

Al-Falah Model Clinic

Geneva Camp, Mohammadpur

Dhaka

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Background

Al-Falah & the community:

Al-Falah Bangladesh is a government registered, non-profit, non-political, non-religious, social welfare and voluntary organization. The organization was established in Dhaka in June 1981 to take over the Dhaka Camps Project from a Christian Mission NGO that had established the project in 1975 for the camp people, who have been languishing in so-called refugee camps in Bangladesh since 1971.

The main objective behind the formation of Al-Falah Bangladesh was to improve the quality of life of the Urdu speaking people and increase their access to education, skill, health, economic opportunities and cultural activities

Al-Falah Model Clinic:

The Clinic was originally established by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in 1972 when the ICRC built Geneva Camp to provide shelter to the war affected Urdu-speaking minority community. From 1975 to 1984 a Mission NGO HEED Bangladesh run this clinic and handed over it to Al-Falah in 1985. From 1985 to 1990 Al-Falah managed to run this Clinic with local support. In 1991 ODA (Overseas Development Administration) of the British Government signed an Agreement with Al-Falah to provide financial and technical support for the Clinic. ODA later became BPHC (Bangladesh Population and Health Consortium), which continued its support to the Clinic up to 2000 when BPHC decided to divert its funds for rural development causing a major setback to Al-Falah Model Clinic.

Reopening of the Al-Falah Model Clinic:



Scholar, who was doing her research on the Geneva Camp.

After a long 10 years of slow function, the Al-Falah Model Clinic at the Geneva Camp once again reorganized to serve the community who had no adequate access to health services. The long delay in getting support virtually deprived the community of vital health services like immunization of the children, family planning and maternity services.

Dr. Arnold Sholder visited the clinic in 2009. He had come from USA to meet her daughter Hannah Sholder, a Fulbright

He was shocked & moved at the dilapidated status of the clinic and promised to raise fund to support Al-Falah Model Clinic in reorganizing the health services for the inmates of the Geneva camp. Accordingly, he mobilized some fund in USA for the repairing and renovation of the clinic and succeeded in securing a substantial amount of fund from The Pittsburg Foundation, USA.



With support from The Pittsburgh Foundation new medical staffs were appointed and the Clinic was officially opened on 23 July 2010 in a simple ceremony attended by the community leaders, inmates of camps and some special guests including Mr. Richard Geier, International Program Manager of UNDP, and his wife, Mr. Wasim Ahmad, Urban Planning Expert-UNDP & Mrs. Salma Shafi, Architect and Planner. President of Al-Falah Bangladesh, Mr. Md. Asghar Ali Khan formerly opened the clinic.

Objectives:

The Clinic was reopened for providing health services to the 24,000 populations of Geneva Camp located in Mohammadpur under Dhaka City Corporation (North) Ward No. 30. The Clinic was reopened with the separate sections to deliver following services to the community:

- Antenatal check-up,
- Normal delivery and Postnatal care,
- Child Immunization
- Limited Curative Services
- Health Education

The new objectives set for the clinic especially focusing on mothers, adolescents and the children as its main target communities as follow:

- To repair, renovate and equip the Clinic with required medical equipments and furniture,
- To deliver Primary Health Services to mothers, children, and general patients,
- To renew the registration with the Directorate of Family Planning
- To enlist the clinic with the City Corporation to provide EPI services to the community
- To provide Health Education to the community



Registration of new patients



Doctor is attending a baby and the mother

Achievements:

The Clinic was repaired particularly the Obstetric Unit got fresh renovation with new electrical fittings. The clinic was equipped with new medical equipments, instruments and furniture.

Resumption of EPI:

The City Corporation was approached for receiving free vaccines for the Extended Program of Immunization. The Dhaka City Corporation, after the renewal of Registration of the Clinic, resumed supply of free vaccines from April 2011. With this registration the Al-Falah Model Clinic now receives supply of vaccines on weekly basis and organized National Immunization Day Program (NID) in collaboration with the Dhaka City Corporation in its allocated project area.

