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INTRODUCTION

IMPACT Foundation Bangladesh (IFB), a non-government organization started its journey in 1993 with inspiration and support from the Late Sir John Wilson, CBE, DCL, the architect of the Global IMPACT Movement against avoidable disabilities. IFB is registered as a local Charitable Trust and is also a member of the International Federation of IMPACT Organizations (IFIO) which brought several Asian, African, and European countries under a common umbrella to uphold the interest of persons with disabilities in alleviating their sufferings by medical and surgical interventions. IFB is governed by a 7-member Board of Trustees. The Foundation's programs are implemented and managed on a day-to-day basis by a team of 225 staff and many volunteers, headed by the Chief Executive Officer.

This year, IFB marks 30 years of being actively engaged in the prevention and cure of avoidable disabilities in rural Bangladesh. This is directly linked to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). According to the World Health Organization (WHO) estimates, approximately 15% of the total population has a disability of one kind or another in Bangladesh. Disability on this scale represents not only a major health problem but also a prime cause of poverty and underdevelopment. The vision of IMPACT Foundation Bangladesh is a society, free from disability and poverty where people can fully realize their human potential. IFB has concentrated

its efforts in the southwest region and riverine rural areas of the country.

The riverine populations are served by a 3-deck boat hospital named IMPACT '*Jibon Tari*' Floating Hospital. Different other projects are implemented in Chuadanga and Meherpur by the Impact Hospital and Diagnostic Centre, IMPACT Masudul Haque Memorial Community Health Centre (IMCHC), IMPACT '*Jibon Mela*' Health Center and Sir Jon Wilson Assistive Device Centre. IFB established IMPACT Nursing Institute, offering a 3-year Diploma degree in Nursing and Midwifery for girls from poor socio-economic backgrounds in 2014. Through the hospitals and health centers, IFB offers a wide range of healthcare, educational, and training services aimed at the prevention and cure of avoidable disabilities. These services include but are not limited to primary health care through out-patients clinics and satellite clinics, surgery (cataract, clubfoot, ENT, cleft lip/palate) for the cure of disability, supply of assistive devices to restore mobility, immunization for women and children, awareness raising on health, nutrition, and sanitation, antenatal and postnatal check-up, training for Traditional Birth Attendants (TBA), training on early detection of disability for the school teachers, home gardens development at household level for nutrition supplementation and income generation, safe drinking water and arsenic mitigation programs and training sessions on Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM).

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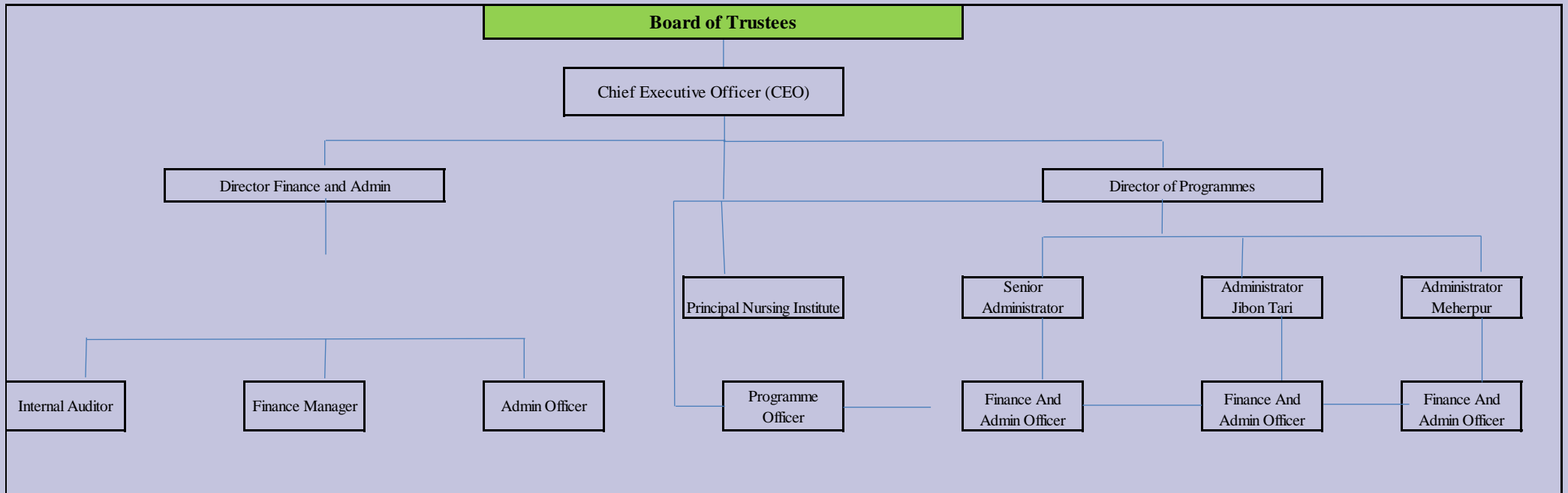
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PROJECTS OF IMPACT FOUNDATION BANGLADESH

