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Quarterly newsletter of the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP)

Bangladesh Disabled Development Trust awarded Valerie

Bangladesh Disabled Development Trust (BDDT) nominated Dr. Valerie A. Taylor, Founder and Coordinator of CRP, for the 'Honorary Award' for her outstanding contribution to the development of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs). In her absence, her two daughters Akhinur Khanom Jyoti and Popy Taylor received the award. The award ceremony took place in CRP Mirpur Centre, Mirpur-14 on 2nd July 2022. Rasheda K. Choudhury, Former Adviser, Caretaker Government and Executive Director of CAMPE was the chief guest of the program. Dr. Hemayet Hossain, Chairman of BDDT and Md. Moniruzzaman Khan, Founder and Managing Trustee of BDDT was also present at the event.

BDDT is a nongovernmental and nonpolitical voluntary organization, that has been working in line with its objective for developing the lives of persons with disabilities since 2009. The organization is registered with the NGO Affairs Bureau (NGOAB) of the Bangladesh Government. BDDT has selected 7 honorable persons including Dr. Valerie A. Taylor to honor them for their outstanding contribution to the development of persons with disabilities.



Akhinur Khanom Jyoti and Popy Taylor receiving the award on behalf of Valerie



Visit of Liliane Fonds at CRP

Two foreign delegates from Liliane Fonds visited CRP Savar today, 16th July 2022. Mainly the vision of Liliane Fonds is to achieve an inclusive society in which children and young people with a disability in developing countries enjoy equal rights and opportunities. John Veron who is the Team Manager of organizational development along with Anneke Donker who is the Head of International Partnerships & Programmes, the two representatives of Liliane Fonds had a meeting with the Executive Director of CRP, Dr. Md. Sohrab Hossain. Also, the representatives of different departments of CRP were present at the meeting and shared souvenirs.

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Prime Minister's Grand Daughter Amreen Hossain's birthday celebrated at CRP

On July 9, 2022 The Honorable Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina's granddaughter and the daughter of Saima Wazed Putul, Amreen Hossain's birthday was celebrated through a day-long program organized for the children with special needs and persons with disabilities at the head office of CRP Savar. Honorable State Minister in charge of Disaster Management and Relief Ministry Dr. Md. Enamur Rahman, MP and Savar Upazila Chairman Monjur Alam Rajib were present at the event. Also, the Executive Director of CRP Dr. Md. Sohrab Hossain and Head of the departments joined the program.

The program started with a prayer ceremony and a cake-cutting ceremony was held with special needs children of William & Mary Taylor School. Later, a wonderful cultural performance was organized with the participation of special needs children of William & Mary Taylor School and students of Bangladesh Health Professions Institute (BHPI). The program was celebrated in a festive atmosphere with the spontaneous participation of persons with disabilities and children with special needs in CRP under the overall supervision of Honorable State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Dr. Md. Enamur Rahman, MP and with the direction of Honorable Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina.

Visitors from SDF

A team of three members from SDF (SAARC Development Fund) Mr. Dhurba Regmi, Assistant Director - Monitoring & Evaluation, Ms Phutensho Choden, Manager-Communication & Knowledge Management and Mr. Tashi Dendup, Program Officer-Social Window, visited CRP Savar (Head Office) on 27th of August 2022. They participated in a meeting with relevant officials of CRP and a few beneficiaries during their visit.

Donation from Savar Pourosova Mayor



On 10th August 2022 the honorable Mayor of Savar Pourosova, Hazi Md. Abdul Gani donated a few assistive devices to the poor patients of CRP. Also, he donated a television for the patients waiting in the outpatient unit of CRP and handed over a few items as income generation support to a person with disability. The program was chaired by CRP's Executive Director Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain where Mr. Abdur Rahman, Counsellor of Ward 7 was present as a special guest.



Suborno Nagorik Foundation honored CRP in sports

On 4th September, Suborno Nagorik Foundation honored CRP in the sports category and its peer support mother group as the inspirational group working in the disability sector with an award.

At the Peer Support Sales Center, eight mothers of children with special needs are supporting themselves by selling their handmade goods and food. Mainly eight types of training are offered. Computer training, Handwork, Beadwork, Sewing, Jute Training, Block Batik, Arabic Education, and Parlor.

Suborno NAGORIK Foundation works for the betterment of people with disabilities in Bangladesh, and has partnered up with United Commercial Bank and the Daily Star to introduce a special award to recognize people with disabilities and the people around them.



CRP's Executive Director receiving award



Mothers of children with disabilities received award

International Spinal Cord Injury Day 2022

International Spinal Cord Injury Day is celebrated worldwide on 5th September 2022, focusing on "Raising awareness about the difficulties faced by SCI individuals in conflict zones". The slogan of ISCoS- SCI Day 2022 was "SCI in Conflicts and Disasters: Prepare and Prevent".

