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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### Meeting Held on the overall Activities of CCSDP Unit



A Meeting was held on overall functions of CCSDP Service Unit of the Directorate General of Family Planning on 27 August at the Conference room of IEM Unit. State Minister of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW) Mr. Zahid Maleque, MP was present as the chief guest while special guest was Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Mr. M. M. Neazuddin. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Md. Nur Hossain Talukder, Director General, Directorate General of Family Planning. Dr. Mohammed Sharif, Director (MCH Services) discussed various issues and ongoing activities of the unit in detail. Among others Director (IEM) Dr. Md. Nasir Uddin, Director (Administration) Mr. Md. Jamal Hossain, Director (Logistics and Supply) Mr. Md. Kafil Uddin, Director (MIS) Mr. Md. Jahir Uddin Babar, Line Director (CCSDP) Dr. Md. Moinuddin Ahmed, Director (Audit) Mr. Jalal Uddin Ahmed Hossain, Director, Dhaka Division Mr. Md. Delwar Hossain, Director, MFSTC Dr. Mahfujar Rahman, all Program Managers, Deputy Program Managers and other Officers of different units of the directorate were present. As the chief guest of the conference, the state Minister of MOHFW, Mr. Zahid Maleque MP, was present there. The

Chairmanship was executed by the Director General, DGFP, Mr. Md. Nur Hossain Talukder. Line Director of CCSDP Unit. Dr. Md. Moinuddin Ahmed, discussed the ongoing activities of the unit in detail. The chief guest, the State Minister, Mr. Zahid Maleque, MP desired to hold a meeting with ten Deputy Directors of Districts from each of the highest and lowest ones according to CPR. Secretary of the MOHFW, Mr. M. M. Neazuddin stated that population is still a challenge for us. So, we all have to work with attention and responsibility, he added. The Director General, Director General of Family Planning, Mr. Md. Nur Hossain Talukder thanked all dignitaries for their attending this type of meeting.

### Meeting held on the overall Activities of MCH Services Unit



A meeting was held on over all activities of MCH Services unit on 13 August, 2014 at the conference room of IEM unit of the Directorate General of Family Planning. State Minister of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare(MOHFW) Mr. Zahid Maleque, MP was present as the chief guest. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Md. Nur Hossain Talukder, Director General, Directorate General of Family Planning. Dr. Mohammed Sharif, Director (MCH Services) discussed various issues and ongoing activities of the unit in detail. Among others Director (IEM) Dr. Md. Nasir Uddin, Director (Administration) Mr. Md. Jamal Hossain, Director (Logistics and Supply) Mr. Md. Kafil Uddin, Director (MIS) Mr. Md. Jahir Uddin Babar, Line Director (CCSDP) Dr. Md, Moinuddin Ahmed, Director (Audit) Mr. Jalal Uddin Ahmed Hossain, Director, Dhaka Division Mr. Md. Delwar Hossain, Director, MFSTC Dr Mahfujar Rahman, all Program Managers, Deputy Program Managers and other Officers of different units of the directorate were present. The state minister stated that the contribution of the family planning directorate has played a vital role for the award achieved by Bangladesh to reduce Maternal and Child Mortality. With concentration, he paid heed to different problems and gave assurance to solve those problems. Besides, he emphasized on visiting field level service centers for better services to the people. The State Minister added that all levels of officials should work with more sincerity in order to achieve our target fixed in MDG. He emphasized on more supervisions for the low performing areas. In order to increase reproductive service rate, already 1441 Union Health and Family Welfare Centers have been upgraded. He assured in future rest of the Union Health and Family Welfare Centers will be upgraded to provide Emergency Obstetric Care. He instructed Director (MCH Services) to take necessary steps in this regard. The Chair of the program, Director General Mr. Md. Nur Hossain Talukder in his speech thanked the state Minister for giving guidance to solve the problems and for his assurance to solve all these.

