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Special Honor to CRP

Valerie Ann Taylor received 'Who's Who' Award

Valerie Ann Taylor, the Founder of CRP has been honored with the 'Who's Who' award for her exceptional contributions to the medical treatment and rehabilitation of women and men, girls and boys with disabilities in Bangladesh. She received this special recognition through a grand event held in London. The award was also presented to seven other honorable individuals for their outstanding contributions in their own fields. CRP family extends heartfelt congratulations to the award winners, including Valerie Ann Taylor, for their outstanding achievements and contributions.



Executive Director of CRP honored as Chief Guest by Bangladesh Protibondhi Unnayan Trust

On November 4, an event was organized by the Bangladesh Protibondhi Unnayan Trust to observe World White Cane Safety Day 2023. Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain, the Executive Director of CRP, graced the occasion as the chief guest. During the event, white canes were distributed among visually impaired individuals. Amazing rules, contributions and outstanding ability of visually impaired persons impressed the participants in the event. This focused that we must not leave any one behind and give them the opportunity in order to play their roles facilitating the development of Bangladesh.



Visit of New Head of Delegation of ICRC

On July 18, the newly appointed Head of Delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Agnes Dhur along with Dr. Nadera Hayat Burhani, Health Coordinator of ICRC Bangladesh visited CRP. During her visit, Ms. Dhur inaugurated the upgraded work of the wheelchair basketball ground of CRP and handed over P&O materials and sports wheelchairs as donations. Executive Director Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain and other senior staff members of CRP accompanied them during their visit.



EIHRPD Project: MoU with Manikganj District Sadar Hospital to establish an SCI unit

An MoU has been signed between CRP and the Manikganj District Sadar Hospital (MDSH) on 25th July to establish a Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) unit in the MDSH as part of the CBM Global Disability Inclusion funded project “Equitable and Inclusive Health and Rehabilitation for Persons with Disabilities (EIHRPD)”. This SCI unit will provide free rehabilitation services to the people with SCI and document the district-level service needs.



EIHRPD Project: Visit of CBM Global Disability Inclusion Team

Ms. Lidia Eugenia from CBM Global Disability Inclusion and representative from CBM Global Bangladesh Office visited CRP Savar on 3rd August. They had a discussion with CRP management team members. After the meeting, the team visited all the departments of CRP.

EIHRPD Project: Capacity-building program on NGOAB’s Compliance

On August 19, a capacity-building program on the NGO Affairs Bureau’s Compliance was organized by CRP in collaboration with the Equitable and Inclusive Health and Rehabilitation for Persons with Disability (EIHRPD) Project Team. The EIHRPD project is being implemented by CRP in collaboration with the Women with Disabilities Development Foundation (WDDF) and supported by CBM Global Disability Inclusion. At the end of the session, the Honorable Chief Guest Mr. Tapan Kumar Biswas, Director, (Project-1), NGOAB distributed sewing machines to women with disabilities to ensure their livelihood.





Water Replenishment Project: Knowledge dissemination program

A knowledge dissemination program is organized by CRP in partnership with WaterAid Bangladesh for the project named “Promoting Water Replenishment and WASH Services (RWASH)” on 23rd August. The project is funded by The CocaCola Foundation. The sessions include knowledge of current usage and requirement of water in Dhaka city and Savar region; negative effect of wasting water; positive effect of using and

harvesting rainwater for household and institutional use as well as methods of harvesting water. Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain, Executive Director of CRP; Engr. Arman Chowdhury, Chief Executive Officer and Partha Hefaz Shaikh, Director Policy and Advocacy of WaterAid Bangladesh attended the program and delivered inspiring speech.

MEI Project: Auto-rickshaw handover to a person with disability

‘Microeconomic Initiative for Persons with Disabilities of CBR’ project, in collaboration with CRP, reached its final toll in 2023. On November 18, Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain, the Executive Director of CRP, handed over an auto-rickshaw to a person with disability as livelihood support. Prior to this, financial assistance was provided to other 55 individuals under this project.



Collaborations



MoU with Khodeza-Hermat Trust

CRP signed an MoU with Khodeza-Hermat Trust (KHT) on July 08. With this fund under the “KHT-TRP Project”, they support the poor people with Spinal Cord Injuries (SCI) and other disabilities, and children with disabilities of CRP Savar in their consultation, investigation, treatment, hospitalization, surgical intervention, and medicine support as needed. Executive Director of CRP Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain, and Trustee of KHT Ms. Ruhi Murshid Ahmed signed the MoU.



Renewal of MoU with Umami - Al - Monowara Trust

Long-lasting relationship between CRP and Umami-Al-Monowara Trust is extended through a renewal of MOU signing ceremony to provide healthcare and rehabilitation services to the extreme poor, economically vulnerable zakat deserving persons with disabilities as per mutually agreed terms and conditions.

