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E-NEWSLETTER

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

Updates from Valerie Taylor, Founder, CRP

On 13th May the annual supporters meeting was held in London and in spite of there being a train strike that day the meeting was well attended. It was Ben Clackson's last VTT meeting as Chairman and Mokhtar Hossain (Khokon) was introduced as the new VTT Chairman.

On 7th June I accompanied Khokon and Ayesha, his wife, to Herstmonceux Castle in Sussex where we had been invited to speak to a group of students from Queens University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada. Beth Richan, who had worked at CRP with a group of students some years back, had arranged this annual visit to the Castle, which is the property of Queens University in Canada.

On 10th June I was invited to the gala event at Syston Autos Ltd. in Leicester as they were celebrating the second anniversary of their company. At the end of the evening they shared their charitable giving. To my delight they donated £1,000. to support CRP's work.

Last week I spent five days with Brian and Ann Woodgate in Marden, Kent. Brian is VTT's Administrator who had arranged three different fundraising events in his village. These events commenced with a fundraising supper in the Taj of Kent restaurant, the following day a coffee morning was organised in a neighbouring village and the final day a Ploughman's Lunch was held in the village of Marden. These three events together raised close to £1,500 for CRP.

Tomorrow I leave for the USA where the BAGWDC (Bangladesh Association of Greater Washington DC) have invited me to join a fundraising event for CRP on 23rd June. On 24th June I am due to fly on to Houston where the visit has been arranged by Hosne Ara Begum, (President of the American Friends of CRP) who is a CRP ex-Physiotherapist. Following a fundraising event at Houston I return to Washington and finally on 29th June evening fly back to the UK.



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Annual sports of William and Marie Taylor Inclusive School

Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain, Executive Director of CRP inaugurated the Annual sports of William and Marie Taylor Inclusive School on 22nd January 2023. Later CRP's longstanding volunteer and donor Carolyn Scott handed over the prizes to the winners of the events at the closing ceremony.

CRP-Motherland Charitable Endowment Fund

A revised Deed of Agreement named "CRP- Motherland Charitable Endowment Fund" was signed by Mr. Syed Nuruzzaman, Chairman, Motherland Charitable Foundation and Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain, Executive Director, CRP on 28th January 2023. The purpose of this fund is to provide education support to the poor meritorious students of two academic institutes of CRP so that they can carry out their studies. Students of Rajshahi and Chapainawabganj will get priority for this scholarship.

Sharmin Hasnat's first death anniversary

A doa mahfil (prayer for the deceased) has been arranged at CRP in memory of Late Sharmin Hasnat, Ex-Head of Speech and Language Therapy at CRP on 2nd January 2023 on the occasion of her first death anniversary. She had died suddenly on 27th December 2022. CRP staff members gathered to pray for her departed soul and recollect her contribution towards the rehabilitation services at CRP during this event.

Support of Sainsbury's Argos Asia Ltd

Sainsbury's Argos Asia Ltd handed over a cheque amounting 1 lac taka for supporting the morning meals of the residential children with special needs of the William and Marie Taylor Inclusive School (WMTS) of CRP. The cheque was handed over to Ms. Valerie Ann Taylor, the Founder & Coordinator of CRP on 18th January 2023.



Officials from Sainsbury Agros handing over the check to Valerie

Nutrition Fair by CRP Nursing College

CRP Nursing College organized a Nutrition Fair where the first year students displayed and sold different kind of nutritious food items which are beneficial for health and also help to avoid different kinds of diseases. The fair held at CRP's Reddaway Hall on 31st January, 2023 and was enjoyed and attended by CRP's patients, students and staff members.



Mr. Khairuzzaman Liton giving speech in the orientation program

CRP Rajshahi Regional Centre's orientation program

CRP is going to establish a regional centre at Kapasia, Paba, Rajshahi on the donated land of A. H. M. Kahairuzzaman Liton, Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation. The centre will be named after Shahid A. H. M. Kamaruzzaman and Jahanara Zaman Centre which will provide treatment, rehabilitation and assistive device services along with academic facilities under Rajshahi Medical University. An orientation program, with many dignitaries present, was arranged on the same land on 9th February, 2023. A number of potential donors promised to donate a total of 10 million taka to construct the infrastructures on the land.

