

Manabik Shahajya Sangstha Newsletter

6045

People got free eye care treatment

10

Eye Camps Conducted

528

Cataract Patients Operated

EYE CARE PROGRAM

MSS took the challenge to make two unions of the country Cataract free



Eye Care program was inaugurated by Mr. Md. Abdul Karim ,MD, PKSF along with the other guests Fazlul Kader, DMD,PKSF, Md. Zakir Hossain, DC, Nilphamari, Feroz M. Hassan, President, MSS and A.N.Md. Emam Hasanath, ED, MSS

MSS undertook an “Eye Care Program (ECP)” to provide free eye treatment and cataract surgery for residents of Bangalipur union, Saidpur Upazila in Nilphamari district and Balia union of Thakurgaon district with the aim of making the unions cataract-free by 2015.

Cataract is the most common cause of vision loss in people over age 40 and is the principal cause of blindness in the world.

Global Perspective of Blindness:

World Health Organization (WHO) estimates about 285 million people globally live with serious vision impairment. Of these, 39 million people are blind and 26 million have severe visual impairment. About 90% of the world’s visually impaired people live in developing coun-

tries like Bangladesh. Experts say 80% of the blindness can be cured.

Eye Scenario in Bangladesh:

Bangladesh has 750,000 blind people of which 650,000 aged 30 and older are blind due to cataract and 130,000 newly blind people are added every year. Main causes of blindness are cataract (73.39%), refractive error (8.87%) age related macular degeneration (1.86%), diabetic retinopathy (0.17%), glaucoma (0.73%), and others (4.98%).

Approximately, 40,000 children are blind. Childhood cataract is the leading cause of childhood blindness in Bangladesh and over 12,000 children are suffering from unnecessary blindness due to un-operated cataract. Two hundred

To celebrate its 40th anniversary MSS is undertaking a series of special programs. This special newsletter captures the reports of the special programs aimed at increasing social services for its members and community people.



Md Joynal Abedin Sarker

Md Joynal Abedin Sarker became blind due to cataract at the age of 65. His life plunged into deep uncertainty. “I was compelled to become a beggar to maintain my livelihood. One day a health worker of MSS informed me about an free eye camp to provide free eye care services for poor dwellers of Bagalipur union. They operated my eyes and I get back my eye sight again. I am happy now” said Joynal.



Mosammat Morzina Bewa

Morzina said, “I was a house maid but due to eye sight problem, the house wife fired me. I was gradually transforming into a neglected person and my blindness reduced my social status and self-esteem.” Morzina added, “due to poverty I could not go to the hospital but MSS restored my eye sight by surgery. Now my dignity and self-esteem is also restored.”

thousand (200,000) cataract surgeries are performed annually. There are 900 ophthalmologists in the country. The main causes for low cataract surgical rates and backlog are low public awareness, lack of trained eye health personnel, lack of equipped facilities, and lack of access to eye care services for people living in the remote areas.

MSS Eye Care Track Record:

MSS established a “Vision Centre” with the technical assistance of Sight Savers International in partnership with NIO&H: National Institute of Ophthalmology and Hospital since 2011 to make quality primary eye care services available to the people, especially the disadvantaged people of urban and rural area. Under its eye care programs MSS provided services to 6,045 patients, conducted 10 eye camps and operated 528 cataract patients.

The Inaugural Events:

Mukesh Chandra Biswas, Deputy Commissioner of Thakurgaon district, Md. Golam Azam, UNO of Thakurgaon Sadar Upazila, Md. Afazuddin Bhuiyan, Chairman of Balia Union Parisad, Md. Abdus Sultan Alam, Chairman of Devipur Union Parisad, and A. N. Md. Emam Hasanath, Executive Director of MSS were present at the eye camp in Balia.

DC of Thakurgaon said he was happy to be there and praised MSS activities in the district. He also assured continued cooperation to MSS. The program was presided over by the Executive Director of MSS.

Mr. Abdul Karim, Managing Director, PKSF, Md. Fazlul Kader, Deputy Managing Director, PKSF, Zakir Hossain, Deputy Commissioner, Nilphamari, Abu Salah Md Musa Zongi, Upazila Nirbahi Officer, Saidpur upazila, Feroz M. Hassan, President, MSS, Mr. Emam Hasanath, ED, MSS, Md.



(From left) Mr. Feroz M. Hassan, President, MSS, Abu Saleh Md. Musa Zongi, UNO, Saidpur Upazilla, Nilphamari, A.N.Md. Emam Hasanath , ED, MSS, Md. Zakir Hossain, DC, Nilphamari, Md. Abdul Karim, MD,PKSF, Md. Fazlul Kader , DMD, PKSF, Md. Zawyadul Haque Sarker, Chairman, Saidpur Upazilla, and Dr. Md. Shahazada Sarker, Chairman , Bangalipur Union Parisad are at the inaugural event at Bangalipur Union

Zawyadul Haque Sarker, Upazilla Chairman Saidpur Upazilla, Dr. Md. Shahazada Sarker, Chairman, Bangalipur Union Parisad and other elites were present at inauguration of the eye camp at Bangalipur.

The MD of PKSF praised MSS activities and he assured to extend his cooperation in future. ED of MSS presided over the program and President of MSS concluded the program and also thanked the guests and partners for their support in making the program successful.

Focus of MSS Eye Care Program:

- To increase accessibility to quality eye care services and identify cataract patients of the targeted union's underprivileged people and the Women's Credit Program (WCP) members.
- To raise awareness about cataract and eye care among the people of the two unions.
- To run eye camps to provide treatment, reading glasses and sunglasses for general eye care.
- Facilitate cataract surgery at the partner eye hospitals/clinics and conduct follow-up for second eye cataract surgery after 45 days.
- To make two unions cataract-free, one each from Thakurgaon and Nilphamari districts by 2015.