Visitors from Bashundhara Group

A team from Bashundhara Group visited CRP on 6th August and had a meeting with the senior and management team members of CRP. CRP and Bashundhara Group delivered their organizational presentation followed by a discussion on future collaboration between both organizations.



Donation Received

Donation Received: 22pieces of wheelchair

CRP received 22pcs of wheelchairs from Dr. Shabana Karim & Mr. Shehzad Parvez in the memory of their Late. mother Mrs. Fahmeda Zahed. The wheelchairs will help the poor people with disabilities.



22nd ASCoN Conference: Donation Received from UCB PLC

On September 7, CRP received a donation Cheque from Mohammad Arif Uddin, First Vice President & Head, Savar Branch, United Commercial Bank PLC for the upcoming 22nd Asian Spinal Cord Network (ASCoN) Conference 2023. This contribution undoubtedly supported CRP's objective to organize the conference successfully and create positive changes in the lives of persons with spinal cord injuries.

Donation Received: 6 pieces of wheelchairs

On October 8, Md. Mahedul Islam, Manager, Fund Raising Department and Tasnim Zarin, Donor Liaison Officer attended a program at ACCL (All Community Club Limited), Gulshan 1, Dhaka. During this event, Rtd. T. I. M. Jamil Uddin Mozmadar RIYAL PHF, the President of Rotary Club Dhaka Midtown, generously donated 06 wheelchairs to CRP. This contribution undoubtedly supported CRP's objectives and created positive changes in the lives of people with disabilities.



Centre Updates

Inauguration of CRP-Rabia Noor Mental Health Day Centre

The inauguration ceremony of the "CRP-Rabia Noor Mental Health Day Centre" was held on 12th August at the Conforce Limited's Office at Nabinagar, Savar, Dhaka. 'Mental Health Day Centre' facility of CRP Ganakbari shifted to Conforce Limited Company's premises as an outcome of long-term partnership between CRP and Conforce. 'Mental Health Day Centre' facility is developed and supported by the Kadoori Charitable Foundation (KCF), Hongkong. The ceremony was hosted by Mr. Md. Kaium Uddin Khan, General Manager (Factory), Conforce Limited.



Dr. Najmul Hossain, Managing Director, Conforce Limited delivered the welcome speech highlighting the background and contribution of the new establishment. Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain, the Executive Director of CRP, delivered his speech and discussed different dimensions of this joint venture initiative. Finally, Mr. Mustaque Ahmed, Member, Trust for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (TRP) delivered his inspirational speech and concluded the ceremony.



CRP Ganakbari: Training Complex Extension

On September 12, CRP Ganakbari celebrated the completion and inauguration of the Training Complex Extension program in the presence of Executive Director of CRP and Management Team of Dewhirst & Tesco Group. This extension enables the accommodation of more sewing machines in the Ganakbari CRP training room and expands vocational training opportunities for women with disabilities in Bangladesh.

Visit of Ms. Hanneke Cusell, a long-standing volunteer of CRP

On 18th July, Ms. Hanneke Cusell, a long-standing volunteer of CRP came back with a team of young students and a teacher of Vliegende Meubelmakers or the Flying Furniture Makers from the Netherlands. For three weeks, the team worked with the staff of CRP's Wood Workshop and exchanged knowledge to innovate new items of furniture.



Japan Association of Occupational Therapists Team Visit

A team of Japan Association of Occupational Therapists (JAOT) visited CRP Head Office on 21st August and had a meeting with Management Team members of CRP and Executive Committee Members of the Bangladesh Occupational Therapy Association (BOTA). BOTA presented its organizational information followed by discussion on future collaboration between both the organizations. The JAOT team donated a 3D printer and splinting materials for Occupational Therapy Department of CRP. On 24th August, Professor Jumpei Oba, Vice President of JAOT conducted a lecture on "Occupational Therapy (OT) in Japan" with final year OT students of Bangladesh Health Professions Institute (BHPI), CRP.



Training & Development

Carpentry Training Program for Persons with Disabilities

CRP has initiated a six-month 'Carpentry Training Program for Persons with Disabilities' with the aim to skills development and creating job opportunities. On September 21, the Executive Director of CRP Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain visited the Training Center. During his visit, discussions were held with the trainees focusing on their training progress and other opportunities.



Advanced Course on Bobath Concept

An advanced course in the “Assessment and treatment of adults with neurological conditions – the bobath concept” (Theme: Trunk control; a necessary or a luxury in neurological rehabilitation?) has been accomplished from October 21 to October 25 at CRP Savar organized by CRP Training & Development Section (HRD). The facilitators from International Bobath Instructors Training Association (IBITA) namely Line Syre (Norway), Cecilia Lofgren (Finland) & Norma Lopez (Argentina) facilitated the 5 days long training program successfully. Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain, Executive Director, CRP was present in the closing session, delivered his valuable speech to the participants, voted thanks to the facilitators and finally distributed the certificates to the participants. Dr. Mohammad Anwar Hossain, Head of Physiotherapy Department, CRP was present in the program also



