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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### “The power of 1.8 Billion: Adolescent, Youth and the transformation of the future”



The State of World Population Report 2014 was unveiled simultaneously in all the member countries by the UNFPA on 18<sup>th</sup> November. The launching in Bangladesh was held at the National Press Club, Dhaka. Hon'ble State Minister, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Mr. Zahid Maleque, MP graced the occasion as chief guest. Ms Argentina Matavel Piccin, Country Representative, UNFPA and Dr. Ubaidur Rob, Country Director, Population Council were also in the panel. Mr. Md. Nur Hossain Talukder, Director

General, DGFP, attended the ceremony along with the Directors as well.

The 2014 State of World Population (SWOP) report, “**The power of 1.8 Billion: Adolescent, Youth and the transformation of the Future**” reflects the fact that adolescents and youth, more broadly categorized as ‘young people’, matter. They matter not only because of their sheer number but also because they are the shapers and leaders of our global future.

The report features research finding, success stories, lessons learnt and challenges in meeting the needs and aspirations of young people, investing in young people, involving young people in decision making and ensuring their human rights. It also highlights the necessity of building

institutional capacity and investing in the health, education, employment prospects, finance and credit opportunities and civic participation of young people.

For these reasons, the report reiterates that it is imperative for young people to play a pivotal role in the post 2015 sustainable development drive. It is only if young people are involved in both the planning and implementation of development initiatives that we can expect to achieve overall and sustainable development.

At present Bangladesh falls into the category of countries which have more than 30% of its population between the ages of 10 and 24 but it is projected that only 10-19% of its population will consist of young people by 2050. This means that Bangladesh needs to invest right now in the human capital of its young people if it wants to reap the benefits of a large demographic dividend. Investing in sexual and reproductive health services would bring about significant change in relation to maternal mortality levels in Bangladesh. The high levels of adolescent fertility (118 per 1000) and the resulting maternal morbidity and mortality rates could also be reversed if investment in health is increased.

Given the above findings, as is relevant to the global context, investing in quality education, employment opportunities, civic participation and health services including sexual and reproductive health for young people, also apply to Bangladesh.

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"The Directorate General of family Planning (DGFP) under the guidance of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has been endeavoring for the last six decades to bridle the population explosion of the country along with ensuring maternal and Child health, adolescent reproductive health, safe motherhood and gender equity among the mass



people of the country," Mr. Md. Nur Hossain Talukder, Director General, DGFP, commented this while addressing the media as the chief guest in a Press Briefing Session organized at the IEM Conference room (6<sup>th</sup> floor), DGFP to underscore the inauguration of the countrywide Service and Campaign Week 2014 from 08-13 november. Mentionable initiatives have been adopted to achieve MDG by 2015, HPNSDP by 2016 and Vision 2020-21 in continuation of this, he added. The meeting has been informed that proper interventions are being taken to reduce the 70 percent deliveries at home along with discouraging child marriage. If all the eligible couples of the country can be brought under the umbrella of FP, MCH Services and Deliveries, the huge challenges of the program can be overcome, he opines. The media personalities are also informed that IEM Unit of DGFP every year observes two Service and Campaign Week in a view to creating mass awareness among the target audience countrywide. The theme of first Service and Campaign Week 2014 was taken same for the second Service and Campaign Week 2014:

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All the Directors of DGFP, Program Managers and Deputy Program Managers attended the Press Briefing Session. Hon'ble DG Mr. Md. Nur Hossain Talukder along with Dr. Mohammed Sharif, Director (MCH Services), Md. Mainuddin Ahmed, Director (CCSDP) and Dr. Md. Nasir Uddin, Director (IEM) replied the various questions raised by the journalists.

The chief guest concluded the ceremony by reiterating the contribution of the media personalities as part of their social responsibilities in addressing the FP & MCH issues.

## 10<sup>th</sup> HPN SBCC Coordination Meeting



Health Population and Nutrition Sector Development Programme (HPNSDP) requires better coordination between and among stakeholders to reduce duplication of work and bring consistency in SBCC initiatives. This coordination involves all key stakeholders working in HPN sector generally and especially with the concerned units of DGHS and DGFP such as IEM, BHE and IPHN including other relevant units and development agencies.

Bangladesh Knowledge Management Initiative - BKMI took this initiative to bring together the concerned units of DGHS and DGFP working in HPN communication sector and established a functional coordination. These units meet bi-monthly where they share their mutual expertise, innovative ideas and experiences, supplement and complement each other in support of HPNSDP.

The 10<sup>th</sup> HPN SBCC Coordination meeting was held on 27 November 2014 at IEM conference room. Mr. Md. Nur Hossain Talukder, Directorate General of Family Planning and Dr. Md. Shah Nawaz, Addl. Director General (Admn), DGHS were present in the meeting as the Chief Guest and Special Guest respectively. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Md. Nasir Uddin, Joint Secretary & Director (IEM), DGFP.

