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Celebrating the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

The International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was observed on June 26, 2022 under the theme "Stop drug use, build a healthy and beautiful life". The Department of Narcotics Control organized various programs to celebrate this day. These included road decoration, human chain in front of the National Press Club, rally, stall display with anti-drug educational materials at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium, discussion meetings were notable. Dhaka Ahsania Mission participated in road beautification, rallies, stall displays and discussion meetings. In the morning, the main event started with the visit of the Chief Guest of Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal, MP to the stall of the post-rally program held in front of Matsa Bhavan. The chief guest of the program visited the stall of Dhaka Ahsania Mission, while Deputy Director of Dam Health Sector Mr. Md Mukhlesur Rahman and other officials were present at the stall. This year Dhaka Ahsania Mission's Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Center Gazipur received the Best Treatment Center award from the Department of Narcotics Control. Dhaka Ahsania Mission had also received awards for participating in rallies and standards.

Besides, the Female Drug Treatment and rehabilitation Center participated in national rally and discussion meeting to celebrate the day. At the Center, in-house decoration, serving special food, providing special psycho-social educational group session, indoor ludo competition, quiz competition and distribution of prizes among the winners, sharing of recoveries and cultural activities were organized on this day.

Ahsania Mission Drug Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre, Jashore organized a human chain and rally in front of the District Commissioner's office on the occasion of the celebration of 'International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking'. The rally toured various parts of Jashore city and ended at the DC office. After the rally, a discussion meeting was held in the conference room of the Deputy Commissioner.

The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was observed under the theme "Stop drug use, build a healthy and beautiful life". Keeping this day in mind, district administration

and Department of Narcotics Control organized various programs in Munshiganj. As part of the program, a colourful rally started from the District Commissioner's office and reached the District Circuit House and a discussion meeting and award distribution ceremony was held at the District Circuit House.

On the occasion of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Monojotno Kendra organized all-day outdoor free counseling services and discussion meeting with all the staff and clients of Monojotno Kendra.

"Government's SDGs won't be successful unless drugs are controlled": Narcotics Director General



If drugs are not controlled, it will not be possible to achieve the government's SDGs. For this reason, Director General (Additional Duties) Additional Secretary of Narcotics Control Department Md. Azizul Islam called everyone to come forward to prevent the spread of drugs. He made this call at a discussion meeting organized by Dhaka Ahsania Mission to celebrate the

International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on June 29, 2022. He also added that the Department of Narcotics Control works in three general ways in the field of drugs. Harm reduction, supply reduction and demand reduction. He thanked Dhaka Ahsania Mission for such a beautiful arrangement.

Campaign on Tobacco and Drug Control

Under the supervision of project management under the Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project-II run by Dhaka Ahsania Mission, tobacco and drug products in accordance with hygiene rules at Nagar Health Center-2 and Nagar Health Center-4 at their own

centers and at Chowara MM High School at Nagar Health Center-6. A total of 40 people including men and women of the said ward and Mr. Md. Sattar, Councilor, Ward No. 26 and a total of 45 women and men of the said ward were present in the event. Various types of



45 women and men of the said ward were present in the event. Various types of anti-tobacco and anti-drug awareness leaflets and leaflets on the services of city maternity homes and city health centers were distributed among the participants.

Family Psychosocial Educational Program



For effective family participation in treatment and improvement of mental health of family members, Ahshania Mission Women's Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Center organizes regular psychosocial educational programs for the family members of patients who come to the center for treatment. Under the said programme, a psycho-social educational meeting was organized on April 27 in the training room of DAM Health Sector on "Importance of Counseling" in the treatment of drug dependent and mental problems patients. Md. Zahir Uddin, assistant professor of clinical psychology department of National Institute of Mental Health, was the main speaker in the meeting.

A family group counseling session was organized on May 29, 2022 with the participation of the family members of the patients. The topic of the group session was "Self Care". At the beginning of the session, "Breathing Exercise" was done by Psychosocial Counselor MumtazKhatun. Md. Asaduzzaman Mondal, Psychologist of Border Guard Bangladesh conducted the session

on "Self Care". And later, the session on "Role of nutrition in the treatment of drug addicts" was conducted by Mahfida Dina Rubaiah, nutritionist of the center.

"Drug-related disorders and co-occurring psychiatric disorders" was the topic of the meeting organized for the family members of the patients treated at the Ahsania Mission Female Drug Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Center.