International Women's Day celebrated at CRP

CRP celebrated the International Women's Day on 8th March 2023 with the support of CBM Global Inclusion under the project Equitable and Inclusive Health and Rehabilitation for Persons with Disability (EIHRPD). This year, CRP recognized the female support staff working at its head office. All of them received a token gift for their contribution and the winners of the dart throw game got special prizes. CRP's Founder, Valerie Taylor and other staff members attended the program. A representative from CBM also joined the event. The event ended with cutting a cake sponsored by CRP's Trustee member Azra Faizi Ahmed.



Valerie's birthday celebration

On 8th February, CRP family celebrated the birthday of Dr. Valerie Ann Taylor, Founder & Coordinator of CRP. She is the biggest inspiration and the pioneer of rehabilitation services for the people with disabilities in Bangladesh. Children from William and Marie Taylor School wished her through a dance performance and a group of people with disabilities entertained her with a beautiful song. Later she cut a cake with the patients, students, children and staff of CRP.



CRP-WaterAid MoU signing event

MoU between CRP & WaterAid

On the 5th March, 2023, a memorandum of understanding (MoU) has been signed between WaterAid and CRP with a view to driving a project focused on rainwater harvesting technology for improved groundwater replenishment and better utilization of rainwater, titled: 'Promoting Water Replenishment and Wash Services'. For more details read from the news link below.

Valerie received Unnoyone Bangladesh Award 2022

Dr. Valerie Ann Taylor, the Founder & Coordinator of CRP received "Unnoyone Bangladesh Award 2022" hosted by ATN Bangla for her contribution towards humanitarian services in Bangladesh. On 5th March 2023 an award giving ceremony was held at the Bangladesh Film Development Corporation (BFDC) where the honourable Minister of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Anisul Huq was present as the Chief Guest. Nawajish Khan, Senior Advisor of ATN Bangla chaired the program. ATN Bangla had honoured 12 people contributing in different sectors of Bangladesh and Valerie was one of them.



Local Inception Program of EIHRPD project



Guests in the project inception program at CRP Manikganj

On the 21st of March 2023, a district-level orientation program was held at CRP Manikganj Center under the project named “Equitable and Inclusive Health and Rehabilitation for Persons with Disability (EIHRPD)” supported by CBM Global Disability Inclusion and implemented by Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed-CRP. The program was organized with the aim of promoting the project's goals and objectives among the local stakeholders. The District Commissioner of Manikganj was present as the chief guest, Superintendent of 250 bedded zilla hospital, Manikganj, Deputy Director of Social Services Department, Manikganj, UNO of Sadar Upazila, Program Officer of Bangladesh office of CBM Global Disability Inclusion, Executive Director of WDDF, Principal of BHPI, CRP were present as special guests and the Founder and Coordinator of CRP chaired the programme.

Inception ceremony of EKOTA project



Guests in the project inception program at Dhaka Guests in the project inception program at CRP Savar

An inception ceremony of the EKOTA (Unity) project was held on 10th May, 2023 in Brac Inn. This USAID funded project will be implemented in partnership with Manusher Jonno Foundation and CRP. The aim of this project is to ensure disability rights and justice for the persons with disabilities in some selected area of Bangladesh. Mr. Ashraf Ali Khan Khasru (MP), the honourable State Minister, Ministry of Social Welfare attended the program as the Chief Guest. Moreover, officials from Manusher Jonno Foundation, CRP and other organizations were also present in the program. Another inception program was held at CRP on 31st May, 2023 to orient about the activities of the staff of CRP. The Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) of Savar, Md. Mazharul Islam was present as the Chief Guest and CRP's Executive Director, Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain chaired the program. Other officials and community members of Savar area also attended the event.

Valerie received World Physiotherapy Award

Dr. Valerie Ann Taylor, Founder & Coordinator of CRP received the Humanitarian Service Award from the World Physiotherapy Association in 2023. This award recognizes individual physiotherapists who have improved people’s lives through their exceptional care, compassion, dedication and personal commitment. Valerie received this award for establishing CRP and its services for the people with disabilities in Bangladesh.