IMPACT 'JIBON TARI' FLOATING HOSPITAL - Since April 1999

The first-ever floating hospital in Bangladesh and also the south-east Asia, the 'Jibon Tari' Floating Hospital was launched on 10 April, 1999 on the bank of river Padma at Mawa ghat to provide medical and surgical treatment on board for prevention and cure of avoidable disabilities



among the people living in the rural, flood-prone, riverine areas of Bangladesh. Translated to mean “the boat of life”, the three-decked 'Jibon Tari' hospital has been providing essential healthcare services to people for over two decades now. The unique floating hospital has gained trust and

popularity among the less fortunate people living in the riverside areas of Bangladesh.

IMPACT Hospital and Diagnostic Centre, new premises of Impact Masudul Haque Memorial Community Health Centre, Chuadanga - Since April, 2002

Established in 1995, IFB's Chuadanga Programme has been a beacon of hope for vulnerable communities in Chuadanga and neighboring districts, particularly women and children.

The Impact Masudul Haque Memorial Community Health Centre (IMCHC) was established out of a pressing need to provide specialized healthcare to the region's vulnerable population in April, 2002. The establishment of the health center marked a significant step towards enhancing community participation and social mobilization.



After serving for almost two decades, IMCHC expanded its services to a 8-storied new hospital building, Impact Hospital and Diagnostic Centre having a floor space of 50,000 sft. in October 2022.

The expanded services and facilities (24 hours service; specialist consultation service; separate operation theatre for eye, gynae, orthopaedic, cleft lip/palate and other surgery; patient cabin and wards, separated for male, female and children NICU). The hospital also includes pathology and diagnostic facilities that will be gradually expanded with inclusion of CT-scan/MRI mammography etc.

Sir John Wilson Assistive Device and Physiotherapy Centre, Chuadanga - Since April 2004



In Bangladesh's southwest region, the Sir John Wilson Assistive Device Centre (SJWADC), named after the late Sir John Wilson, CBE, DCL, has been providing specialized rehabilitation facilities, such as providing orthopedic and prosthetic devices and a range of physiotherapy services with trained



professionals for the treatment of patients with physical disabilities. This special unit has gained popularity among the people in Chuadanga and also the neighboring districts.

SJWADC was serving patients in a small space at the old hospital. After the new hospital was built in 2022, IFB dedicated a large part of its old hospital building for the SJWADC activities to serve many more patients in need.

IMPACT 'Jibon Mela' Health Centre, Meherpur- Since October 2007

The Chuadanga programme was replicated in Meherpur in 2004 with a greater vision to serve more underprivileged and destitute people in the region. The Meherpur programme incepted its community-based health programmes, which later established a 20-bedded, IMPACT 'Jibon Mela' Hospital on 24 October, 2007. Since then, the 'Jibon Mela' Hospital has been providing preventive and curative healthcare services to the in-need people of Meherpur and the neighboring districts. The fully functional and well-equipped hospital concentrates on hospital and community-based healthcare and capacity building training for different health actors in the community.



