

Clinic Appeal



Background:

Save the Children is implementing a large scale integrated safe motherhood, newborn care and family planning related project called MaMoni in Habiganj and Sylhet districts. Ajmiriganj and Baniachong upazilas of Habiganj are two of the most underserved upazilas. Because of the difficult haor (marshland/water basin) terrain and lack of paved roads, road communication for some parts of these upazilas break down for certain parts of the year. Health and FP indicators, consequently, are worse compared to national and divisional indicators. In order to ensure MCH-FP services in remote areas, Save the Children constructing and upgrading Union health and Family Welfare Centers (UHFWCs) in Ajmiriganj and Baniachong upazilas.

Project Objectives:

To ensure access to skilled birth attendance and Maternal, Newborn and Child Health-Family Planning (MNCH-FP) services through the establishment of health facilities (UH&FWC) in targeted unions of Baniachong, Ajmiriganj, Nabiganj, Bahubal and Sadar upazilas of Habiganj district.



Geographical Coverage: Habiganj District (Baniachong, Ajmiriganj, Nabiganj, Bahubal & Sadar Upazila).

Implementation partners: Friends in Village Development (FIVDB), Shimantik (Existing Partner of MaMoni-HSS)

Project duration: May 2012 - December 2016.

Funded by: Save the Children-UK

Target Groups



Newborn



Caregivers



Community Facilitators



Newly married couple



Pregnant Women



FWC Management Committee



Community Stakeholders, Service Providers



Government Officials

Major Achievements:

- Secured land 30 (Decimal) for each UH&FWC construction.
- Secured total DONATED land is 7X30= 210 Decimal (2.1 Acre, 0.3 Acre per Facility)
- Completed land registration and mutation in the name of Secretary of MOH&FW
- Formed and engaged a cross functional committee with senior representative of Government, Save the Children and Partner
- Completed construction of 7 UHFWCs in remote settings and handed over to DGFP as per policy and protocol
- Supplied furniture and equipment for the 7 UHFWC
- Providing 5 UHFWC 24/7 services including routine health services
- Prepared a draft Maintenance Manual, workshop conducted for dissemination, Waiting for approval

Major Challenges:

- High cost of land (approx. \$ 30,000 to 50,000 per site) in remote Haor Area with limited transport facilities and seasonal variations
- Timely completion of construction works. Lack of material at project area/site (need to procure/carry from Bhoirob/Habiganj, distance 70-80 km) is major problem to complete the task.
- Frequent change of Government officials at different level, Political instability (Like hartal/other changes etc.)

Future Direction:

- Donor fund seeking
- Sharing with Pharmaceuticals company: (Example: Square, Incepta, Beximco, Oponin, Renata Aristopharma, Eskayef, ACI, Drug International, ACME etc.)
- Sharing with MNC (cat A and B) (Unilever, Reckitt Benckiser, GlaxoSmithKline – GSK, Nestlé Bangladesh Ltd. Procter & Gamble Company (P&G), Marico Bangladesh Limited, Vinarco International Limited, RAK Paints (Pvt) Ltd. Mobile Phone Companies, Banks etc.



“Newly constructed North East Baniacgang Union Health & Family Welfare center handed over to Government on 09 November 2016”

