



## 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 Naogaon & Chapainawabganj:**

NTCC conducted two meetings in order to sensitization of 'Authorized officers' & 'Task-force members' on tobacco control law from Upa-zila and district level of Naogaon & Chapainawabganj district on 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2019. These training 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. Khairul Alam Shiekh, Joint Secretary & Coordinator of NTCC was present as chief guest on both occasions. Deputy Commissioner of Naogaon & Chapainawabganj district chaired these sensitization meeting. Additional district magistrate, UNO, UH&FPO, executive magistrate, health education officer, sanitary inspector (district & upa-zila) and member of district task-force committee from above mentioned district also participated in these training.



### ➤ **Supervisory visit to monitor Tobacco Control Law compliance:**

A team of the National Tobacco Control Cell, Health Services Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare visited Naogaon & Chapainawabganj district town and Kansat, Sona Mosjid tourist area to monitor enforcement of tobacco control law that includes provision of smoke-free public places/transports, illegal tobacco advertisement and promotions (including point of sale tobacco ads), sale to and by minor and 50% graphical health warnings etc. NTCC team (Coordinator & Program officer) met Deputy Commissioner and Civil Surgeon of Naogaon & Chapainawabganj district. All of them were cordially requested to effectively activate the 'Task force' committee to implement Tobacco Control Law (TC law) in their jurisdiction and to conduct mobile court on TC law regularly.



➤ **Tobacco Control Law compliance assessment survey:**

Compliance assessment surveys are important, effective and simple tool for proper monitoring and evaluation of enforcement of tobacco control law. Compliance surveys help us to evaluate compliance with the provisions of a particular law at a precise point in time. The findings provide decision makers with evidence regarding the level of compliance with the law and to help inform priorities for implementation and enforcement. In this regard, a base line compliance assessment survey titled “Assessing Compliance to Tobacco Control Law: A Base Line Survey in 10 Districts of Bangladesh” has been started by NTCC this month. 10 Sanitary Inspector from 10 upazila of 10 districts (Khulna division) received training on survey data collection procedure on 20<sup>th</sup> August. They collected the survey data from 22-28<sup>th</sup> August in their respective Upazila. After their data collection they send it back to NTCC for further analysis.



➤ **Meeting on finalization of draft strategic paper for controlling SLT:**

Meeting on finalization of draft strategic paper for controlling smokeless tobacco products (SLT) was held at NTCC on 27th August 2019 chaired by Mr. Md. Saidur Rahman, Additional Secretary (World Health), Health Services Division. Mr. Md. Khairul Alam Shiekh, Joint Secretary & Coordinator, NTCC; Md. Shafiqul Islam, Head of Programs, Vital Strategy; Mr. Md. Shariful Alam, Chief consultant, CTFK; Farida Akhter, Executive Director, UBINIG; Sayyida Akhter, Coordinator, TABINAJ and other committee members were also present at that meeting.



➤ **Others:**

- National Tobacco Control Program, one-year program under revenue budget and Roadmap to make the country tobacco free by 2040 was updated by several meetings.
- A revised committee was formed to develop draft of NTCC Rules and a meeting to be held on September 2019.
- Draft of National Tobacco Control Policy was sent to all other government ministries for their final comments and feedback before approval at the inter-ministerial meeting.
- NTCC Program Officer attended meeting on licensing of POS, organized by AID Foundation, Bangladesh Anti Tobacco Alliance and Mayor Alliance for Healthy Cities at Institute of Architects of Bangladesh, Agargaon on 26th August 2019.
- NTCC Program Officer attended two dissemination workshops at DGHS; (1) Prevalence of Parental Tobacco use in Bangladesh & its impact, organized by NCDC and BCCP on 27th August and (2) Tobacco use (smoking & smokeless), betel quid dependency among rural population in Bangladesh organized by NCDC and PIACT on 29th August 2019.

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