NEWS BULLETIN

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DOORSTEPS EYE CARE:

In the COVID-19 "new normal" situation ECP is resuming its eye camp and surgery activities on a limited scale. Instead of the traditional eye camps with hundreds of patients gathering at one spot, under our new normal eye camps, underserved patients with eye problems are initially identified through MSS microcredit community workers who work with the people spread in hundreds of Kendras (centers) in the villages of Thakurgaon and Panchagarh districts. The test run of the program is on from November 2 to 15, 2020 covering 10 unions and 15 villages of the two districts.

Our fully equipped mobile eye clinic — Noyon Tori — with medical team go around the villages where the patients live, to examine their eyes and perform pre-surgery fitness tests. If found fit they are given a surgery date. On the designated day the patients will be transported to our partner hospital — Shafiuddin Ahmed Foundation Eye Hospital, Thakurgaon for performing cataract surgery.

VITAMIN 'A' CAMPAIGN:

Vitamin A+ is important for our eyes. The national vitamin A campaign was held in October 4 to 17 for feeding vitamin A capsule to 12-59 months children. During this campaign ECP-MSS organized a rally in Rayer Bazar area wearing mask and maintaining social distance. ECP-MSS also distributed 15,000 awareness leaflets in all its working areas and uploaded awareness related posts on its Facebook page and website.



Vitamin 'A' campaign 2020 rally in Rayer Bazar Area



Eye Care Helpline Fact Sheet

(7th June to 31 October 2020)

Total Patients 602

Male 300

Female 302

Medicines prescribed 338

Referred 143

EYE CARE HELPLINE:

Helpline activities continues. Till October ECH provided services to a total of 602 patients (male-300; female-302). Medicines were prescribed to 338 patients and another 143 patients were referred to our partner hospitals for further examination and treatment. Patients were housewives (263), jobholders (109), Businessman (83), Students (61), child (20), farmers (24), retired (32) and teachers, drivers came in smaller numbers.

These patients came from 34 districts of the country with highest from Dhaka (257) and Rajshahi (103) and lowest – one each - from nine districts.



Saiful Islam, 24, Brahmanbaria

"I took ECH medical help for my eye problem. Now I can see properly after using their prescribed eye drop. I am satisfied with the service. It is difficult to go to the eye hospital and maintain social distance in this COVID-19 situation but through ECH we can get free eye services from home. It is unimaginable in the context of Bangladesh and difficult to measure their act of public welfare with money. I thank ECH and wish them all the best."

EYE CARE HELPLINE

Service is on; call/video call

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