"SERVICE TO SUFFERERS IS SERVICE TO GOD"

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Dr. Luis Garcia (2nd from left) preparing for an operation

A team from Brac University presenting
CRP-Pabna Diabetic Shamity has observed the International Spinal Cord Injury day-2019 by organzing a group discussion & life experience sharing session with a person with SCI. In that program, 5 persons with SCI participated in an open discussion session with Occupational therapist and CBR staff at the centre. Participants shared their experiences about their life after SCI such as Mr. Saifur Rahman, member of SCIDAB, who also the owner of an NGO named ‘PRATIK Mohila o Shishu Shongstha’ shared how he has developed himself since his injury at the 4 years of age and motivated others to be independent and encouraged them for a productive life. Another participant named Ms Kotha shared how she was stigmatized at society and how she is now enjoying herself by engaging herself in excellent drawing activity and household chores. Later, two videos were shown on scarf injury to improve awareness among the participants. They also expressed the negative social attributes as stigmatization and lack of accessibilities so that CRP can help them to overcome that by modifying the environment and involve them in such activities in the future.

CRP also organized a 2 days sports competition for the spinal cord injury patients.

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CRP Barishal observed the world SCI Day in its new building, Honorable District Commissioner Mr. Azior Rahman was the Chief Guest of the program and the Special Guest was Mr. Johirul Haque, Head of Surgery, Barishal Medical College Hospital.
8th September 2019 is world physiotherapy day. World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT) has been celebrating the day all around the world since 1996. Bangladesh Physiotherapy Association (BPA) has been celebrating the day since 2007. This year the motto of the day is “Physiotherapy is an effective treatment for chronic pain”. On the occasion of world physiotherapy day, Bangladesh Physiotherapy Association (BPA) and Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP) organized rally, scientific seminar and cultural program. Honorable State Minister, Ministry of Social Welfare, Sharif Ahmed MP was present as a chief guest in the seminar. Mohammad Ismail, Additional Secretary, Ministry of social welfare and Mahfuzur Rahman, Asst. Commissioner, Land, Savar Upazila were present as special guests. Professor Dr Omar Ali Sarker, Principal Bangladesh Health Professions Institute; Professor Md. Obaidul Haque, Founder President of BPA; Associate professor Md. Anwar Hossain, Head of the Physiotherapy department, CRP; President of BPA Dr. Anawarul Quader Nazim; Secretary General of BPA Md. Shahadat Hossain; and freedom fighter Professor Altaf Hossain Sarker were also present. Md. Shafiq-ul Islam, Executive Director, CRP lead the program. Around 500 Physiotherapists, Health Professionals, Physiotherapy Students and Patients were present in this program.

The Principal, faculty & foreign students of M.Sc. in Rehabilitation Science program of BHPI (An academic institute of CRP) participated and meet with His Excellency the Ambassador of Afghanistan in the Celebration of 100th Anniversary of Afghanistan’s Reclamation of Independence on 08 September 2019 from 7pm-9 pm at The Westin Dhaka. The students from SAARC Member States have been studying with scholarships under the project of “Regional Inter-professional Master’s Program in Rehabilitation Science” funded by SAARC Development Fund (SDF).

Donations from BACHAO

On 9th September 2019, BACHAO (Bangladeshi American Charitable Organization) has donated a grant of $9,000 for the year 2019-2020 “Support to provide sewing machines and wheelchairs among the poor people with disabilities at CRP-Savar” and $8,500 for “Treatment and Rehabilitation support for the poor and marginalised patient of Afsar Hussain-CRP, Rajshahi.”
Md. Shofiqul Islam from the CIVIC and 200-rep trials participated in the 18th Asian Spinal Cord Network (ASCoN) Conference 2019 at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 13th September 2019 to 15th September 2019. He did an oral presentation of two papers mentioned below on behalf of both the CIVIC and 200-rep trials. Alongside the conference, he also met with Prof. Lisa Harvey about the ongoing management of the CIVIC trial. Mr. Shofiqul ensured her that the CIVIC trial is progressing according to the protocol with the expect completion of all 410 participant’s 2-year assessments in February 2020. Mr. Shofiqul also attended numerous symposiums and workshops organised by the ASCoN committee.

Oral Presentations:
• MS Hossain, LA Harvey, MS Islam, MA Rahman, JV Glinsky, RD Herbert (2019) A prediction model to identify those people with spinal cord injury likely to die within five years of discharge from hospital in Bangladesh. ASCoN Conference, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

First Aid Training to Persons with Disabilities by BDRCS
CRP organized First Aid training in collaboration with the International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) and Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) on 16th September 2019. The training was organized to celebrate the World First Aid Day which was on 14th September. The theme of the day was, ‘Addressing Exclusion through First Aid’. ICRC sponsored the training and BDRCS facilitated the training. A total of 35 participants attended the training which includes staff with disabilities, students of health professions and patients of CRP. The training aimed to train persons with disabilities and students on basic first aid techniques as well as to gain orientation on how to train persons with disabilities. The contents of the training were burn, fracture, choking, wound, CPR, and so on. The participants received a certificate of attendance issued by ICRC. On the day of the training, Deputy Secretary General of BDRCS, ICRC First Aid Delegate, Country Representative of German Red Cross and Executive Director of CRP were present in the inauguration session. The participants were very happy with the contents, methods and all the arrangements of the training. The significant impact of the training is the changes in the attitudes of BDRCS trainers and volunteers.
BSRM asset transfer program for vocational trainees with disabilities

BSRM Asset Transfer Program was held on 24th September, 2019 at Conference room, CRP and organized by Madhob Memorial vocational Training Institute and Fund Raising department jointly and funded by BSRM Group of Companies. BSRM sponsored 28 persons with disabilities for six month’s training in four different trades at CRP’s Madhob Memorial vocational Training Institute and handed over the Assets to them. The trades are Electronics repairing, Dress making and Tailoring, Shop management and Computer office application. Ms. Ruhi Murshid Ahmed, Head of Corporate Social Responsibility, Public Relations & Communications, BSRM was the chief guest of the programme. CRP’s Executive Director Md. Shafiq-ul Islam chaired the programme. Other staff from CRP and BSRM also attended the handover ceremony. All the trainees received materials and equipment to start their own business in their community. They gave commitment to do their best effort to support their family with their new business. BSRM is one of the most generous donor who is supporting the aim of CRP for establishing the rights of Persons with disabilities through supporting the livelihood program of CRP.

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A trainee receiving computer and other accessories

A trainee sharing his experience