

Editorial

The idea of Institute of Child and Mother Health (ICMH) was conceived in 1981 and formally inaugurated in 1999 to improve the poor quality of life, health and nutritional status of children and mothers of Bangladesh. It is a unique institution to guide and lead the country in child and mother health through combined community and hospital based services on preventive, promotive and curative care. The introduction of a news letter has long been overdue. However, we are publishing the first ever ICMH-Focus to let people know and make them aware about the on-going activities of ICMH in the field of human resource development, patient care and research. We hope to publish ICMH-FOCUS on a quarterly basis.

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Message from Executive Director



Institute of Child and Mother Health (ICMH) Matuail, Dhaka 1362 is a national level institute in Bangladesh and is committed to attain a status of centre of excellence in the South East Asian region. The institute is working for the improvement of health and nutrition of children and mothers in the country through human resource development, conducting research and

patients care. The institute was made autonomous through an act in the parliament in the year 2002 and is now administered through a Board of Governors. At present the institute runs four post-graduate courses e.g. MD and DCH in paediatrics and MS, DGO in Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Two more courses e.g. Masters in Community Child Health and Masters in Community Reproductive Health are awaiting Government's permission to be started. The institute is at present serving 100 in-patients 50 in paediatrics and 50 Obstetrics & Gynaecology. Another 100 bed will start very soon. The institute will also establish the school of nursing (graduate), basic science departments, institute of health technology and various sub specialties of paediatrics, Gynaecology and Obstetrics and lab science etc. The Institute is now funded by the Government and also generates some funds from its services, diagnostic tests and training.

I am thankful to Prof. ARML Kabir for his initiatives to publish this first issue of this news letter and I am hopeful that we shall continue to publish and circulate this quarterly News Letter to different medical institutes of the medical profession. –Professor Abdul Hannan

Milestone of ICMH

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| t 1981 : | Idea of ICMH conceived |
| t 1991 : | World Bank agreed to fund |
| t 1992 : | Appointment of Full time Project Director |
| t 1994 : | Foundation laying |
| t 1999 : | Inauguration |
| t 2002 : | ICMH autonomous bill passed |
| t 2002 : | Further vertical extension started |
| t 2004 : | Academic course of MD, MS, DCH, DGO started |
| t 2005 : | ICMH celebrated its first era of functional activities |

Training Activities

The Institute of Child and Mother Health started its journey with three important objectives: Human Resource Development (HRD) through training, Research in the field of child and mother health and nutrition, Provision of Hospital based Health Care as well as at the community level. The Institute is working in collaboration with various government organization, NGOs, Development Partners and international organizations. Centre for Training and Communication (CTC) is playing a significant role in establishing the objectives of the Institute. ICMH has so far trained (till March 2006) 13,564 health care providers in different aspects of child and maternal health and nutrition and developed a number of curricula and training manuals. The Institute has trained 6500 doctors, 2020 nurses, 1614 paramedics, 1800 managers, 350 international participants and 450 other HCP.

Since July 1, 2005 we have conducted the following training programs at ICMH such as Midwifery Training for FWVs organized by DGHS and UNFPA, Training on EOC-RH for Nurses & Paramedics of UPHCP organized by UPHCP, UNFPA and DGHS. The duration of these training is for 6 months. Other than that training on Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI)- Training for Doctors and Paramedics organized by DGHS, WHO and UNICEF, Orientation program on SBA Examination, IMCI Training for VHWs, Training on Breastfeeding and Postnatal Vitamin A organized by DGHS and UNICEF, BSC Nursing Training organized by Bangladesh Open University and College of Nursing etc. are all short term based training. **Reported by: Dr. Saiful Islam, CTC.**



Executive Director distributing certificates among Trainees

Ongoing Training

- IMCI for Doctors and Paramedics
- Midwifery for FWV
- EOC-RH for UPHCP paramedics and Nurses
- Orientation on BF and postnatal Vitamin-A supplementation for CEOC service providers
- HNPSP supported training programs
- Computer Training for Health Professionals supported by DGHS under HNPSP
- TOT on Nutrition Training Programme Planning Management under HNPSP-2006