People of Bangalipurpur union gathered to get free eye treatment



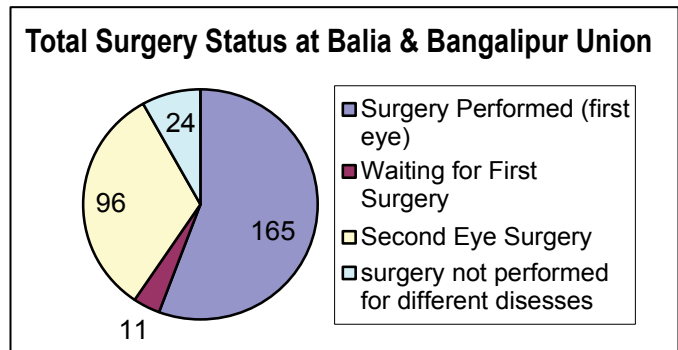
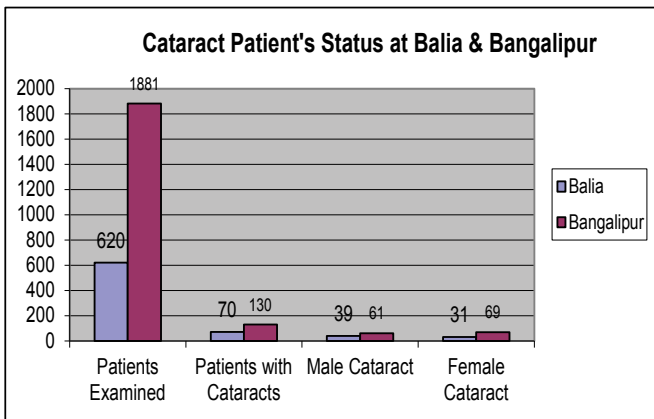
People of Balia union are on the queue to undergo eye examination before cataract surgery



Eye patients being examined by specialist surgeons at Bangalipur union



New lenses are being placed by the specialist surgeons at Shafiuddin Ahmed Foudation Hospital (SAf) in Thakurgaon



Achievements:

- Orientation session was held for 31 MSS staffs at Bangalipur and Balia union on 20th November, 2014 focusing on registration and treatment forms, maintaining queue, handling patients, follow up on pre and post-operative treatment and care and reporting.
- In July 2014, in partnership with Shafiuddin Ahmed Foundation (SAf) identified 70 cataract patients in Balia union of Thakurgaon sadar upazilla out of 620 patients examined.
- Fifty nine (59) cataract surgeries were performed in November, 2014 while another 11 cataract patients are awaiting their first eye surgery.
- On June 5, 2014, twenty one (21) cataract patients were identified in its first eye camp in Bangalipur union of Saidpur upazilla out of 235 patients examined. These 21 cataract patients were operated by MSS's partner eye hospital SAF.
- A second eye camp was held in Bangalipur union of Saidpur upazilla on December 6, 2014 for three days in which eye and general health problems were treated.



- Total 1646 patients were provided general eye care treatment services and 109 were identified as cataract patients at the eye health camps.
- The affected lenses of 85 cataract patients were removed and replaced by new lenses in eyes by the qualified surgeons of SAF

hospital.

- Autorefractometre, ophthalmoscope, retinoscope, trial box, BP machine, vision box, IOP machine, SPT machine, accu-check machine, and torch light were used in examination of eye.
- With three eye care doctors, six assistants and one general physician and two assistants comprised the health camp.
- For general eye care treatment anti allergic, antibiotic, higher antibiotic and 160 reading glasses were provided by MSS.
- General health and maternal and child health problems were treated by the general physician at the eye health camps. Napa, orsalaine, histacin, antacid, iron tablet, diabetes and pressure measurement etc were provided by MSS.
- Raised awareness on eye care.

Partner Hospital:

MSS partnered with Shafiuddin Ahmed Foundation (SAf) Hospital which was established in memory of Late Shafiuddin Ahmed, a renowned businessman, a leading industrialist and a philanthropist of Thakurgaon district with focus on providing health care services including eye care; development of human resources through skill development training at the technical development center; supporting income generating activities; and youth development. SAf hospital performed cataract surgeries, provided lens, medicines, sun glasses, and pre and post-operative follow up to the MSS identified patients at special discounted costs.



A view of Shafiuddin Ahmed Foundation Hospital at 11 mile, Mujabarni, Thakurgaon.



Voluntary Blood Donation Program



Md. Khandakar Muzharul Haque, Executive Vice Chairman of MRA, Abdul Awal ED of CDF, A.N.Md. Emam Hasanath, ED of MSS, Md. Moshleh Uddin Dhali, Treasurer of MSS, Ms. Nancy Rahman, EC member of MSS and Mr. Tarikul Ghani, Advisor of MSS are being welcomed at MSS's Voluntary Blood Donation (VBD) program

As a part of its 40th anniversary celebratory programs, for the first time, MSS implemented a day long "Voluntary Blood Donation (VBD)" program on January 9, 2015 at its Head office.

The aim of the program was the poor, destitute, and under privileged people, child and female who had Thalassemia and anaemia, and people urgent need of medical surgery would be donated blood and to increase the awareness and motivate the staffs of MSS and other people to practice blood donation voluntarily.

Seventy two (72) staffs volunteered of which 70 qualified (of which 66 were male donors and 4 were female donors) to donate blood based on initial screening. Seventy (70) bags of blood each containing 350 ml for a total of 24,500 ml blood were collected and



Voluntary Blood Donation (VBD) program organized by MSS



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