Day Observations

8th International Spinal Cord Injury Day

CRP has celebrated the 8th International Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Day on September 5th with its partner organizations, patients, students and staff through various programs at CRP Savar. CRP also organized awareness and motivation sessions on causes, consequences, management of SCI and ensuring inclusive life for persons with spinal cord injury. Mr. Anisur Rahman, Deputy Commissioner & District Magistrate, Dhaka attended the program as the Chief Guest. Mr. Muhammad Mushfiqul Wara, the Country Director of CBM Global Bangladesh; Md. Mazharul Islam, Upazila Nirbahi Officer of Savar Upazila; Dr. Mohammad Shayemul Huda, Upazila Health and Family Planning officer of Savar Upazila; Ashrafun Nahar Misti, Executive Director of WDDF were present as Special Guests. The program was chaired by Executive Director of CRP Dr. Mohammad Sohrab Hossain.



World Mental Health Day

On 10th October CRP celebrated World Mental Health Day 2023. The theme of the day for the year was "Mental Health is a Universal Human Right". Based on the theme, CRP has organised a round table discussion with mental health professionals and different concerned organisations. Prof. Brig. Gen (Ret.) Dr. Md. Azizul Islam, President of the Bangladesh Association of Psychiatrists attended the discussion. This event was organised by the Meaningful Social Access for Persons with Mental Health Needs project at CRP Mirpur Mental Health Day Centre.

International Cerebral Palsy Day

On October 8, CRP celebrated International Cerebral Palsy Day. The day commenced with a rally at the William and Mary Taylor School, featuring the slogan "Together Stronger." Pediatrics Department of CRP and the students of William and Mary Taylor Inclusive School actively participated in the event. The inauguration of the ceremony was carried out by Dr. Mohammad Omar Ali Sarkar, Principal, Bangladesh Health Professions Institution. The discussion session featured CRP's Head of Programs Shahnaj Sultana and the Head of the Pediatrics Department Hosne Ara Parveen. Mr. Mizanur Rahman, Deputy General Manager of Akij Group of Companies attended as a special guest. In their speech, they emphasized on raising public awareness about cerebral palsy, enhancing the capabilities of individuals with cerebral palsy, and ensuring their rights and possibilities.



National Road Safety Day

On October 22, CRP celebrated National Road Safety Day. This special day serves as a crucial reminder of the importance of road safety and aims to raise awareness among the public about how we can collectively reduce fatalities, injuries, and other unfortunate incidents that may occur as a result of transportation-related accidents and our own negligence. It is a day dedicated to promoting safe driving practices, the use of seatbelts, respecting traffic rules, and emphasizing the significance of responsible road behavior. By observing National Road Safety Day, CRP seeks to remind everyone that a small act of carelessness on the road can have significant consequences, not only for the individuals involved but also for their families and communities.

National & International Day of Persons with Disabilities

CRP observed the 32nd International and the 25th National Day of Persons with Disabilities on December 3rd. The theme of the day this year was "United in action to rescue and achieve the SDGs for, with and by persons with disabilities". CRP along with Women with Disabilities Development Foundation (WDDF) and CBM Global Disability Inclusion, Bangladesh organized a roundtable discussion in Mirpur CRP Centre.





Sports & Recreation unit of CRP hosted a sports event for patients with Spinal Cord Injuries (SCI) in CRP Savar.

CRP Manikganj also participated in the programs organized by DC office, Manikganj with 4 Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPD) in observance of the day.

IDPD & Raising Day

CRP has observed jointly International Day of Persons with Disabilities (December 3, 2023) and its 44th Raising Day on 11th December at CRP Savar. Celebration includes sports event for the staffs with disabilities of CRP, experience sharing of a long serving Staff and trainee, asset transfer to the selected trainees, prize giving ceremony and cultural performance. The event ended with cake-cutting.



Birthday Celebration



Celebrating Birthday of Mr. Muqeed Majumdar Babu

On October 25, CRP organized a birthday party in honor of Mr. Muqeed Majumdar Babu, Chairman of Impress Group. Students of William and Marie Taylor School (WMTS) enjoyed the program. In a heartwarming gesture, Mr. Muqeed Majumdar Babu generously donated Tk. 2,00,000 for WMTS.



CRP hosted the 22nd ASCoN Conference on November 25-27. Participants from various countries including India, Sri Lanka, Australia, Thailand, South Korea, Germany, Ireland, Switzerland and the Netherlands were present in this conference with their diverse activities. Award winners of oral presentations, poster presentations and assistive device competitions at the conference received certificates at the closing ceremony

Conference at a glance

1. Conference Organiser	Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP), Savar, Bangladesh
2. Funding Support	From local and international well-wishers
3. Venue	BRAC-CDM, Savar, CRP-Savar & CRP-Mirpur, Dhaka, Bangladesh
4. Number of Attendees	450 attendees registered for the conference
5. Plenary Session	5
7. Parallel Session	12
8. Workshop	8
9. Award Winner	3

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