IMPACT Nursing Institute, Meherpur- Since March 2014

IMPACT Nursing Institute, IFB's educational initiative, was founded in March 2014 to offer a



INI Students with their Principal

three-year Diploma degree in Nursing and Midwifery, accredited by the Bangladesh Nursing and Midwifery Council (BNMC). This educational project serves rural, meritorious girls from Meherpur and the neighboring districts, not only a degree but also opens doors to economic

independence for these

young women. In addition to academic training, INI emphasizes on cultural and extra-curricular activities to

ensure that the nurses are well-prepared to face the challenges in their career and contribute meaningfully to their communities and the country.



Outer view of the under construction 'Jibon Mela' Nursing Academic Building

INI follows the national curriculum approved by the BNMC and World Health Organization (WHO). Initially, started with enrollment of only twenty students per batch which later extended to annual intake of 50 students per year.

As the demand for nursing education significantly increased over the years. IFB has dedicated its land adjacent to the 'Jibon Mela' Hospital for construction of a new seven-storey academic building, the '*Jibon Mela*' Nursing Academic Building. The construction of the new building is in good progress with support from IFB's supporters. It is expected to be ready for use in 2025.

IMPACT 'Jibon Jatra' Medical Van since February 2016

'*Jibon Jatra*', IFB's mobile air-conditioned hospital, is a transformative healthcare project for people living in the remote rural areas of Chuadanga, Meherpur and other surrounding districts. Launched in 2016, the hospital is equipped with eye, gynecological and orthopedic units where a medical team of doctors and nurses treat patients in remotest areas by taking healthcare facilities to their doorsteps. The eye unit comes with auto-refractometer, vision chart, trial lens set, torch, etc. The gynae unit offers ante-natal and postnatal care and the orthopedic unit includes portable physiotherapy machines.



The mobile-van organizes health camps to raise awareness about preventable diseases, promoting maternal and child health, and offer basic medical screening and treatment at distant localities.

Leprosy Project

IFB has been implementing a project for the patients with leprosy titled 'Activating and Engaging government and people in partnership (AEP)' since July, 2019 with partnership with The Leprosy Mission International Bangladesh (TLMI,B).

Under this project, the identified patients are registered for receiving free treatment at the Government health facilities. To ensure active engagement of Government health facilities for the care and treatment of leprosy patients, IFB maintains continuous communication with the relevant government health officials. IFB also

collaborates with other regional NGOs to raise public awareness about leprosy, and has until now, identified 162 leprosy patients, all of whom are officially registered with the Government hospital and receiving free treatment.

Additionally, IFB has supported the formation of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) for the engagement of the group members in income-generating activities to support themselves, and their families.



Celebrating World Leprosy Day 2024

PROSHANTI Project

Prolapse, a condition often linked to childbirth and inadequate healthcare, can severely affect a woman's quality of life, causing physical discomfort and emotional distress. IFB's 'Proshanti' project has been supporting poor female patients with uterine Prolapse since January 2017 in partnership with DAK Foundation/ PFE Australia. As part of this project, IFB has established 23 specialized facilities at 4 Government Medical College Hospitals and 18 private clinics with trained Gynecologists, who received hands-on training from a team of overseas



Hands-on Training to local Gynae Practitioners by foreign faculty

Gynecologists from Australia on a new operative technique 'sacrospinous fixation' in 18 districts of Bangladesh. The project has become a beacon of hope for many women who previously had little to no options for treatment.

BACHAO Project

BACHAO, the Bangladeshi American Charitable Organization, based in California, USA, has committed to continue to support IFB with a grant to provide cataract and ENT surgical treatments for 120 poor patients in 2025. BACHAO has been supporting IFB since 2014. BACHAO's long commitment towards IFB has supported a significant number of underserved people with eye and hearing disability treatments until now.