Children:

- 4363 Children (5-12) were given Tablet for Worms under NID programs
- 3917 Children (2-5 Yrs) were given Tablet for Worms under NID programs
- 3764 Children (1-5) years were received Vita-A Capsule under NID programs
- 3583 Children (0-5) years were given Polio drops under NID programs
- 182 Children (0-1 yr) received vaccines for BCG, Pantha, and Measles under EPI
- 1323.Children (1-5) years received limited curative services

Mothers:

- 1219 Mothers were provided Ante-Natal and Post Natal care
- 130 Babies were born in the obstetric unit of the clinic
- 947 Mothers received limited curative services
- 147 Reproductive women received TT/Boosters

General:

- 226 Male general patients received treatment for minor complications
- 355 Female general patients received treatment for minor complications
- 148 Patients were treated for RTI and STI
- 144 Pregnancy tests were conducted
- 26 Blood Sugar tested

Health Education:

A team of 4 volunteers from the community, who are sponsored students in CDC, were specially trained as Health Educators. They work in this project for two hours daily in the Geneva Camp and disseminate health related information and educate women under reproductive age and the adolescents at field and clinic level.



They provide education on issues concerning health and hygiene and disseminate information on subjects like:

- Personal Hygiene, Safe Motherhood and risk at home delivery,
- Breast Feeding, Extended Program of Immunization, Maternal and Child Nutrition, Worm Infection, Night Blindness
- Family Planning,
- Reproductive Tract Infections, STI, HIV/AIDS

The Health Educators formed the following number of groups to disseminate health education:

At Field level:

- 125 Male Groups (14-49) yrs were formed
- 1055 Female Groups (14-49) yrs were formed
- 218 Adolescent Groups (10-18) yrs were formed

At Clinic Level:

- 72 Male Groups (14-49) yrs were formed
- 103 Female Groups (14-49) yrs were formed
- 215 Adolescent Groups (10-18) yrs were formed

At Field Level:

- 10,549 Female (14-49) years received health education
- 1,250 Male (14-49) years received health education
- 2,154 Adolescents (10-18) years received health education

At Clinic Level:

- 1,026 Female (14-49) years received health education
- 720 Male (14-49) years received health education
- 2,154 Adolescents (10-18) years received health education

Family Planning:

Clinic has also taken up steps to renew its registration with the Directorate of Family Planning. After submitting all required documents for renewal of the Registration, the Clinic was registered with the FP Directorate which has issued directive to the concerned department for supply of free contraceptive to the Clinic to resume its Family Planning services. It is expected that supply of contraceptive will receive by the Clinic in July 2011.

Staff of the Clinic:

No.	Name of the Staff	Designation
1	Dr. Khairun Nesa Amin	Project Manager
2	Mrs. Anwari Begum	Paramedic
3	Mrs. Salma Naaz	Field Supervisor
4	Mr. Nehal Ahmed	Registrar/Dispenser
5	Mrs. Nighat Sultana	Clinic Assistant
6	Mrs. Margrate D' Costa.	Nurse/Midwife
7	Mrs. Haowa Begum	Nurse/Midwife
8	Mrs. Lilly Indoyar	Nurse/Midwife
9	Mrs. Suile Baroi	Nurse/Midwife
10	Ms. Sumi Akhtar	Health Educator
11	Ms. Sharmin Sultana	Health Educator
12	Ms. Shirin Akhtar	Health Educator
13	Mrs. Husna Khatoon	Maternity Assistant
14	Mrs. Nasreen Sultana	Maternity Assistant
15	Mrs. Farhat	Maternity Assistant
16	Mr. Md. Shakoor	Security Guard
17	Mr. Hayder Ali	Security Guard
18	Mr. Md. Mustaqueem	Security Guard

Head Office Staff:

1. Mr. Ahmed Ilias Executive Director
2. Mr. Ziauddin Ahmed Accountant