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Increase in the student intake capacity of Impact Nursing Institute Meherpur



IMPACT Foundation Bangladesh (IFB)'s educational programme at Amjhupi, Meherpur, Impact Nursing Institute (INI) received approval from the Bangladesh Nursing and Midwifery Council (BNMC) for annual enrollment of 50 students. Before this, INI was permitted to enroll 30 students per year. Based on the growing demand among the rural, meritorious girls, INI requested an increase in the annual intake of students from BNMC earlier for the three-year diploma programme.

BNMC confirmed their approval after the visit by a team of 3 representatives in May, this year. IFB received permission for the expansion of the intake capacity in July 2023.

“Jibon Tari” moves to a new location

“*Jibon Tari*”- the floating hospital has been serving the rural, riverine population of the country since 1999.

The three-decked, specialized boat hospital moved to Nesarabad on the 27th of August, 2023 after serving the underprivileged people at Mirganj and its vicinity for six months.



The hospital has provided healthcare service to the people at Nesarabad before in the year 2019 when it received a lot of popularity among the riverine residents.

IFB observes National Mourning Day on August 15, 2023



On the occasion of the 48th martyrdom anniversary and the National Mourning Day on August 15, 2023, IFB paid tribute to Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, and his family members martyred in the year 1975 in its projects in Chuadanga, Meherpur, Jibon Tari and the Impact Nursing Institute, including the Dhaka office.


Besides, holding special prayers for the eternal peace of the departed souls, IFB hospitals treated many poor patients free of cost on the day.


IMPACT Foundation UK's special campaign for the floating hospital- "Jibon Tari"

IMPACT Foundation UK had a special fundraising campaign with BBC with a theme of "patient's diet" at IMPACT Foundation Bangladesh's floating hospital project- "**Jibon Tari**".

A photo with a recipe from IFB's Chef, **Mr. Monir** at "**Jibon Tari**" was printed on a tea towel with the slogan- "**Let's Eat!**" The chef Monir joined "Jibon Tari" 20 years ago and since then he has been cooking wholesome, nutritious food for indoor patients during their hospital stays for surgery.



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Chef Monir feeds patients in IMPACT's floating hospital in Bangladesh.

Chef Monir's Spicy Mixed Vegetables

You will need:
1kg mixed seasonal vegetables cut into small pieces
1 onion (sliced)
25g each of garlic & ginger (crushed)
1 tsp each of cumin & coriander
1 tsp of turmeric
3 tbsp of vegetable oil
2 green chillies or 1 tsp chilli powder (optional)
400ml chopped tomatoes

Method:
Heat the oil, add onions and fry over medium heat until soft.
Add garlic and ginger, fry for 1-2 mins
Add dry spices and fry for 1 min
Stir in the vegetables, coat with the spices
Add chopped tomatoes and 1 cup of water
Cover and cook over medium heat until veg is tender

Let's eat! চলো খাই

Inauguration of SIDKO water treatment plant at Meherpur Government High School, Meherpur



IMPACT Foundation Bangladesh's Meherpur Programme installed a safe drinking water plant (SIDKO) that removes excessive iron and arsenic at a school – 'Meherpur Government High School' in Meherpur. Md. Farhad Hossain, Honourable State Minister of Public Administration and member of the National Parliament (MP) was the chief guest at the event.

Ali Hossain, Assistant Teacher of Meherpur Government High School in Meherpur shared, "Arsenic is an invisible poison in drinking water that causes long-term effects causing multiple debilitating diseases. We have been facing this problem for a long time. There have been many incidents of arsenic poisoning in the past. However, due to the SIDKO plant installation at our school, we are now at relief. The students do not carry big water bottles to school anymore. Not only us, but even the community members benefitted from the SIDKO. After school hours, they come and collect water from the plant. We thank IFB for their good work and pray that such life-saving initiatives continue in the future."

Dr. Hasib Mahmud, CEO, IMPACT Foundation Bangladesh attends BACHAO's Fundraising event in Los Angeles, California, USA



Bangladeshi American Charitable Organization (BACHAO) – USA organized an Annual Benefit Event on October 7th, 2023 in Los Angeles, USA to showcase the impact of BACHAO's support for the underprivileged people in Bangladesh, and the impact of the support they received.

Dr. Hasib Mahmud was invited as the keynote speaker at the event and he made a PowerPoint presentation on IFB's activities highlighting BACHAO's support for the rural, riverine population for the surgery of patients with cataract and ear diseases.

Until now, IFB has done 350 cataract and 186 ENT surgeries among poor patients in the riverine rural areas with the generous support of BACHAO.

The Project Director from DAK Foundation visits IFB



Ms. Anubha Rawat, Project Director, DAK Foundation, visited IFB on November 10, 2023. In partnership with the DAK Foundation, IFB has been implementing the Proshanti project since 2017 and has supported 15,977 poor female patients with uterine Prolapse in 17 districts of Bangladesh.

