



## Signed agreement between the Light House and Bogura Municipality for Providing Urban Primary Health Care Services

*Light House and Bogura Municipality signed agreement on 25th June 2023 to resume four urban primary health care service centers for providing healthcare to the citizens of Bogura Municipality, which was closed a long time. Consider growing population and prime need of the health service of these citizen, Bogura Municipality took the initiatives to address health service needed for the citizen. The USAID Local Health Service Strengthening (LHSS) project has provided the technical support and facilitated the entire process to accomplish of the agreement.*

*LHSS project is committed to support to Light House and Bogura Municipality for quality primary health care to the citizen of municipality area at the same time to make the initiative is sustainable. Under this initiative, primary health care centers will provide essential medical services including general treatment, preventive care, immunization, maternal and child health care and basic diagnostic facilities. The centers will ensure the highest quality of healthcare delivery and will be managed by specialist doctors and staff.*

*In this occasion, Mr. Md.Harun-Or-Rashid, Chief Executive of Light House said it is great opportunity for Bogura Municipality that the low income people get services from urban primary health care centers which will play a role in advancing the health sector. Dr.Sajjad Hossain, representative of the civil surgeon, said that to make this initiative of the municipality to serve the poor and backward people successful, all government and non-governmental organizations should come forward with the municipality.*

*Mr. Rezaul Karim Badsha, Mayor of Bogura Municipality, said that public and private health care programs are effective in Bogura municipality area, it is very difficult to provide full service due to various limitations. I believe, through this initiative, the people of Bogura Municipality especially the poor and marginalized communities will be able to receive healthcare opportunity. 25% of poor and ultra-poor urban residents can get free medical consultation and limited diagnostic services from these health centers.*



## Inception Meeting With Mosque Committee



Light House organized and conducted 20 (Twenty) inception meeting with mosque committee members in the different mosque of Dhaka city on May, 2023 under Shukhi Jibon Project. The meeting was facilitated by the trained imam who joined the training program at Imam Training academy, Islamic Foundation, Dhaka. A total of 200 mosque committee members have joined this meeting.

The aim of inception meeting is to aware member of mosque committee about the govt. policies and strategies of Youth and Adolescent friendly health service in the light of Quran and Sunnah. The meeting also focus the major challenges and opportunities to implement the Jumar bayan Sahayeka( Khutba guide) at mosque for creating mass awareness within the people who join the juma prayer.

## Training for religious leader (Mosque Imam)

Light House organized and conducted a 2 (two) training session for religious leaders ( Mosque Imam) at conference room , Imam Training Academy , Islamic Foundation, Dhaka on 29th May, 2023. A total of 80 religious leader / mosque imams were participated in the training session.

The aim of training session is to aware religious leader / mosque Imam about the govt. policies and strategies of Youth and Adolescent friendly health service in the light of Quran and Sunnah. The training also focus the major challenges and opportunities to implement the Jumar bayan Sahayeka( Khutba guide) at mosque for creating mass awareness within the people who join the jumma prayer.

Dr. Mohammed BashirulAlam, Director General of Islamic Foundation inaugurated the training program as a chief guest. Md. Anisuzzaman Sikder, Director, Imam Training Academy presided the training event. Md. Harun -Or- Rashid, Chief Executive, Light House attended as special guest. Md Zakir Hossain, Deputy Director (Admin) and Md Mostafizur Rahman, Assistant Director (Admin), Imam training Academy and was the resource person of the training event.



