NEWS BULLETIN

December - 2020

Eve Care Program Fact Sheet (July, 2014 to December, 2020)

Total Camps	172
Total Patients	114122
Surgery Performed	8007
Eye Glass Given	22136
Medicines Distributed	3063

DOORSTEPS EYE CARE:

In the rural areas of Bangladesh, there are huge number of cataract patients unable to access eye care services because of absence of eye care facilities and high treatment cost. Due to lack of awareness and fear of surgery, many of them remain blind unnecessarily.

ECP introduced its "Doorsteps Eye Care" (DEC) program to provide eye care services to the underprivileged people at their doorsteps. DEC is currently focusing on remote and rural areas of Thakurgaon and Panchagarh districts. Clients include MSS microcredit members, their families and local community people. Under the DEC program -Noyon Tori (NT) – the mobile eye clinic goes into remote rural areas and provides eye care services to community.

DEC conducted twelve "Noyon Tori" based camps in December 2020 at different locations of Thakurgaon and Panchagarh districts covering 12 Unions. At these camps, a total of 1866 patients were screened. One hundred and sixty-one cataract patients were identified while 146 patients underwent surgery at Shafiuddin Ahmed Foundation (SAF) Hospital, a partner hospital situated in Thakurgaon. The remaining patients will be operated at the SAF hospital during January 2021.



Patients waiting for registration at Doorsteps Eye Camp, Thakurgaon

2020 had been a difficult year. Worldwide covid-19 pandemic seriously impacted our lives. Devastating, prolonged floods in Bangladesh made it more difficult. We have to be stronger as we are going into the new year. Let us do everything to "make our lives normal and better"



New Year Greetings from ECP-MSS





EYE CARE HELPLINE:

ECH has gradually adopted a more comprehensive approach to provide eye treatment over the phone and video calls. Till December 31, ECH provided treatment to 683 patients. Among them 338 patients were male and 345 patients were female. Medicines were prescribed to 382 patients and 164 patients were referred to different hospitals for further examinations. These patients came from 37 districts of Bangladesh.

The highest number of patients came from Dhaka (305), Rajshahi (111), Natore (35), Thakurgaon (28), Pabna (29), Panchagarh (20), Saidpur (19) and Bogura (17)

Classified by Patient Occupation					Patient Number - 683			
House Wife	Children	Job Holder	Teacher	Business	Farmer	Student	Driver	Retried
300	22	124	7	99	24	70	4	33

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