



AMCGH lottery ticket-2014 selling kicks off

The inauguration of Ahsania Mission Cancer and General Hospital (AMCGH) lottery ticket-2014 selling was held at Dhanmondi Mission Bhawan auditorium on 3 August 2014 to collect fund of under construction Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital at Uttara.

Chairman of AMCGH Trustee Board and Noted Lawyer Barrister Rafiq-ul Huq inaugurated the ticket selling as the chief guest of the programme. Dhaka Ahsania Mission President (DAM) Kazi Rafiqul Alam presided over the ceremony. DAM advisor Syed Mustafizur Rahman delivered the welcome address while AMCGH advisor Syeda Dina Haque spoke on the occasion.

DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam said, this noble and extensive effort is going to be materialized with direct financial assistance and participation of common people. He also said, the hospital is committed to ensure advanced treatment to the patients.

It may be mentioned here that Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the hospital on 9th April 2014. More fund is now required to make the 15th storied hospital fully operational. This is why, selling of government approved AMCGH lottery ticket began and it will continue till 16 September 2014. The draw will be held on 20 September 2014.

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Centre for abandoned children and destitute women launched

A centre for abandoned children and destitute women was launched on Sunday 10 August with a view to rehabilitate them. Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM), with the financial support from KNH-Germany, launched the centre at South Paikpara, Mirpur, in the capital. Abandoned children aged 0-5 and destitute women having unwanted pregnancy will be rehabilitated at free of cost at the centre.

Presided over by the DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam, the launching ceremony was attended by the Secretary of Ministry of Women and Children Affairs Tarik-Ul-Islam as chief guest.

Country Coordinator of KNH-Germany Maruf Momtaz Rumi and Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Social Welfare Moazzem Hossain also spoke on the occasion. Shahnewaz Khan, Vice-President of Ahsania Mission Children City made the introductory speech. Appreciating DAM's social role the Women and Child Affairs Secretary assured all possible support to the centre and asked all concerned to come forward to serve humanity.

The function was told that the abandoned children and the helpless women having unwanted pregnancy would be provided with safe residential facility, food,



clothing, medical, recreation, education for children, safety, protection and vocational training and other necessary support at the centre.

Addressing on the occasion, speakers called upon all to work for improving the condition of abandoned children and destitute women.

Abandoned children were defined as those children aged between 0-5 years who do not have shelter and secured place to live in and is devoid of parental care and denied of human rights. The project will also serve pregnant women who are victims of rape and having no shelter to give birth to their child and have no means to survive and ensure essential support during and after childbirth.



Speakers stress ECD to build future generation

Early Childhood Development (ECD) is essential to build future generation. Bangladesh stands at the threshold of population dividend since 48 percent of its total population falls within the age-bracket of 0-18 years. We must take extensive care to transform the population to a work force and take challenges of the 21st century.

State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Meher Afroze Chumki, MP, said this while addressing as Chief Guest at a National Dissemination Seminar entitled "Integrated Early Childhood Development" organised by Dhaka Ahsania Mission at capital's LGED-RDEC Auditorium on Wednesday 27 August.

She informed, the government has achieved MDG goal in Primary Education. Youth club is being established at every union of a selected district of a Division to help support the development of the children.

She also said, it is not possible to accomplish this extensive work for the development of the children. This is why government and non-government organisations should have to work in collaboration.

ECD Advisor of Aga Khan Foundation-Bangladesh Dr. Golam Mostafa, Executive Director of ICHD Mahmuda Akhter and Advisor of Quality Primary Education Program of Plan International Bangladesh Md. Iqbal Hossain were present as panel discussants.

DAM Executive Director Dr. M. Ehsanur Rahman delivered the welcome address. Assistant Prof. of Daffodil University Sheikh Shafiul Islam presented the key-note paper. While delivering the presidential address Kazi Rafiqul Alam said, through the integrated effort with government there will be ECE centre in every area of the country. He referred to the establishment of abandoned children and destitute women centre in Mirpur and Ahsania Mission Children City in Panchagarh and called upon all sections of society to come forward with their helping hands. Representatives from different government and non-government organisation participated in the seminar.



