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BANGLADESH COUNTRY REPORT

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# PREFACE

Bangladesh Medical Association is a very active service oriented organization since its inception on 1971. BMA central executive committee always sworn on through direct vote by all its member in the country. Present Central Executive Committee is headed by Dr. Mustafa Jalal Mohiuddin. There are 67 branches of association round the county. Main motto of the organization is to take care of the dignity of its members, encourage member for exposure to latest health innovation through CME, and ensure security of the working place and to guide Government to ensure suitable health policy for the people round the country.

# ACTIVITIES

**Bangladesh Medical Association BMA is a very active service oriented organization related with following activities.**

- Public health related activities.
- Ethical issues & Law related with health professionals.
- Research & Publications.
- Activities with other Organizations.
- Social welfare activities.
- Education & Training.
- Foreign Affairs.

# Public health related activities

## **Social awareness programs against tobacco & related health hazards:-**

BMA jointly organized scientific seminar with National Heart Foundation Bangladesh on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022. A good number of front line journalist & social activist were present in that meeting. In this seminar different stakeholders who are dedicated in the activities against tobacco were joined & delivered their valuable opinions. Another same program will be held in two divisional cities on next October'2022. The program title was "Achieving Tobacco free Bangladesh by 2040: Celebrating hand work's road ahead" which was organized for Tobacco free Kids.

## Public health related activities contd...

### Campaigning program to prevent Dengue & Chikungunya infection in Bangladesh:-

BMA organized several rallies, scientific seminar regarding Aedes mosquito control to prevent Dengue infection and its complications. BMA also published leaflets, posters regarding Dengue prevention and distributed to public in Dhaka City as well as all around the countries.







## Public health related activities contd...

- At the beginning of COVID-19 infection BMA nominated 500 volunteer doctors to provide treatment for the COVID-19 patients in Bangladesh. There are around two millions of people infected by COVID-19 in Bangladesh & related death were 29,339.
- The doctors & other health professionals gave services dedicated to COVID-19 patients. And at that time around 8000 doctors and other health professional were affected by COVID-19 infection & more than 200 doctors sacrificed their life to fight against COVID-19.



# Ethical issues & Law related with health professionals

## Ethics & law related health issues in Bangladesh:

- Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) jointly organized a workshop with National Heart Foundation of Bangladesh, on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 at BMA Bhaban to make an amendment of law against tobacco and related non-communicable diseases. Renowned cardiologists, pulmonologists, physicians, journalists and a contingent of young doctors who are serving around the root levels of the country were present in that program. From that workshop we put some amendment of existing law regarding tobacco use in the country.





## **Ethics & law related health issues in Bangladesh contd...**

- We worked with the ministry of health and parliamentary standing committee to prepare a “Mental Health Regulatory Law” which will help in treating a vast number of population who are suffering mental health issues in the country. This law will provide a protection to serving healthcare professionals.

## Ethics & law related health issues in Bangladesh contd...

- Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) is intimately working with the ministry of health, ministry of law, and health parliamentary standing committee to formulate a law regarding the protection of doctors and health professionals and also service recipients. As we all know that the health care professionals round the globe are randomly abused and occasionally assaulted. It is a huge concern of health care delivery system in Bangladesh.

# Research & Publications

- **Research & Publication:** We are regularly publishing BMA Journal which is icon journal for the doctor's community in our country. Renowned professors, researchers and specialists are contributing their legendary efforts and discovering to that journal. Sixty Seven branches of our organization around the country are publishing their branch Journal regularly. All these journals are kept in different prominent library of medical colleges, institutions and universities, even we are trying to handover the journal to all member of BMA. These Journals enrich the recent updates in the field of modern health science to all doctors.

## Research & Publications contd...

- Recently our honorable Prime Minister incessantly encouraging the doctor's community to engage themselves in research activities. She is allocated a huge amount of money for research purpose.
- Bangladesh Medical Research Council (BMRC) and Bangladesh Medical Association are taking lead in this research activities. Very recently a group of doctors engage themselves to develop Corona Vaccine.

# Activities with other Organizations

- BMA is involved in quality control (QC) program of the healthcare delivery system leaded by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- BMA is taking a vital role in Medical research activities. Our president & secretary general are active member participating in decision making process of BMRC.
- Bangladesh Medical & Dental Council (BMDC) is an independent regulatory body of medical ethics, negligence, medical education, license for doctors, registration authorities of all doctors of the country. Our President is the member of supreme body of BMDC & Secretary General is taking part an important role as chairman of disciplinary committee of BMDC.



## Activities with other Organizations contd...

- We are actively participating in National TB Control Program (NTP), the national emergency preparedness program, drug authority issues & the other health care issues of the Director General Health Services (DGHS) & Director General of Drug Administration (DGDA).
- Our President & Secretary General are the member of high level health related policy making issues of Ministry of Health and Parliamentary Standing Committee of Health.

# Social welfare activities

## Social Activities:

- We are arranging “Free Friday health care delivery” for the needy people in every Friday of Calendar year. Specialist doctors are examining the patients & providing necessary drugs for the patients.
- We engaged doctors and related health professionals for the HAZI (Pilgrims) every year in their camp.
- We had emergency medical team all over the country who is taking part in health care delivery system during flood & any disaster.
- We distribute winter clothes & blankets to poor community of the country.

# Education & Training

## **Education & Training:**

- We arranged regular training program on Diabetes, Cardiac Disease, Malaria, Dengue, COVID-19 & other health issues for doctors & health professionals.
- At present training program on Diabetes & common hormonal diseases is going on as a joint venture of Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) & Bangladesh Endocrine Society (BES).

# Foreign Affairs

- Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) is regularly participating in CMAAO, WMA & SAARC Medical Association Conferences & Assemblies.
- We are holding different CME programs with the Bangladesh Medical Association North America Chapter.

# Conclusion

National Medical Associations are the pivot of health care delivery system of the different countries round the world. Associations are the shock absorber of the total health policy which includes govt. and non govt. health care recipients and health workers especially doctors. Exchange of ideas, thoughts, views and innovation can enrich the doctors community. So strengthening of the NMA's (National Medical Association) helps all the way to the health care delivery system of the country.