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PREFACE

Bangladesh Medical Association is a very active service oriented organization since its inception on 1971. 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 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 for health professionals.
- Research & Publications.
- Joint Venture 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 few scientific seminars with National Heart Foundation Bangladesh. Doctors, Health workers, Journalist & Social activist were present in those meeting. Different stakeholders who are dedicated in the activities against tobacco delivered their valuable opinions. We are organising program title as “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 in Bangladesh:-

As you know in our country today's our most challenging issue is Dengue control. BMA organizing 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 country. Doctors all around the country relentlessly putting their all efforts treating dengue patients. By this time we have lost six of our colleagues and more than three hundred countrymen who died of Dengue infection.



Public health related activities contd...

The role of combating COVID-19 situation in Bangladesh:

Bangladesh was affected by 1st COVID-19 infection on 18th March 2020. Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) organized a Scientific Seminar on prevention & control of COVID-19 infection & its complications where renowned virologist & renowned physicians of Bangladesh were present. BMA developed national protocol & submitted to DGHS. Same program were hold in different Institutions, Medical Colleges & districts in Bangladesh which were also organized by BMA. Till today there are sporadice incidence of Covid-19 in Bangladesh.



Ethics & law related health issues in Bangladesh:

- We Have organized seminar on Medical Ethics and Negligence where Doctors, Health Workers, Journalist and Social activist were present, exchange their ideas and experiences related to medical eithics.

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. Different society of our post graduate doctors regularly publishing their journals. 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...

- 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.

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 and other Executive Committee Members are involved in 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 round the 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.
- We are continuously organizing training program on Diabetes & common hormonal diseases is going on as a joint venture of Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) & Bangladesh Endocrine Society (BES) in the different parts of country.

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.