Build disaster resilient future generation: Speakers told

Speakers at a conference stressed on building disaster resilient future generation to strive with the different types of disaster including cyclone, flood, draught, salinity intrusion, river erosion, water logging, fire, building collapses and earthquake.

They said, though the poverty line has been decreased but the number of poor people remains almost same and it is important to build capacities of these new generations toward resilience.

They said this while addressing the inaugural ceremony of a two-day international conference on 'Community Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience Building' at Hotel Dhaka Garden Inn in the city on 19 August 2014.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) and South Asia Partnership (SAP)-Bangladesh jointly organized the conference where representatives and Head from country's different local and international organizations participated. International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR) and Give2Asia supported the conference. With a view to identifying the key indicators in

measuring successful community level DRR, exchanging achieved experience among the participant and setting up the work plan, are the agenda of this conference. The two-day long conference will conclude on 20 August.

"It has been a long-time philoso-

phy of IIRR that the poor people have the inherent capacity to release themselves from poverty," stressed Marrissa B. Espineli, Director of IIRR Asia. "The intention of this conference is to highlight and recognize local disaster preparedness actions of Bangladesh NGOs" explained Matt Grager, Program Director of Give2 Asia.

On the opening ceremony Mohammad Abdul Qayyum, Additional Secretary and National Program Director (NPD) of Comprehensive Disaster Management Program (CDMP)-II delivered inspirational talk to the participants. Besides, DAM Executive Director Dr M Ehsanur Rahman, Executive Director of South Asia Partnership (SAP) Bangladesh Syed Nurul Alam, Director of Regional Centre for Asia of International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR) Marissa B. Espineli, Project Manager of NGO Disaster Preparedness Program of IIRR Wilson John D. Barbon and Director of Disaster Preparedness Program of Give2Asia Matt Grager were present in the conference.

LSP visits Nepal

Anisur Rahman, Local Service Provider (LSP) of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM)'s Cross Border Agricultural Technology Transfer' (CATT) project departed for Nepal to join the 'SatNet Intra-Regional Visit for Small holder Value Chain Actors in South Asia' event which was held from 18 to 23 August. Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture (CAPSA) and UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) jointly organized the event. Centre for Alleviation of Poverty through Sustainable Agriculture (CAPSA) and International Development Enterprise (IDE)-

Nepal jointly organized the field visit. The visit aimed at making skilled of LSP. The LSP experienced especially about Integrated Pest Management (IPM), use of adaptable agricultural tools with the changed climate, post harvest management and way forward, contribution of solar lift pump, and motorized tradle pump. He also gained knowledge about fish and dyke vegetable farming, aqua phonic technology, inter-relation with the producers, management strategies, planning and marketing, multi-dimensional use of water in agriculture. Anisur Rahman intends to serve with his gained experience by enhancing the organization.

Two-day long int'l conference on Disaster ends

The two-day long international conference titled 'Community Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience Building' ended on Wednesday with a view to promoting NGO's disaster preparedness platform and surfacing key challenges and opportunities in designing and facilitating effective disaster risk reduction, preparedness and resilience building.

Speakers at the closing ceremony urged all to come forward to combat disaster.

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At the closing ceremony, Director (FFW) of the Department of Disaster Management (DDM), Javed Ahmed, DAM Executive Director Dr M Ehsanur Rahman, Executive Director of South Asia Partnership (SAP) Bangladesh Syed Nurul Alam, Director of Regional Centre for Asia of International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR) Marissa B. Espineli, Project Manager of NGO Disaster Preparedness Program of IIRR Wilson John D. Barbon and Director of Disaster Preparedness Program of Give2Asia Matt Grager delivered their valuable speeches.

The two-day international conference started on 19 August at, Hotel Dhaka Garden Inn in the city.

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thropies, U.S.A, Vandana Shah, Kelly Larson, Program Director of Bloomberg Philanthropies, U.S.A, Vandana Shah, Director South Asia from Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, U.S.A, Liminita Sanda, Medical Officer, WHO & Taifur Rahman, Program Director Bangladesh, Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids had met with Chief Health Officers and Health Officers of Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) on 13 August 2014 to know about the role of Dhaka North City Corporation for tobacco control in Dhaka City. Chief Health Officer shared the initiatives of DNCC for tobacco control very briefly. He discussed about smoke free guideline and the collaboration between DNCC & AMIC-Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM). In his concluding speech he thanked all representatives from U.S.A and handed over the souvenir crest to Kelly Larson.

