

IMPACT FOUNDATION BANGLADESH

Annual Report 2018



BACKGROUND AND WHO ARE BEHIND US

Impact Foundation Bangladesh (IFB) started its journey in 1993 with the inspiration and support from Late Sir John Wilson, CBE, DCL, the architect of the Global IMPACT Movement, an international initiative against avoidable disablement.

IMPACT brings together activities which already exist at international, national and community levels, strengthening and extending them. This foundation is engaged in prevention and correction of avoidable disablement through social awareness building and medical intervention to reduce the burden of disability. It is an independent national Foundation and also a member of International Federation of IMPACT Organizations (IFIO), a global initiative against avoidable disablement. IFB is governed by a 5-member Board of Trustees. The Foundation's programs are implemented and managed on a day to day basis by a team of 263 staffs and many volunteers, headed by the Director (CEO).

Late Shafat Ahmed Chaudhuri was the first Actuary of independent Bangladesh and Chairman of Delta Life Insurance Company was the Founding Chairman of Board of Trustees of IFB who guided us with his proven leadership skills.

Late Professor Dr. Mainul Haque the Director, Institute of Appropriate Technology of BUET, who initiated the first field project of IFB in Chuadanga district. Dr. Haque's enormous effort and utmost dedication is still our inspiration for moving forward.



IMPACT Foundation Bangladesh (IFB) is registered as a Charitable Trust with the Government of Bangladesh with registration number 45 as well as registered as a national Non- Government Organization (NGO) by the NGO Affairs Bureau, Government of Bangladesh bearing registration number 775, dated 20th November 1993.

Prevention of disability as an effective means for achieving the goals of poverty alleviation.



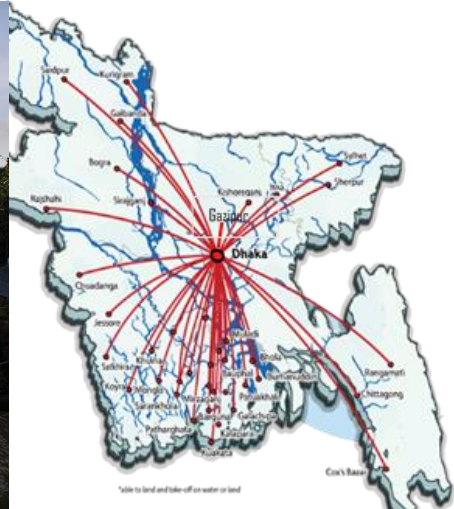
IMPACT Foundation Bangladesh envisions a Bangladeshi society free from disability and poverty where people are able to fully realize the potentials of their lives.

we seek to achieve sustainable increase in the living standard of the rural poor by preventing the causes of disability through education, awareness, training and appropriate social and economic programmes; and also, through curative medical services.



IFB has established a disability prevention and health promotion network in its project areas by engaging thousands of mothers, community volunteers, School teachers and local health care practitioners. IFB runs community-based health education and awareness raising programmes through them with an aim to improve their health. The Mother's Club (MC) is an innovative approach of IMPACT Foundation Bangladesh to disseminate knowledge and information to the local community. This is due to the major role that women play within the household and community. These include caring for family members young and old, preparation and distribution of food, collection of firewood and water and an infinite number of other activities within the household. Each mother's club has a President and a Secretary who are responsible for their group activities. IFB has formed 1200 MCs in Chuadanga and Meherpur districts where 26,000 women are actively engaged and volunteering with IFB to improve their community health status.

IMPACT JIBON TARI FLOATING HOSPITAL



Victory against obstacles in accessing health care services for the destitute and poor in the remote riverine areas of Bangladesh finally became a reality when IMPACT 'Jibon Tari' – Floating Hospital, first of its kind, was launched on 10 April, 1999. IMPACT Jibon Tari Floating Hospital is the first of its kind in Bangladesh. The idea was that hospital can go to the people rather than people coming to the hospital initially met with a lot of skepticism from many in the mid-nineties in Bangladesh.

Impact Jibon Tari Floating Hospital is a full-fledged hospital arrangement on-board with a large and well-equipped operation theatre and regular out-patient department (OPD) services.

Cruising hundreds of miles through the different rivers of Bangladesh, Jibon Tari floating hospital has already been served thousands of poor and destitute men, women and children who lives in the remotest parts of the country. Besides, hospital-based healthcare services, IMPACT Jibon Tari also offers several community-based services to capacitate local communities for avoiding causes of disabilities.

