

Activity 4.7: Supervisory visit to monitor enforcement of tobacco control law in Rangpur District

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A supervisory visit was conducted to monitor enforcement of tobacco control law on 22-23rd September, 2018 in Rangpur district. At first we have met Mr. Md. Ruhul Amin Mia, Deputy Commissioner (in-charge) of Rangpur and request him to take initiatives for effective implementation of tobacco control law in his district and to conduct mobile court regularly. Then



we visited the DC office premises and found some point of sales (POS) selling cigarette, gul, jorda e.t.c behind DC office at 'Bot-tola'.



After that we went to visit Civil Surgeon Office, Rangpur and met with Dr. Abu Md. Zakirul Islam, Civil Surgeon, Rangpur. We also request him to organize monthly district task force meeting. He was also requested to spread anti-tobacco



advices to all patients through doctors and nurses under his jurisdiction. Then we visited the Civil Surgeon office premises and no violation of TC law was found. But, there was shortage of 'No Smoking Signage' and existing signage was not in clearly visible places; so we requested to increase the number of signage and place them on more visible places.



After that we went on to visit some public places (markets, road side stores e.t.c). At road side stores we found some POS and small stores selling cigarette, gul, jorda e.t.c and there were many

advertisement of tobacco products. We asked some of them regarding TC laws and brief them



about what they are doing and try to motivate them to obey the TC law. Then we went to visit some large market/ shopping mall of Rangpur; Zila Porishod Super Market, Rangpur and Salek Market,



Rangpur was two of them. At Zila Porishod Super Market, Rangpur we don't found any POS within the market but interestingly we found one POS inside the male toilet of Market; we don't also found any 'No Smoking Signage'

inside the market. At Salek Market, there were 'No Smoking Signage' and it was written there it's a 'Smoke free market'; but we found a POS there below the staircase of the market though there was no advertisement of any tobacco products.

Then we went to visit Lions School & College, Rangpur and didn't found any violation of TC law; though they didn't have any signage indicating 'Smoke Free Educational Institute'. We talked to one of the senior teacher (as principle wasn't available at that time) and briefed & request her to do the needful and thanked her for



maintaining good tobacco free environment for their students. Later, we called Ms. Bula Bhowmik, Principle of Lions School and College and informed her about our visit and requested her to do the needful as mentioned above.



Lastly, we went to met Md. Mostafizar Rahman, Mayor of Rangpur City Corporations and briefed him about TC laws and our Governments commitment for it and what we have seen in his

City. We cordially requested him to take necessary steps for proper implementation and execution of TC laws effectively and efficiently for a healthy and smoke-free Rangpur.