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IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME THAT AFTER LONG 8 YEARS WE ARE AGAIN GOING TO CIRCULATE THE E-DUAR.

INITIALLY FROM 1995 TO 2000 WE TRANSLATED CBR NEWS WHAT WAS PUBLISHED BY AHRTAG –UK NOW THAT IS HLWW-UK AND FROM 2000 TO 2002 WE PUBLISHED DUAR NEWS LETTER.

AFTER THIS LONG GAP AGAIN WE HAVE TAKEN INITIATIVE TO PUBLISH E- DUAR TO CIRCULATE THE MESSAGE TO ALL ON DISABILITY ISSUE.

FIRST TIME WE ARE GOING TO PUBLISH WITH THE MESSAGE FROM SARPV-BANGLADESH ONLY. GRADUALLY WE WILL TRY TO COLLECT THE NEWS FROM DIFFERENT NGOS THOSE WHO ARE WORKING ON DISABILITY ISSUES IN BANGLADESH.

WE DO BELIEVE THIS E-DUAR WILL BE ABLE TO CARRY THE MESSAGE ALL THE DEVELOPMENT WORKER THOSE WHO ARE WORKING ON THIS ISSUE.

I AM GRATEFUL TO ALL MY COLLEAGUES OF SARPV THOSE WHO ARE WORKING HARD AND COMMITTED WITH THIS ISSUE.

WISH YOUR COOPERATION WILL BE WITH THIS JOURNEY AND LETS WITH HAND TO HAND TRY TO MOVE FORWARD.

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“Rickets is an emerging health problem in Bangladesh and overall 5.50 lack children are suffering the curse of rickets”

The information has given in the “Dissemination of National rickets survey and sharing the outcomes of Rickets Program at Coxsbazar in Bangladesh” held on **26th January at BRAC- INN, Mohakhali**. The meeting was organized by Social Assistance and Rehabilitation for the Physically Vulnerable (SARPV) and International Centre for Diarrheal Disease Research Centre, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B) under the assistance of UNICEF-Bangladesh and Health link worldwide.



In the program Prof, Shah Monir Hossain, Director General of DGHS-MOHFW was the Chief Guest and

Ms. Fatima Parveen Chowdhury, Director IPHN-MOHFW, Birthy Locatelly Rossi, Chief H&N of UNICEF- Bangladesh, Sheikh Shaed Rahman; CARE- Bangladesh were invited as special guests in the meeting. A great number of representatives from government, NGOs, Donor agencies, Media, Nutrition sector, medical doctors and civil Society were took part in the meeting.

H health department workers children to SARPV

The commitment has been health department on 3rd February 2010 Coxsbazar. The meeting was conducted through nutrition and benefit of use supported by Unicef- Bangladesh. Dr. family planning officer presented the other hand a number of doctors, health assistance and health workers were also took part in the meeting. Total participant of the meeting were 44. Main focus of the meeting was early detection of rickets and how to prevent it through nutrition and the benefit of use iodized salt.



will be send the ricketic Bangladesh at CDC.

coming from a meeting with at Upazila health Complex at under, “Prevention of rickets iodized salt” projects Ajoy Ghosh Upazila health and meeting as chief guest. On the

Teachers Training on Prevention of Rickets and Benefit of Use iodized Salt.”

Almost 21 government and non-government teachers Under Moheskhal Upazila has received training on early detection and prevention of rickets and benefit of use iodized salt. The training was held on 23rd February 2010 at Maheskhal Upazila Parishad Milonayton. Mr. A. T. M. Kawser; Maheskhal Upazila Nirbahi officer, Mr. Khaled Mohammed; AC Land were also presented in the training as distinguish guest.

Meeting with different stake holders. “To build awareness on prevent rickets disease” a sharing meeting with different stakeholders such as UP members, journalist, doctors, imam, teachers, students, village leaders was organized on 1st February at 2010 at Moheskhal union parisad. The main focus of the meeting was how to identify the early signs of rickets. Different level of Stakeholders who were participated *in* the meeting received better idea on identification of rickets and its prevention and benefit of use iodized salt.

Conducted baseline Survey against child centered approaches to preventable disability project:

Rickets is an immerging health problem in Bangladesh. SARPV- Bangladesh has wider experience to works under the issue and it has been working with the issue since 1991. To makes rickets free Bangladesh SARPV is implemented another new project and that is **Child Centered Approaches to preventable disability**. Health Link world Wide (HLWW) has provide the technical support whereas financial support by DFID-UK to implement the project. A base line prevalence survey under this project has been conducted in 3 districts Coxsbazar, Gazipur and Sylhet. The survey has conducted by Pathways Consulting Services Ltd (PCSL).

