

Health for Underprivileged Program

Dr. Maksud Chowdhury (DCI Patron) and Mr. Abdul Mazid (Chairman, National Board of Revenue) officially inaugurated DCI's "Health for Underprivileged Program" in Dhaka on January 5, 2008. This clinic is sponsored by Mr. Tajin Shadid of Washington, USA. The purpose of this program is to provide free health care & medicine for the residents of slum areas. This year, the clinic has already provided health support to 3800 slum residents. This kind of program is desperately needed for the many slums that exist all over Dhaka. DCI is actively looking for stable funding sources for this program.

Target Population:

Poor people living in the slum areas of Dhaka, household servants, street people.



Dr. Maksud Chowdhury, Mr. Abdul Majid & Mr. Tajin Shadid inaugurating the clinic

Objectives:

- To provide curative free and low cost health care services to poor and underprivileged people in urban slum areas and rural remote locations.
- To improve poor people's health by raising awareness on primary health and sanitation among the to poor and underprivileged people in urban slum areas
- To develop community health and sanitation cadres.
- To provide pre-natal care to pregnant women to ensure safe deliveries and to decrease the mortality rate of newborn babies and pregnant mothers.
- To disseminate primary health and hygiene awareness among the school children and young generation of slum area.
- To reduce common and water borne diseases in the slum area
- To develop an urban slum community based model health and sanitation program, which will be replicated among others.

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Children of Mohammadpur slum



Dr. Afia Zaman, NY volunteering at the clinic



Dr. Lutfa Begum, NY visiting the clinic



DCI youth volunteer, Jon Coleman with the clinic doctor