Dr. Md. Nasir Uddin, Joint Secretary & Director (IEM) expressed sincere thanks and gratitude to Hon'ble Director General, DGFP and representatives of BHE, IPHN, MCH, CCSDP and FSDP for attending the meeting. The Director General and Chief Guest of the meeting Mr. Nur Hossain Talukder applauded BKMI for supporting this HPN coordination initiative adding that this is an important forum to share and discuss SBCC activities. He suggested the members of the HPN coordination committee to identify the areas of mutual interest where DGHS and DGFP can work together to achieve HPNSDP and MDG targets.

Three Units (BHE, IPHN and IEM) shared their progress of OP implementation and key upcoming events in the meeting. Ms. Rebecca Arnold, BKMI Project Director shared BKMI work plan in the meeting for next one year (Oct 2014-Sept 2015).

Dr. Mohammed Sharif, Director (MCH), DGFP requested the BKMI and members of HPN Coordination Committee to strategize for increasing institution delivery to reduce maternal mortality in Bangladesh. Dr. Mainuddin, Line Director (CCSDP), DGFP requested the SBCC focal points of DGFP and DGHS to put special attention to post-partum family planning which is currently poorly addressed in our SBCC campaign. Dr. Md. Shah Nawaz, ADG (Admn) of DGHS also underscored the need for coordinated effort of DGFP and DGHS to deliver consistent health, population and nutrition messages to improve the health status of mothers and children in Bangladesh.



Dr. Md. Nasir Uddin, Director-IEM reiterated the need for engaging three unit's BCC focal points in designing, reviewing and developing SBCC materials. In this way, we can avoid duplication of work in HPN sector ensuring the maximum utilization of our limited resources, he opined.

## Commencement of the Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ASRH) Networking Forum by the MCH Services Unit , DGFP

The first meeting on Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ASRH) Networking Forum was held on Sunday, 9 November 2014 at IEM Conference Room of Directorate General of Family Planning (DGFP). The meeting was presided over by Dr. Mohammed Sharif, Director (MCH Services) and Line Director (MCRAH) of DGFP. Ms. Kulsum Begum, Joint Secretary, (FW), MoHFW was present at the meeting as the Chief Guest.

The ASRH Networking Forum was formed through a meeting on 8 September 2014 with the aim to strengthening ASRH activities and also to promoting knowledge sharing and coordination among government, non-government organizations and development partners. The representatives from member organizations- e.g. World Health Organization, Save the Children, Population Council, icddr, BRAC, EngenderHealth, Ipas Bangladesh, BCCP, ActionAid, PIACT Bangladesh, Aparajeyo Bangla, MCIWO, LIFE Center and Social Marketing Company (SMC) were present at the meeting. The officials from the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Institute of Public Health (IPHN) and National Nutrition Services (NNS) and NIPORT were also present at the meeting. The discussion was held mainly on the draft Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Forum. Later, a brief presentation on National Plan of Action on ASRH was delivered by Dr. Shimul Koli Hossain, Program Manager (ARH) of the DGFP. Dr. Q.N. Nazneen from Ipas Bangladesh also made a presentation on ASRH activities of Ipas Bangladesh.

## Workshop with Regional Supervisors, FPCST-QAT of CCSDP Unit.

A day-long workshop was held on 30 November 2014 at the conference room of IEM Unit(6<sup>th</sup> Floor), DGFP in a view to discussing, assessing and monitoring the overall activities of the 10 Regional Supervisors, FPCST-QAT under the Clinical Contraception and Services Delivery Program(CCSDP). Mr Md Nur Hossain Talukder, Director General, DGFP, graced the occasion as Chief Guest while



Dr. Md Nasir Uddin, Joint secretary and Director(IEM), Dr Md Mainuddin Ahmed, Line Director, CCSDP presided over the meeting. Md. Jamal Hussain, Joint Secretary, MOHFW and Director (Administration), Dr. Mohammed Sharif, Director (MCH-Services) & LD (MCRAH), Md Kafil Uddin, Director (Finance) & LD (FSDP) and Dr. Loshan Moonesingh, Family Planning Specialist, UNFPA added the importance of the program. The workshop was also attended by other Directors of the DGFP, Directors of the seven Divisions, ten Regional Supervisors(RSs) of FPCST-QAT, the Program Managers, Assistant Directors and Deputy Program Managers of the CCSDP Unit. Dr Nurunnahar Begum, PM(QA) delivered the welcome speech to the audience while Dr Md Mahmudur Rahman, PM (Service Deliveries) conducted the program. Dr Jebunnessa Hossain, Assistant Director (QA) presented a powerpoint presentation highlighting the responsibilities and jurisdictions of the activities of the RSs, FPCST-QAT. The Chief guest reiterated the importance of increasing LAPM, ensuring quality of services as well as accountability. RSs also unveiled some of

the issues in their regions as well as suggestions for the betterment of the program.

## Bangladesh Country Engagement Working Committee (BCEWG) Meeting on Family Planning 2020



Member Secretary of Bangladesh Country Engagement Working Group on FP2020 convened a meeting on 9 November 2014. Mr. Md. Nur Hossain Talukder, Director General of Directorate General of Family Planning chaired the meeting. He requested to finalize the CIP as soon as possible.

