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E-NEWSLETTER

Quarterly newsletter of the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP)

CONSTRUCTION OF CRP-PABNA STARTED

The foundation work of a new (own building) 8 storied building of CRP-Pabna Diabetic Shamity Centre started on 29th March 2021. The building will have a basement space and 7 floors. After the construction finishes and CRP-Pabna moves to its own building the beneficiaries of Pabna and nearby districts will be benefited with better rehabilitation services.



AUTISM AWARENESS DAY 2021

CRP observed the World Autism Awareness Day on April 2 which was organised by the Paediatric Department of CRP. This year the theme was "Inclusion in the Workplace: Challenges and Opportunities in a Post Pandemic World". CRP's Founder, Valarie A Taylor along with other staff members, children with autism and their parents attended the program. The Paediatric Department organised various activities such as group therapy, horse riding and games. The parents later participated in an open experience sharing. The program ended with the speech of the Founder of CRP and with the prize giving ceremony.



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VOCATIONAL TRAINEES RECEIVED EID GIFTS

During Eid-ul-Fitr some of the residential vocational trainees could not go to their home due to the COVID 19 pandemic. A total of 9 vocational trainees of CRP-Manikganj received new clothes with the donation by Brig. Gen. (Rtrd) Abdul Momen.



At the same time Md. Majharul Islam, Central Organizing Secretary, Bangladesh Motor Sromik League donated new clothes to 13 trainees with disabilities residing at the Women Rehabilitation Centre of CRP-Ganakbari.

SPORTS COMPETITION

On the occasion of Bangladesh's 50 years of independence and 100th birth anniversary of the 'Father of the Nation' Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, CRP's Rehabilitation Wing arranged a two days sports competition for persons with disabilities in April 2021. A total of 120 participants including spinal cord injury patients and staff with disabilities joined the competition.

CRP SELECTED AS A CHARITY OF STANDARD CHARTERED BANK

Many Muslim people do not want to have the interests of the money they save in the bank. So, as part of the Islamic Banking, Standard Chartered Bank (SCB) has launched a new product with the name Saadiq Sadaah Account. The interests from these accounts will be sent to the designated charity selected by the customer from the list. CRP has been selected as one of the charities among the four. The minimum balance to open the Saadiq Sadaah Account is BDT 50,000. To earn profit on a monthly basis, a customer has to keep an average balance of BDT 50,000 as well.

SUBORNO NAGORIK FOUNDATION'S CHARITY



Asif Iqbal Chowdhury, ex patient of CRP and the Founder of Suborno Nagorik Foundation came to CRP to donate some food items to the 25 staff with disabilities and 25 members of Spinal Cord Injury Development Association whose financial condition has been affected badly during this COVID 19 pandemic. The food items have been distributed by Asif Iqbal Chowdhury on 29 April 2021 in the presence of CRP's Founder and Executive Director.

DONATION RECEIVED FROM ROTARY CLUB

The Regional Public Image team R.I., the Rotary Club of Dhaka Central RID 3281 and the Rotary Club of Aroma Dhaka, RID 3281 visited CRP on 21 May 2021 to donate meals to the persons and children with disabilities, face shields and masks. CRP's Founder and Coordinator, Valerie Taylor along with CRP officials received the personal protective items from the visiting Rotarians. (Photos at right)



CRP HELD 'NATIONAL VITAMIN A PLUS CAMPAIGN - 2021

National Nutrition Services (NSS) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has implemented national vitamin A plus campaign like each year. So, as per government instructions CRP also held the similar campaign from June 5 to June 19, 2021. The campaign was coordinated by the Advocacy and Networking Department and the Lecturers of CRP Nursing College facilitated voluntarily. Due to the prevalence of COVID-19, the physical distance and hygiene of children and their parents has been strictly maintained during the distribution of the capsules. In the campaign, children aged six months to eleven months have had blue capsules while children aged twelve months to fifty-nine months have had red capsules. A total of 700 children including 200 children with disabilities received vitamin A plus capsules throughout the campaign. (Photo at left)



CRP-SYLHET RECEIVED A DONATION

CRP-Sylhet, Iskandar Shitara centre has received a donation amounting 1, 25,000 taka from the Jalalabad Gas T&D Systems Limited to be used to purchase treatment equipment for the patients. The donated amount was given to CRP-Sylhet from the donor organization's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund. A check handover program was organized on June 30, 2021 at the office of Jalalabad Gas T&D Systems Limited where CRP-Sylhet's Centre Manager received the cheque from the Managing Director of the organization. (Photo below)





TRAINING OF THE TRAINERS: SPONSORED BY MAITS

CRP has successfully completed the Training of Trainers (ToT) training of two groups under Phase 2 on Neuro Developmental Disability (NDD) in collaboration with Multi-Agency International Training and Support (MAITS). Five Master trainers including physiotherapist, occupational therapist and speech and language therapist trained each group respectively in April and June, 2021. The trainees were parents of the children with disabilities, teachers of William and Marie Taylor Inclusive School and staff from the Community Based Rehabilitation Department. This 8 days training based on theory and practical sessions. All the trainees received certificates in the presence of CRP's Founder and Coordinator, Valerie Ann Taylor and Executive Director, Dr. Muhammad Sohrab Hossain, PhD. Strict protective measure and health guidelines were followed during this training due to COVID 19 pandemic.



CRP DISTRIBUTED EMERGENCY DRY FOODS PACKAGES

As the world is experiencing the second wave of COVID-19 pandemic which affected the world economy along with the day to day lives of the people, it is known that people with disabilities are one of the most vulnerable groups in this situation. Most of these people are deprived of healthy diets due to lack of affordability or lost income source. In this situation, emergency food support plays a crucial role in order to meet the basic food needs of the people with disabilities and their families.

CRP with the support of American Friends of CRP, USA and Scott Bader Middle East Limited, UAE distributed 854 dry food packages within the most vulnerable people and people with disabilities in Bangladesh. Each package comprises of rice 10 kilos, pulse-2 kilos, potato-2 kilos, oil- 1 litre, salt-1 kilo, onion-2 kilos, flour-1 kilo, soap-1 pc, hand sanitizer- 250 ml, Vitamin C pack-125 gram, mask-2 pieces, and a meal. The Rehabilitation Wing of CRP along with the Centre Managers of other CRP sub-centres played a very important role to distribute these emergency dry food packages in time.



MIM'S FAMILY HAPPY TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY FOOD PACKAGE

Jannatul Mim, a 11 years child with spinal cord injury is a student of the inclusive school of CRP. She received emergency dry food package funded by SCOTT BADER MIDDLE EAST LIMITED, UAE. Mim's father Mr. Amirul Islam used to sell vegetables to support his family of five. Due to COVID pandemic he could not make enough money to support the day-to-day expenses of the family, Mim's treatment and educational expenses. So the family was selected as one of the vulnerable families receiving emergency food packages by the rehabilitation Wing of CRP. They thanked CRP and also the donor for this generous support in such a difficult situation.



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