CRP has been providing treatment and rehabilitation services to persons with spinal cord injuries since 1979. This year CRP, in collaboration with Spinal Cord Injuries Development Association Bangladesh (SCIDAB) organized a special awareness meeting for people suffering from spinal cord injuries.

Savar Upazila Health and Family Planning Officer, Dr. Mohammad Sayemul Huda spoke as a special guest on the occasion. The Honorable State Minister of Disaster Management and Relief Ministry, Dr. Md. Enamur Rahman, MP was present as the chief guest. He identified the causes of spinal cord injury and discussed its prevention and treatment. Also, he promised to continue his contribution to the rehabilitation of people with spinal cord injuries.

The event was presided over by the Honorable Executive Director of CRP, Dr. Md. Sohrab Hossain. He thanked everyone working in the disability sector and assured all that CRP will continue to provide rehabilitation services to the persons with spinal cord injuries. The Heads of all the different departments of CRP, staff members, patients, caregivers, honorable guests and activists were present at that time.

Dr. Sayed Uddin Helal, Head of the Medical Services Wing highlighted the services of CRP in Spinal Cord Injuries and Mr. Farid Uddin, Honorable President of SCIDAB spoke for the rights of persons with disabilities.

Mr. Ujjal Mahmood, Program Officer of SCIDAB presented a short report on the services of SCIDAB. Later, the program concluded with a mesmerizing cultural performance by persons with spinal cord injuries undergoing treatment at CRP.



Guests on the stage in the discussion session on SCI Day



CRP's ED handing over prizes to the winner of competition

World Cerebral Palsy Day observed at CRP

CRP's Paediatric Department and William and Marie Taylor School jointly celebrated World Cerebral Palsy Day 2022 on 6th October 2022. The theme of the day was "Millions of Reasons for accessible technology solutions."

The program included a rally, a cultural program, and a discussion session on different aspects of CP like scientific information sharing, and personal experience sharing by beneficiaries and professional service providers. The aim was to increase awareness about Cerebral Palsy. The program was chaired by Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain, the Executive Director of CRP.

A workshop arranged by ISPO-BD

A workshop on "Prosthetics and Orthotics Service in Bangladesh" was held on Saturday, 26th November 2022 at the Conference Room of CRP- Mirpur. It was jointly hosted by CRP and the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics (ISPO-BD) and funded by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). The workshop is aimed to increase awareness about Prosthetics and Orthotics services among the government and non-government stakeholders and to discuss the possible improvement of the service in Bangladesh.

CRP observed World Mental Health Day 2022

CRP observed World Mental Health Day 2022 on 10th October with different activities in three centres under the Meaningful Social Access for Persons with Mental Health Needs Project funded by Kadoorie Charitable Foundation. The theme of the day was "Make Mental Health and well-being for All a Global Priority". In CRP-Savar, there was a discussion session about the current practice of mental health service delivery related to the theme of 2022. In addition, CRP-Mirpur and CRP-Ganakbari Mental Health Day centres celebrated the day with different activities including the clients.

An MoU signed between CRP & Dekko Legacy

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between CRP and Dekko Legacy Group on 28 November 2022. According to the MoU, the company will recruit potential persons with disabilities trained at CRP's Madhab Memorial Vocational Training Institute. The Dekko Group handed over 10 wheelchairs and 5 appointment letters to the persons with disabilities who completed their training at CRP's Madhab Memorial Vocational Training Institute (MMVTI).



Guests handing over appointment letter to a trainee

Combined ASCoN-ISSICoN Conference 2022



Bethi receiving the award from her teachers

The Combined ISSICoN-ASCoN Conference 2022 was held in New Delhi, India. From Bangladesh Health Professional Institute (BHPI), Department of Occupational Therapy, six students submitted their abstracts and presented their paper virtually. Among the participants, Bethi Akther won the Spinal Cord Society Gold Medal Award as the Best Oral Paper Presenter. Her paper titled “Health Status and Community Functioning of Adults with Paediatric Onset Spinal Cord Injury, Discharged from CRP, Savar, Dhaka” was supervised by Arifa Jahan Ema, Lecturer and Course Coordinator-MSc in OT, Department of Occupational Therapy, BHPI. As her winning reward, she received a fellowship to observe the practice of Spinal Injury Rehabilitation Centres overseas while the Spinal Cord Society will bear the expenses.

MSc in Rehabilitation Science 6th batch orientation programme

The orientation programme for the 6th batch of MSc in Rehabilitation Science of Bangladesh Health Professionals Institute (BHPI) funded by the SAARC Development Fund was held on the 4th December 2022.