### BCC Working Group Meeting held at IEM Unit, DGFP

The 14<sup>th</sup> BCC Working Group Meeting was held on



15 October 2014 from 11:00-1:00pm in the IEM conference room. Dr. Md. Nasir Uddin, Joint Secretary and Director (IEM), chaired the meeting. BCC Working Group is a common platform for communication professionals and organizations



working in health, population and nutrition sector. Bangladesh Knowledge Management Initiative (BKMI) funded by USAID has been providing technical and secretarial support to mobilize this community of practice in bringing synergy in SBCC initiatives. Representatives of IEM, IPHN and BHE including NGOs/INGOs and UN agencies updated in the meeting on their SBCC initiatives. Director (IEM) handed over the compiled SBCC videos to IPHN and BHE representatives to be shown by Audio-visual Vans in the community and during health sessions for waiting clients in the service delivery centers of GOB and NGOs. The SBCC videos in DVD form uploaded with short films, TV spots, music videos, drama serials have been compiled with support from BKMI.

Dr. Md. Nasir Uddin, in his concluding remarks, said that this forum would be effective and vibrant in delivering results in terms of making the change visible in HPN sector. He applauded the participating organizations requesting their active participation, sharing of innovative ideas and experiences to head on.

### Dissemination of the results of the SDP Dashboard Module of the DGFP for the Pilot areas



A dissemination workshop was held on 22 September, 2014 at Spectra Convention Centre, Dhaka. The workshop was arranged by the Logistics & Supply unit of the DGFP and was facilitated by MSH/SIAPS programme. Mr. Md. Nur Hossain Talukder, Director General, Directorate General of Family Planning (DGFP) attended the workshop as the chief guest while the workshop was presided over by Mr. Md. Kafil Uddin, Director

(Logistics & Supply). DGFP had been updating the online reports through Supply Chain Management Portal (SCMP) dashboard in which all the reports of updated logistics stocks are shown up to the different storage systems such as Central Warehouse, Regional Warehouses and Upazila Stores. DGFP now decided to have more information up to the different service delivery points such as FWVs, FWAs. As a pilot project, the reporting system has been implemented in 20 upazilas of four districts of the country since March 2014. The result has been presented in the Dissemination Workshop. The Dashboard Module has been implemented by new software called Upazila Inventory Management Systems. From the comments derived from the user upazila officials it is found that the

software has got very easy to access for the users. They all are satisfied with the software. With the result of this software it is expected that very recently the software will be used throughout the country.

## Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health Services Forum Formed.

A meeting on the **Strengthening Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health Services Activities** was held at the conference room of IEM Unit jointly collaborated by the MCH Services Unit and Save the Children. Dr. Mohammed Sharif, Director (MCH Services) and Line Director (MCRH), Mr. Md. Nur Hossain Talukder, Director General, Directorate General of Family Planning presided over the meeting while Ms. Kulsum Begum, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare was present there as the special guest. Dr. Shimul Koli Hossain, Program Manager (ARH) of MCH Services Unit highlighted the objective of the meeting at her welcome speech. She informed the meeting that various GOs and NGOs are working with this issue. The main objective of the meeting is to create a common platform for the organizations working with this issue. Special Guest Ms. Kulsum Begum unveiled that the adolescents are not well-aware of the physical and mental change of the puberty age. Most of the time they are misguided with wrong and inappropriate information about adolescent reproductive health. The Chief Guest Mr. Md. Nur Hossain Talukder, Director General, told that as there are many organizations are delivering their services in ASRH in the same place, so there might not be any duplication. He hopes that the formation of the Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Forum will surely bridge among the GO and NGO organizations by avoiding the duplication. Dr. Mohammed Sharif in his speech as the chair informed the meeting that MCH Services Unit with the technical support from the UNFPA has produced "ARH Strategy" and in order to implement the strategy they have formulated "National Plan of Action on Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health". The Government of Bangladesh has included the ARH activities in two HPNSDP (2011-16) OPs by upholding their importance. ICDDR,B, Save the Children, NHSDP and BCCP have presented their own ARH activities in the meeting. Director (IEM), Director (Logistics and Supply), Line Director (CCSDP) of DGFP, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Youth and Sports, and Senior Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Information and Communication Technology were present in the meeting. Representatives from Population Council, Plan International Bangladesh, Action Aid, PIACT Bangladesh, STI Network and Life Centre were also present in the meeting.



