

# Annual Report - 2015

## Al-Falah Model Clinic

A project of Al-Falah Bangladesh

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### **Background:**

Al-Falah Bangladesh is a government registered, non-profit, non-political, non-religious, social welfare and voluntary organization. The organization was established in Dhaka in June 1981. The preamble of the organization says: "The organization will work for the Urdu speaking Bangladeshi for their social, economic and cultural rehabilitation in the mainstream of Bangladesh".

### **Vision of the organization:**

The Urdu speaking community must take part equally and with dignity for the national development as citizen of Bangladesh.

### **Mission of the organization:**

To improve the quality of life of the marginalized Urdu speaking people and increase their access to education, skill, health, economic opportunities and cultural activities.

### **Background of Al-Falah Model Clinic (AFMC):**

Al-Falah Model Clinic was originally established by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in 1972 when the ICRC built Geneva Camp to provide shelter to the war affected Urdu-speaking minority community. The clinic was run from 1975 to 1984 by a Mission NGO HEED Bangladesh as its Dhaka Camps Project. HEED formerly handed over the Dhaka Camp Project to Al-Falah in 1985. From 1985 to 1990 Al-Falah managed to run this Clinic with local support.

In 1991 ODA (Overseas Development Administration) of the British Government signed an Agreement with Al-Falah Bangladesh to provide financial and technical support for the Clinic. ODA later became BPHC (Bangladesh Population and Health Consortium), which continued its support to the Clinic up to 2000 when BPHC decided to divert its funds for rural development causing a major setback to Al-Falah Model Clinic.

After a long 10 years of slow function, the Al-Falah Model Clinic at Geneva Camp once again reorganized to serve the community who had no adequate access to health services. The long delay in getting support virtually deprived the community of vital health services like immunization of the children, family planning and maternity services.

Dr. Arnold Sholder visited the clinic in 2009. He had come from USA to meet her daughter Hannah Sholder, a Fulbright Scholar, who was doing her research on the Geneva Camp. He was shocked & moved seeing the dilapidated status of the clinic and promised to raise fund to support Al-Falah Model Clinic in reorganizing the health services for the inmates of the Geneva Camp. Accordingly, he mobilized some fund in USA for the repairing and renovation of the clinic and succeeded in securing a substantial amount of fund from Mr. Henry Posner (late). He sent his contribution through The Pittsburg Foundation, USA. With support from The Pittsburgh Foundation new medical staffs were appointed and the Clinic was officially re-opened on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2010 in a simple ceremony which continued its program for one year from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011. During the project period Mr. Henry Posner died due to old age and again the sources of fund was lost.

In December 2013, Dr. David Johnson and Mr. Muhammad Azmat Ashraf of Bihari Relief Fund (BRF) have visited the organization and its project. They expressed their interest to work for the health and education project for the community. Dr. David Johnson and Mr. Muhammad Azmat Ashraf have initiated to support the health program of Al-Falah. In this regard, Dr. David Johnson, Dr. Hashmat Ashraf, Dr. Arnold Sholder and Mr. Azmat Ashraf have contributed their individual fund for the Al-Falah Model Clinic.

On 29.05.2014 & 16.06.2014 the organization got permission from NGO Affairs Bureau to receive the fund sent by Mr. Muhammad Azmat Ashraf of Brunei, Darussalam and Dr. David Johnson of USA respectively for the AFMC.

Al-Falah Model clinic once again reorganized and appointed a part time lady doctor to overview the project and its clinical management. The existing 4 staffs (1 Registrar, 1 In-charge for Immunization Program and 1 In-charge for Family Planning and 1 Aya) were reappointed as part time workers. 2 field workers from the sponsored students were also appointed as Health Educator at field level.

The fund was exhausted in 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015. The organization again felt challenges for continuing its health program. The management of the organization sent an appeal to the well wishers of the organization and the community for seeking their support for the Al-Falah Model Clinic. In this regard, the following well wishers responded to support the health program in 2015:

- Dr. David Johnson
- Dr. Hashmat Ashraf
- Mr. Muhammad Azmat Ashraf
- Mr. Khalid Shahab
- Mr. Shakil Siddqui
- Rotary Club of Dhaka North

Al-Falah Bangladesh thankfully acknowledged the contribution sent by them which ensured the continuation of health services to the community in 2015.

#### **Objectives:**

Al-Falah Model Clinic will provide health services to the inmates of Geneva Camp located in Mohammadpur under Dhaka City Corporation (North) Ward No. 30.

The Clinic with its limited resources will deliver the following services to the community:

- Child Immunization
- Family Planning
- Health Education
- Referral Services

AFMC provides services for immunization in collaboration with Nari Moitree a local NGO to get support from Health Department of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC), which provides free vaccination to the project.

