



National Tobacco Control Cell Health Services Division Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Bangladesh

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➤ **Meeting to sensitize 'Authorized Officers' & 'Task-force Members' on Tobacco Control Law in Chittagong & Cox's Bazar:**

NTCC conducted two meetings in order to sensitization of 'Authorized officers' & 'Task-force members' on tobacco control law from Upa-zilla and district level of Chittagong and Cox's Bazar district on 10th & 11th July, 2019. These trainings were aimed to increase the capacity of 'Authorized officers' & 'Task-force members' to effectively implement tobacco control law in their jurisdiction to combat tobacco menace. Mr. Md. Saidur Rahman, Additional Secretary (World Health) & project director of NTCC was present as chief guest on both occasions and Mr. Md. Khairul Alam Shiekh, Joint Secretary & Coordinator of NTCC was also present as special guest. Deputy Commissioner of Chittagong and Cox's Bazar district chaired these sensitization meetings. Additional district magistrate, UNO, UH&FPO, executive magistrate, health education officer, sanitary inspector (district & upa-zilla) and member of district task-force committee from above mentioned district also participated in these trainings.



➤ **Tobacco Control Law compliance monitoring visit:**

A team of the National Tobacco Control Cell, Health Services Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare visited Patiya Upazila (Sub-district) of Chittagong District and Cox's Bazar Sadar sub-district & pouroushova to monitor tobacco control activities done by trained Sanitary Inspectors (SI). This team accompanied by Md. Saidur Rahman, Additional Secretary (World Health), Health Services Division and Project Director of NTCC, Md. Khairul Alam Shiekh, Joint Secretary and Coordinator of NTCC. Two program officers of NTCC Mr. Aminul Islam Sujon and Mr. Mir Nabin Ekram were also included in this delegation. NTCC team met with

UNO, UH&FPO of Patiya; Md Shaha Amran, Sanitary Inspector of Patiya; Mr. Tarun Barua, District Sanitary Inspector of Cox's Bazar, Mr. Nurul Kabir Kaderi, Sanitary Inspector, Upzila Health & Family Welfare Office, Sadar Upzila, Cox's bazar, Mrs. Nasim Banu, Deputy Director, YPSA. NTCC team visited various places and monitor the activities done by Sanitary Inspector on TC law.



➤ *Divisional workshop in Chittagong:*

A divisional workshop was jointly organized by National Tobacco Control Cell (NTCC), Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong and Tobacco Control and Research Cell (TCRC), Dhaka International University on implementation of tobacco control law in relation to graphical health warning. The program was conducted on 10th July, 2019 at Conference Hall of Chittagong Circuit House. Mr. Md. Abdul Mannan, Divisional Commissioner of Chittagong was present as chief guest and Mr. Md. Saidur Rahmn, Additional Secretary (WH), Health Service Division, MoHFW was present as special guest. Mr. Md. Khairul Alam Shiekh, Joint Secretary and Coordinator of National Tobacco Control Cell presided over the program. Around 60 (Sixty) government officials from 11 (Eleven) districts under Chittagong Division including civil surgeons, additional district magistrates and divisional head were present at the program. Many crucial decisions has been taken and Divisional Commissioner has given order to all Additional District Magistrate from all the district under his division to take legal action against the violation of Tobacco Control Law specially on Graphical Health Warnings issues and also given direction to all civil surgeon to conduct taskforce meeting regularly.



➤ **Coordination meeting of NTCC:**

Coordination meeting of NTCC with different anti-tobacco organizations (INGOs, NGOs) was held on 15th July'19 at the conference room of Health Economics Unit. Mr. Md. Saidur Rahman, Additional Secretary (world health), Health Services Division was the honourable Chairperson of this meeting. Mr. Md. Khairul Alam Shiekh, Joint Secretary and Coordinator, National Tobacco Control Cell was also present as moderator. Mr. Md. Shafiqul Islam, Head of programs, Vital Strategies; Dr. Syed Mahfuzul Huq, NPO WHO and member from other government, international and non-government organization were also present at the meeting and they present their works they have done in last three months regarding tobacco control and also present their future work plan for the upcoming months.



➤ **'Capacity building workshop on enforcement of Tobacco Control Law' for Sanitary Inspector:**

'Capacity building workshop on enforcement of Tobacco Control Law' for Sanitary Inspector (5th & 6th batch of 2019) was held at BMA bhaban conference room from 28-31st July'19. Mr. Md. Ashadul Islam, Secretary, Health Services Division chaired the 2nd day of opening session of this workshops on both occasion. Mr. Md. Saidur Rahman, Additional Secretary (WH) inaugurated the program on 1st day. Mr. Md. Khairul Alam Shiekh, Joint Secretary and Coordinator, National Tobacco Control Cell, Mr. Md. Shafiqul Islam, Head of Programs, Vital Strategy; Mr. Md. Shariful Alam, Chief consultant, CTFK; Mr. Khandokar Zakir Hossain, Deputy Secretary (WH-2), Dr. Syed Mahfuzul Huq, NPO, WHO; Dr Rafiqul Hayder, Assistant Director (PHC), DGHS; Mr. Nasiruddin, Country Manager, Vital Strategy and Program Officers of NTCC were also present & conducted different session of the workshop.



➤ **Training course on ‘Economics of Tobacco & Tobacco Taxation:**

Fourth batch of special training course on ‘Economics of Tobacco and Tobacco Taxation: Public Health Perspective’ was held from 2nd to 4th July 2019 at the Conference Room, Bureau of Economic Research, Arts Faculty Building, University of Dhaka. This training was jointly organized by NTCC, Bureau of Economic Research (BER), University of Dhaka with the technical and financial assistance from The Union. Participants received a Certificate of Competence from the Bureau of Economic Research, University of Dhaka. A total of 25 participants from different Ministries, NGOs, Media and Students participated in the training event.

At the inaugural session of the training course Mr. Md. Ashadul Islam, Secretary, Health Services Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Bangladesh was present as chief guest. Prof Dr. Shafique uz Zaman, Chairman, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka and Syed Mahbubul Alam, Technical Adviser, The Union were present as special guest. The session was chaired by Prof. Dr. Nazma Begum, Director, BER. Prof. Dr. Rumana Haque, Focal Person, BER gave welcome speech at the beginning of the session.



➤ **Others:**

NTCC officials (coordinator and program officers) attended various meetings/events organized by different government and non-government organizations, including:

- A preparatory meeting was organized [15th July] on national discussion on roadmap at NTCC, where National Tobacco Control Program, one-year program under revenue budget and Roadmap to make the country tobacco free was discussed.
- Coordinator, NTCC attended an orientation meeting on Implementation of Tobacco Free Hospitality Sector Strategy Paper at 11.am on 22.07.2019 (Monday) at the meeting room of Bangladesh Tourism Board.

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