Hydrocephalus

IMPACT Foundation Bangladesh in collaboration with a local Neurosurgeon, implement a project for the under-privileged children suffering from hydrocephalus, an abnormal enlargement of the brain cavities



(ventricles) caused by the build-up of cerebrospinal fluid (CSF).

The project aims for reducing the sufferings of affected children that can be present at birth or triggered by tumors, infections, bleeding in the brain, or aging and can only be treated by surgery.



Such a treatment facility is rare to find

outside of Dhaka city. Evidence shows children with this deadly condition are mainly from remote areas, and among poverty-stricken families. If left untreated, it can result in brain damage leading to severe physical disability or death.

With support from UK IMPACT Foundation, IFB operates 25-30 children with hydrocephalus each year to improve their quality of lives. IFB has treated a total of 241 children with hydrocephalus till date.

School SIDKO and Hygiene Program

“Providing access to safe water, sanitation and menstrual hygiene education for girls”- a project for the adolescent school-going girls, has been implemented by IFB in Chuadanga and Meherpur districts.

Under this project, IFB installs a safe drinking water system (SIDKO Plant) for arsenic-free drinking water, renovates the existing toilet facilities, and train female adolescent students on menstrual hygiene practice. This project supports the rural adolescent girls with adequate knowledge to break the stigma

surrounding a girl’s menstruation. Besides conducting special sessions on reproductive and menstrual health for adolescent girl students, IFB installs a proper pad disposal facility at the school washrooms for the girls. IFB also provides a menstrual hygiene kits containing two packets of sanitary pads, a hand soap bar, a water bottle, and a pocket booklet on menstrual hygiene.



Mothers’ Club

IMPACT Foundation Bangladesh has been actively involved with the mothers of the rural communities at IFB’s project sites in Chuadanga and Meherpur. IFB conducts courtyard sessions, every month, with the female members of the community where they discuss different topics on health, food and nutrition, environment, home gardening, communicable diseases, primary health care, diseases related with nutrition deficiency and how all of these have a relationship to disability. IMPACT Foundation Bangladesh emphasizes community ownership and sustainability through the mother’s club meetings, which serve as a “resource centers” for poor rural women.



Each Mothers' club consists of 20-25 women. The main objective of the meetings is to empower the poor rural women of Chuadanga and Meherpur districts so that they contribute to building healthy families.

IFB work with a total 1200 mothers club in Chuadanga and Meherpur districts comprising of 28,000 women members. Every member is actively volunteering with IFB to improve their livelihood and help their communities.

Home Garden

Homestead gardening, or home gardening is an innovative approach to combat micronutrient deficiency among the rural poor families. Until now, IFB established 32,678 home gardens in Chuadanga and Meherpur districts.

Under this project, IFB provides technical assistance and supports the rural mothers with seeds, fencing of the gardens, water source and foods for earth/bed preparation. The rural, poor families grow seasonal vegetables at their homestead, and are getting adequate dietary benefits. The mothers have reported having at least three vegetables all through the year that is believed to decrease rates of malnutrition among children.



The dietary diversity is an effective and sustainable solution for enhancing food security, providing nutritional support, and empowering local families who gain the advantages of fresh, organic vegetables that contribute to their good health. IFB maintains integrated community participation approaches by means of nutrition training arranged by IFB's Trainers on the cooking procedures and the importance of a balanced diet.

IFB promote the five-bed homestead garden model in the communities, where the owners consume vegetables every day and also sell some vegetables that create some income generation for the rural women.

Capacity Building Training

IMPACT Foundation Bangladesh organizes capacity building training for the community leaders, TBAs, NGO/health workers, Primary School Teachers and the rural medical practitioners. The main objective of the training is to empower the health actors working in the community for early detection and the prevention of avoidable disabilities. These actors meet regularly with the rural people, provide them information and help them for receiving the required services for their benefit from IFB's hospitals.