During the project period January-December 2015, the Government of Bangladesh announced 2 (Two) events as National Immunization Day (NID). The day was observed in April 2015 and in November 2015. In collaboration with the concerned department of GoB and local NGO for making the event a success. During the event following services to the community at field level were provided:

- 2,827 Children (1-5 yrs) were given Vitamin A capsules
- 3,791 Children (6m-11m) were given Vitamin-A capsules
- 700 Children (5yrs-12yrs) were given anti Worms Tablet



*Salma Naz, In-charge EPI/FP is seen to provide immunization to a newly born baby at the Al-Falah Model Clinic*

The following numbers of the children were given immunization/vaccination at the clinic on every Wednesday called as Weekly Immunization Day under Extended Program on of Immunization (EPI).

- 100 Children (0-1 yr) received vaccines for BCG
- 294 Children (0-1 yr) received vaccines for Penta 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> dose.
- 79 Children (0-1 yr) received vaccines for Measles
- 94 Children (9m-1 ½yr) received Rubella vaccines
- 178 Children (0-1 yr) received vaccines for Pneumococcal Conjugal Vaccine (PCV) 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> dose

Bangladesh is one of the 11 South Asian countries declared polio-free by the World Health Organization (WHO). To be on safe side the concerned department of the Government has been maintaining to provide Oral Polio vaccine (OPV) to the children aged 0-1 yrs old along with the other vaccination. During the project period a total of 436 Children provided OPV by the clinic.



After the announcement of World Health Organization (WHO) that Bangladesh is one of the polio free country but globally, it is decided to shift from an oral form of polio vaccine (OPV) to an injectable form of Inactivated Polio Vaccines (IPV) the clinic has provided IPV to a total of 81 Children (0-1 yr).

From January-December 2016 a total of 5,401 Eligible Couple (ELCO) has been contacted for Family Planning Services. Among them 597 clients (Old 241 + New 356) were provided non medical Family Planning services at the clinic and 49 clients were motivated and referred to the public facilities for Norplant, Ligation and Intrauterine Contraceptive Device (IUD) services.



*Dr. Khayrun Nessa Amin Lipi, Program Manager & Lady Doctor (Part Time) is seen to provide limited curative service at the Al-Falah Model Clinic*

During the reporting period mothers/women/girls of the community received following services from AFMC.

- A total of 399 mothers were provided general treatment.
- 10 mothers received Tetanus Toxoid vaccine (TT) among them 3 mothers completed all the 5 doses of the TT and saved them from tetanus during pregnancy time.
- 128 Unmarried girls received 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> dose of Tetanus Toxoid vaccine (TT) among them 121 girls have completed Booster dose (all the five dose of TT) which means these girls are out of danger from Tetanus especially during their pregnancy time.

From the very beginning the clinic had an obstetric unit for the camp dwellers. Due to lack of funding support the organization was bound to shut down the obstetric unit of the clinic. However the field staff referred mothers for Ante Natal Check up (ANC) services and 21 mothers attended for the Ante Natal Check up (ANC) at the clinic. Other mothers received ANC services from the public and private hospitals. However, the clinic conducted 6 pregnancy tests during the reporting period.

Al-Falah Model Clinic (AFMC) under its limited curative service facility provided the following services to the beneficiaries which are as follows:

249 children received Treatment for general complications  
101 male and female patients were received General Treatment

In line with the limited curative service facility at the clinic, referral services have been introduced for the beneficiaries so that they could get other medical services from the concerned public facilities. In this regard the project has referred the following:

215 Mothers were referred for the Post Natal Care (PNC) services  
225 Mothers were referred to give birth at clinic/hospital instead of Home Delivery

Apart of the above services, the Family Health Workers (FWWs) referred the beneficiaries to the clinic for the following services:

442 Unmarried girls were referred for the TT vaccine  
143 Mothers were referred for the Booster vaccine  
1,180 mothers were referred for the Mother & Child Health (MCH)  
1,510 mothers were referred for the EPI services

The field staffs conducted a total of 196 group meetings (1,835 participants) under the age of 15-49 were conducted at the clinic to disseminate message on protection from TB, signs of TB diseases and treatment available, Personal Hygiene, preparations of saline (ORS) at home, prevention of HIV/AIDS, advantages of Vitamin A capsules, Anti Worm capsules, Measles and Rubella vaccines.

22 meeting were organized for the adolescent's girls. A total of 207 adolescent girls attended the meeting. During those meeting field staffs shared the following messages under its Behavioral Change Community (BCC):

- Personal Hygiene
- Advantages of TT and immunization
- TB diseases etc.

A total of 5,644 household visits were taken up to inform about the clinic services and also disseminate the health related messages.