## Family Planning Directorate is going to implement Electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) system in its program

Family Planning Directorate has taken decision to implement Electronic Government Procurement (e-GP) to procure contraceptives, MSR and other necessary commodities. There is also direction to implement e-GP from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Regarding implementation of e-GP system a meeting was held on 28.08.2014 in the IEM conference room. All directors/Line directors, Program Managers, IT related officers of DGFP and on behalf of Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU) Mr. Md. Nasimur Rahman Sharif were present in the meeting. The meeting was presided over by Director General, DGFP Mr. Md. Nur Hossain Talukder. Mr. Sharif was requested to discuss in detail about e-GP system; because it is a new concept to DGFP personnel. Mr. Sharif informed the meeting that many Govt. Organizations like BWDB, LGED, REB, RHD are already implementing e-GP system in their respective organizations. He informed that e-GP is an online Web-Portal. After registration from CPTU any Govt. organization can make their procurement by e-GP system very smoothly. He also informed the meeting about the advantages of online procurement. Director General of Family Planning instructed to follow the instruction of MOHFW to introduce e-GP system in DGFP. After a long discussion on e-GP system to introduce in DGFP the following decisions were taken:

- a. Tender Process of DGFP will be brought under online system.
- b. A request letter will be sent to Director General of CPTU for registration of e-GP system.
- c. DGFP will request CPTU to provide training to officials of DGFP on e-GP system.

### **Two-Day workshop on Audit and Financial Management of IFM OP under HPNSDP by Audit Unit**

There has been a provision for two-day workshop on Audit and Financial Management of related employees with all the DDOs and accountants of the field level of Directorate General of Family Planning of IFM OP under HPNSDP.

Under this provision a two-day workshop on Audit and Financial Management comprising employees related to the family planning in Divisions, District



and Upazillas, MCWCs, FWVTIs, Regional Training Centres as well as all the DDOs and accountants of these functions. The entire aspects of Directorate General of Family Planning and Governmental financial rules and management have been represented in these workshops.

A positive response has been received throughout the country and related officials have achieved progressive measures in accounting and audit activities.

In 2013-14, total 365 personnel related to the audit and accounts of 19 districts have been assigned training on financial management.

Outcomes of these workshops are followings-

- a) From 2008-09 till now, no audit objection has arisen at field levels.
- b) Accounting system has been directed with discipline.
- c) Brousheet replies have been retorted in the highest number in an accurate manner to the audit objections.

- d) Execution of highest numbered audit objections.
- e) Formation of expert manpower at audit and financial management.
- f) Proficiency achieved by officers and staffs worker at field level on the Public Procurement Rule 2008. As a result, tendency to arise audit objections at fields has been reduced to a minimum level.
- g) By decreasing the distance between the auditor and auditees, an advanced cooperation and collaboration is being achieved.
- h) Developed organizational progress as well as expertise is being increased through the interviews, interactive relations and communications among the officials at remote areas.

### **Bangladesh SBCC(Social and Behavior Change Communication) Learning Lab held at BRAC CDM**

A six-day workshop was held on SBCC(Social and Behaviour Change Communication) Learning Lab highlighting the issue of MR(Menstrual Regulation), PAC(Post Abortion Care) and FP(Family Planning) at BRAC CDM,Savar,Dhaka from October 18-23. The workshop was conducted by international NGO Ipas Bangladesh. Ipas deals with the issue of community access, health system, policy advocacy and research/evaluation. The main objective of the



workshop was to enhance the understanding of different SBCC strategies among the participants so that the participants can lead the community facilitators to improve their service in the arena of MR, post abortion and family planning. Twenty two participants from DGFP,DGHS,Upazilla Family Planning Officer and Medical Officer from Ghatail,Tangail and Derai,Sunamganj, Team Associates, Bangla Communication,Ipas officials and community facilitators from two partner organizations-BASA and VARD of Ipas attended the residential workshop . It is to be mentioned that the community facilitators from these two partner NGOs who attended this workshop will be given the training in another workshop to build their capacity in conducting the CDM(Community Dialogue Meeting) at the field level at Ghatail and Derai.



Jane Welsh, Hope Tyson,Kara Davies,advisors from Ipas headquarter, USA along with Ipas local consultants Dr Ferdousi Begum, Samia Ahmed facilitated the workshop. Dr SM Shahidullah, Country Director of Ipas inaugurated and closed the workshop being present there at BRAC CDM as the chief guest.

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