Earlier Kelly Larson and other representatives observed the mobile court operation. Note that AMIC-DAM is working with North & South city corporation of Dhaka City with the support of Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids under Bloomberg Philanthropies, U.S.A.



State Minister for Textile and Jute visits DAM stall

Forest Department, Agriculture Department, Jamalpur Municipality and Jamalpur District Administration jointly organized a weeklong fruit-bearing tree fair at the Baishakhi Fair ground of Jamalpur city on 23 August 2014. Along with various government and non-government organizations, Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) and Jamalpur sadar SPA jointly installed a stall where DAM's 'Cross Border Agricultural Technology

Transfer' (CATT) project upheld an ideal village. The activities of CATT project includes floating cage fish culture, multi-layer vegetable cultivation, the advance segregation of chicken for hen rearing, goat rearing in modern method, earthworm compost, source of safety water, sanitary latrine and its usage. State Minister for Textile and Jute Mirza Azam MP inaugurated the fair. Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Jamalpur district Md Sahabuddin presided over the inaugural program. Additional Deputy Commissioner (general), government officials of district and upazila level, teachers and students from various educational institutions and officials of non-government organizations were present on the occasion. After the inaugural ceremony, the State Minister distributed saplings among the students and visited stalls. While visiting DAM's stall, the Minister asked about the exhibited technologies. Area coordinator of Jamalpur Sadar upazila of CATT project Md Nurul Huda Mondal and president of SPA Md. Anower Kabir answered the question of the Minister. The area coordinator and President of SPA received crest from the Additional District Commissioner after the concluding ceremony of the fair. The exhibited floating cage fish culture drew huge response from the visitors, specially from the school students. The week-long fair ended on 29 August 2014.



Skill Development Training : Substance of yearlong activities

Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) emphasizes on social awareness-based innovative activities in all projects. Succession of a project implementation requires human's revival and inducement. Participation turns into activeness when these two issues-revival and inducement of man are adopted. This is why, Social Development Unit (SDU), as part of Training and Material Development Division (TMD) has emerged attempting one of the efforts of DAM's social awareness-based interventions. Specially, the unit was set up to make people aware and active in the state services so that they could become encourage to accept this and be informed about their rights.

Various ingredients of our folk-culture, electronic media and different tools of our development spheres are used in this intervention.

The overall progress and dignity of a developing country like Bangladesh largely depend on being self-reliant and self-employed. This is why, government has given special importance implement the technical education and training program to face the challenge of 21st century. This is the way for promoting the standard of life. SDU has taken necessary measures to make the technical education and trainings popular and the unit is assisting various events, programs and projects of Dhaka Ahsania Mission from July 2013 to June 2014. SDU implemented the awareness interventions among the youths and their guardians about technical educations and trainings at Arabpur, Chanchra, Diara, Kashimpur and Noapara unions of Jessore sadar upazila. At the very beginning of the intervention, a comprehensive plan was formulated where various initiatives were taken to disseminate information to every level of community, from tea stall to school and

journalist to all inhabitants of those areas. In this connection dramas were staged keeping in mind the geographical coverage and accessibility of common people.

Youths, residing in the community, assembled before the implementation of drama-based interventions. After training, they were made capable to perform and form two teams for staging the drama 'Asbe Sukher Din'. These teams staged sixteen dramas in those five unions. The message-"Information is Power" was transmitted to the audiences just after completing the staging. Information about

the technical education and training has reached among ten thousand people through drama. Moreover, setting up 12 tea-stall sessions, 4 debate competitions with participation of college students, and 24 small scale discussion meetings of youth assemblages were also conducted as part of awareness intervention. Around 1500 people received the information about technical education and training through these activities.

We all know that local journalists can contribute in creating awareness. Keeping the possibility in mind, a meeting to exchange views with them was organised where the roles of journalists in creating awareness were discussed. To complete the work, discussion with field employees of Dhaka Ahsania Mission, employees and instructor and employees of Jessore Vocational Training centre, committee members of Community Resource Centre and high school's teachers were held. Moreover, several phases of discussion took place with central focal person and staff and trainees of Vocational Training Institutes situated in Dhaka. SDU developed some resource materials including Poster, leaflets, drama manuscript, songs, information paper etc.

