



SAFE MOTHERHOOD PROMOTION PROJECT (SMPP) সেফ মাদারহুড প্রমোশন প্রজেক্ট

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Safe Motherhood Promotion Project (SMPP) has initiated from July 2006 in Narsingdi District. This is a project of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) supported by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) as a technical partner. JICA invited CARE Bangladesh to be another implementation partner for Community Mobilization activity. The project aims to improve health status of women in reproductive age and neonate in the targeted area during four years implementation and envisages replicating good practices proven in Narsingdi to other districts.

Basic Training on Safe Motherhood

In order to enhance the conceptual and technical skills of Health and Family Planning field staff on Safe Motherhood, it was agreed that a two day's long Basic Training should be organized.

Accordingly with active participation of MoHFW District and Upazila Managers Training Curriculum was finalized. And a daylong "Training Preparation Workshop (TOT)" was organized in order to develop common understanding among Upazila Trainers Team (Upazila Health Family Planning Officer, Upazila Family Planning Officer, Medical Officer-MCH) on training facilitation as well as make the training effective. After having consensus training implementation plan was developed by respective Upazila and accordingly during this quarter all Upazila organized Basic Training on Safe Motherhood for H & FP field staff including NGO staff and GAVI volunteers successfully.

Result of Basic Training on Safe Motherhood

Name of Upazila	Total Batch	Target participants					Training received					Coverage (%)	
		Total	HA	FWA	Volunteers	NGOs	Total	HA	FWA	Volunteers	NGOs		
Belabo	3	71	18	37	6	10	71	18	37	6	10	100%	
Monohordi	4	92	22	59	11	0	91	21	59	11	0	98.91%	
Polash	3	63	16	30	5	12	63	16	30	5	12	100%	
Sadar	6	135	32	65	12	26	132	30	64	12	26	97.78%	
Shibpur	3	74	19	47	8	0	74	19	47	8	0	100%	
Rajpura	7	159	40	96	4	18	159	38	98	4	18	99.3%	
		26	594	146	336	46	66	590	143	335	46	66	99.3%

Note: In Monohordi one HA was on maternity leave in Sadar two HA and one FWA were sick

Community Based Skilled Birth Attendant (C-SBA) Reporting System

As part of the technical assistance to be provided to the MoHFW under the project, strengthening existing Management Information System (MIS) is one of key areas need adequate attention. There are two different MIS exist in Health and Family Planning separately. It has been evident that "use of information" to make decisions is one of the key concerns of both Health and FP departments.

SMPP decided to contribute to better coordination and utilization of current MIS. Dr. Tofayel Ahmed (Ex. Program Manager, Unified MIS during HPSP) was assigned for short term to provide necessary technical assistance to the project. The local consultant actively discussed and consulted with MoHFW concerned officers including Director MIS of both directorates and development partners and recommended to develop C-SBA Reporting format. There is no uniformed reporting format used by C-SBA. The Consultant drafted a reporting format and this format was further discussed and agreed to start using as a trial in Narsingdi at the MIS Workshop held



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on 13th September 2007. Subsequently, Upazila wise Orientation of C-SBA reporting was carried out with the participation of C-SBAs and selective FWVs. In this orientation several recommendations were raised and reflected to the revised format and additional creation of FWA notebook for daily record keeping was decided. SMPP initiated a dialogue with key MoHFW officers and DPs to get necessary support for smooth piloting of this new initiative.

Upazila Project Implementation Committee (UPIC) meeting



It was evident that Upazila Managers started giving much importance in holding UPIC meeting at regular interval. During six month nine UPIC meetings were held except Raipura, chaired by UNO and activity progress was presented by respective Health and FP managers.

Some of key decisions made by the UPIC meeting at all Upazila are as follows:

- In order to combine EPI, Satellite Clinic and Nutrition centre (where applicable) all respective managers should sit together and discuss about the schedule
- In all Upazila the UPIC meeting selected the Model Union with consensus
- UPIC meeting decided to co-opt the UP chairman of respective Model Union as the member of UPIC
- The service delivery report of private clinics should be presented and clinic association/secretary should be invited to next UPIC meeting
- Based on the situational assessment DGFP officers and JICA will discuss how to ensure the instruments necessary for the conduction of ANC and PNC in the field
- UPIC will review maternal and neonatal deaths occurred in their locality.

District Project Implementation Committee (DPIC) meeting

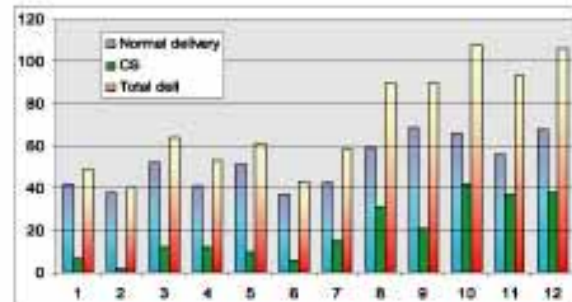
The 4th DPIC meeting was organized at Deputy Commissioner (DC) Narsingdi office on 30th October 2007. The DC of Narsingdi presided the meeting and as a member secretary ADCC facilitated the conduction of the meeting. Civil Surgeon, Deputy Director Family



Planing (DDFP), UNOs, UHFPOs, UFPOs and MO-MCH of each Upazila were participated together with NGO and other GoB departmental representatives. All upazilas made their activity presentation to inform participants about their progress. The following specific issues were discussed and made decisions:

- Improvement of the performance of MCWC

MO-Clinic informed the house that MCWC marked a significant increase in the numbers of normal delivery, Cesarean Section and ANC/PNC.