IMPACT CHUADANGA HOSPITAL

To ensure services to a greater number of people at a low cost through increased community participation and social mobilization, IFB launched the IMPACT Masudul Haque Memorial Community Health Centre at Chuadanga on 26 April, 2002. The Centre provides multiple services to the poor communities in Chuadanga and the neighboring districts through Out Patients Department (OPD) at static hospital and satellite clinics in remote villages in all Upzillas of Chuadanga districts.

Every year about forty thousand patients receive health care services, about two thousand patients get surgical care to prevent disability. Over eight thousand pregnant, neo-mother and children receive ante and post-natal care; iron and folic acid; vaccination; vitamin A and other supplements. Moreover, an eyecare unit with all kinds of modern eye examination machines and a PHACO unit has been established to ensure the best quality services to the patients.

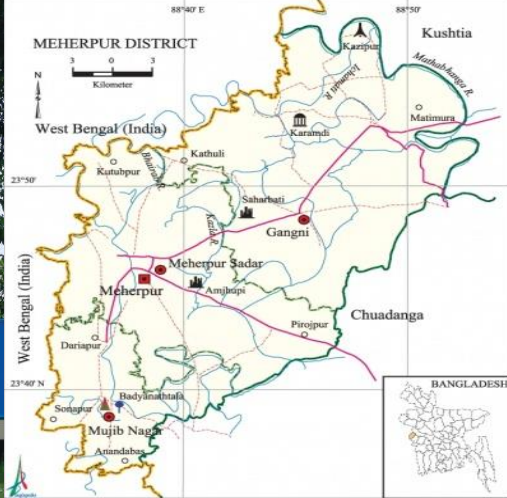




SIR JOHN WILSON ASSISTIVE DEVICE CENTRE

The Sir John Wilson Assistive Device Centre (SJWADC), in Chuadanga is a solely specialized institution in the Southwest region of Bangladesh for the management of physical disability and chronic pain. The aim of the project is to enhance mobility of people suffering from orthopedic ailment by providing assistive devices and physiotherapy in order to improve the quality of their lives. SJWADC manufactures various types of affordable orthotic and prosthetic devices.

This Assistive Device Center has a physiotherapy unit where qualified physiotherapists are available to serve the patients. A large number of poor people are receiving physiotherapy and assistive device services at their doorstep through SJWADC. The center was inaugurated in the month of October 2004, by Mr. David C Walker CMG CVO, Chairman UK Impact Foundation. The center aims to enhance the mobility of poor patients suffering from orthopedic ailment.



IMPACT MEHERPUR PROGRAMME

IMPACT Foundation Bangladesh has been working in Meherpur district since October 2004. The project provides preventive and curative services to prevent and cure disability among the poorest people of the district. IMPACT 'Jibon Mela' Health Centre, a full-fledged and well-equipped hospital was inaugurated on 24 October, 2007. Besides, Jibon Mela is helping rural poor women by enhancing their knowledge through health education session, nutritional training with cooking demonstration and empowered by establishing home garden and poultry rearing.

IMPACT NURSING INSTITUTE

IMPACT Nursing Institute is an educational institute has been established in 2014, with the approval of Bangladesh Nursing Council and following its curriculum in Meherpur. This is first nursing institute in that region of Bangladesh. The main objective of IMPACT Nursing Institute is to develop skilled human resources in health sector through providing standard nursing education to the rural girls and thus contribute in improving community health as well as alleviating poverty. The nursing institute offers three years Diploma in Nursing Science and Midwifery Course. Total number of 39 IMPACT Nursing institute students have secured their job in different hospitals and private clinics after the diploma course.



| Year | Batch | Session | Current status |
|----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| 3rd year | 5th batch | 2017-2018 | 1st semester |
| 2nd year | 6th batch | 2018-2019 | 1st semester |
| 1st year | 7th batch | 2019-2020 | 1st semester |

IMPACT 'Jibon Jatra' Medical Van

The medical van is fully air-conditioned with eye, gynae and orthopedic units. The moving hospital visits remote rural areas of Chuadanga, Meherpur and other surrounding areas for screening and treating patients. The eye unit includes auto-refractometer, vision chart, trial lens set, torch, etc. The gynae unit offers antenatal and post-natal care and orthopedic unit includes portable physiotherapy machines and a range of assistive devices.



Arsenic Mitigation Project

IFB has been implementing this project in Meherpur district since 2012 with support from WaterAid Bangladesh. This is a community based arsenic mitigation project. The project activities include tube well water test for arsenic, installation of different arsenic removal technologies like SIDKO plant, Ring-well, AIRP, Sono Filters, etc. and enhancement of capacity of local government for a sustainable arsenic mitigation programme.