CRP received Alokito Kaj Award

Akij group presented "Alokito Gani" (Enlightened Scholar) program in Dipto TV honoured CRP for their "Alokito Kaj" (Enlightened Work) extraordinary contribution to the person's with disabilities. On behalf of CRP, the Executive Director, Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain received the award.



Amputee Football Camp at CRP

CRP in collaboration with International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Bangladesh arranged a 10 days Amputee Football Camp at CRP head office. A total of 14 amputee players along with three officials from CRP and one from Bangladesh Football Federation joined the camp from 20th May to 31st May 2023.



The Chief guest giving speech in the program



Guests from different organizations attending the program

EIHRPD project inception program

On 5th June 2023, the Project Inception Program of “Equitable and Inclusive Health and Rehabilitation for Persons with Disability (EIHRPD)” project implemented by the Center for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP) in collaboration with the CBM Global Disability Inclusion was held at CRP Mirpur Centre. The project aims to create equitable and inclusive health and rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities (including women and girls with disabilities) in Bangladesh.

Prof. Dr. Mohammad. Robed Amin, Line Director at the Department of NCDC, DGHS was present as the Chief Guest. Mr. Md. Ruknul Haque, Deputy Director, District Social Service Office, Dhaka, Dr. Md. Mahmudur Rahman, Assistant Director, DGHS, Dr. Md. Moazzem Ali Khan Chowdhury, Civil Surgeon, Manikganj, Mr. Muhammad Mushfiqul Wara, Country Director, CBM Global, Bangladesh Office were present as special guest and Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain, Executive Director, CRP chaired the program. Ashrafun Nahar Misti, Executive Director of WDDF, officials from various government departments, NGOs, OPDs, CBM Global Disability Inclusion, media partners, and many more were also in attendance along with the other guests.

Caregiver training initiated at CRP

A Contract Between Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) and CRP has been signed on 8th May, 2023 for Implementing Caregiving Training Program financed by SEIP Project, SDCMU, Finance Division, Ministry of Finance”. This is a 3 month’s training offered by CRP Nursing College and will facilitate 20 participants including the food and accommodation facilities.



CRP-PKSF MoU Signing event

MoU between CRP and CHILD Foundation

On 3rd June 2023, an MoU has been signed between CRP and CHILD Foundation. Under this MoU, CHILD Foundation will support six underprivileged special need students enrolled in William and Marie Taylor Inclusive School of CRP for one year. On behalf of CRP, Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain, Executive Director has signed the MoU.



CRP's ED visited Apon Ghar Foundation

Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain, Executive Director of CRP was invited to visit Apon Ghar Foundation to discuss the future collaboration of providing rehabilitation support to their beneficiaries. Apon Ghar Foundation works for the homeless people.



CRP Barishal, CARSA Foundation Centre 3rd Floor inauguration



Dr. K M Maqsur Rahman inaugurating the program



CRP's ED giving speech in the event

CRP Barishal organized an inauguration ceremony of its 3rd floor construction of the SEKNAK building. The construction was funded by Dr. K M Maqsur Rahman Trust. The program was organized on 7th June 2023 at the newly built floor at the centre. Rotarian DR. K M Maqsur Rahman along with the representatives from CARSA Foundation and SEKNAK Welfare Trust attended the program. CRP's Executive Director Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain chaired the program.

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22nd ASCoN Conference to be hosted by CRP

CRP is hosting the Annual ASCoN Conference from November 25 to 27, 2023 with the theme “Strengthening SCI services through knowledge exchange and deepening friendship”. The conference will enable a large number of national, regional and international participants to interchange knowledge and learning of comprehensive SCI management including pre-hospital and acute care, post-acute medical and rehabilitation management and socio-economic inclusion. The conference outputs will facilitate the development of a national strategy and policy for persons with spinal cord injury in Bangladesh.

