

## Project No. 45

### CENTER FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE SICK MYMENSINGH AND RAJSHAHI

#### Principle:

A half-way house, between the distant villages and the Government City Hospitals to facilitate admission for treatment for poor helpless patients.

#### Objective of the Project:

- Provided medicine, treatment and shelter to the poor patients who come from the remote rural areas.

#### Background:

The current phase of the program started in July 1982. The present phase started in July 2004 and ended in June 2009.

**Staff Strength:** Total-37 (Male-15, Female-22)

Volunteer-19 (Male-9, Female-10)

**Donor:** Local (TOSA / Lenten Campaign)

#### Expenditure:

Local Partner's Contribution: Tk. 10,766,879

**Beneficiaries:** Direct: 1,731  
Indirect: 5,803

#### Targets and Achievements:

This project provides food, medicine and safe shelter service for the poor, insolvent and marginalized rural patients. Besides, it guides and assists the poor and helpless patients to obtain services from various hospitals/physicians of the city to ensure timely and proper treatment. The center of Rajshahi has a separate TB Section, where patients are taken care of. The major achievements of this project are as under:

Sl. No.	Items / Activities	Achievements up to June 2008	Performances in FY 2008-2009			Cumulative as on June 2009
			Target	Achievements	% of Achievement	
	<b>GENERAL SECTION:</b>					
	No. of patients assisted	154,555	4,000	3,659	91	158,214
	No. of patients treated	150,526	4,000	3,659	91	154,185
	Feeding (meals served)	1,059,816	104,000	103,007	99	1,162,823
	Medical consultation/tests/exams	94,417	3,500	3,586	102	98,003
	No. of Clinic Days (man-days)	633,818	96,000	95,261	99	729,079
	No. of patients given shelter at the center	86,605	3,500	3,659	104	90,264
	No. of patients operated	749	50	45	90	794
	<b>TB SECTION (RAJSHAHI):</b>					

Sl. No.	Items / Activities	Achievements up to June 2008	Performances in FY 2008-2009			Cumulative as on June 2009
			Target	Achievements	% of Achievement	
	No. of patients helped	1,588	1,000	969	97	2,557
	No. of patients supported for TB Hospital	7,250	500	456	91	7706
	No. of patients helped for examination/test	9,707	7000	6457	92	16,164
	No. of patients supported for feeding	149,698	65,000	61,619	95	211,317
	No. of clinic days	563,268	55,000	-	-	563,268

The Table above shows that during the reporting period, a total of 3,659 patients was treated in General Section and 969 patients got medical service under TB Section. A total of 164,626 meals was served for feeding 103,007 patients in General Section and 61,619 patients in TB Section.

### Impacts:

- The rural poor, insolvent and marginalized *Adivasi* (indigenous) people get temporary shelters and necessary guidance when they come to Medical College Hospitals for taking better treatment (which they do not usually receive in *upazila* headquarters, cities/ town areas).
- Poor patients from the remotest parts of the country get necessary treatment from these centers free of cost.

### Conclusion:

Since there is an existence of structural inequality in society, severe affliction, discrimination and deprivation exist everywhere. As a result a large number of people cannot meet basic human needs and suffer from lack of proper treatment facilities. The two centers help a good number of poor patients to get proper treatment every year. Currently the number of patients suffering from cancer and other chronic diseases is increasing and most of them need to stay at the center to have therapy. A small portion of the fund is collected every year through *Teg-O-Seba Abhijan* (TOSA or Caritas Lenten Campaign). Thousands of poor patients in the rural remotest areas of Bangladesh suffer because of unavailability of timely and appropriate treatment. Many of them rush to these sick centers with a profound hope that they would become cured and lead a normal life. All the staff members of Caritas Bangladesh participate in this project by contributing financial support to the project.