DAM wins first prize for drug prevention

Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) wins first prize for its outstanding contribution in the field of drug prevention. Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal, MP handed over the prize to Head of DAM health sector, Iqbal Masud at a ceremony held at Osmani Memorial Auditorium on 26 July 2017 marking the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

DAM has been implementing its anti-drug activities since 1990 and providing evidence based drug treatment service to drug users since 2004. Ahsania Mission Drug Treatment and Rehabilitation Centres have been providing drug prevention and treatment information to drug addicts and their families. DAM is also implementing drug prevention and behavior change communication (BCC) activities through recovery get-together, school based programmes, meetings, seminars, rallies, human chains, press conferences, family meetings; developing and distributing drug prevention and BCC materials; conducting campaign in print and electronic media and keeping the future generation free from drugs.

DAM is currently operating two drug treatment and rehabilitation centres in Gazipur and Jessore for male drug users and one in Dhaka for female drug users.
KATTC Celebrates Silver Jubilee

Khan Bahadur Ahsanullah Teachers Training College (KATTC), the first private teachers training college of the country, celebrated its silver jubilee at Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST) in the capital on 7 July, 2017.

Vice-Chancellor of AUST Prof Dr AMM Shafiullah was present at the programme as the chief guest while Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM) President Kazi Rafiqul Alam chaired the event. Former Chairman of National Curriculum and Textbook Board Prof Md Eltas Uddin and Treasurer of AUST Dr Kazi Shariful Alam spoke as the special guests where KATTC Principal Prof Fatema Khatun delivered the address of welcome.

Lialun Nahar, head of Viqarunnisa Noon School and College, Azimpur branch and Sister Shikha Laetitia Gomes, Principal of Holy Cross College also spoke among the former trainees of the college.

Currently, there are 119 Teachers Training Colleges in our country. Among them 14 are government run TTC and 105 are non-government. The Ministry of Education of Bangladesh conducted a survey among the 119 teachers training colleges, both government and non-government. According to the survey, only 17 teachers training colleges were classified as quality education institutions. Out of these 17, 14 are government and 3 are non-government managed. It is highly encouraging to note that Khanbahadur Ahsanullah Teachers Training College has been listed in the first position among those 3 non-government T.T colleges that provide quality education.

Established by Dhaka Ahsania Mission in 1992, the aim of the college is to train up teachers in imparting quality education in the secondary schools of our country. It is the first secondary education level teachers training college in the private sector. The overall administration and management of the institution is conducted by a Governing Body comprising of eminent educationists and educational administrators. The college has been maintaining a congenial and peaceful academic atmosphere and upholding a high standard of academic excellence since its inception and has earned wide reputation in maintaining high academic discipline and functional efficiency.
Chikunguniya awareness rally held

Urban Primary Health Care Service Delivery Project on 15 July 2017 brought out an awareness rally in the capital city on Chikungunya and Dengue. The rally had started from Nagar Matrisodon, Sector-6 Uttara and ended at Nagar Nagar Shastho Kendra, Sector-4, Uttara.

Programme officer and assistant health officer of Dhaka North City Corporation Dr. Mahmuda Ali, assistant teacher of Azimpur government primary school Mahmuda Khatun, Project Manager of Urban Primary Health Care Services Delivery project Mahfida Dina Rubiya, medical officers, nurses, physicians, rover scout members and school students took part in the rally.

Participants cleaned the garbage where aedes mosquito might take birth. Local law enforcement agency assisted to end the programme successfully. It is noted that Urban Primary Health Care Service Delivery Project is being implemented by Dhaka North City Corporation and managed by Dhaka Ahsania Mission.

Chikunguniya and Dengue Awareness Meeting organized by Dhaka Ahsania Mission
DAM distributes cash money to flood victims in Haor region

Dhaka Ahsania Mission distributed cash money to flood victims of Kaththal Union Parishad, in Mithamain Upazila under Kishoreganj district under the "Emergency Humanitarian Support to Flash Flood affected people in Haor areas of Kishoregonj and Sunamgonj.

The project is being implemented through Haor Consortium. Five non-governmental organizations—Dhaka Ahsania Mission, POPY, Caritas Bangladesh, ERA and DSK are members of this consortium. The project is providing 3500 victims of 5 unions in 4 Upazilas of Kishoreganj and Sunamganj districts with Tk 4000.00 (four thousand) one-time cash.

