

Activities of National Committee for Prevention of deafness in Bangladesh

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- Hearing impairment is the second commonest form of disabilities in Bangladesh.

Formation of National committee

- A National committee for prevention of deafness in Bangladesh was formed in 2006.
- Honorable Health Minister is the Chairman of this committee.

Major Decisions

- First meeting of the national committee held in 2007 decided
- To formulate a national policy for prevention of deafness in Bangladesh.
- To establish an ENT Institute.

Formulation of National Policy

- The policy will be formulated according to the recommendations and guidelines given by the WHO.
- The aim of the National Policy is to get Sound Hearing by the year 2030.

Specific Objectives of National Policy

- To provide service for Elimination of deafness and hearing impaired cases.
- To develop Institutional capacity on Otolaryngology and Head Neck
- Establishment of infrastructure as a centre of excellence for comprehensive health care delivery (NIENT).

Other Objectives of National Policy

- Strengthening of existing infrastructure in all levels of health care delivery system with appropriate manpower.
- To develop appropriate human resources to fulfill the goal of 'Sound Hearing by the year 2030'.
- To rehabilitate all disabled due to hearing impairment.

Ongoing Activities

- Establishment of National Institute of ENT as Centre of Excellence – developmental work is going on.

Actions on Policy formulation

- A Technical Committee for formulating Policy for Prevention of Deafness and Hearing Impairment in Bangladesh has been formed in May,2008.

- The Committee has Drafted of a Plan & Policy on Prevention Deafness and Hearing Impairment in Bangladesh. It will be finalized soon.

Ongoing Activities

- A symposium was organized by “Society for Sound Hearing 2030” in collaboration of “Society of Otolaryngologists- Head & Neck Surgeons of Bangladesh” - on Prevention of deafness in Bangladesh in May, 2008.

Ongoing Activities

- Training on “Deafness & Ear Care” has been given to primary health workers as a part of non-communicable diseases program.

Public Awareness

Awareness program on “Prevention of Deafness & Ear Care” were undertaken via

- Holding Ear camps
- TV shows
- Leaflets

Further Plan of Action

Activity	Target date for completion
Finalization & Publication of Plan & Policy on Prevention of Deafness and Hearing Impairment	March, 2010
Establishment of National Institute of ENT	June, 2011

Activity	Target date for completion
Development of legislation for control of noise pollution	June, 2010
Awareness creation through mass media	2010-2012
Preparation of Curriculum for Primary level staff	June, 2010
Training of Primary level Staff (CC, School teachers etc)	2010-2012

Activity	Target date for completion
Refresher training for Doctors, Nurses and Paramedics at NIENT	2011
Training of Primary Care Workers	Dec, 2011
Development of referral card for Primary Care Workers	August, 2010

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