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Quick Rehabilitation in Barguna

Relief Support to 15200 families and 800 houses to Sidr affected people

Dhaka Ahsania Mission financially supported by CORDAID provided 15200 families of Barguna and



Patuakhali districts affected by cyclone Sidr with relief for quick rehabilitation.

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Presentation on proposed MPE department of AUST

Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST) has planned to open a department on mechanical and production engineering. For this purpose a presentation was made on 6 July in the seminar room of AUST campus at Tejgaon, Dhaka. The presentation covered the course structures drafted by a group of experts for the degrees of BSC in Mechanical, Industrial & Production; Mechanical & Production and Mechatronics Engineering to be offered by the proposed Department of Mechanical and Production Engineering. AUST VC Prof. Dr. M. Anwar Hossain presided over the session. Among others Prof. Dr. Nikhil Ranjan Dhar and Prof. Dr. Md. Ehsan of BUET, Prof. Dr. Md. Iqbal of SUST and Asst. Prof. Md. Masudur Rahman Khan of AUST spoke on the session. They elaborated the

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Govt. will take steps to literate 6 crore illiterates in the country

-Rasheda K. Chowdhury

Govt. will take steps to literate 6 crore illiterates in the country. Primary and Mass Education Advisor Rasheda K. Chowdhury said this at her office in the secretariat on Monday October 20, 2008.

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DAM assists enhancing quality of primary education in CHT.

Effort is on to achieve Millennium Development Goals (MDG) by 2015 through ensuring quality education for all in Bangladesh. As a result admission in primary schools has increased along with decrease in drop-outs. Up till now no significant positive change is visible in this arena in comparison with other area in the country. To enhance the quality of primary education in the area UNDP-CHTPF has taken a noble initiative with the technical support of Dhaka Ahsania Mission

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Helpful material tools for skill development published

Giving due importance to the present alarming situation of Bangladesh burdened with overpopulation, huge unskilled and unemployed working force, Dhaka Ahsania Mission has taken initiative to give this huge number of unskilled physically capable people into a skilled potential workforce.

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Training on mobile phone repairing in Maheshpur

Certificate awarding ceremony of the training programme on mobile phone repairing under the supervision of Shonali CRC was

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Breast Cancer awareness across the country is important

International Breast Cancer Awareness Month



It is important to create awareness for breast cancer across the country. Media can play a leading

role in this regard. It is not possible for the government alone to fight cancer, NGO's should also

come forward to create mass awareness specially among the rural women about breast cancer. Noted singer Ferdousi Rahman said this while inaugurating the month long breast screening program in observance of International Breast Cancer Awareness Month-2008 on Sunday, 12 October 2008 at the Ahsania Mission Cancer Detection Center and Hospital, Mirpur, Dhaka.

She further said, social movement will have to be created among women for proper care of breast.

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Breast Cancer awareness across

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She stressed on the importance of making familiar the methods of breast care, self examination of breast and early detection of breast cancer.

Ahsania Mission Cancer Detection Center and Hospital, Mirpur director Brig. General (Rtd.) Dr. Syed Fazle Rahim, Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital Project Director Dr. Md. Lutfar Rahman, Dr. Sharmin Sultana, Dr. Ruksana Marium and Dr. Nahid Sultana were present on the occasion. Brig. General (Rtd.) Dr. Syed Fazle Rahim said, out of the total number of female cancer patients in the country, 25% suffer from breast cancer. He opined that through early detection, 90% breast cancer is totally curable. With the slogan 'Cancer is curable if detected at the early stage', the month of October is being observed through out the world to create awareness on breast cancer.

It may be mentioned, in observance of this month Ahsania Mission Cancer Detection Center and Hospital, Mirpur has arranged this screening program conducted by female doctors and trained paramedics which will continue upto 11 November 2008 and includes free consultation, advice and information on breast care. Patients will be given 30% discount in breast related diagnostics.

Breast cancer patient unmarried Jahanara becomes cure through treatment and care

Jahanara Begum is 45 years old. She is unmarried and lives in Tangail. At the beginning of 2006 she could realize that she was suffering from breast cancer. Initially she had a mild pain and uncanny sensation at her breast which she thought was due to hormonal problem. She consulted a gynecologist of Tangail. With her advice she did Ultrasonogram. From primary investigation report doctors diagnosed it as cancer symptom and advised her for further investigation in Dhaka.

In February 2008 after primary operation and biopsy test in a Dhaka Clinic doctor confirmed her breast cancer. After two days full operation was done in Holly Family Hospital, Dhaka. Two weeks after operation she came to Ahsania Mission Cancer Detection and Hospital, Mirpur for treatment.