'Tobacco use should be discouraged by increasing tobacco tax'

-discussants at the press conference

Increasing the price of tobacco products through tax increases is an internationally followed approach to discourage tobacco use to protect public health. In this situation, it is necessary to increase the tax and price of tobacco products in the upcoming fiscal year 2022-23 budget to play an instrumental role in achieving 'Tobacco-free Bangladesh' by 2040 as promised by the Hon'ble Prime Minister. And this tobacco tax should be increased in such a way that the tobacco users are discouraged to reduce their consumption' - this is the opinion expressed by members of parliament and analysts in a pre-budget press conference organized by Dhaka Ahsania Mission.

Mr Iqbal Masud Director Health and Wash Sector of Dhaka Ahsania Mission presided over In this press conference and Professor Dr. Md. Habibe Millat, MP was the chief guest and Barrister Shamim Haider Patwari, MP was the special guest. Dr. Aruparatan Chowdhury, founder president, MANS, was present as a speaker. Md. Mostafizur Rahman, Lead Policy Advisor, CTFK-Bangladesh, Abdus Salam Mia, Grants Manager, CTFK-Bangladesh and SM Rashedul Islam, General Secretary, Economic Reporters Forum (ERF). Representatives of anti-tobacco organizations and journalists from print and electronic media were also present in the press conference.

Director of Development Coordination (Research) Abdullah Nadvi presented the keynote at the seminar.

Solidarity of 18 anti-tobacco organizations

18 anti-tobacco organizations have expressed their solidarity in the demand for supplementary duty increase on all types of tobacco products, specific taxation, increase in government revenue and protection of public health in the upcoming 2022-23 fiscal year budget. This demand was made in a solidarity rally organized in front of the National Press Club on Sunday morning, May 29.

Under the chairmanship of Helal Uddin Ahmed, General Secretary of Anti-Narcotics Organization, Nasir Uddin of Vital Strategy, Farhana Zaman Liza of Tobacco Control Research Cell (TCRC), Director of Development Coordination Waliul Islam, Mehedi Hasan of Pragya, Natab spoke in the solidarity rally under the chairmanship of Helal Uddin Ahmed, Ambassador of Dhaka Ahsania Mission. Khalil Ullah, Dhaka Ahsaniya Mission Health Sector. Shariful Islam and Dr. Farhana Rahman, Seema Das Shimu of Tabinaz, Rubina Islam of Dorp, Barrister Jewel Sarkar and many others.

The anti-tobacco organizations participating in the solidarity are Bangladesh Center for Communication Program (BCCP), Aid Foundation, Bureau of Economic Research (Dhaka University), Dhaka Ahsaniya Mission, Development Activities of Society (DAS), Development Organization of the Rural Poor (DROP), Gram Bangla Development Committee, MANS, National Anti Tuberculosis Association of Bangladesh (NATB), National Heart Foundation, Knowledge for Progress (Pragya), Health Protection Foundation, Tobacco Control Research Cell (TCRC), Anti-Tobacco Women's Alliance (TABINAZ), Development Coordination, VOICE, Work for Better Bangladesh (WBB Trust) and Anti-Narcotics Organization.

Re-distribution of Family Health Card (Red Card) among the very extreme poor and poor population

Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project-2nd Phase (UPHCSDP-2nd Phase) managed by Dhaka Ahsania Mission Health Sector, DSCC, Partnership Area-3, Hazaribagh

distributed Family Health Card (red card) among the very poor and poor population on 26th June 2022 at Dhaka South City Corporation Ward No. 22, 23, 24, 27, 28 and 29 in order to ensure the health services of the poor. In March 2021, a total of 8,227 families were distributed family health cards.

Covid-19 booster vaccination started



Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project-2nd Phase (UPHCSDP-2nd Phase) managed by Dhaka Ahsania Mission Health Sector, DSCC, Partnership Area-3 project area 15, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28 and 29 wards in total 15 Covid-19 booster vaccination was administered at the center on 4-10 June 2022. 5309 males and 5073 females received the covid-19 booster vaccine.

On the other hand, government-announced covid-19 vaccination program was held in 5 urban health centers of the Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project-2nd Phase, managed by Dhaka Ahsania Mission and implemented by Rajshahi City Corporation. A total of 11,472 people were vaccinated with the 1st dose of Covid-19 in the immunization program, including 5,418 males and 6,054 females. A total of 13171 people were administered the 2nd dose of covid 19 vaccine in the immunization program including 6163 males and 7008 females. A total of 5943 people were vaccinated with the Covid-19 booster dose in the vaccination program, including 2886 males and 3057 females.