**Dr. Muhammed Bashirul Alam, Director General (Additional Secretary), Islamic Foundation, Delivering his speech as chief guest**



## Exposure visit for the youth leaders of the youth lead organizations and media

Light House arranged field visits for leader of youth lead organization and media people to observe the activities of Adolescent Friendly health centers located in the different part of the Gazipur district including adolescent friendly Health center run by union health and family welfare and urban primary health care service delivery project. A total of 8 (Eight) visit held and 28 (twenty eight) journalists/ reporters and 8 (eight) youth leader were joins this visit. The visitor's team interviewed and observed the activities of Adolescent friendly Health centers. They talked with service providers and service seekers including raising the below questioners;



- \* What types of services provided from Adolescent friendly Health centers?
- \* How many of adolescent averagely visited the centers?
- \* What initiatives taken for stop early marriage by the centers?
- \* What relation between volunteer of Light House and centers?
- \* Have any significant changes happened (increase service seeker) due to Light house volunteer's awareness campaign or activities.
- \* Are the volunteer activities helpful for the centers?

After the visit the visitor team write article about the visit finding and published in the newspaper for awareness rising.

## Policy dialogue: Program -1

To make functional of the adolescent and youth friendly health services in Bangladesh(at urban and rural area's health centres), Light House Shukhi Jibon project arranged and conducted a "Light House: Young Talks" at ATN Bangla TV channel, which was telecasted on 3rd May, 2023 on 12.20 pm. Young Talk show moderated by Md. Harun-Or-Rashid, Chief Executive, Light House.

The title of the show was "নগরে স্বাস্থ্য সেবা: সীমাবদ্ধতা ও করণীয়"

Following guests were joined as speaker in this policy dialogue

1. Mr. Md. Abdus Salam Khan (Joint Secretary) Medical education and Family welfare department, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2. Mr. Abul Fayz Md. Alauddin Khan (Additional Secretary) Project Director, Urban Primary Health Care Service Delivery Project-2, Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operatives.
3. Mr. Mahbub ul Alam, Country Director, Pathfinder International Bangladesh and
4. Md. Harun-Or-Rashid, Chief Executive, Light House facilitated the program

The TV program boosted up in the Light House face and You tube pages. The link is mention below;

Face book [https://fb.watch/kq7v\\_\\_3bai/](https://fb.watch/kq7v__3bai/)

You tube; <https://youtu.be/7d9QMPP-01M>

A total of 74,173 people reached and 40,500 numbers of viewers watch the television program.





## Policy dialogue: Program -2

দেখছেন ▶ কৈশোর বাকব স্বাস্থ্য সেবা



Another Youth Talks shown and broadcast through ATN Bangla dated 31 May,2023 on 12.15 pm. The title of the show was “ইসলামের আলোকে কৈশোর বাকব স্বাস্থ্য সেবা”.

Guest of the policy dialogue were

1. Md. Anisuzzaman Sikder, Director, Imam Training Academy, Islamic Foundation, Dhaka.
2. Md. ZaKir Hossain, Deputy Director (Admin), Imam Training Academy, Islamic Foundation. Dhaka
3. Dr. Fatema Sabnam, Adolescent and Youth Specialist, Pathfinder International
1. Md. Harun-Or-Rashid, Chief Executive, Light House will facilitate the program

Mr. Md. Mostafizur Rahman, Assistant Director-Admin, Imam Training Academy, Islamic Foundation, Dhaka as moderator of this talk show.

The TV program boosted up in the Light House face and YouTube pages. The links are mentioned below;

Face book <https://fb.watch/I0ZUVqkUFT/>

YouTube; <https://youtu.be/mAQ7ZGyoMOM>

A total of 81,900 people reach and 32,691 number of views saw the television program.

## Red Card Holder patent have received Health Services in free from UPHCSDP-2

Total number of 30% beneficiary are get free health service from Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery Project under Family Health Card. This card is known as Red Card. This card holder or his family gets all types of health care free of cost. The card is issued through a survey to the ultra-poor and poor people who cannot afford health care and live in urban areas. So far more than 8,000 cards have been distributed during the project period and it is ongoing. Minimum 3 or 4 family member are included in each card. In the last 3 months, 3,147 red card holders have received various services from satellites and static. There were 15 cesarean deliveries and 19 normal deliveries among the red card holders. The costing of Free services and medicines is Tk 4 lakh 69 thousand.