Emergency Support for the flood victims in Bangladesh



This year, IFB supported a number of distressed families in dire need of food, medical and rehabilitation support, following the devastating flood that



hit the Feni district (located at the eastern part of

Bangladesh) in August. The flood destroyed homes, crops and livestock affecting families of women-led households, physically disabled members, and families with elderly family members.

IFB organized food support and medical camps for the two most affected upazilas (sub-district) of the district, where food parcel distribution for 2,802 families and emergency medical support for 5,940 people were provided. In addition, IFB also constructed houses to support ten families who lost their houses in the recent flood.



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1,537,366
Patients
received
treatment

6,633
Surgeries
performed

891
EnT
Surgeries

75
Orthopedic
Surgeries

108
Cleft Lip
& palate
Surgeries

3,737
Cataract
Surgeries

30
Hydrocephalus
Surgeries

301
General
Surgeries

1,398
Uterine
Proplase
Surgeries

93
Gyne
Surgeries

2,570
Patients
received
Assistive
Device

8,607
Mothers &
Children
immunized

13,741
Physiotherapy
Services

527
TBA
Trained

226
Health
Workers
Trained

4,444
Students
eye sight
Tested

326
Community
Leaders
Trained

303
School
Teachers
trained
on vision
Test

103
Health
practitioners
trained

5,568
Mothers
receive
pre&post
natal Care

5,940
received
emergency
medical
support

2,802
families
received
emergency
food
support

Shankar Raha expressed gratitude to *Jibon Tari* Floating Hospital

Shankar Raha, a 60-year-old confectioner from Khulna, had been experiencing deteriorating vision for several months. Accompanied by his daughter and son-in-law, he visited IFB'S '*Jibon Tari*' floating hospital, for an eye examination.

Shankar's eyesight had worsened due to cataracts, and after an initial examination, he was recommended an immediate cataract surgery on his right eye by an eye Consultant. However, his blood pressure was higher than normal, so the doctor prescribed medication and advised him to return in two months.

Shankar followed the doctor's advice, returning to *Jibon Tari* after two months, where he was examined and his vitals were alright for surgery. Shankar regained his eyesight after a cataract surgery on his right eye.

Shankar expressed his gratitude, stating he was thankful to *Jibon Tari* and the staff for their support, as well as to his son-in-law for bringing him to the hospital.



"I am glad I can see now. I am thankful to Jibon Tari for the service. My eyesight has been restored. I did not know anything about "Jibon Tari" before. The hospital staff were cooperative. I am thankful to everyone at 'Jibon Tari' and my son-in-law for bringing me to the hospital."

Lokhnathpur Mothers' Club in Chuadanga

The Lokhnathpur Mothers' Club (MC) in Haoli union, Damurhuda Upazila, Chuadanga district, consists of 24 active members who meet monthly to discuss important health topics, facilitated by IMPACT Foundation Bangladesh (IFB)'s Field Organizers (FO).

Kulsum, a member of the club for the past five months, shared how she was inspired to join after observing the active participation of other mothers. housewife, Kulsum cares for her family of five, including her husband and three young children. Since joining, she has attended meetings on various topics, such as nutrition, pregnancy care, sanitation, and emergency health issues. Kulsum actively shares this knowledge with other women in her community, who are not yet members of the club.



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With the help of IFB's FO, Kulsum created a home garden with five vegetable beds, benefiting her family with required intake of vegetables containing essential micronutrients. Her husband often supports her in the garden, particularly in carrying water from a nearby tube well. She also sells some of the vegetables she grows in her garden and earns some cash for her children.

Kulsum expressed gratitude to IFB for introducing the Mothers' Club, which she believes has greatly benefited her family. She hopes IFB continues to support women like her, enabling them to contribute to their families and communities.

"I am thankful to IFB for introducing such an important nutritional intervention to us. My family has benefited in several ways from the Mothers' club activities. I now know about the importance of maintaining balanced diet for my child. I wish IFB continues to provide support to women like us, so that we become knowledgeable, and can contribute to the family."