Awareness of tuberculosis

On 07/06/2022, leaflets on tuberculosis were distributed under the initiative of Dhaka Ahsania Mission, Tuberculosis Control Program to



increase awareness about tuberculosis among the general public at the field level. Besides, grocery shopkeepers are informed about tuberculosis disease. DOTS treatment methods, possible side effects and administration of drugs are discussed. The relationship between tobacco and tuberculosis in Bangladesh, the current status of tuberculosis and the national tuberculosis control program, TPT treatment, MDR TB issues are also discussed.

Nutrition fair



On the occasion of National Nutrition Week-2022, USAID Feed the Future Bangladesh Nutrition Activity, organized "Nutrition Mela" in 18 secondary schools of 18 Growth Centers organized by Bangladesh Nutrition Activity to eliminate malnutrition among rural families. The main objective of the project is to "improve the nutritional status of children under five years of age, pregnant mothers, lactating mothers and adolescents." In continuation of this, this fair was organized to spread the message of nutrition and health at the community level.

At the fair, women sales staff and women food vendors, supported by Bangladesh Nutrition

Activity, display and sell diverse, nutritious and safe food products. 5316 Darshanathis were present in Pusthi Mela (Male-2448, Female-2868).

Apart from this, the students of the schools participated in the fair and performed songs, quiz competitions, poetry, plays and dances on nutrition and medicine.

Celebrate National Nutrition Week



National Nutrition Week-2022 was observed with the theme of "Healthy Life with Proper Nutrition" for a total of 07 days. Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project-II Phase, COCC, PA-1, managed by Dhaka Ahsania Mission, jointly observed National Nutrition Week-2022 through 1 Nagar Matrisadan and 6 Nagar Health Centers located in 24 wards of Cumilla City. Also, the discussion meeting organized on the occasion of National Nutrition Week-2022

JPRPHRPC Project Manual Review Workshop

JPRPHRPC project requires appropriate guidelines for professionals to provide quality services. With this issue in mind, a day-long workshop on re-evaluation of JPRPHRPC project's drug addiction treatment management training manual and mental health support training manual was completed on June 2 in collaboration with GIZ. The workshop was conducted in two parts and the concerned professionals gave their views and suggestions.

Seat belts mandatory for all in motor vehicles: Col Farooq Khan, MP

Former Tourism Minister and Member of Parliament Mr. Colonel Farooq Khan commented that it is very important to have seat belts for



everyone in motor vehicles and to wear standard helmets for motorcyclists. He said these things during a discussion with the Dhaka Ahsania Mission Road Safety Project on June 8, 2022. At the time, he also said that currently we are noticing road accidents at a large rate. One of the reasons is uncontrolled speed. It is seen that the drivers are driving the vehicles in an uncontrolled manner, ignoring the speed limit set by the government. Due to this accidents are increasing.

Camp

Vitamin A Plus campaign activities

92 out of 16 wards of 27 wards of Cumilla City Corporation in coordination with Government Health Department at Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project-II Phase, COCC, PA-1, Cumilla managed by Dhaka Ahsania Mission organized a Vitamin A Plus campaign for the children aged zero (0) to five (5) years. To make the program a success, 60 members of the Dhaka Ahsania Mission's officers and staff provided their services as volunteers along with the overall cooperation of the City Corporation Health Department, District Administration, and Civil Surgeon, Cumilla. During the campaign, a total of 3,892 children aged 6-11 months were given blue coloured vitamin A capsules and a total of 13,044 children aged 12-59 months were given red coloured vitamin A capsules.

Vitamin "A" plus campaign was conducted in Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project-II Phase, DNCC, PA-03, Mirpur work area for five days. The campaign was inaugurated by Bangladesh Government Joint Secretary and



Project Director, AbulFaiz Mohammad Alauddin Khan and Deputy Chief Health Officer Lt. Col. Golam Sarwar.

Through this campaign, children aged 6-11 months and children aged 12-59 months were fed vitamin "A" plus capsules in red color in the city health centers and satellite centers along with city maternity centers in Karma areas.

In the campaign, 500 children were fed Vitamin A from Mayer Hasi Health Care Centre, Jhawchar, Kamrangirchar, run by the Health Sector of Dhaka Ahsania Mission. Nutritional messages were given to mothers and parents.

Free eye care camp

A free eye treatment camp was organized on 25th April 2022 under the initiative of Mayer Hasi Health Care Center and Drishti Eye Hospital, which is also run by the Health Sector of Dhaka Ahsania Mission. The camp was held at Mayer Hasi Health Care Center, Kamrangirchar. The medical officer of Drishti Eye Hospital Dr. K.M. Salim Mahmud sees patients. Women, men and children were served through the camp. These patients will also be given the chance of cataract surgery at low cost and free of cost as per their need.



