



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

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

"Meeting on prepare road-map to make the country tobacco free by 2040"; was held on 9th February 2019 at the conference room of Health Economics Unit. Mr. Md. Habibur Rahman Khan, Additional Secretary (Public Health and World Health), Health Services Division presided this meeting. Mr. Md. Shafiqul Islam, Head of Programs, Vital Strategy; Mr. Md. Shariful Alam, Chief consultant, CTFK; Mr. Md. Khalilur Rahman, Coordinator of NTCC; Md. Motaher Hossain, Deputy Secretary (WH-1), Health Services Division, MoHFW; Dr. Syed Mahfuzul Haq, National Professional Officer (NPO) of WHO and other distinguished member from different INGO and NGO's were also present at the meeting.

Preparation of 'Road-map' was a continuous process for about last two months. Under the leadership of Mr. Md. Habibur Rahman Khan, Additional Secretary (PH & WH) and guidance & coordination of Mr. Md. Khalilur Rahman, Coordinator of NTCC and hard effort from Aminul Islam, Program officer NTCC; Syed Mahbubul Alam, Technical Advisor, The Union & Dr. Syed Mahfuzul Haq, NPO, WHO; eminent members from different INGOs & NGOs also gave their valuable opinion, suggestion and recommendation to prepare an effective & efficient draft of 'Road-map'. After all this valiant effort a draft of 'Road-map' was finalized and then submitted to Mr. Md. Abul Kalam Azad, Chief coordinator for SDG affairs in Prime Minister's Office on 15th January, 2019.



➤ *Project Implementation Committee (PIC) meeting:*

Project Implementation Committee (PIC) meeting was held on 16th January at 10:30 am. Dr. A. E. Md. Muhiuddin Osmani, Joint Chief (Planning), Health Services Division presided this meeting. Several decisions

were taken there; among them finalization of draft National Tobacco Control Program by May'19 and finalization of NTCC organogram as soon as possible was important. Other members of PIC committee were also present at this meeting.

➤ **Meeting on evaluating progress of activities of NTCC:**

A meeting on evaluating progress of activities of NTCC was held on 16th January 2019. Mr. Md. Habibur Rahman Khan, Additional Secretary (Public Health and World Health), Health Services Division presided this meeting. Mr. Md. Mustafizur Rahman, Additional Secretary, Cabinet Division; Mr. Md. Shafiqul Islam, Head of Programs, Vital Strategy; Mr. Md. Shariful Alam, Chief consultant, CTFK; Mr. Md. Khalilur Rahman, Coordinator of NTCC; Md. Motaher Hossain, Deputy Secretary (WH-1), Health Services Division, MoHFW; Mr. Syed Mahbubul Alam, Technical Advisor, The Union were also present in this meeting. The various activities undertaken by NTCC and its progress was discussed. Among them discussion on revenue budget that has been allocated (70 million BDT) and prepare it to take approval from Health Development Surcharge (HDS) committee, draft NTCP finalization, anti-tobacco billboard, signage designing and taking approval from IEC committee etc. was discussed and some important decision was taken. A committee was also formed to formulate a draft rule for NTCC regarding its organogram, power and functions.

➤ **Updating data-base of 'Authorized Officer':**

According to 'Smoking and Tobacco Product Usage (Control)' Act & Rules; 'Authorized Officer' play a significant role for proper implementation of TC laws in our country. For this purpose a complete database containing all the information of these 'Authorized Officer' is important for effective implementation of Tobacco Control (TC) law. NTCC took a step to collect information about all 'Authorized Officer' and already sent letter to the respective ministries/department/organizations. After collecting the desired information a 'Data-base' will be formed and it will help NTCC to regularly monitoring, training and helping them to effectively implement TC laws across the country.

➤ **Meeting on draft guideline preparation on FCTC Article 5.3:**

On 22 January 2019, a meeting was held on preparing draft guideline of the FCTC Article 5.3 implementation and a code of conduct for NTCC. Committee decides to place both guideline and code of conduct to Secretary, Health Services Division (HSD) in the first week of February.



➤ **Meeting on implementation of tobacco control activities in the operational plan of NCDC, DGHS:**

A committee meeting on implementation of tobacco control activities in the operational plan of Non-communicable Diseases Control (NCDC), DGHS was held on 22nd January at NTCC. Mr. Md. Shafiqul Islam, Head of Programs, Vital Strategy presided the meeting. Other committee members were also present at the meeting; where several important decisions were made. Coordination of tobacco control activities between NTCC & NCDC, DGHS; planning for developing '4 Model District' in future; workshop arrangement for IEC material publication; budget allocation for 'Mass Media Campaign' and other important decision were taken at this meeting.

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