

Pilot Project Division Programme on:

Knowledge Generation on ‘Hygiene Care Pack’ to the selective rural poor school children in the district of Kishoreganj

Pilot Projects Division, CIRDAP organized a programme on distribution of 1,000/- (one thousand) Hygiene Care Packs which funded by **Embassy of Islamic Republic of Iran**, Dhaka to the two remote primary rural schools on 22 December 2009 with a group visiting team of 9 members (list enclosed) at Kishoreganj Sadar Upazilla (Kishoreganj district), which is 150 kilometre from Dhaka, the capital city of Bangladesh. The team was lead by Director, PPD consists of APO & Secretary, two Dentists and one Assistant from Shefa Khana, Darul Quran International Foundation, one representative from I.R. Iran Embassy in Dhaka working as professor of Dhaka university and one representative from Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD), the link institution of CIRDAP. Earlier in the month of 18 June 2009 at Hatigara Govt. Primary School, Kalir Hut Adarsha Sadar, Thana: Katowali, Comilla and 02 July 2009, Shamsul Huda Kindergarten School, Bashail, Tangail, respectively. PPD, CIRDAP with the assistance from Embassy of I.R. Iran in Dhaka had taken some curative and preventive measures like awareness on hygiene practices, and provide general health services by a group of qualified doctors to the most vulnerable rural children. During the treatments of school children in last two programmes in Tanghail and Comila Districts, the medical team found that the diseases like diarrhea, stomach pain, skin disease, fever, cold, cough and dental problem are common. This hinge care pack has been chosen to be distributed as a preventive measure by awareness raise on basic hygiene care is the second phase of the health project for remote rural poor school children. 50 books namely “Where There Is No Doctor” were also distributed in the programme along with some medical check-up programme which was done. The salient features of the programme are given below.

- a) **Syed Nazrul Islam Primary School**
(Joshudol Union, Kishoreganj Sadar Upazilla, Kishoreganj District)



The visiting team reached at school namely, Syed Nazrul Islam Primary School along with Upzila Nirbahi Officer (Kishoreganj Sadar Upazilla), Mr. Mohammad Nura Alam Siddique, who was Chief Guest during running programme. Director, PPD, Hossein Shahbaz introduced the visiting team to the Upzila Nirbahi Officer and also to the school authority. As we earlier communicated the purpose of the visit to the schools through Upzila Nirbahi Officer (UNO), there was a short discussion among the visiting team, school teachers and with the concerned school authority on the issues like: (a) the project and sponsor, (b) CIRDAP, (c) methodology for distributing programme and (d) some health check-up programme. Apart from school teachers, some other stake holders were present there like President and member of the school managing committee, teachers, Union Council Chairman (Joshudal Union, Kishoreganj Sadar Upazilla) and Upzila Education Officer.

The school children gathered in the class room greeted the visiting team very nicely and the team also exchanged the greetings in return. One of the doctors of visiting team was introduced to the school children by APO, PPD in Bangla and requested him to brief the hygiene care brochure which was distributed before distribution of hygiene care packs. Accordingly, the doctor briefed and demonstrated how to use the items to be distributed. In the doctors briefing in easy Bangla, the issues came like how to a) wash hands b) clean nails c) tooth brush and tooth paste d) clean hair and e) use towel. After ensuring that the children understood the basic issues of hygiene care mentioned in the said brochure, the hygiene care packs were distributed within all classrooms in much disciplined manner. Approximate a total of 600 children, found very excited and happy to receive the gifts.



During distribution, there were some check-up programme on teeth and general health along with free medicine, organized for a total of around 70 students, who were found sick in Syed Nazrul Isalm Govt. Primary School by the visiting two doctors and his assistances . Apart from distribution and check up programme, some books namely “Where There Is No Doctor” were also distributed in the programme for the school libraries, mosques and the Union Parishad of Joshudal under Kishoreganj Sadar Upazilla, Kishoreganj District.

b) Birdampara Government Primary School
(Joshudol Union, Kishoreganj Sadar Upazilla, Kishoreganj District)



A total of students around 350 students were gathered in school ground in several lines from class one to five, who were gathered for participating in the distribution programme in the late afternoon of same day on 22nd December 2009. In the same way like first programme in Syed Nazrul Islam Primary School, the team followed the same methodology with little change of venue like distribution in play ground to save the time and implement the programme in fresh air to be enjoyable to children. Accordingly, the one of the visiting doctor briefed and demonstrate how to use the items to be distributed. Apart from distribution and check up programme some books namely “Where There Is No Doctor” were also distributed in the programme for the schools libraries and mosques around for benefit of the common people.



However all the students were not present at the school on the day of distribution but many of the surrounding children were gathered to see the programme who were also, later were given the more, about 40, hygiene care packs to the kids around, for avoiding any discrimination in the neighborhood and children's mind and rest of the some packs were given to the kids of teachers in the both schools. Moreover, 1000 numbers of Juvenile News Letter in Bangle, published by Cultural Centre of I.R. Iran Embassy in Dhaka, containing stories, features on religion, science, math and educations tips which are suitable to adolescent children were distributed to the all children of both the schools. Coincidentally, it was day of providing result in class five which added our programme an additional incentive to the students.