Community Radio has appeared as one of the strong mass media for publicity at grass-root levels. This is why, SDU has taken initiative to use community radio to serve its purpose. With the assistance of drama artistes, a drama dialogued with colloquial language was written and later it was aired in a community radio named 'Lokbetar'.

SDU wants to brighten its success by using its experience.



Reazul: A symbol of success against all odds

A small initiative. With only 30,000 taka as capital, Reazul began his journey towards economic stability in 2009. None could imagine that within a period of five years, he would be able to establish more than one poultry farms. But it happened because of willpower and intelligence of the young man. Once a jobless youth, Reazul Islam of Town Kalikapur in Patuakhali district, now owns three farms and has signed an official contract for supplying broiler feed, chicks, vaccine, medicine and other materials to 18 farms. Facing all odds, he has set up the farms and shops on the skirts of the town. He sells necessary materials of broiler and broiler chicks of his own farms. Still he dreams of going extra miles. When Reazul was four months old, his father Habibur Rahman remarried. Finding no way

out, his mother took shelter at her father's house. Since then they were living there. Although his mother stayed at her father's house but she worked at other neighbours' houses as a domestic help. She got Reazul admitted to a school at the age of six. Although he was a school student, yet he felt bad for their poverty. This is why, he took suggestions from his elders and got himself enlisted with the Youth Development Directorate after passing S.S.C. examination in 2009. There he underwent

trainings on poultry and livestock rearing. Later, he materialized his dream. After training, Reazul planned to set up a poultry farm. With a view to materializing his dream, he became a member of Kakoli No-26, a Samity (association), located near Town Kalikapur Hatalia Badha ghat. The group was run by Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) and meant for male members. DAM provides loan to small entrepreneurs on priority basis giving importance to productive sectors like agriculture, fisheries and poultry farming. DAM micro-credit is now a boon for local small entrepreneurs. Taking 30,000 taka loan from DAM and adding money that he got by selling mother's ancestral lands, he built a tin shed at Town Kalikapur for rearing

broiler chicks. He launched his business with only 300 broiler chicks purchasing chicks, poultry feed, vaccine and medicine from local traders on payment or credit. Although he did not make a good profit but he did not give up. Every year, he took loan from DAM for expansion of business. Because of timely payment of loan installment, he got loans at increased rate from DAM. After 2011, he came to a make even point. From then on he did not have to look back. From zero, he set up three poultry farms and established two business establishments named 'Messrs Reaz Poultry Service.' He created job opportunities for his relatives and many others. Now, he has employed 25 women and 20 men at his establishment. According to his mother's dream, he has continued his study. Presently, he is a second-year honours student (Management) of Patuakhali Government College. Reazul is marketing his poultry products through a marketing chain created by him. He has signed contracts with 18 poultry producing farm owners for the purpose. As per contract, he supplies broiler feed, chicks, vaccines and medicine to the farms from his shop on credit. Later, the farm owners make payments on time. Now, he cherishes a dream to well-establish himself through higher studies. Alongside, it is his intention to contribute towards socio-economic development of the country by creating employment opportunities for hundreds of people. Reazul is a role model to others. His mother is no more a domestic help, rather she extends her hands of cooperation to her son for flourishing of his business. Alongside



economic stability, his acceptability in society increased. Other young people emulate him and undertake similar projects. Expressing his gratitude to DAM, he said because of valuable training and micro-credit support from the county's different NGO MFIs, scores of unemployed youths have turned into human resources. Still, there are lots of promising youths in remote areas of the country who can also be turned into entrepreneurs thereby creating self-employment as well as strengthening national economy

Training at Chittagong Noakhali RTC



A total of nine trainings were held under DAM-CLC project of Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) at the different venues of Noakhali and Chittagong during last August. The training includes TOT on Pedagogic Training for Supervisors, TOT on Pedagogic Training for Refreshers, Life Skill Training, and Refreshers on Pedagogic Training for Tutor & Supervisor. A total of 270 participants participated in those trainings.



DAM IN FRAME

AMCGH Lottery 2014 inaugural ceremony