Her treatment began at Ahsania Mission Cancer Centre, Mirpur under the supervision of Prof. Dr. M. A. Hye. Cameo Therapy was started. She became gradually all right through care, follow up besides treatment. Up till now she is ok and is going through regular follow up.

Govt. will take steps to literate

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She further said, to implement its commitment for 'education for all' government has already implemented a number of recommendations based on the finding of 'Education Watch' and other research activities. Following this, government is determined to eradicate poverty through removal of illiteracy and developing skilled human resources.

Headed by Bangladesh Literacy and Continued Education Network (formed under Mass Literacy Movement) Convener and Dhaka Ahsania Mission President (DAM) Kazi Rafiqul Alam, Network members met Rasheda K. Chowdhury and handed over a memorandum on the spread of literacy and continued education in Bangladesh.

Speaking on the occasion DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam requested the Advisor to take steps for life style and skill development besides helping 6 crore adult illiterates to achieve literacy for bringing down the percentage of illiteracy in the country by 2015.

ROSC Project consultant A.N.S. Habibur Rahman said, though the NGO's could receive donation grants from donor agencies before 1998, it was stopped latter on due to government bar. Though at present there is no bar, donor agencies are not supporting adult literacy program. In this context he requested government for taking necessary initiative to attract donor agencies. Among others, CAMPE Acting Director Mohammad Azizul Haque, Plan Asia Regional Advisor (ECCD) Mohammad Mohsin, TMSS Director Habibur Hasan Siddiqi CAMPE Manager Tapan Kumar Das and TMSS Assistant Director Hedayet Hossain Babul were present on the occasion.

Treatment and Services delivered by AMCDTC

Health services to the patient from the month of July to September'08 given by Ahsania Mission Cancer Detection and Treatment Centre (AMCDTC) at Mirpur as follows: Admitted -875 Patients, Surgery - 52 patients, Oncology and others - 513 patients, chemotherapy service-475 patients, X-ray services-723 patients, Mammography services -20 patients, Altrasonography services

-417 patients, and pathology services -2155 patients. Besides, Number of patients given outdoor services are - Orthopedics -165, Surgery -203, Medicine -212, Gyane- 75, ECG- 76, ENT- 65, Oncology- 1220. Besides outdoors doctor of hospital has given advice to 1320 patients, general treatment services to -1731 patients and free of cost treatment to 52 patients. It may be mentioned, the hospital has given treatment to the poor patients worth Tk. 1 lac 69 thousand 1 hundred 31.

DAM provided emergency WATSAN

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for 1512 beneficiaries. Under this programme 10 tube wells and 21 ring-slab latrines were installed in the effected area.

It is to be mentioned that Chilmari is being crashed slowly each year by the Brahmaputra. During the rainy season in 2008 due to heavy rainfall and flood the river erosion became horrible. Thanahat and Raniganj unions. Three villages completely and two villages partially went down the river and as a result around four hundred families lost their houses. Out of them 335 households are now living on the nearby WAPDA Bandh and school premise where there is no facility for water and sanitation. The people residing there is drinking and using the polluted water from Brahmaputra and defecating in the open space which creates an unhygienic environment causing spread of water borne diseases.

Underprivileged training receivers

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Presided over by DAM Resource Mobilisation Head Kazi Nabiul Haque, German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) Senior Advisor David Ambadar graced the occasion as Chief Guest while Director of the Directorate of Technical Education Husnul Mahmud Khan was present as Special Guest. Among others, GTZ Business Adviser Shatil Ara, DAM Adviser & HR Head Dr Khawaza Shamsul Huda, ICT Team Leader Syed Ziaul Haque, Deen Apparels Ltd Director K B M Jalal Uddin, F C Sweater Ltd Md Syedul Islam, Krishi Bank Training Institute Principal Mustafizur Rahman spoke on the occasion. The Chief Guest & the Special Guest distributed certificates among the trainees which were followed by a cultural function.

It may be mentioned, 630 slum dwellers and underprivileged community members were given training at Mirpur and Gazipur VTIWC in three courses e.g. sweater knitting, linking and garments machine operation under the project 'Skill Development for Garment Workers' jointly implemented by Dhaka Ahsania Mission and German Technical Cooperation which started on October 2007. The trainees were given Tk. 2500 per month as allowance. Moreover, initiative has been taken to provide the persons with job who have received training under this project.

Preparatory Conference

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develop regional perspectives on the critical role of adult learning and education for greater justice, inclusion and sustainability.

