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CONSULTATION MEETING WITH YOUNG PHYSICIANS

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Bandhu Social Welfare Society organized a consultation meeting with young physicians of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) on 28 January, 2018. Bandhu has been working for the wellbeing of community and providing Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) services since 1996. To ensure better treatment to the community, Bandhu felt need to create linkage with young doctors of different Govt. Medical College Hospitals who will serve the nation in future. Therefore, an orientation meeting was organized at Dhaka Medical College Hospital where a total of 29 participants including 20 intern doctors attended. Brigadier General AKM Nasir Uddin, Director, DMCH; and Slavica Radosevic, Team Leader, Abdullah Akbar, AO, and Sumana Binte Masud, Civil Security Advisor were there as USAID representatives.

Umme Farhana Zarif Kanta, Director, Policy Advocacy and Human Rights inaugurated the program with welcome speech. She thanked Dhaka Medical College Hospital Authority for their enormous support for arranging this important program. She also thanked the USAID delegates for their kind presence and observe the program. Then she shared the objectives of this event with briefing of about Bandhu.



Md. Moshir Rahman shared and demonstrated the present situation of 3rd gender community in South Asian Regional context through power point presentation. An effective session titled 'Unheard Voices from the Community' was done with the participation of Mx. Shova and Mx. Shammi who represents the TG community. They shared their practical stories of everyday struggles and challenges regarding social services including health care issues.

An open discussion session was moderated by Umme Farhana Zarif Kanta where participants shared their views and queries towards gender diverse community. Md. Selim Reza, Intern Doctor recommended to include particular chapter in their academic curriculum, so that they can gather conceptual knowledge about the physical and mental challenges of gender diverse population throughout their study.

Slavica Radosevic thanked Mx. Shova and Mx. Shammi for sharing their pains with all. She also appreciated Bandhu for its comprehensive approach in trying to help the community. She hoped that the event will raise awareness among the medical doctors and students through sharing gathered experiences and learnings.



Abdullah Akbar expressed his gratitude towards the participants for their eagerness to know about gender diversity. He wished that Bandhu in collaboration with intern doctors will generate some awareness in order to ensure health care of the gender diverse population.

Brigadier General AKM Nasir Uddin, Director, DMCH, discussed about the current treatment policy of the DMCH as chief guest. He assured that Dhaka Medical will provide discrimination free health care support towards the community though there is a dilemma in the treatment system on how third gender will be treated? What would be their gender identity and what would be their ward? He wished that a different health care policy including third gender community need to be developed and should be implemented by the Government.

“All the community members will be treated at Dhaka Medical College Hospital as my guest”

AKM NASIR UDDIN

BRIGADIER GENERAL & DIRECTOR, DMCH



Recommendations

- Include some information about gender diverse population in the academic curriculum of medical doctors.
- Bandhu should organize such kind of event with other doctors/ medical college hospitals for regular basis.
- We should consult with multi-level stakeholders including policymakers to develop healthcare policy considering community.
- Bandhu
- may take lead to create a Facebook group with the intern doctors of different medical college hospitals to be attached with Bandhu and its activities.

