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Lutz and Hedda Franz Charitable Trust Hong Kong pledges for construction of the 7 storied academic building of IMPACT Nursing Institute (INI), Meherpur



A team from Lutz and Hedda Franz Charitable Trust, comprising Mr. Christopher Lavender and Mr. Rene Hodel visited Bangladesh to meet with the IFB Board of Trustees and the CEO to discuss about the current situation and future needs of the Impact Nursing Institute, Meherpur.

Mr. Enam Ahmed Chaudhury, Chairman, IFB led the delegation from IFB. It was informed that The IMPACT Foundation UK had provided the initial funding for the construction of the first two floors, which will be completed by June 2023. After discussing all matters related to the running of the INI and the need for completing the 7 storied academic building, the visiting team expressed their intent to fund the construction of the remaining floors of the building.



They informed that they would confirm their support after discussion with Mr. Lutz Franz and Hedda Franz, the founders of LHFCT after they return back to Hong Kong. Later it was confirmed by an official letter that LHFCT would provide USD 1,067,198 for completing the construction of the academic building.

IFB will complete the construction of the entire 7 storied academic building by May 2025. The new academic building is believed to set a new standard in nursing education. Not only will it comply with the requirements of Bangladesh Nursing and Midwifery Council (BNMC) but also provide opportunities to more girls to fulfil their dreams of becoming nurses and helping their families and the societies in future.



IMPACT Foundation UK Team visits IFB



Ms Judi Stagg, Chief Executive and Ms Pascale Noel, Director of Fundraising and Development from IMPACT Foundation UK visited IFB's project sites at Chuadanga, Meherpur and the 'Jibon Tari' floating hospital. They observed IFB's programme activities both at the community and hospitals.

It was a great opportunity for IFB to have Judi Stagg and Pascale Noel at the formal inauguration of the newly built Impact Hospital and Diagnostic Centre at Chuadanga on 13th October 2022. During the inaugural ceremony, Ms. Judi Stagg expressed her joy to have witnessed the transformation of the Impact hospital at Chuadanga over the years. She was so happy to see that such facilities are now within the reach of the poor people in the region.





In the opening address, Dr. Rezaul Haque, Founder Trustee, IFB welcomed the honorable and the special guests of the ceremony. He narrated the journey of Impact Chuadanga Programme since its inception to the development of the new Impact Hospital and Diagnostic Centre.

Mr. Solaiman Haque Joarder Selun, Freedom-fighter and incumbent Member of Parliament for Chuadanga-1 attended the ceremony as Chief Guest and Mr. Enam Ahmed Chaudhury, Chairman, IFB presided over the meeting. The inaugural ceremony was also attended by Md. Aminul Islam Khan, the Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Abdullah Al Mamun, Superintendent of Police and Dr. Sajjad Hasan, the Civil Surgeon of Chuadanga district, President of Bangladesh Medical Association, Chuadanga, local journalists and a good number of local elites.

Mr. Ernie James, former Programme Director, UK IMPACT Foundation visits IFB

Ernie James along with his wife Veronica James and a family friend Becky Hawkins visited IFB project sites during 20 to 27 January 2023. During their week-long visit at Chuadanga, Meherpur and the Jibon Tari Floating hospital they observed community and hospital services provided to the people living in the vicinity. During the visit, they interacted with the IFB beneficiaries to understand the impact of IFB's efforts for the socio-economic upliftment of the poor communities at the grassroots level.



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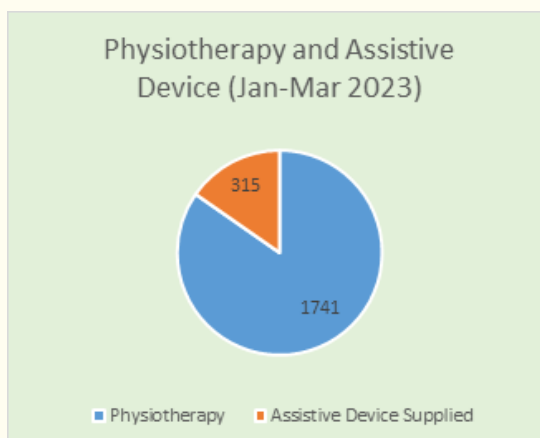
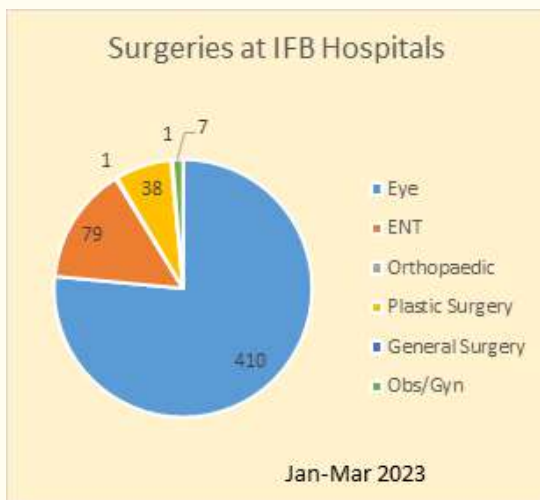
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Australian medical team conducts day long workshop for the Bangladeshi Gynaecologist and nurses on surgical treatment of uterine prolapse.

Dr. Barbara Ann Hall, Gynaecologist; Anubha Rawat, Project Director of Proshanti; Dr. Jhon Taylor (General Practitioner) Delina Caagbay, Physiotherapist and Kate Sloane, Nurse from DAK Foundation, Australia visited Bangladesh during 10th to 20th October 2022. During their visit, they conducted the 2nd International workshop/training on sacro spinous fixation of prolapse management in Bangladesh. Besides, practical trainings were conducted on pre & post-operative patient management for nurses.



Performance in the Quarter (Jan-Mar 2023)



Achievements (Jan -Mar 2023)	
Patient Screening	11,289
Health Education	4,775
Pre/Post Natal Care	1,067
Vit- A Supplementation	1,177
Folic Acid Supply	170
Eye Sight Testing	704
Immunization	1,044
Pathology	5138
X-Ray	652
ECG	768
Ultrasound	465

Orthopaedic Camp at IFB's Hospitals

A group of 23 medical professionals (Orthopaedic surgeons and Anaesthetists) of the Paediatric Orthopedic Society of Bangladesh (POSB) volunteered at the IFB hospitals during 2nd to 4th November 2022, where they performed a total of 106 Orthopaedic surgeries.



Jibon Tari moved to a new location

The Jibon Tari Floating Hospital was towed from Bhandaria in Pirojpur district and now settled in Mirganj, Barishal on the bank of the river Arial Khan on 1st February 2023.



Halima Khatun gets back her normal vision

Halima Khatun, had her eyes operated at Jibon Tari Floating Hospital. Halima, aged 44 years, was suffering from vision problem due to cataract in both eyes. Halima earns her living by working in a tea stall in Mirganj under Barishal district. Her vision problem was hampering her everyday activities. She was losing her customer's satisfaction. Her son took her to Jibon Tari Floating Hospital where the doctor gave her an appointment date. Halima had her right eye operated at the floating hospital. Upon follow-up after the surgery Halima said, "I can see clearly with my right eye. I feel so happy. There is no more hindrance. I talked to my son, I will operate my left eye soon."

