



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

*E-Newsletter of National Tobacco Control Cell (NTCC) for the month of September'2019
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➤ **Meeting on finalization of draft National Tobacco Control Policy:**

Inter-ministerial meeting for finalization of draft National Tobacco Control Policy was held on 15th September'19 at the conference room of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. Mr. Md. Ashadul Islam, Secretary, Health Services Division chaired this meeting. Mr. Md. Saidur Rahman, Additional Secretary (WH), Health Services division; Mr. Md. Khairul Alam Shiekh, Joint Secretary & Coordinator of NTCC and distinguished government officials from different ministries/departments, INGO/NGO and NTCC officials were also present in the meeting. The draft NTCP was presented there and participants opined their valuable suggestion & recommendation for finalization of the draft policy.



➤ **Meeting on 'Road-map' to make the country tobacco free by 2040:**

"Meeting for further review, development & modification of 'Road-map' was held on 8th September'19. Mr. Md. Saidur Rahman, Additional Secretary (World Health), Health Services Division presided this meeting. Mr. Md. Khairul Alam Shiekh, Joint Secretary & Coordinator of NTCC; Mr. Md. Shafiqul Islam, Head of Programs, Vital Strategy; Mr. Khandokar Zakir Hossain, Deputy Secretary (WH-2), Health Services Division, MoHFW; Dr. Syed Mahfuzul Haq, NPO of WHO; Adv. Syed Mahbubul Alam, Technical Advisor, The Union; Farida Akhter, Executive Director, UBINIG and other distinguished member from different INGO and NGO's were also present at the meeting. They gave their valuable opinion, suggestion and recommendation to prepare an effective & efficient draft of 'Road-map'.



➤ ***Divisional Workshop in Dhaka:***

A divisional workshop was jointly organized by National Tobacco Control Cell (NTCC), Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka, Bangladesh Anti-Tobacco Alliance (BATA) and Tobacco Control & Research Cell (TCRC), Dhaka International University on "Importance of Effective implementation of Graphic Health Warnings on Tobacco Products". The program was conducted on 11th September, 2019 at Conference room of the office of the Dhaka Divisional Commissioner. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Mohammad Zainul Bari, Divisional Commissioner of Dhaka. Mr. Md. Saidur Rahmn, Additional Secretary (WH), Health Service Division, MoHFW; Mr. Md. Khairul Alam Shiekh, Joint Secretary and Coordinator of NTCC; Mr. Md. Selim Reza, Additional Divisional Commissioner (General); A. K. M. Masuduzzaman, Additional Divisional Commissioner (Development); Mr. Md. Nurunnabi, Additional Divisional Commissioner (Revenue) and Ms. Dilsad Begum, Deputy Commissioner of Rajbari District were also present as special guests at the meeting.

Civil Surgeons and Additional District Magistrates of all thirteen districts of Dhaka Division were also present at the meeting. Many important 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.



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

'Capacity building workshop on enforcement of Tobacco Control Law' for Sanitary Inspector (7th & 8th batch of 2019) was held at BMA bhaban conference room on 25-26th & 29-30th September'19. Mr. Md. Habibur Rahman Khan, Additional Secretary (Admin) inaugurated both of the programs. 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; Adv. Syed Mahbubul Alam, Technical Advisor, The Union; Dr Rafiqul Hayder, Assistant Director (PHC), DGHS and Program Officers of NTCC were also present & conducted different session of the workshop.



➤ **Official visit of The Union financial administrator:**



The Union financial administrator Asha Tandon visited NTCC on 16th September'19. She visited NTCC's office and discussed on different financial issue regarding the ongoing project. Coordinator and all program officers of NTCC warmly received her and had a meeting with her on various issues.

➤ **Others:**

- Coordinator of NTCC attended an orientation meeting on 02.09.2019 at the Conference Hall of Hotel Abakash, Mohakhali, Dhaka on "Tobacco-free Hospitality Sector Strategy". Mr. Atiqul Huq, Additional Secretary of Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism (MoCAT) was present as Chief Guest in the meeting.
- Mr. Md. Khairul Alam Sheikh, Joint Secretary and Coordinator, NTCC attended regional meeting on Tobacco Advise ment, Promotion and Sponsorship (TAPS) in 23-24 September 2019 in Kathmandu, Nepal organized by World Health Organization South East Asian Regional Office.
- 4th expert meeting on "Economic cost of tobacco cultivation in Bangladesh" held on 26th September. NTCC coordinator and program officers attended the meeting.

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