Dr Mohammed Sharif, Director (MCH-Services), DGFP & Member Secretary of Bangladesh Country Engagement Working Committee (BCEWG) welcomed the participants and mentioned that this was the third meeting for follow up and update on the costed implementation plan (CIP). Dr Hasan, Technical Officer, UNFPA was requested to facilitate the meeting.

Dr Hasan mentioned that the previous BCEWG meeting was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September and a subcommittee meeting was held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September to complete the FP2020 questionnaire. The previous BCEWG meeting minute was shared among the participants.

Dr Hasan mentioned that draft CIP had been shared through email and comments raised by some members were addressed in the current draft CIP. He also informed that the response on FP2020 questionnaire was endorsed by Honorable Minister of MOHFW and forwarded to UNFPA for sending to FP2020 HQ. He thanked Ms Kulsum Begum, Joint Secretary, (FW), MOHFW for facilitating the process.

Dr Wahidul Islam, Consultant, presented the CIP with Dr Shakil listening in via skype from Melbourne, Australia. He mentioned that the CIP was developed based on CPR (BDHS 2011) as done in other CIPs from other countries such as Kenya and Nigeria. He emphasized the importance of the CIP for the future strategic direction for FP and also how the document could be used to secure commitment and funding.

On the issue of costing for Progesterone; Dr Nurun Nahar, PM (QA), CCSDP said that Progesterone pill was used for complication management previously in Bangladesh and it is used no more. However, Dr Rasul from Marie Stopes suggested keeping Progesterone as another choice for the clients and that it would benefit the FP programme in the future and hence, consider keeping Progesterone in the programme. The meeting concluded at 1.00 p.m with following decisions;

- Revisit the number of LAPM users in the analysis.
- Include the Progesterone in the costing analysis
- Show the cost of commodities separately in the pie chart

## 3-Day Orientation Workshop on Procurement held

A three day Orientation Workshop on Procurement was held at Jamuna Resort, Tangail on 11-13 October 2014. This workshop was arranged for the desk level assistants of Logistics & Supply unit of the DGFP and CMSD of



DGHS. A total 30 procurement desk assistants from both the offices took part in the workshop. The workshop was formally inaugurated by Director (Logistics & Supply) and Line Director (Procurement, Supply & Store Management) of the DGFP Mr. Md. Momtaz Uddin on 11 October while it was formally closed by Director (CMSD) of the DGHS Brig. Gen. Md. Gulam Rasul on 13 October. The workshop was facilitated by USAID funded MSH/SIAPS program. The mode of training session was included power point, group discussion etc. The contents were definition and objectives of Public Procurement, Head of Procuring Entity, Procuring Entity, Tender/Bid/Proposal Opening Committee, Tender/Bid/Proposal Evaluation Committee, Procurement Cycle, Procurement Plan, Post and Pre Review of Packages, Technical Specification,/Terms of Reference, Preparation of Bid Evaluation Report, Post & Pre shipment Inspection, L/C opening etc. Sessions were being conducted by Mr. Md. Luthfor Rahman & Mr. Md. Shahadat Hossain from DGFP, Ms. Shamsunnahar & Dr. Munir Uddin from DGHS and Ms Iffat Mahmud from the World Bank. Dr. Abu Zahid, A.K.M Abdullah Imam Khan and Mr. Md. Anwarul Islam from MSH/SIAPS facilitated the sessions. Country Representative of MSH/SIAPS Dr. Zubair Hossain was also present throughout the workshop. It should be mentioned that this type of orientation workshop on procurement has been arranged for the first time for the office staffs of the procurement units of the two directorates.



## Festive Observance of Second Service and Campaign Week Celebrated



Mirpur Thana Family Planning Office organized a discussion meeting as a part of the celebration of the Countrywide Second Family Planning and MCH Service and Campaign Week 08-13 November, 2014. Mr. Md Nur Hossain Talukder, Director General, DGFP, graced the function as the chief Guest. Dr. Md. Nasir Uddin, Joint Secretary & Director (IEM), DGFP and Mr. Md. Delwar Hossain, Director, Dhaka Division were also present. The hon'ble DG requested everybody to make the Service and Campaign Week a success by motivating the clients for adopting LAPM along with restraining Child marriage, practicing small family norm upholding the sexual and reproductive health rights of the clients. Dr. Md. Nasir Uddin, Director (IEM), made a very aspirational speech to motivate the FP field workers so that the ultimate objective of the Service and Campaign Week could be achieved. Mr. Md. Delwar Hossain, Director, Dhaka Division delivered a motivational speech to make FP activities more functional in Dhaka Division.

The chief guest, later on, accompanied with the other guests visited Smiling Sun Clinic, Bauniabadh Area. They also exchanged views with several implant clients in the Implant Camp organized to mark the Service and Campaign Week.

The Program concluded with the drama and cultural program, based on the theme of the Service and Campaign Week along with prize distribution among the participants. Deputy Director (in charge), Family Planning, Dhaka, Thana Family Planning Officer and Medical officer(MO,MCH-FP) took proper initiative to



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