Agendas included the role of adult education in future society, national policy frame works for adult education, literacy promotion, developing key competencies, diversification of educational delivery mechanisms, and assessment & accreditation of non-formal education.

Being one of the five regional preparatory conferences, the outcomes of the Seoul Conference are expected to provide significant input to CONFINTEA VI, which will take place in Brazil in May 2009.

The Preparatory Conference focuses on current trends in adult education and learning that feed into a new vision for a holistic, diversified, integrated education system for lifelong learning. It also discusses key challenges and crosscutting issues related to adult learning and education.

The overall goal of the conference was to carry out an international dialogue on Asian and Pacific perspectives on key issues, challenges and forward-looking strategies to renew policies and action in adult learning and education in preparation for CONFINTEA VI.

DAM President Kazi Rafiqul Alam and Executive Director M Ehsanur Rahman attended the conference which was held at Hotel Sheraton Grande Walkerhill in Seoul.

Training on mobile phone

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held at Jadabpur Union of Moheshpur Upazila on 31 August. A total of 22 trainees participated in the training conducted by DAM IT Specialist Shafiqur Rahman.

Presided over by CRC President Emdad Zahid the function, Moheshpur OC, P.S Md. Hasan Hafizur Rahman was present as chief guest while Jadabpur Union Parishad Chairman Md. Rabiul Hossain and Moheshpur Press Club President Abdur Rahman were present as special guests. Mission Regional Officer Md. Suruj Molla was also present on the occasion.



DAM assists enhancing quality

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(DAM). This project is being implemented to enhance the capacity of government, non-government and community level primary school teachers under 6 upazilas of the 3 districts of CHT. The duration of the project is 15 months which started on January 2008.

On the advice of the technical team of UNDP, a manual for fundamental teachers' training has been developed through which 27 training officers have been given ToT for 15 days. Based on the knowledge and training this master trainers will train head teachers and assistant teachers of primary school in their respective area.

Helpful material tools

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VTIWC - one of its institutions has been engaged in imparting training of various levels and grades, 'Skill Development for Garment workers' is one such project. For the semiliterate and neo-literate trainees, two helpful material tools for enhancing earning skill have been published. These are 'Sweater making - Knitting' and 'Sweater making - Linking'. These two helpful skill development material be helpful to sustain the practical skill of workers. The two materials-published 'sweater making- knitting' and 'sweater making linking' in booklet form has 32 and 12 pages respectively with 4 color cover pages and 2 color inner.

Comprehensive NFE sub-sector needs

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development of curriculum and materials, the room for choice by the learners and facilitators are very limited since almost all Programs are centrally planned and managed and observed that with a present capacity it would be an uphill task to launch the program in needs unless a massive professional skill development program is planned.

Supported by Sida and UNESCO, the principal researchers of the survey project were M. Ehsanur Rahman and M. Habibur Rahman.

She was expressing her feeling after receiving Chand Sultana Literacy Prize-2007 in a ceremony held on Wednesday (6 August, 2008) in the Dhaka Ahsania Mission Bhaban auditorium at Dhanmondi in the capital.

As recognition to her initiative to divert out-of-school children towards school, she has been honored with Chand Sultana Literacy Prize this year which includes a cheque for Tk. 30 thousand, a crest and a citation.

National Professor Dr. M.R. Khan speaking as Chief Guest in the ceremony said, we shall continue to support those who are working for noble causes. Daily Prothom Alo editor Motiur Rahman said, he appealed to all to develop a new society of a new generation with indomitable courage and spirit. He added, besides major achievements, small contribution of people should also get priority.

Kazi Rafiqul Alam in his presidential address said, Parul Begum is a model before all of us. There are a good number of selfless and inspiring young men and women in the remote areas of our country. We can inspire them further in their good activities. From our respective positions, we can also contribute for the betterment of our country and people.

Among others Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology Treasurer Dr. Kazi Shariful Alam, DAM Training & Material Division Director M.A. Rashid and Assistant Director Mohammad Mohsin spoke on the occasion. Two documentaries on late Chand Sultana and Parul Begum were also shown to the audience.

Presentation on proposed MPE

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basis of the course design and highlighted the significance of the proposed degrees. Prof. Anwar emphasized the need of quality education of international standard as the job market is becoming global. He said, to make AUST degrees competitive, experts from abroad would also be involved in the development of the course curricula and laboratories.

Relief Support to Sidr affected families

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Cows were given to 200 families, agricultural inputs to 7000 families, fishing net and boat for catching hilsa fish to 1000 persons and vegetable seeds to 700 families in Barguna and Patuakali districts.

