

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 HEED 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 Bangladesh 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.

After a long 10 years of slow function, the Al-Falah Model Clinic at 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 Scholar, who was doing her research on the Geneva Camp. 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 which continues its

program for one year from 1st July 2010 to 30th June 2011. The organization, Al-Falah Bangladesh tried to secure funding for the clinic but its all efforts went in vain.

Under the above circumstances, the management of the organization decided to provide cut off some program and run a partial program in the clinic.

Objectives:

The Al-Falah Model Clinic will provide health services to the inmates of Geneva Camp located in Mohammadpur under Dhaka City Corporation (North) Ward No. 30. The Clinic in its limited resources delivers the following services to the community:

- Antenatal & Post Natal check-up
- Child Immunization Limited
- Curative Services
- Family Planning
- Circumcision
- Health Education
- Referral Services



Al-Falah Model clinic provide services for immunization by getting support from Health Department of Dhaka City Corporation. They are provided free vaccination. During the reporting period a total of 5 national days were observed for EPI. Al-Falah Model Clinic participated in these event and following services were provided to the children of the community:

- 1955 Children (0yrs-5yrs) were given Polio drops & Vit. A Cap under NID program
- 2612 Children (2yrs-5yrs) were given Polio drops & anti Worms Tablet under NID program
- 1662 Children (6yrs-12yrs) were given anti Worms Tablet under NID program
- 2690 Children (6m-5yrs) were received Vita-A Cap & anti Worm Tablet under NID program

Achievements from January 2012 to December 2012:

The following numbers of the children were immunized at the clinic on weekly immunization day:

- 542 Children (0-1 yr) received vaccines for BCG, Penta and Measles under EPI program
- 36 Children (9m-1 ½yr) received Rubella vaccines under EPI program
- 522 Children (0-1 yr) received Polio drops under EPI program
- 209 Children (0-5) years received limited curative services

Mothers/Women of the community received following services at the clinic:

- 16 Mothers were provided Ante-Natal and Post Natal care
- 466 Mothers received Family Planning services
- 262 Mothers received limited curative services
- 35 Reproductive women received TT/Boosters
- 311 Unmarried girls received TT/Boosters

The clinic provided following general treatment to the community:

- 45 Male general patients received treatment for minor complications
- 50 Female general patients received treatment for minor complications
- 77 Patients were treated for RTI and STI
- 40 Pregnancy tests were conducted
- 63 Blood Sugar tested

During the reporting period field staffs referred the community members for the following services these services are not available at the clinic:

- 237 mothers were referred to the nearest Government hospitals for Obstetric services
- 79 women referred to the nearest Government hospital for the Family Planning services (Norplant, Ligation, NSV & IUD).
- 77 Patients were treated for RTI and STI
- 40 Pregnancy tests were conducted
- 01 Blood Sugar tested

Health Education:

Health education program was run by the 4 community volunteers who were sponsored students in



Community Development Center (CDC) were specially trained as Health Educators. They worked in this project for two hours daily to disseminate health related information and educate women under reproductive age and the adolescents at field and clinic level. In 2012 CDC could not secured proper funds so the management decided to withdraw their services. However two Health Educators who were earlier a full time staffs agreed to provide voluntarily services two a week and 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 (EPI), Maternal and Child Nutrition, Worm Infection, Night Blindness, Skin Diseases, ART, Diarrheal Disease and ORS.
- Family Planning.
- Reproductive Tract Infections, STI, HIV/AIDS

Circumcision Program:

Al-Falah Bangladesh jointly initiated circumcision camp with Quantum Foundation. In this year 2 circumcision camps were organized where a total of 62 children under age of 2-12 years old were done minor surgery for circumcision.