### **Assistance received from Rotary Club of Dhaka North:**

On 16 May 2015, a delegation of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North visited the Head Office and project of Al-Falah Bangladesh. The delegation was comprised of two past Presidents of Rotary Dr. Prof. Syed Saleheen Quadri, and Mr. Mohammad Shoaib and present President Barrister Raghieb Rouf Chowdhury. A negotiation is going on with the Rotary International to support its education program under a matching grant fund. In this regard, the local Rotary delegation made its courtesy visit to the organization. Mr. Ahmed Ilias, Executive Director of Al-Falah Bangladesh briefed about the community and organization to the visiting delegation. The delegation also visited the projects of Al-Falah which include Al-Falah Model Clinic. Later past Presidents of Rotary Club of Dhaka North Mr. Mohammad Shoaib referred a lady doctor to serve the community as volunteer. During rendering her services, Rotary Club of Dhaka North agreed to provide her conveyances through Al-Falah Bangladesh. Dr. Nuzhat Sultana served the community for two months as volunteer physician but she couldn't continued as she got busy with her other assignments.



*A delegation of Rotary Club of Dhaka North visited Al-Falah Model Clinic*

### **General Health Camp:**

Dhaka Central International Medical College & Hospital situated at the Adabar, Mohammadpur, Dhaka in collaboration with Al-Falah Model Clinic has organized a whole day General Medical Camp. Four expertise physicians from different disciplines participated in the program to see the patients and prescribed them accordingly with necessary counseling. A total of 243 patients received services. The program was held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

On 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015, Rotary Club of Dhaka South in collaboration with Al-Falah Model Clinic has organized a medical camp for the camp based people. A total of 88 patients were received treatment during the half day medical camp.

### **Circumcision Camp:**

Quantum Foundation a philanthropist organization has organized 1 (one) Circumcision Camp in Collaboration with Al-Falah Model Clinic, Geneva Camp, Mohammadpur, Dhaka. A total of 68 children were conducted circumcision under the age of 2-10 yrs old were conducted during this whole day circumcision camp.

### **GO/NGO Collaboration Meeting & Training attended by the clinic staffs:**

- Naree Moitree a national NGO organized training program on TB & HIV/AIDS for the field staff of different NGOs. Ms. Salma Naz, EPI and FP In-charge & Ms. Nahida Akter, Field Health Worker, AFMC participated the training program on 23.02.2015.
- ICDDR'B an international organization organized a training session on IPV and PCV. The training was held on 23.03.2015. The program was attended by Salma Naz, EPI and FP In-charge, AFMC.
- Naree Moitree a national NGO organized training program on IPV and PCV. The training was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March and 29<sup>th</sup> March 2015. The program was attended by Salma Naz, EPI and FP In-charge & Ms. Nahida Akter, Field Health Worker, AFMC.
- Swanirvar Bangladesh a national NGO in Bangladesh organized a orientation on program on Vitamin A Capsule. The meeting was held on 15.04.2015 & 20.04.2015. The program was attended by Salma Naz, EPI and FP In-charge, AFMC.
- A-Falah Model Clinic organized a health awareness meeting in collaboration with ACI Pharmaceuticals Co. a prominent pharmaceuticals company in Bangladesh. The meeting discussed with the young women on uses of Sanitary Napkin which will protect the women from many diseases including RTI and other vaginal infections. The meeting was organized on 19.05.2015 where a total of 20 young girls attended the meeting.
- Dr. Khayrunnesa Amin (Lipi), Project Manager AFMC attended a meeting to share updates on progress of Oral Cholera Vaccine (OCV). The program was held on 02.07.2015 at the ICDDR'B, Dhaka.
- Thana Family Planning Office organized a meeting to discuss the ongoing Family Planning program and get a stock on the achievement of program. The meeting was held on 10.09.2015 & 17.11.2015. The program was attended by Salma Naz, EPI and FP In-charge & Nehal Ahmed, Registrar & Dispenser, AFMC.
- Naree Moitree a national NGO organized a stock taking meeting on dropout rate for EPI. The meeting was held on 28.12.2015. The program was attended by Salma Naz, EPI and FP In-charge, AFMC.



### Financial Statement: January-December 2015

Receipt		Payment	
Detail	Amount in BDT	Detail	Amount in BDT
<b>Opening Balance</b>			
Cash at Bank	95,926	Medicine	33,336
Cash in Hand	617	Printing/Stationary	9,302
Received from Al-Falah Bangladesh	3,83,000	Conveyance	8,975
Bank Interest	399	Clinic Maintenance	16,867
		Campaign for National Vitamin A Plus	5,400
		Renewal Registration	13,170
		Staff Salaries & Fringe Benefits	302,500
		Clinic Building Rent	60,000
		Training/Orientation session	5,290
		Bank Charges	1,060
		<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>468,965</b>
		<b>Closing Balance</b>	
		Cash at Bank	3,265
		Cash in Hand	7,712
<b>Total</b>	<b>479,942</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>479,942</b>