



BANGLADESH'S INITIATIVES IN PUBLIC HEALTH AND DIPLOMACY



MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

Contribution to Primary Healthcare



14,500 community clinics



Public-Private Partnership with local ownership and contribution



30 essential medicines and insulin provided at free of cost



Built-in referral system and mental health screening



Daily 40 patients receive services on an average, 80% are women and children



4,000 community clinics provide normal delivery services

Community-based primary health care: a participatory and inclusive approach to universal health coverage

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recognizing the importance of including water, sanitation and hygiene in health facilities, and infection prevention and control.

Recognizing that community-based primary health care creates public awareness and addresses misinformation and disinformation during public health emergencies, preventing, preparing for and responding to infectious disease outbreaks that could lead to epidemics or pandemics, as shown during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, including through contact tracing, isolation, quarantine and referrals and COVID-19 vaccination programmes.

Acknowledging that community-based health services can be instrumental, particularly when delivered in low-resource areas, in achieving universal health coverage, which contributes to the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda,

Recognizing that Sustainable Development Goal 3 and its targets will be advanced through substantive, strategic and sustainable investments, including foreign direct investment and domestic funding, as well as through community-based primary health care supported by a competent health workforce, adequate health infrastructure and enabling legislative and regulatory frameworks,

Reaffirming the commitment to ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights as agreed in accordance with the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Beijing Platform for Action and their review conferences,

Recognizing that women health and care workers represent 70 per cent of the health workforce globally, provide 80 per cent of health services and they serve and deliver a range of services in a culture of safety and respect,

Acknowledging that the community clinic model, which is based on partnerships and innovative approaches through partnerships and innovative approaches, can play a significant role in promoting primary health care, women's empowerment and mobilization,

1. Recognizes the importance of community-based primary health care as a critical component of primary health care and as a key strategy to ensure equitable access to health for all;

2. Encourages Member States to promote participatory and inclusive approaches, involving all relevant stakeholders, including communities, health and care workers, volunteers and other local actors, in the implementation and monitoring of community-based primary health care;

and primary health care which the Sheikh Hasina played an important role in promoting community engagement and

UN resolution on community-based primary health care recognizes “Sheikh Hasina Initiative”



Dr. Margaret Chan, former Director General, WHO, interacting with community clinic beneficiaries

Covid-19 Management



Hon'ble Prime Minister called for declaring COVID-19 vaccines as “**Global Public Goods**” at Global Covid-19 Summit hosted by US President Joe Biden on 22 September 2021



Bangladesh pledged USD 1.5 million to SAARC Covid-19 Emergency Fund, formed in 2020, at Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's initiative



Bangladesh Foreign Minister joined a video conference hosted by his Chinese counterpart on COVID-19 on 27 April 2021



12,860 Beds and 1,186 ICUs were set up in Covid dedicated hospitals



28 financial and incentive packages worth USD 23 billion benefited 76 million people and 240,000 organizations



Support provided to foreign nationals and Bangladesh nationals abroad



82% of total population vaccinated against Covid-19



Nikkei ranked Bangladesh 5th in the world and top in South Asia in Covid-19 Recovery Index



Championing Global Health Issues

Hon'ble Prime Minister served as co-chair of the Global Leaders Group on Antimicrobial Resistance (GLG-AMR) during 2020-2022



“AMR is a problem that can turn into a crisis. It can cost millions of lives worldwide. We need sustained political will and action to prevent it from happening.” -Hon'ble Prime Minister at a UN General Assembly side event on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) held on 22 September 2022

Hon'ble Prime Minister has been designated the first “Global Ambassador for Diabetes” by International Diabetes Federation in 2022



“There can be no alternative to meaningful international financing for the prevention, treatment and research of all types of diabetes.” - Hon'ble Prime Minister at the World Diabetes Congress 2022

Hon'ble Prime Minister joined Chair of Chatham House Commission on Universal Health at an event in Dhaka on 11 May 2023



Hon'ble Prime Minister is now a member of Global Leaders Network for Protecting and Promoting Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health and Well-Being (GLN-WCAH)

Achievements in Maternal and Child Health

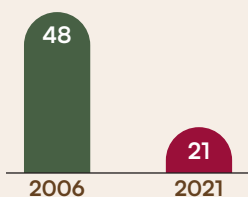


Hon'ble Prime Minister was awarded as **"Vaccine Hero"** by GAVI, the Global Vaccine Alliance on 23 September 2019

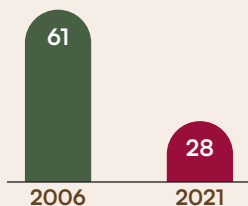


Hon'ble Prime Minister received UN MDG Award for reducing child mortality on 20 September 2010

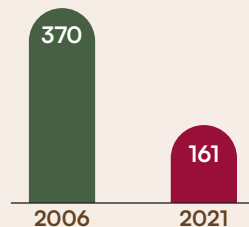
Infant mortality rate
(per 1,000 live births)



Under 5 mortality rate
(per 1,000 live births)



Maternal mortality rate
(per 100,000 live births)



Hon'ble Prime Minister emphasizes that children with special needs, including those affected by autism, realize their full potentials



Bangladesh leading international advocacy on Mental Health and Neurodevelopmental Disorders

- 01 Hosted International Conference on "Autism Spectrum Disorders and Developmental Disabilities in Bangladesh and South Asia" in 2011
- 02 Introduced UN resolution on "Addressing the socioeconomic needs of individuals, families and societies affected by autism spectrum disorders, developmental disorders and associated disabilities" in 2012
- 03 Ms. Saima Wazed, Chairperson of Bangladesh National Advisory Committee for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders, recognized as WHO-SEARO's Regional Champion for Autism in 2017
- 04 Co-organized side event on "Rethinking Mental Health: A Commonwealth Call to Support, Care and Transform" in Kigali in July 2022

Addressing Public Health Hazards



UN resolutions on “Global Drowning Prevention” and “Vision for Everyone” adopted in 2021 under Bangladesh sponsorship



“Bangladesh is actively considering ratification of the two new fundamental ILO Conventions concerning occupational health and safety and setting up a National Research and Training Institute on Occupational Health and Safety” -Hon'ble Prime Minister at World of Work Summit on 14 June 2023



Bangladesh committed to achieving universal access to safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene for all by 2030 at UN Water Conference 2023.



An eye exhibition and vision screenings at UN Secretariat Lobby organized by UN Friends of Vision on 21 November 2019