Respected faculties of the programme and other departments, Dr. Valerie A Taylor, the Founder & Coordinator and, Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain, Executive Director of CRP attended the event and welcomed the new students enrolled in the course.

BSRM asset transfer program



Officials from BSRM handing over income generating items to vocational trainees

On the occasion of the International Day for Persons with Disabilities, representatives from BSRM Group handed over the necessary items to 24 trainees with disabilities as income generation support after they completed their vocational training from CRP.



New MRS students with faculty members and CRP Management



CRP team with other guests in ASCoN 2022

Experience sharing: ASCoN 2022

The ASCoN member countries will continue its mission towards the capacity building through educational training, nurturing research and innovations, consumer empowerment and collaboration keeping an alignment with the long-standing objectives of the ASCoN meetings. The clubbed ASCoN and 22nd International Spine and Spinal Injuries Conference (ISSICON) was organized by Indian Spinal Injuries Centre to discuss recent advances in spinal cord injury care, cure and rehabilitation with a gathering of 645 participants from 25 countries across the globe. It was of great pleasure that a team of 5 professionals from CRP attended the 21st Asian Spinal Cord Network Conference which was held in combination with the International Spine and Spinal Injuries Conference in New Delhi, India. After 2 virtual conferences in South Korea and Philippines in 2020 and 2021 we got a chance of face to face conference. It was a great opportunity for us to share our knowledge and experience in the international platform. It was 4 days conference including 2 days pre conference workshop and 2 days main conference. The CRP team were welcome in this academic extravaganza so that the team could share their knowledge and experience in recent advancements for management of persons with spinal cord injury, especially with ever changing circumstances. ISSICON has always been a right platform for knowledge sharing and attracting interdisciplinary participation from across the globe. The scientific content of this conference was the right mix of keynote talks, live lectures/presentations, workshops, instructional courses, case-based discussions and posters. There was special focus on and rewards for the best research and innovations.

CRP celebrated its 43rd anniversary

CRP celebrated its 43rd anniversary of service with its patients, students and staff on 11th December, 2022. The Director General of Bangladesh NGO Affairs Bureau, Sheikh Md. Moniruzzaman attended the program as the Chief Guest. CRP's Founder, Valerie A. Taylor attended the program as the special guest while Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain, Executive Director of CRP chaired the program. The children of William and Marie Taylor School presented a cultural performance on this occasion.



Chief Guest handing over a new wheelchair to a child



Cake cutting during the celebration



Ratna receiving Manusher Jonno Human Rights Award

Ratna Khatun won the Manusher Jonno Human Rights Award

On December 8, 2022 Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) organized a program on the occasion of International Human Rights Day 2022 at Muktijuddha Jadugar (Liberation War Museum), Agargaon. This year Human Rights Day especially focused on ensuring the Human Rights of Girls and awarded 6 (Six) women from different sectors of Bangladesh like-players and others with disabilities, football players, bi-cycle rider, Rover Scout, Taekwondo (Karate), Transgender group and dance artists. From CRP, Ratna Khatun, Women Wheelchair Basketball player received a crest and a cash prize for her contribution to the rights of women with disabilities. She helps the residential female vocational trainees with disabilities at CRP Manikganj by teaching wheelchair basketball and also raises awareness about girls' and disability rights among them voluntarily.

52nd Victory Day of Bangladesh observed

On the occasion of 52nd Victory Day of Bangladesh, CRP's children with disabilities, patients and staff members visited the national monument and paid their homage to the martyrs of the liberation war on 16th December, 2022.



CRP's patients and staff members paying tribute to the martyrs

A Case Summary

Hafiz Imtiaz, a cheerful young man with a loving wife and a beautiful daughter lived in Cumilla. He used to work as an Assistant Manager of a readymade garments factory in Cumilla EPZ. He had a stroke in June 2021. After initial checkup in Cumilla Medical College and Hospital (CMCH), he was admitted to the Square Hospital in Dhaka. The doctors operated on him for stopping the severe internal brain hemorrhage and went into life support. There were very less hope of his survival as he went into coma. A mini ICU was set up at his home to avoid the chances of further infection. The doctors suggested to come for another operation after 3 months. When he went for this follow up his wife heard about CRP from another patient. Upon his wife's request he was referred to CRP. He could not even sit or move without any support, swallow solid food and speak during that time.

Upon arriving to CRP, Mr. Hafiz started receiving medical treatment, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy and mental health services. After receiving treatment for several months he could sit with support and with time learned to stand up. Now, he can walk with support, can have solid food and can talk clearly now. They are very happy with the treatments received here and considers CRP as a place where miracles happen.



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