Besides with the support of UNDP, DAM provided with 800 houses each measuring (15x10) feet to 800 hardcore Sidr affected families of Amtoli Barguna Sadar and Pathar ghata upazila of Barguna district.

Fresher Reception of AUST

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Business & Social Science Faculty Dean Dr. Shyama Pada Biswas and AUST Student Welfare Director Prof. Dr. Anwarul Mustafa spoke on the occasion.

AUST Vice Chancellor Dr. M Anwar Hossain said, talent, quality and capability are indispensable factors in the present day job market of global economy. A student of engineering will have to attain knowledge about the fundamentals of professionalism, he said. He further said effort is on to transform AUST in to a world-class university. In this connection he said, flexibility, quick thinking and quick decision making is important to make a university sustainable and successful. The reception ended with a cultural function.

Preparatory Conference for the CONFINTEA VI held in Seoul

Co-hosted by the Korean government and UNESCO, the Asia-Pacific Regional Preparatory Conference for the Sixth International Conference on Adult Education (CONFINTEA VI) was held in Seoul from October 6 to 8, 2008, bringing together over 250 government representatives, multilateral partners, regional



NGOs, experts and stakeholders from the 48 UNESCO member countries.

Giving due emphasis on the theme "Building Equitable and Sustainable

Societies in Asia and the Pacific: the Challenge of Adult Learning," participants engaged in an active round of discussions with aim to

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VTIWC certificate awarding ceremony

Underprivileged training receivers to change lifestyle thru' jobs in RMG industry

Dhaka Ahsania Mission has ensured employment of 439 slum dwellers and rural underprivileged people after providing them with skill development training. Through continuation of this training programme, underprivileged people who receive training will be able to improve their lifestyle by employment in RMG industry. Speakers said this while addressing a certificate awarding ceremony on skill development for slum-dwellers and underprivileged rural community held on October 16, 2008 at the Bangladesh Krishi Bank Training Institute Auditorium (Section-13, Mirpur, Dhaka-1216) in the capital.

They emphasised on consolidation of strong working relationship with the entrepreneurs of RMG sector for

employment of people who receive training under this programme.

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Fresher Reception of AUST

Teachers feel equal pride at students' success

-Barrister Rafique -ul Haque

Teachers feel equal pride at students' success. That is why, teacher-student relationship has a significant role to play in the university culture. By availing themselves all the opportunities,



the students should prepare themselves properly to face the challenge of future life.

Barrister Rafique -ul Haque said

DAM provided emergency WATSAN services in Chilmari

Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM), with the support of Concern Universal Bangladesh, implemented a short-term programme aiming to provide emergency water sanitation services in the river erosion area of Thana Hat and Raniganj union under Chilmari upazila of Kurigram district on September 2008. Under the project 'Vulnerability Mapping & WATSAN Component', the 16 daylong programme titled 'Emergency WATSAN services in Chilmari', began on 4 September and concluded on 20 September. It provided safe water option and hygienic latrin

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Comprehensive NFE sub-sector needs to meet EFA, MDG and PRSP goals

A comprehensive NFE sub sector plan should be developed with a balanced coverage of various NFE programs based on the needs of the target groups to meet EFA, MDG and PRSP goals.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission Executive Director M. Ehsanur Rahman said this while presenting the Final Report of the survey on Mapping of Non-Formal Education Activities in Bangladesh in a workshop held in

the Bureau of Non-formal Education under the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education on July 2008.

He said, NFE Mapping covered a wide range of information about NFE programs which include among others geographical coverage, program approach, curriculum and materials, training, co-ordination mechanisms at national and local level. The

programs that were covered in the Mapping include Parenting, Early Childhood Care and Education, Pre-primary, Non-Formal Primary Education, Adolescent Education, Adult Literacy, Post-Literacy Vocational Education, Equivalency Education and Quality of Life Improvement Activities.

He opined that in terms of program delivery approach, teaching learning progress

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this while addressing as chief guest at the Fresher Reception Ceremony of Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST) held on Saturday, 18 October 2008 at its own campus at Tejgaon in the capital. He also mentioned that more than a decade he had been involved in teaching profession in the law faculty of Dhaka University.

Presided over by AUST Vice Chancellor Dr. M Anwar Hossain, AUST Treasurer Professor Dr. Kazi Shariful Alam, Architecture & Planning faculty Dean Professor Dr. M.A. Muktadir, Engineering Faculty Dean Professor Dr. A.M. Shadullah,

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