



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 April'2019
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➤ **'Capacity building workshop on enforcement of Tobacco Control Law' for Sanitary Inspector:**

'Capacity building workshop on enforcement of Tobacco Control Law' for Sanitary Inspector for the year 2019 started from 8th April, 2019. Total 4 batch of training has been completed in this month. All the training was held at BMA bhaban conference room. Mr. Md. Ashadul Islam, Secretary, Health Services Division chaired the opening [4th batch] & closing session [2nd batch] of this workshop. Mr. Md. Khalilur Rahman, Joint Secretary and former Coordinator of NTCC, Mr. Md. Khairul Alam Sheikh, Joint Secretary & Coordinator, NTCC; Md. Shafiqul Islam, Head of programs, Vital Strategies; Mr. Md. Ruhul Quddus, Additional Secretary (Rtd.); Mr. Khandokar Zakir Hossain, Deputy Secretary (WH-2), Dr. Syed Mahfuzul Huq, NPO, WHO; Adv. Syed Mahbubul Alam, Technical Advisor, The Union and officials of NTCC coordinated and conducted different session of this capacity building workshop throughout the month.



➤ **Meeting on amendment of tobacco control law:**

On 24.04.2019, a meeting was held on Tobacco control law amendment at the conference room of Health Economics Unit. The meeting was chaired by Md. Habibur Rahman Khan, Additional Secretary (PH & WH), Health Services Division. Barrister Md. Shameem Haider Patwary MP was present as Chief Guest. Mr. Md. Shafiqul Islam, Head of Programs, Vital Strategy; Mr. Md. Khalilur Rahman, Coordinator of NTCC; Adv. Syed Mahbubul Alam, Technical Advisor of The Union and other distinguished member from different NGO's were also present at the meeting and gave their valuable opinion. In this meeting the possible amendment to strengthen the tobacco control law in future was discussed.



➤ **Website launching program of NTCC:**

Website launching program of National Tobacco Control Cell was held on 25.4.2019 at the conference room of Health Economics Unit. Md. Habibur Rahman Khan, Additional Secretary (PH & WH), Health Services Division inaugurated the new and dynamic website of NTCC. The new website of NTCC has been developed according to the design and feature of other Government organizations website. Various contents, features and updates were included so that it can play a vital role to coordinate the activities of NTCC and help all anti-tobacco organization with necessary information time-to-time.



➤ **World No Tobacco Day' 2019 preparatory meeting:**

Preparatory meeting to celebrate World No Tobacco Day'2019 was held on 25.4.2019 at the conference room of Health Economics Unit. Md. Habibur Rahman Khan, Additional Secretary (PH & WH), Health Services Division chaired this meeting. Mr. Md. Shafiqul Islam, Head of Programs, Vital Strategy; Mr. Md. Khalilur Rahman, Coordinator of NTCC; Dr. Shamim Rizwan, Program manager, NCDC and other distinguished member from different Govt., INGO and NGO's were also present at the meeting. All participants give their valuable suggestion and recommendation to celebrate the WNTD'19 with success. A central committee and several sub-committee was made to effectively execute the necessary preparation of WNTD.



➤ **View exchange seminar on Tobacco Taxation:**

A view exchange meeting on 'Tobacco taxation in Bangladesh: Public health perspective' was held on 27.4.2019 at Fars Hotel & Resort. NTCC jointly organized this meeting with Bureau of Economic Research – University of Dhaka and Work for a Better Bangladesh (WBB) Trust. Participants from different ministries/ departments/ organization were present. Mr. Md. Ashadul Islam, Secretary – Health Services Division attended as chief guest. Meeting was chaired by Md. Khairul Alam Shiekh, Coordinator (Joint Secretary) of NTCC.



➤ **Others:**

- A committee meeting on developing content for newspaper and billboard regarding tobacco control was held on 16th April, 2019.
- NTCC supported NCDC – DGHS to organize their 3 day’s training for UHFPO on tobacco control law. NTCC coordinator and program officer attended in last day of training.
- NTCC developed Global Tobacco Control Report and send to WHO Head Office, Geneva accordingly

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