Under prevention of disability programs of SARPV- Bangladesh, it has different projects. To ensure ricketic free childhood it has been continuing a 3 years project in Coxsbazar district at Coxsbazar, Moheskhal and Chakaria Upazila. Children in 800 families per year have received nutritional therapy to defeat rickets disease for prevention of Disability. Regarding this aspect 886 in 2008 and 855 in 2009 children’s within 5 years aged were identified to consider nutritional therapy. The scenario of ricketic patients under 3 Upazila of Coxsbazar district has given in the table.

Patients Identification in 2008

District	Improvement	Unchanged	Deteriorated	Total
Chakaria	228 (80%)	22(8%)	36(12%)	286 (32%)
Coxsbazar	239(80%)	37(12%)	24(8%)	300 (34%)
Moheskhal	187(62%)	89(30%)	24(8%)	300 (34%)
Total	654(73%)	148(17%)	84(10%)	886(100%)

Patients Identification in 2009

District	Improvement	Unchanged	Deteriorated	Total
Chakaria	111(41%)	119 (43%)	44(16%)	274(32%)
Coxsbazar	25(9%)	256(85%)	19(6%)	30 (35%)
Moheskhal	24(8%)	252(90%)	5(2%)	281 33%)
Total	160(19%)	627(73%)	68(8%)	855(100%)

It is mentionable that, Children who have been acquainting with SARPV in 2008 were receiving service for 2 years (2008-2009). So, those numbers

of children were improved extensively. On the other hand 855 children were identified in 2009 and they have been receiving the dietary service for one year. For that progress rate is not wider than 2008. It may be claim nutritional therapy is closely related for eliminate the disease.

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Chakaria Fashion centre by the disable people: It's great achievement that a fashion house has been set-up at Chakaria which is running by disabled girls who are also beneficiaries of SARPV. Mother of Dr Lorenzo Mariella Garotta Italy provides some idea and sample about the preparation of handicrafts items to the girls.

If Dr. Thierry who is a French doctor and comes Bangladesh from French only to help the helpless, why we'll not ? Professor Imam Uddin made the comment during his Chakaria Disability Centre (CDC), SARPV-Bangladesh visit. He feels surprised to see the set –up of Chakaria Disability Centre (CDC) and overall SARPVs effort for ricketic children. He also presented a session on, **“Treatment against Club-Foot”** to the CDC staff of SARPV- Bangladesh. He also makes commitment to do free surgery for the club-foot patients which has referred from CDC of SARPV- Bangladesh.



Professor Hannan the doctor of Ma-O-Shishu hospital, Agra bad, Chittagong came to Chakaria to visit CDC of SARPV- Bangladesh with his family on February. They visit the brace, assistive device, Psychotherapy department and fashion centre of SARPV- Bangladesh at Chakaria Disability Centre (CDC). During his visit he talks with Muslima who was a physically challenged person before intervention with SARPV. Now her dream is to set a small garments and she needs a sewing machine. Through a surgery with the assistance of SARPV under STRAIGHT LEG project she overcomes her impairment. Not only have that, SARPV Bangladesh also provided her IGA-training. Now her desire is to set up a small garment. Dr. Hannan donated Seven thousand (7000/=) taka to Muslima to buy a sewing machine to carry out her dreams.



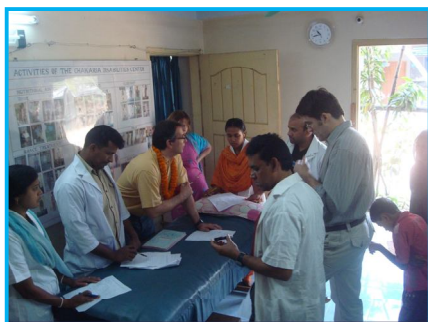


“SARPV- Bangladesh has providing a good effort to prevent rickets through nutrition program at Coxsbazar district”

the comment has remarked by Secretary of Health Mr. Shekh Altaf Ali during his visit to see the Rickets Programs of SARPV in Ramu at Coxsbazar on 25th February 2010. On the other hand Director General of Health Dr. Professor Shah Monir Hossain and Civil of Coxsbazar Dr. Kajol kanti were also present there. Professor Shah Monir Hossain emphasized on generating awareness

about rickets among mass people to reduce the rate of rickets to make Rickets free Bangladesh. Dr. Kajol Kanti noted that to set up a Disability centre at Coxsbazar district like Chakaria.

