providing Skill Training	97
22.	Rehabilitation	79
23.	Organized Discussion Meeting on SEAAT Flame	01
24.	Wall Calender Published	02
25.	Sticker Published	07
26.	Poster Published	10
27.	Leaflet Published	05
28.	Press Conference	02
29.	Blood Test	160
30.	Campaign Programme Organized	
	Schools	-250
	Colleges	- 7
	Masques	-28
	Madrashas	-11

## List of AMIK Central Committee Members

☐ Justice AKM Nurul Islam	President	Former Vice President Govt. of Peoples Republic of Bangladesh
☐ Dr. M Enamul Haque	Vice President	Ex. IG Police
☐ Prof. M A Momen	Vice President	Professor, Dhaka University
☐ Prof. Dr. Nazimudulla Chowdhury	Vice President	Psychiatrist
☐ Khondker Zakiur Rahman	Member Secretary	Senior Programme Officer, DAM
☐ Iqbal Masud	Joint Secretary	Asst. Programme Officer, DAM
☐ Prof. Rowsan Ara	Treasurer	Professor, Dhaka University
☐ Ms. Sajeda Humayun Kabir	Member	Social Worker
☐ Kazi Rafiqul Alam	Member	Executive Director, DAM
☐ Prof. Abdul Hakim Sarkar	Member	Professor, Dhaka University
☐ Barrister Rabeya Bhuiyan	Member	Ex. Member of the Parliament
☐ Dr. Samim Matin Chowdhury	Member	Chief Consultant Central Treatment Center
☐ Capt (Ret.) M Firoz	Member	Ex. Director Department of Youth Development
☐ Barrister Tania Amir	Member	Law Associate
☐ Dr. Md Ashraf Uddin	Member	Chief Health officer Dhaka City Corporation
☐ Prof. Basira Mannan	Member	Prof. Institute of Social Welfare Dhaka University
☐ Md. Mahabubul Alam	Member	Editor The Daily Independent
☐ M. Ehsanur Rahman	Member	Director, Programme, DAM
☐ Md. Rasidul Haque	Member	Director, Department of Narcotics Control
☐ Barrister Samsuddin Chowdhury	Member	Honorable Justice, SC Bangladesh
☐ Azad Rahman	Member	Ex. Director General Silpokala Academy



Executive Director Kazi Rafiqul Alam is exchanging views with newsmen

A partial view of human chain demanding Tobacco Control Law



Former state Minister for posts and Telecommunications Abdur Rouf Chowdhury handing over a set Commemorative Stamps to Executive Director Kazi Rafiqul Alam.



Former State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Prof. Dr. M. Amanullah is delivering his speech.

Kazi Rafiqul Alam, Executive Director is delivering address of welcome.



A view of a Jhenaidah rally.



Prof. Dr. Moh. Lutfar Rahman, Vice Chancellor of Islami University is speaking at a discussion meeting.

A view of Raipura rally.



A view of the rally held at Islami University Campus.



A partial view  
of a discussion  
meeting

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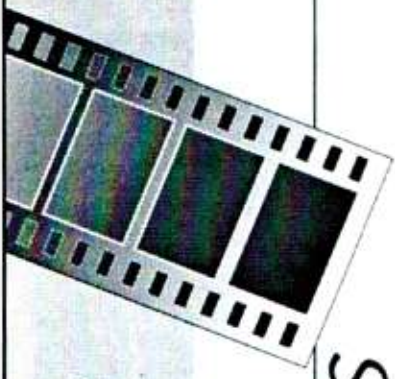
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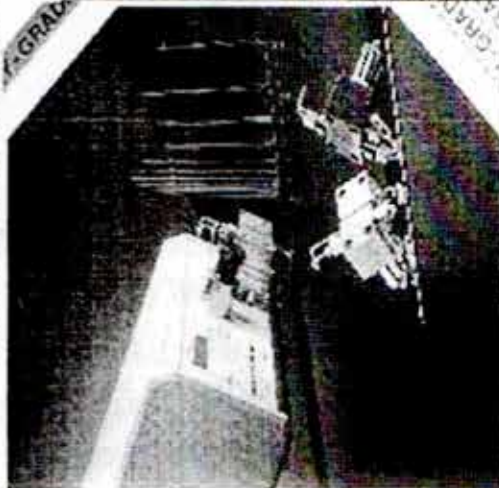
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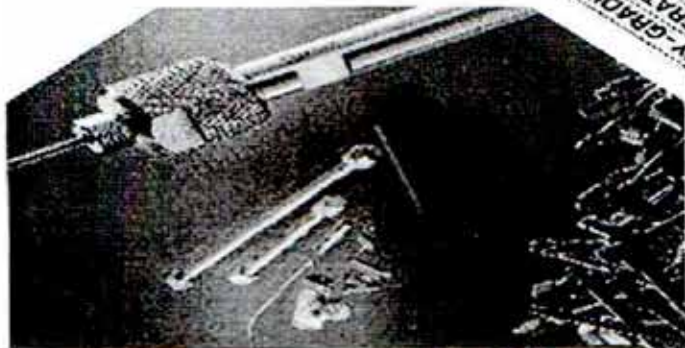
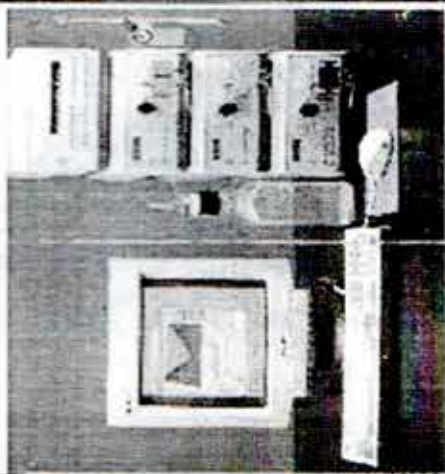
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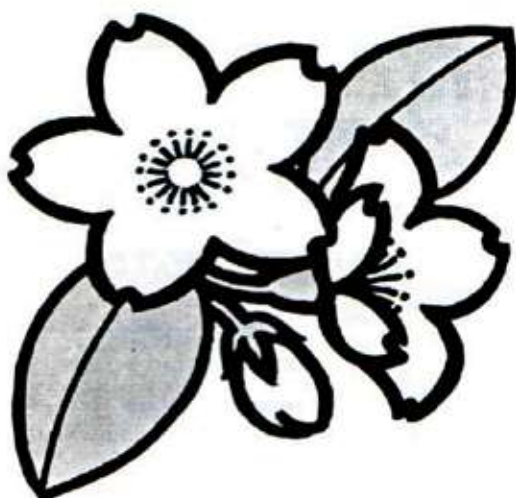
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