Dhaka Ahsania Mission is conducting activities at Katakhal union of Mithamain upazila of Kishoreganj district. Oxfam Bangladesh offers comprehensive financial support to implement the project.

Head of DAM health sector meets PM

Head of DAM Health Sector, Iqbal Masud (2nd from left) met Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina as part of a 10-member delegation “Bangladesh Network for Non-Communicable Disease Control and Prevention” led by national professor Brigadier (retd) Abdul Malik.

The delegation members of Bangladesh Network for NCD Control and Prevention expressed their interest to work with the government on preventing non-communicable diseases like heart, diabetes and neuro. The Prime Minister told the delegation that measures to this end will be taken after discussions in the National Health Council.
News from KNH-Ahsania Center for Destitute Women and Children (KACACDW)

Samiul handed over to his new parents
Shaila (Samiul’s biological mother) handed Samiul over to his new parents at KACACDW. Although, it was a really emotional moment for Shaila but she could not help handing over Samiul for his bright future. As Shaila is a Christian she had only one request that Samiul be given to a Christian family. AHaving searched a lot, KACACDW found a suitable Christian childless family.
Shaila became pregnant after she was raped by a driver who used to worked for her master. When she became pregnant, her father brought her to the center. Although they were advised to take legal action against the rapist, her family decided not to fearing stigma and social wrath. This is a common scenario among the victims.
As per the rules of the program, a Christian couple’s application was selected for giving Samiul. Childless couple Mr. Edward and Rita lives in Rangpur. They had previously tried to have baby but Rita suffered a series of miscarriages. Since, having a baby could be life threatening for Rita, Edward decided to adopt instead.
Edward is a Programme Manager in a reputed foreign donar agency. He works for rights issues. Since his job requires them to change locations frequently, Rita could not work anywhere. According to Edward, Rita is more educated than him but she sacrificed her talent to have a baby. Rita is currently working in a school but they’ve decided that when they would get a baby then she will resign and take care of the baby.
After completion of all the procedures, on 27 2017, Samiul was handed over to Edward and Rita. In the meanwhile Samiul was baptized as per Christian rules.
Mr. Edward and Rita expressed gratefulness to KACACDW.
All the names mentioned above have been changed for privacy

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DAM takes part in National Convention for Disaster Management 2017

National Convention on Disaster Management 2017 was held at Bangabandhu International Conference Center of Dhaka on 30-31 July 2017 organized by Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR).

Dr. M. Ehsanur Rahman, Executive Director of Dhaka Ahsania Mission was present as one of the Panel Discussant of a side event named “Strengthening of Level Disaster Management Committees”. In his speech Dr. Ehsan said “Disaster Management is not only the responsibilities of Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR), local leaders are the first responders and that’s why an environment needs to create where people will have the freedom, skill and opportunity to take the decision locally”.

Different types of events were planned to make the program more colorful i.e. six hazard specific workshops, side events and installed stalls by different GO, NGOs, INGOs, consortium, private sectors, etc. Dhaka Ahsania Mission and Oxfam jointly installed a stall and DAM also represented the stall of National Alliance of Humanitarian Actors, Bangladesh (NAHAB)
News from Drop-In-Center

Rena’s son, Shaon, is deaf and she was worried he would struggle to find decent work or would be exploited. Rena was employed as a domestic worker and despite working very hard she earned just 3000tk per month.

After Shaon received vocational training from the Dhaka Ahsania Mission Drop-In-Center, Rena and Shaon opened their own tailoring shop. To open and equip the shop, Rena took out a small loan. She can now use her new tailoring skills to make clothes for her community. Shaon now works with his mother alongside continuing his education at the Drop-In Centre. Rena is much happier now knowing her son is safe and can grow into the business. She easily earns 10,500tk per month and can even put a little by to save for the future.

DIC provides safe shelter, food, literacy education, counselling, life skill training, savings and recreational activities to the street children. In 2017, Drop-In Centres for street and working children have worked with 293 new children aged 8 - 17.

Workshop on Assessment on Gender Mainstreaming and Preparing Roadmap held

With the support of Commonwealth of Learning, DAM is implementing a study on “Assessment on Gender Mainstreaming and Preparing Roadmap”. Representatives of regular staff members from different programs and 26 institutions under different sectors of DAM participated in this process under 7 steps activities.