Habibur, the little boy who received orthotic device from SJWADC

Habibur, the first born child, born to Shumon and Bonna hails from Doulatdiar village in Chuadanga district. When Bonna was pregnant, she received much care and support from both her husband and her in-laws. During labor, Bonna experienced severe pain, leading the family to rush to a nearby clinic, where she gave birth to Habibur. While the family was overjoyed at the birth of a son, their happiness was marred when they noticed that Habibur was born with a clubfoot.

Shumon described his feelings as a sense of doom and confusion. He felt that his family was under some bad spell. Not knowing what to do, Shumon consulted the doctor, who recommended him to take the little boy to Impact Hospital and Diagnostic Centre in Kedarganj, Chuadanga. Without further delay, little Habibur was taken to the hospital. Upon examining, the Medical Officer recommended a treatment for Habibur that can only be performed when the little boy will be 21 days old. Based on the recommendation, Shumon brought his son to Impact Hospital and Diagnostic Centre after 21 days, where the little boy went through a series of serial plaster casts over months before being given an orthotic shoe.



Over time, Habibur's condition improved significantly. Shumon expressed his gratitude, saying "I am thankful for the care and support provided by the hospital. I am grateful to IFB and the staff for their help and support."

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IMPACT FOUNDATION BANGLADESH -IFB

STATEMENT OF FUND IN-FLOW AND OUT-FLOW FOR THE YEAR 2023-2024

FUND IN-FLOW	2024 In Taka
UK Impact Foundation	52,257,938
The Kadoorie Charitable Foundation, Hong Kong	306,796
Lutz & Hedda Franz Charitable Trust (LHFCT)	65,100,000
Partners For Equity Limited (DAK Foundation Australia)	57,645,794
The Smile Train, USA	3,048,100
A Leg To Stand On, USA	1,677,500
Bangladeshi American Charitable Organization (BACHAO), USA	1,314,000
The Leprosy Mission International -Bangladesh	1,054,890
Social Services & Management Trust (SSMT)	4,800,000
Mst. Rezia Khatun	180,000
Mr. Mohammad Bin Quasem	700,000
Dr. S. M Akbar	50,000
Mr. Anwarul Amin and Family	120,000
Crescent Paper Mills Ltd.	600,000
Continental Insurance Company Ltd	130,150
C&A Sourcing International	209,480
Mr.Md.Mahbub Alam	1,000,000
Other individual & Corporate	56,050
Cost Recovery from Activities	71,363,775
TOTAL INFLOW	261,614,473
FUND OUTFLOW	
Prevention of Blindness and Hearing disability for the marginalized riverine population through Surgical Intervention Through the Impact Jibon Tari Floating Hospital	1,665,000
Cleft Lip Surgery at JT and IMCHC	3,110,921
Proshanti Project	47,836,577
IMPACT Nursing Institute-INI	8,605,896
Strengthening & Expansion of IFB's Interventions for Prevention and cure of avoidable disabilities in rural Bangladesh	77,439,898
Comprehensive program for prevention and cure of disability through Jibon Mela Health Centre, Meherpur	27,362,414
Capital Expenditures	72,408,702
Program Support Unit	19,178,851
TOTAL OUTFLOW	257,608,259
RESERVE/DEFICIT	4,006,214

This year at a glance

Photo Gallery



Silver Jubilee Celebration of the '*Jibon Tari*' Floating Hospital



Presenting Mr. Monir, the Chef at the '*Jibon Tari*' Floating Hospital, a tea towel with the theme of "patient's diet" at the floating hospital that was used at a fundraising campaign with BBC by IMPACT Foundation UK. The tea towel has a photo of Monir with a recipe from him printed with the Slogan- "Let's Eat!"



Dr. Barbara Ann Hall and Dr. William John Taylor during their visit at the '*Proshanti*' Project sites



Celebration of the International Nurses Day 2024

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