Visit of Dr. Luis Garcia from Spain

Dr. Luis Garcia, a specialised Spine Surgeon from Spain and a longstanding friend of CRP visited CRP for assisting CRP's Medical Services Wing for accomplishing few critical surgeries and also brought implants worth 6 lac taka as gift from Spain. The photo was taken while he bid his farewell to CRP's Executive Director Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain on 4th January 2023.



From left Dr. Sayeed, Dr. Luis Garcia and Dr. Md. Sohrab Hossain

National Paralympic Committee Bangladesh's visit

Members of the National Paralympic Committee of Bangladesh visited CRP on 21st January 2023 and met the athletes with disabilities. CRP's Founder and the Chairperson of the National Paralympic Committee of Bangladesh, Valerie Ann Taylor along with CRP's Executive Director Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain accompanied them during the visit.

High Commissioner for Canada in Bangladesh visited CRP

Lilly Nicholls, High Commissioner for Canada in Bangladesh visited CRP on 23rd January 2023. She was accompanied by CRP's longstanding volunteer and President of Friends of CRP Canada Society, Carolyn Scott during her visit. CRP's Founder and Coordinator, Dr. Valerie Taylor and Executive Director, Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain thanked her for providing time to visit CRP's activities at Savar, Dhaka.



Visit of BSMMU's VC

Honourable Vice Chancellor of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU), Professor Dr. Md. Sharfuddin Ahmed along with the Pro Vice Chancellor (Research & Development), Dr. Md. Moniruzzaman Khan visited CRP on the occasion of the orientation program of the first year BSc students of Bangladesh Health Professionals Institute (BHPI) on 11th February 2023.



VC of BSMMU handing over souvenir to Valerie



Visitors from Japan

A team of faculty members from Kobe Gakuin University, Japan, accompanied by the ICRC officials visited CRP on 4th March, 2023. Professor Mitsuhiro Sano along with two other members donated a 3D printer to the Hand Therapy Unit of the Occupational Therapy Department of CRP. It will be used to produce splints for treating patients with hand problems.



ICRC, Head of Operation, Dhaka Delegation visits CRP

Heike Kemper, Head of Operations, Dhaka Delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) visited CRP on 23rd March, 2023. She was accompanied by Nadera Hayat Burhani, ICRC Health Coordinator, Physical Rehabilitation Program, Canada and other staff members. They inaugurated the ICRC funded renovated basketball ground at the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed-CRP.

Visitors from World Archery Asia

The Secretary General of World Archery, Mr. Tommy Rene Josephine Dielen and the Secretary General of World Archery Asia, Mr. Kyu-Hyung Han, accompanied by the officials of National Paralympic Committee Bangladesh, visited CRP on 26th February 2023 to meet CRP's Founder and President of the National Paralympic Committee Bangladesh, Valerie Ann Taylor. The Secretary Generals came to Bangladesh for attending the inauguration ceremony of the Para Archery, Bangladesh.



Visitors from JULES

CRP Manikganj centre is implementing a project funded by JULES, a French based fashion brand. The project title is "Uplift-Vocational training & reintegration in-kind support in the community for the empowerment of persons with disabilities in Bangladesh". The project duration is from January'2023 to December'2023 and the approximate budget is 10000 Euro. Ms. Clemence, Head of CSR, JULES and Md. Aminur Rahman Shishir, CSR Country Manager-JULES has visited CRP Manikganj centre on 20 June 2023. Mahedul Islam, Manager, Resource Mobilization and Grants Management of CRP and Mahbub Islam, Centre Manager of CRP Manikganj accompanied them during the visit.



A proposed residential building for persons with disabilities

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between CRP and the donors Shaheen Sultana and Mohammad Nasiruddin Milki from Netrokona in 2022. A group of donors who are also parents to persons with disabilities proposed CRP to build a six storied residential building for the persons with disabilities at its Savar premises. The building will be named as "Projapoti" (Butterfly) and people with disabilities having no parents left in the world will be able to stay in this building with condition. The MoU states, the donors will raise the needed money for the construction of the building and CRP will provide the land for it.

So, anyone interested to join hands in this great initiative can send their donations to the following-

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