MCWC Narsingdi: Delivery Performance of 2007

Since new MO-Clinic, joined MCWC Narsingdi in July 2007, the performance showed remarkable improvement. This is encouraging as a project achievement and necessary supports should be given for further improvement.

- UHC Polash and Raipura

Two UHCs were selected to initiate Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric Care (C-EmOC) services in Narsingdi. Accordingly, UHC Polash already inaugurated the C-EmOC services, yet it was stopped due to absence of Anesthetist. UHFPO requested a support from Civil Surgeon and JICA for posting of Anesthetist. UHC Polash and Raipura need renovation of OT and allocation of equipment to ensure suitable conditions for operation. This matter should be discussed at the national level and clarify if the MoHFW can provide a support to those two UHCs.

- How to ensure MCH service at night & shortage of staff
A question of how to ensure 24 hours services under the condition that UHC has only one pair

doctors available for C-EmOC and shortage of gasoline for generator was raised. There could be an arrangement among available doctors to work some times in different hospitals covering the shortage of staffing. Narsingdi also can consider sending interested doctors to Anesthesia training. This issue needs further discussion.

Special meeting on EmOC services at Monohordi



Monhordi Upazila Health Complex (UHC) is the only Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric Care facility under Narsingdi District. SMPP facilitated a special meeting on "Increased utilization of C-EmOC services" with the participation of field level H & FP staff, FWV, UHC staff including Aya and Ward Boy etc. on 10th July 2007 at the UHC conference room and UHFPO was the chair.

During open discussion it was found that FP field workers did not know the availability of C-EmOC service at Monohordi UHC. People take C-EmOC services from private facilities rather than UHC and brokers (dalals) played the key role in this connection. Collaboration of FP field workers is important to increase the use of UHC services.

SMPP Mid-year Review



SMPP mid year review was organized on 14th-15th November 2007 at SMPP JICA Narsingdi office. Both JICA and CARE SMPP teams were fully participated and discussed over the progress of activities and achievements SMPP made after the initiation. Main discussion was held on the revision of PDM especially indicators. Consequently, draft PDM version 2 was developed based on the Mid-year discussions and waiting for the approval of DPIC and JCC.

Community Mobilization



As part of community mobilization, two orientation sessions on five dangers signs during pregnancy and Birth Planning for pregnant mothers were organized at the Union Parishad premises of Danga union with leadership of respective Union Chairman. Fifty (50) pregnant mothers attended in each orientation session.

The Chairman provided 'Soil Bank' (locally available hand made soil bank; in Bengali 'Mateer Bank') to all invited pregnant women for savings and donated 50 TK each as token fund. Upazila Coordinator and District Coordinator played the facilitation role with active participation of respective Health and FP workers. The Chairman also donated three ceiling fans and one "Siren" at the H&FWC to remind all eligible couples of the union for having Contraceptive Pill daily at a fixed time of the day.

Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs gave the award to Mr. Ryo Choma (a Teacher of Aomori Commercial High School) who visited Danga Union in Polash and created the audio visual educational materials (Title "Let's think about a Saving Bank") using the experience of Danga Union.



In CARE supported Upazilas (Raipura and Monohordi), the SMPP team developed the orientation module on Birth Planning for Community Change Agent (local elites, Union Parishad body, TBA, village doctors and other key personnel in the community). After having adequate preparation orientation sessions were organized at union level and respective union level H & FP supervisors and FWV facilitated the session. Two orientation sessions were organized in each union: one session for TBA and Village doctors and another for Imam, Teacher, UP Chairman and members. During this quarter most of the unions of two Upazilas completed orientations successfully.

World Population Day 2007

The "World Population Day 2007" was observed on 11th July 2007 nationwide and in all Upazila of Narsingdi advocacy meeting and awareness raising activities were undertaken by FP department. The theme of the day was "Male participation in improving maternal health".



Distribution of SMPP and JICA staff contribution to flood victims



Raipura was the worse sufferer during the flood especially the remote eight unions in char were affected most. In consultation with District and Upazila authority, the SMPP took the initiative to provide relief support to the poorest pregnant women in the area.

Individual contribution from salary of all SMPP, JICA and JICA Bangladesh staff was collected and distributed accordingly to 420 pregnant women in four unions. The SMPP team including CARE and other Government officials headed by UNO, Raipura made the trip to distribute the monetary support of 500 TK each to targeted women on 22nd August 2007.

Three Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCVs) joined in Narsingdi

My name is Reiko Abe. I have come to Bangladesh with Mika on last September of 2007. Presently I am working at Raipura Upazila of Narsingdi District. I have a knowledge on Nursing and Midwifery subject; therefore, I hope I will be able to share my experience and knowledge in the line of Safe Motherhood Promotion Program at Raipura during pregnancy and delivery. My regards to every body. (Left in photo)



I am Mika Iwasaki. I came to Bangladesh on last September 2007. Presently I am working in Polash upazila of Narsingdi District. I have a knowledge on Nursing and Midwifery subject. Since I have attended in 300 births in the hospital in Japan, therefore, I want to utilize my experience to share with pregnant mothers of Polash Upazila under the Safe Motherhood Program. I wish all the success of the program. (Right in photo)

My name is Emi Nagano. I came to Bangladesh on last April 2007. I have experiences on adolescent sex education. Therefore, I would like to share my experience in this issue with adolescent girls at their schools. To best of my knowledge I would like to develop awareness in the community. I believe and hope that my job will be helpful to adolescent girls of Monohordi Upazila. My regards to all adolescent girls of Monohordi. (Middle in photo)

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