IFB is renovating the community clinics in the project area and to enhance knowledge of health workforce and sensitize the government agencies, IFB is organizing capacity building events like orientation training and workshop, exposure visit and advocacy events.



Proshanti Project

With support from DAK Foundation Australia, IFB has launched a 3-year project called "Proshanti" with the aim to treat thousands of prolapse victims to give them a new hope for life, who remained untreated for many years. Through this project a new surgery technique, called "Sacro Spinous Fixation" has been introduced in Bangladesh for the first time, which is most effective and currently practiced in the developed world. Under this project, a group of 14 gynecologists in the country have been given hands on training by an expert trainer from Australia. The project will promote and popularize this new technique across the country for the benefit of prolapse patients.



Major Services and Performances

Achievement Since 1993

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| PATINTS RECEIVED TREATMENT 2,438,407 | ANTE/POSTNATAL CARE 87,454 |
| CATARACT SURGERY 65,601 | TBAs TRAINED 10,039 |
| EAR/NOSE/THROAT SURGERY 6,086 | HOME GARDEN ESTABLISHED 27,625 |
| ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY 7,846 | TEACHERS TRAINED ON VISION 7,629 |
| PLASTIC SURGERY 1,939 | STUDENTS EYE SIGHT TESTED 245,433 |
| ASSISTIVE DEVICE DISTRIBUTED 25,145 | PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICES 69,950 |



Story of Renuka

Renuka Begum, a 30-year-old woman, lives at Shadhuhati village in Jhenaidah district. She is living with her husband, two sons and daughters-in-law. Because of her husband's illness, she is totally dependent on her sons for daily livings.

Since 2016, she has been suffering from cataract problem. Her eyesight became poor and therefore she had faced difficulty to move.

She needed help from others to complete her daily activities and her daughters-in-law were getting annoyed. Always she had to wait for them until they finished their household activities and which was more painful for her.

Few months ago, she met with one of the field organizer of Impact Jibon Mela Health Centre and talked about her cataract problem. The field organizer informed her about the cataract eye surgery camp. On the camp day, he went to the camp site and doctor selected her for surgery in the IMPACT Jibon Mela Health Centre.

Finally, she got the eye operation and recovered her eyesight. Now she can do her work and can move easily without anyone's help. She said ***"I feel that I am a lucky person. I never thought that I would be normal again. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the donor who helped poor people like us."***



Koheli's story

A child named Koheli (14) was born with a congenital disorder in her right leg, having no part below knee level. All these years, she had experienced disappointment because of her disability. Her father Asad is a poor farmer and mother is housewife. Now she is studying in class nine. But her life story is not simple as that.

Koheli's parents were so upset because their daughter had such disability from birth. Koheli lived nine years of her life without knowing that IFB provide very good free treatment for disabled people. She could not walk or go school by herself. Her little brother helped her to go for school.

One day her father heard that, another patient from their neighboring village received treatment from Impact Foundation Bangladesh for disability. Hearing about IMCHC, Koheli's parent found a new hope for their daughter's treatment for a normal functioning leg. Koheli and her parent travelled from their village to the IMCHC. Thankfully their efforts weren't in vain, Koheli was screened and IMCHC provided her below knee device (artificial limb). The whole family was so happy and Koheli couldn't wait to go school by herself and now she can walk like the other normal children of her village.

Koheli, "Impact Foundation Bangladesh carries help for the people like us and I'm delighted to see my normal leg. It is an unexplainable happiness that now I can go school by my own legs."



Story of Rupaiya

Rupaiya Akter, a two year -old girl, who rarely smile because of a deformity in her lip. Lal Miah, father of Rupaiya is a poor farmer, cultivating others' land. He said that, after Rupaiya's birth doctor explained that their baby was born with a deformity in her face. He was really shocked by seeing his baby for the first time. Village people and their neighbors mocked them a lot for this problem for which they are not at all responsible. But they never lost hope.

To treat her deformity, they went to many hospitals but the surgery cost was very high.

One day he heard about treatment at Impact Jibon Tari Floating Hospital through a Television news. After discussing with doctors of Imapct jibon Tari Floating Hospital they found a new hope. Finally, Rupaiya was operated at Impact Jibon Tari Floating Hospital. After the operation, they noticed that her lip was normal like other child.

They said, ***"The surgery will not only recover Rupaiya's smile, it will change her life forever. Rupaiya can now lead a normal life."***





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