NEWS BULLETIN

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Eye Care Program Fact Sheet

(July, 2014 to March, 2021)

Total Camps	197
Total Patients	123867
Surgery Performed	8278
Eye Glass Given	24454
Medicines Distributed	5207

A patient consulting with helpline doctor via video call

DOORSTEPS EYE CARE:

Bangladesh is one of the highest disease ridden countries in the world with remarkably low cataract surgery rates. Indeed, current cataract surgery rates meet only one third of the need of the entire country. In response to this problem, Eye Care Program-MSS and its partners have been working in Bangladesh since August 2014, as part of the charity to deliver eye care solutions to the extreme poor and underprivileged people.

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 - the mobile eye clinic goes into remote rural areas and provides eye care services to community.

DEC conducted seven "Noyon Tori" based camps in March 2021 at different locations of Thakurgaon and Panchagarh. At these camps, a total of 1226 patients were screened. One hundred seventy nine cataract patients were identified while 134 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 April 2021.

EYE CARE HELPLINE (ECH):

The ECH continue to provide eye care service through audio and video calls so that patients can avoid hospital/clinic visits and stay Covid-19 safe. Till March 31, ECH provided treatment to 761 patients. Among them 379 patients were male and 382 patients were female. Medicines were prescribed to 413 patients and 176 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	
329	25	155	7	111	24	71	4	35	

The highest number of patients came from Dhaka (356), Rajshahi (116), Natore (39), Thakurgaon (29), Pabna (30), Panchagarh (23), Bogura (26) and Saidpur (21).

REVISED SPONSORSHIP RATES:

Due to additional safety measures adopted at our camps and cost escalation, ECP has revised its sponsorship rates as under:

- 1. BDT 3,500, Cataract surgery for one
- 2. BDT 7,500, Provide for Eyeglasses to 100 people.
- 3. BDT 65,000, for conduct an Eye Camp in remote area.
- 4. BDT 20,000, for conduct a School Sight Testing Program.
- 5. One time donation (Any amount).

👫 WASH HANDS 👰 WEAR MASK 👫 MAINTAIN DISTANCE **AVOID GATHERINGS**

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