## Vitamin A plus Campaign



Like every year this year also Vitamin A plus campaign was held 15 days long in country wide. Part of this campaign Light House UPHCSDP-II has successfully done Vitamin A Plus Campaign with the collaboration of Rangpur City Corporation From 18th June to 25th June 2023. Total 314 children received Vitamin A capsule during this campaign. The vitamin A plus campaign is very important to protect children from nocturnal diseases and to boost their immune system.



## A dream turned as true -Achia Begum become a small entrepreneur

Most. Achia Begum (40), husband: Md. Shah Alam is a resident of Putimari village under Chilmari Upazila of Kurigram district. Her husband is a rickshaw puller. With her husband's limited income, she managed her family with a lot of difficulty with her children and family. But it was very difficult to manage the education expenses of her sons and daughters. Although Achia Begum had a poor family, her big dream was to manage her family well and educate her three children. But the situation was not improving in any way because of the husband's low income. In this situation Achia Begum was almost despairing.

At such a sad time, one day Achia met the field worker of the Light House. Ask him about the rules of the Group and how to become a member of the Group. After knowing everything, Achia likes it and contacts the Group Leader of Light House Mohila Samity to get membership. On 18-June-2016, she became a member of Light House Mohila Samity and continued to accumulate savings regularly. Encouraged by the developmental discussion



at the group meeting, Achia Begum planned to raise broiler chickens in her backyard. Through the discussion with the group leader in the group meeting, she proposed a loan of 20,000/- of the first round for poultry farming. After taking the loan, she started a small-scale poultry farm with 500 broiler chickens at home. Achia Begum herself takes care of and feeds the chickens. Thus in the beginning after 1 month and 10 days the chickens of her farm are suitable for sale and she makes good profit by selling them. In this way, Achia Begum raised and sold broiler chicks on her farm 5 times in the first year and made a lot of profit. Achia Begum's dream is slowly coming true. Thus, for long 6 years, Achia Begum successfully reared and sold broiler chickens. Gradually her poultry farm started to grow, now she has a two-stored poultry farm where 4,000 chickens can be reared together. Her current borrowing amount from Light House has increased to BDT 80,000.

Achia Begum fulfilled her dreams. Her elder son is studying in class IX, younger son with speech impediment is in class IV, and younger daughter is studying in class III. The amount of her own agriculture land is now 21 decimals.

Achia Begum says, my dream has come true today due to timely loan receive from Light House and regular loan repayments. I am grateful to the Light House. I wish that many more people like me become interested to be small entrepreneurs with the help of Light House and I wish the future development of our Light House.

## Munjila Khatun Received Dower and Maintenance Money through ADR

Mst. Munjila Khatun (27) daughter of Md. Helal Uddin of Majhgram village under Nandigram union in Nandigram Upazila of Bogura district married Md. Abdul Kuddus (28) son of Md. Abdus Samad of Kalishakuri village under Kahaloo union in Kahaloo Upazila of Bogura district. Mst. Munjila Khatun moved to her father's house when there was a family disturbance. After some days her husband sent the divorce notice dated on 10.01.2023. Mst. Munjila Khatun burst into tears after receiving the divorce notice. The next day he went to the Upazila Parishad and went to the Union Parishad without being able to communicate with anyone. There, when the issue of divorce was opened to Union Legal Aid Committee member in the Union Parishad, Union Legal Aid Committee member coordinated with the Upazila coordinator of the PPJ project. Mst. Munjila Khatun was taken along with the Upazila coordinator of the PPJ project and filed a complaint in this regard at the District Legal Aid Office on 24.01.2023 after hearing from her then took the case. Finally, the District legal aid officer through ADR one time collected her dower and maintenance money at Tk. 30,500 (Thirty thousand and five hundred). Munjila Khatun thanks to Light House, PPJ-Bogura Project for getting dower and maintenance money.

Case Story



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