

Supervisory visit to Patiya, Chittagong

10 July 2019

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 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 National Tobacco Control Cell (NTCC), Md. Khairul Alam Shiekh, Joint Secretary and Coordinator of NTCC, Health Services Division, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Two program officers of NTCC, Aminul Islam Sujon and Mir Nabin Ekram also included in this delegation.

This delegation met Mr. Md Shaha Amran, Sanitary Inspector, Patiya Upazila (Sub-district) of Chittagong District on 10th July 2019 who have received training 09-10 April 2019. Sanitary Inspector also informed his supervisor Upazila Health and Family Planning Officer (UHFPO) who is the Member Secretary of Upazila Taskforce on tobacco control law implementation.

After the training, SI regularly visiting various public places in his working area where he has informed owner/manager/care taker of public places/transport to display no-smoking signages as a mandatory obligation of the tobacco control law. As a result, we found number of



No-Smoking Signboards in the Upazila Administration Office, Upazila Health Complex, and other public places.



Mr. Md. Khairul Alam Sheikh, Joint Secretary & Coordinator of NTCC discussed with Upazila Taskforce members and authorized officers on tobacco control law enforcement at UNO Office, Patiya, Chattagram on 10 July 2019. While Advocate. Syed Mahbulul Alam Tahin, technical adviser, The Union was present. Photo: Aminul Islam Sujon, Program Officer, NTCC

We discussed with the Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO/Subdistrict Executive Officer) and UHFPO about Taskforce meeting and mobile court for effective implementation where SI was present. Joint Secretary and Coordinator told to UNO and UHFPO about the activation of Taskforce and mobile court for enforcement of law.

During conversation, SI told, “After attended NTCC training, I have well informed about the tobacco control law and my roles as authorized officer. Now I am regularly monitoring law violation and informed people about law”.



Mr. Md. Khairul Alam Sheik, Joint Secretary & Coordinator of NTCC discussed with UHFPO, Medical Officer and Sanitary Inspector at Upazila Health Complex, Patiya, Chattagram on 10 July 2019. While Advocate Syed Mahbulul Alam Tahin, technical adviser, The Union was present (left). NTCC coordinator also visited Upazila Health Complex & talked with doctors, nurses & other staff are working at the Health Complex, Patiya (above). Photo: Aminul Islam Sujon, Program Officer, NTCC.

Sanitary Inspector, Patiya Health Complex, Chittagong requested us to provide awareness materials on TC law and health hazards of tobacco use for health education and awareness on law. As well as no-smoking signages that will use in public places and transports.

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