A team from CRP, SAVAR, had visited the Assitive device and Psychotherapy department of Chakaria Disability centre (CDC) of SARPV-Bangladesh at Chakaria. They express harmony to work with SARPV-Bangladesh and offers SARPV to visit CRP at Savar.



A medical team from France also visited the disability centre of Chakaria (CDC), SARPV-Bangladesh at Chakaria. They also gave a session on Club-Foot the CDC staff of SARPV- Bangladesh. It is mentionable that every year from the centre a number of patients has refer for surgery under Straight Leg project which has been running by AMD, France.

Training on Group management: A 2 days training on “**Group Management** “was held in Kapasia training Centre at Gazipur. The training was conducted under “Mainstreaming of Children and peoples with disability through people’s organization” project funded by Bangladesh Freedom Foundation (BFF). Local leader and voluntary staff of were received the training and total participants were 12. Mr. Saiful Islam training Officer of SARPV had provided the training.

A team from Japan (almost 22 people) had visited SARPVs head office on 2nd March 2010 .

The purpose of the visit was to know about SARPV- Bangladesh. Mr. chief Executive briefed that SARPV is an advocating organization in the development area. He told that disability is a development issue nor charitable or cross cutting issue. He also described about SARPV in brief. He also mentions that Rickets was first brought to board attention in 1991 by the workers from SARPV-Bangladesh and also briefed SARPVS effort in rickets. On the other hand Mr. Sukumol Roy Director (Program) welcomed the team to provide flowers and a set of SARPVs publication. Mr. Roy also highlighted the programs and projects of SARPV to them.



Now we are self dependent & able make contribute for our family and we are not burden for the society after intervention with SARPV- Bangladesh. The feeling has been come out from Masum....khadiza.....Shilpi.....Rabeya who are physically challenged persons. They share the feelings with **Mr. Paul Sonntag** during his field visit at Kapasia. Mr. Paul Sonntag (Australia) had come to Head Office of SARPV to know about the organization. To mobilizing and sensitizing community people and local government about PwD, SARPV is implementing a project under



Manusher Janno Foundation. To get better idea of the projects activities at field level he also visited Kapasia at Gazipur. Mr. Sonntag told, in Australia, PwD are also continuing their living and the govt of Australia are most responsive about them and they have easy access to enjoy their rights as a human being. He also added that SARPVs effort in mainstreaming disability can play a good role to establish their rights and enjoy the equal opportunities in the society.

History of Change:

Muslima changed her life with involvement by SARPV. Before introduce with SARPV- Bangladesh Muslima Begum, 18, was known as a physically challenged person. At her 3 years she was affected by polio and become disabled. Only for her disability not only she but also her family was deprived by the society.

About her family:

Her father's name is Abu Sayed and mothers name is Mofia Begum. She has three brothers and four sisters and she is the eldest daughter of her family. Her father is a day laborer and monthly income has only 2500 taka only. They were lived in Shayarakhali village under Chakaria Upazila of Coxsbazar district



First Contact with SARPV:

In 2001 Muslima was identified by CDC team of SARPV under prevention of rickets program of Straight Leg project at Fashiakhali field visit. In this visit the medical team referred her Chakaria Disability Centre of SARPV- Bangladesh for advanced treatment.

Dr. Craviari a French doctor examined her leg and suggested for a surgery. The surgery was done at 2002 at Chittagong Medical College by Dr. Craviari and his team. After a successful surgery she was supervised for a long period by CDC team of SARPV at Chakaria. Thus she relieved from disability with the intervention with SARPV- Bangladesh.

Now Muslimas life:

After her surgery she received training from “**Mainstreaming People with Disabilities in the Society**” project supported by Manusher Janno Foundation under IGA (Income Generating Activity). In that project there are 42 groups and each group consisting of 20 members who are physically challenged persons. With the support under IGA training program she turns herself as an earning person. Under SARPV Income generating Activity training turns her as a self dependent person and makes contribute to her family. Now her monthly income is 4000 taka only.



Muslimas Dreams:

Now Muslimas dreams is to set up a small garment, where other disabled people can works. The products of the garments will be sold all over country and also export to others country as well as.



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