Organize blood grouping camp



On June 25 and 27, 2022, Blood Group Camp was organized at Urban Health Center 3 and 5 of Rajshahi City Corporation under Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project. A total of 45 students were blood grouped in Shiroil Colony High School under PHCC-5 out of which 17 were boys and 18 were girls. At PHCC-3, Jinnah Nagar, Bisik Industrial Area, blood group testing camp was conducted for a total of 46 people.

Day Celebration

Discussion meeting on 20th No Tobacco Day

"In addition to public health, tobacco products cause considerable damage to the environment. Tobacco cultivation causes long-term damage to cropland and the environment. For this reason, the use of tobacco products should be reduced to protect public health and environment'- this is what the discussants said in a discussion meeting organized by Dhaka Ahsania Mission Health Sector on the occasion of 20th Tobacco Free Day 2022 at the Urban Primary Health Project Center in Mirpur, Dhaka.

Earlier on the morning of May 31, Dhaka Ahsania Mission participated in a rally organized by the National Tobacco Control Cell (NTCC) on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day.

Celebrating World Health Day 2022

Every year 2022 World Health Day is celebrated on 7th April. This year's main theme was "Safe World, Assured Health, Every year, 20th AIDS Day was celebrated by the Civil Surgeon's Office. Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project-2nd Phase, RCC, PA-1, Dhaka Ahsania Mission



participated in rally and discussion meeting and displayed banners in the rally.

On the occasion of World Health Day on April 7, a rally and discussion meeting was held at Jashore Collectorate Square and District Commissioner's office. Ahsania Mission Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre, Jashore participated in the programme.

Safe Motherhood Day

Run by Dhaka Ahsania Mission, Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project-2nd Phase, DNCC, PA-03, Ward No. 10, 11 and 16 has been providing primary health care to the general public and maternal and child health services through urban maternity homes. On the occasion of Safe Motherhood Day on 28/05/2022, Nagar Matrisadhan organized a discussion on the importance of safe motherhood and also selected "Best Mothers" through lottery and distributed prizes among them.



On May 28, 2022, Safe Motherhood Day was celebrated across the country. On that day, Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project-2nd Phase, RCC, PA-1, Dhaka Ahsania Mission participated in rally and discussion meeting. The workers of Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project-II Phase managed by Dhaka Ahsania Mission participated in various programs on the day such as hanging banners in clinical areas, displaying banners in easily visible places, static and satellite with expectant mothers in all centers on Safe Motherhood Day.

Wash Sector

DAM WASH Sector, DFED and donor agency “WaterAid Bangladesh” visit

DAM WASH Sector, WaterAid Bangladesh, and DAM Foundation for Economic Development (DFED) representatives conducted a joint visit for selecting suitable sites for construction of new AIRP Water Points for expansion of AmaderKalaroa Project (AKP) implemented by DAM WASH Sector.

Digital Household Survey Using KoboToolBox



Household survey is an integral part of any development project. Dhaka Ahsania Mission WASH Sector has been implementing Improving WASH for Rohingya Refugee Host Communities project in Ukhiya, Cox's Bazar. Beneficiary household information is being collected

digitally using KoboToolBox platform which is faster and more efficient than manual methods.

Construction of Arsenic and Iron Removal Water Points

To alleviate the safe drinking water crisis in Benapole, DAM WASH Sector is implementing Phase 02 of Benapole WASH project, which is planning to construct 14 Arsenic and Iron Removal Plant (AIRP) water points. Of the 14, 6 are already under construction. These 6 safe water points will be inaugurated in July 2022 and will start serving the deprived people of Benapole.

Headquarter Monitoring

In order to ensure proper quality control, Senior Programme Officer – Monitoring Abul Hossain, and Project Engineer of WASH Sector Hossain Al Wasi visited the project area in separate visits. They conducted both process and progress monitoring on the software and hardware components of the project. They conducted field discussions, noted down findings, gave instructions, conducted exit meetings, and shared visit reports with both the field office and headquarter personnel for future improvements and problem rectification.

Awareness Sessions on Water Safety

6 awareness sessions on the “water safety plan” were organized as a part of regular project activities. The awareness sessions were organized by Dhaka Ahsania Mission’s Sustainable Urban Provision of Clean Water, Benapole Project.

Awareness Sessions on Hygiene Promotion

6 Hygiene Promotion Sessions have been held as a part of regular project activities at Benapole. The campaigns were organized by Dhaka Ahsania Mission WASH Sector in collaboration with Benapole Municipality. Iqbal Hossain, Project Manager, Dhaka Ahsania Mission, and 2 community mobilizers conducted the Hygiene Promotion Sessions.

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