



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 November '2019
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➤ **Health development surcharge (HDS) management committee meeting:**

'Health Development Surcharge Management Committee' meeting was held on 28th November '19 at the conference room of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. Mr. Md. Ashadul Islam, Secretary, Health Services Division presided this meeting. Prof. Dr. ArupRatan Choudhury, Senior consultant, Dept. of Dentistry, BIRDEM; Ms Rina Parveen, Additional Secretary (PH & WH), Health Services Division and other members from different ministries of this committee were present in this meeting.

Mr. Md. Khairul Alam Shiekh, Joint Secretary and Coordinator, National Tobacco Control Cell presented

a power point presentation reflecting the important activities done by NTCC in last one year and the detailed budget to be approved by this committee to be used for tobacco control for this fiscal year.



➤ **Bloomberg Initiatives delegation team meeting with Health Services Division:**

On 14th November '19, a delegation team of Bloomberg Initiatives (BI) working on tobacco control worldwide came to Bangladesh. A meeting was arranged at the conference room of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) where BI team meets with Mr. Md. Ashadul Islam, Secretary of Health Services Division (HSD). Ms Rina Parveen, Additional Secretary (PH & WH), HSD; Mr. Md. Khairul Alam Shiekh, Joint Secretary and Coordinator, National Tobacco Control Cell and other high officials from HSD were also present at that meeting.

From BI delegation team Ms. Jo Birckmayer & Ms. Adrienne Pizatella from Bloomberg Philanthropies; Dr. Gan Quan & Mr. Ashish Pandey from The Union; Prof. Frank J. Chaloupka, University of Illinois at Chicago; Dr Roberto Iglesias, Dr Robert Totanes & Dr Kerstin Schotte from WHO-HQ; Dr. Thushara Eraj from WHO SEARO; Ms. Vandana Shah, Ms. Estelle Dauchy & Ms. Jaspreet Kaur from CTFK and Ms. Sejal Saraf from JHSPH were present. Other in-country BI partners' representatives were also present in this meeting.

Several important issues regarding tobacco control in Bangladesh at present and near future along with future coordination plan between BI and MoHFW was discussed.



➤ **Project Implementation Committee (PIC) meeting:**

Project Implementation Committee (PIC) meeting was held on 4th November at 09:30 am at the conference room of Program Management & Monitoring Unit, Azimpur, Dhaka. Dr. A. E. Md. Muhiuddin Osmani, Joint Chief (Planning), Health Services Division presided this meeting. Coordinator of NTCC, other members of PIC committee and NTCC officials were also present at this meeting. Important activities of NTCC were reviewed by PIC committee and necessary decisions were taken accordingly.

➤ **Coordination meeting of NTCC:**

Coordination meeting of NTCC with different anti-tobacco organizations (INGOs, NGOs) was held on 11th November'19 at the conference room of Health Economics Unit. Ms. Rina Parveen, Additional Secretary (public health & world health), Health Services Division was the Chairperson of this meeting. Mr. Md. Khairul Alam Shiekh, Joint Secretary and Coordinator, National Tobacco Control Cell moderated this meeting. Mr. Md. Shafiqul Islam, Head of programs, Vital Strategies; Khandokar Zakir Hossain, Deputy Secretary, WH-2 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.



➤ **Consultative workshop on tobacco control research:**

On 12th November 2019, National Tobacco Control Cell, Bangladesh Center for Communication Program (BCCP) in collaboration with Institute of Global Tobacco Control (IGTC), Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health (JHSPH) and Bangladesh Tobacco Control Research Network (BTCRN) jointly organized a Consultative Workshop on Identify Future Tobacco Control Research Needs in Bangladesh at BMA Bhabon, Dhaka.

Ms. Rina Parveen, Additional Secretary (public health & world health), Health Services Division was the Chief guest of this meeting. Mr. Md. Khairul Alam Shiekh, Joint Secretary and Coordinator, NTCC; Prof. Shah Monir Hossain, Ex-DG, DGHS; Khandokar Zakir Hossain, Deputy Secretary, WH-2; Mr. Mohammad Shahjahan, CEO, BCCP and other distinguished guest from different organization were also present in this workshop.



➤ **University based lecture program on tobacco control at North South University:**

The 1st University-based Lecture Program on Tobacco Control was organized by BTCRN & BCCP at the North South University on November 25, 2019. Ms. Rina Parveen, Additional Secretary (Public Health and World Health), HSD; Mr. Md. Khairul Alam Shiekh, Coordinator (Joint Secretary), NTCC attend the program as the Chief Guest and Special Guest respectively. Prof. Gias U Ahsan, Dean, School of Public Health and Life Sciences, Prof. Dr. Nawzia Yasmin, President, BTCRN; Dr. Syed Mahfuzul Huq, National Professional Officer, WHO Bangladesh, Prof. Sohel Reza Choudhury, Professor and Head, Department of Epidemiology, National Heart Foundation Hospital and Research Institute, Prof. Shah Monir Hossain, Senior Advisor, BTCRN; and Mr. Mohammad Shahjahan, Director and CEO, BCCP attended the program as Special Guests.

One hundred twenty participants including the students, faculties and administrative staff members of the university were registered at the program.



➤ **Others:**

Mr. Md. Khairul Alam Shiekh, Coordinator and Aminul Islam, Program Officer of NTCC attended 50th Union World Conference on Lung Health, from 30 October – 02 November 2019, held at Hyderabad International Convention Center, Hyderabad, India. NTCC coordinator provided a power point presentation on TB and Tobacco in a session of this conference.



Mr. Md. Khairul Alam Shiekh, Coordinator of NTCC attended International meeting on TAPS Ban for smokeless tobacco at Indian council for medical research, New Delhi, India from 6-7th November' 19.



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