# **Eye Care Program Fact Sheet**

(July, 2014 to January, 2021)

Total Camps	184
<b>Total Patients</b>	114744
Surgery Performed	8039
Eye Glass Given	22297
Medicines Distributed	3220

#### **DOORSTEPS EYE CARE:**

Refractive error, age related eye diseases and Cataract are the most common eye problems in Bangladesh. Conducting eye screening camps helps restore vision of the inhabitants of remote areas, thus reducing the burden of blindness due to refractive error and cataract.

ECP introduced its "Doorsteps Eye Care" (DEC) program to provide eye care services for 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 four "Noyon Tori" based camps in January 2021 at different locations of Thakurgaon and Panchagarh. At these camps, a total of 591 patients were screened. Sixty-six cataract patients were identified while 59 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 February 2021.



Eye screening camp for underprivileged people at Thakurgaon

## **NEWS BULLETIN**

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A patient consulting with helpline doctor via video call

### **EYE CARE HELPLINE (ECH):**

The ECH continue to provide eye care serve through audio and video calls so that patients can avoid hospital/clinic visits and stay Covid safe. Till January 31, ECH provided treatment to 714 patients. Among them 353 patients were male and 361 patients were female. Medicines were prescribed to 393 patients and 170 patients were referred to different hospitals for further examinations. These patients came from 37 districts of Bangladesh.

Classified by Patient Occupation										
House Wife	Children	Job Holder	Teacher	Business	Farmer	Student	Driver	Retried		
313	22	137	7	104	24	70	4	33		

The highest number of patients came from Dhaka (328), Rajshahi (112), Natore (38), Thakurgaon (29), Pabna (29), Panchagarh (21), Bogura (21) and Saidpur (20).

### **HELPLINE PATIENTS FEEDBACK:**

"I am very satisfied with your eye care service. After using the prescribed eye drop I can see clearly now. Your service is very good. You are also providing free eye care service in this Covid situation which is very impressive. We can take your free service from home and don't need to go to the hospital. Your medical team is so good. Just do your best to give eye care service to the people. Best wishes to your medical team. Thank you."

Mr. Amir Hamza, 35, a teacher from Chittagong and an ECH patient.

WASH HANDS WEAR MASK MAINTAIN DISTANCE
WASH HANDS AVOID GATHERINGS

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