During her visit, Ms. Anubha met with the Proshanti team and prepared the budget for the next phase of the project. It was an opportunity for all to share valuable insights about the programme activities for the upcoming year. They also discussed the development of a local training centre with a comprehensive training curriculum and Master Trainers for the training of Gynaecologists on the Sacrospinous Fixation technique for the treatment of uterine prolapse under this project.

She also reflected on her observations about this year's activities and made important suggestions and recommendations that would help IFB in the implementation of the activities in the upcoming year.

LHFCT, Hong Kong's support for the "Jibon Mela" Nursing Academic Building



With the kind donation from the Lutz and Hedda Franz Charitable Trust, Hong Kong, the construction work of the remaining five floors of the "Jibon Mela" Nursing Academic Building in Meherpur is going on a full scale, such as the casting of ceiling, beams, lintels, and slabs over beams, brick walls, electrical wiring, plumbing, etc. The construction work is expected to be completed by June 2025.

IFB extends thanks to LHFCT, Hong Kong for their support for the construction of the academic building, which was a pressing need for sustainability of the Impact Nursing Institute.

IFB receives significant support for equipment from the UK IMPACT Foundation

Autoclave and 2 Operation Theatre (OT) table

IFB has procured and installed an autoclave machine and 2 OT tables at the “Jibon Tari” floating hospital, currently located on the Sondha River at Nesarabad.

These were urgently needed for the boat hospital. IFB is grateful for the immediate help they received from IMPACT Foundation UK for the equipment. The surgeons and the patients greatly benefitted from this support.

5 Fetal Doppler for NICU

IMPACT Foundation UK supported procuring 5 Fetal Doppler for the newly established NICU unit at the Impact Hospital and Diagnostic Centre in Chuadanga. The Fetal Dopplers will be used to detect any abnormality in the heartbeat of babies inside the mother’s womb. This equipment has added tremendous value to the NICU unit for providing quality hospital services.

IFB receives financial support from Social Services and Management Trust (SSMT)

A national organization, Social Services and Management Trust (SSMT) provides regular monthly donations to IFB.

Recently they have donated Taka 1,000,000 for essential renovation of the dining, kitchen, patient ward, and the top deck of the Impact “Jibon Tari” floating hospital. With their support, IFB has replaced the old floor mats at the entrance of the hospital, old mattresses, and bed sheets for the indoor patients and staff, repaired the roof of the top deck, replaced the washing machine and old furniture and refrigerators in the dining and kitchen, and printed new banners for the boat hospital.

Sabrina Momtaz, serving patients as Senior Staff Nurse



Sabrina Momtaz has been working as a Senior Staff Nurse at Maheshpur Upazila Health Complex, in Jhenaidah district since December 2021.

Sabrina was one of the students of Impact Nursing Institute (INI). She passed the Diploma in Nursing Science and Midwifery and obtained her registration in 2020.

Before joining the Government hospital as a Senior Staff Nurse, Sabrina worked on a corona project at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital, one of the biggest public hospitals in the country.

She says, “I am grateful that I got the opportunity to serve bedridden and ill patients at the hospital. I was fortunate enough to have served the COVID-affected patients during the pandemic. My work lets me reach patients suffering from various illnesses. I hope to contribute significantly to our society through my work throughout my career. I am thankful to Impact Nursing Institute and my teachers for the endless support that helped me to reach this potential in life.”

A Leg to Stand On (ALTSO) continues to support Clubfoot treatment

Sohel Rana and his wife Shahnaz were blessed with a little boy Anas a year ago in a small village in Jhenaidah named Berbari. Mr. Sohel provides for the family by working as a carpenter.

During the first three months of her pregnancy, Shahnaz saw a doctor in their village. During the latter days, Shahnaz just stayed at home under the care of a birth attendant.

She expected a normal delivery at home. But at the time of her delivery, she failed after several attempts to deliver the baby at home. Shahnaz was rushed to the Government hospital where she delivered little Anas.

The little boy was born with a clubfoot, which turned the weather around the hospital gloomy. Sohel talked to the doctor, who suggested they take Anas to Impact Hospital and Diagnostic Centre in Chuadanga where children born with congenital clubfoot are treated. Anas was only 8 days old when he was taken to Impact Hospital.



After arriving at the hospital, little Anas was examined by a Medical Officer, who suggested that Anas would be able to walk on his feet properly only if the parents complied with the treatment procedure strictly.

Accordingly, Anas went through several serial plasters and was then supplied with a brace shoe that was changed 3 times. Shahnaz and Sohel could not hold their tears when they saw their son could stand on his feet.

Sohel thanked everyone at Impact Hospital and Diagnostic Centre for the treatment of his child. He said, "I was not sure that my child could ever walk like the other child of his age. I am grateful to the Almighty and to everyone here at the hospital for their help and support."



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