

# BAMANEH



Promoting Maternal  
and Child Health



# BAMANEHS' VISION

- Our vision is of a world in which no one becomes the victim of maternal and neonatal mortality and enjoy equal rights, responsibilities and opportunities for a healthy and happy life.



# BAMANEHS' MISSION

BAMANEH aims at improving reproductive health care services through community based approach, specially of rural Bangladesh. The primary focus is to provide quality preventive and curative health care services to mothers, children and adolescents. Ultimately it intends to develop a modus operandi for sustainable health care in rural peripheries and expansion of service delivery network.

# The Need in Bangladesh

Population: 130 Million

3.5 million births in every year

Pregnancy related complications develop in about 0.6 million women every year

Only 5% of the expected complications are attended by medical facilities

27.5% of the pregnant women receive some ante-natal care

Only 43% of home deliveries are conducted by trained Traditional Birth Attendants (TBA)

Almost 4 women die per 1000 live births as a result of complications of pregnancy and child birth or two Bangladeshi women die every hour.

# The Need in Bangladesh

- Out of every 1000 babies born alive, 12 die within hours of birth, 8 of them due to injury during delivery.
- Almost 50% of total deaths occur under the age group of five.
- The neonatal, infant and under-five mortality rate are 53, 65, and 92/1000 live births respectively.
- About 30-50% of the newborn babies have low birth weight less than 2.5 kg.
- About 94% children aged 6 months to 6 years suffer from various degrees of malnutrition.

# CAUSES OF MATERNAL AND INFANT MORTALITY

- Women's low social status and poverty which in turn lead to their poor health, high fertility and lack of access to essential health care.
- Main causes of maternal mortality: Postpartum haemorrhage, Abortion, Obstructed labour, Puerperal sepsis and Eclampsia.
- Severe malnutrition causes anaemia during pregnancy which results 30-50% low-birth weight babies (>2.5 kg).
- Acute respiratory infection (ARI), mainly pneumonia, causes 20% of under-five deaths, with another 17% due to six killer diseases (Tetanus, Tuberculosis, Diphtheria, whooping cough, Polio and Measles).
- Gender inequality & social prejudices.

# PROBLEMS

- Barriers - 3 'A's: affordability, accessibility and acceptability.
- Poor distribution of health care resources & proper utilisation.
- Lack of co-ordinated efforts/initiatives among the stakeholders to bring fundamental improvement of all maternal & child health care services.

# The Challenge

- Safe motherhood is unsafe in Bangladesh and maternal mortality is a serious public concern and a great contemporary challenge.
- Fundamental improvement of all maternal health care services and a change in attitudes of individuals, families and communities about pregnancy and child birth care is essential.



# BANGLADESH APPEAL

- Bangladesh is a country which needs support.
- Expanding and ensuring safe motherhood services, combating of unwanted pregnancies through promotion of family planning.
- Improving the accessibility of Essential Obstetric Care (EOC).
- Increased awareness building through strong Behaviour Change Communication (BCC) activities.
- Improving the utilisation of health care facilities located at the periphery & at the community level.



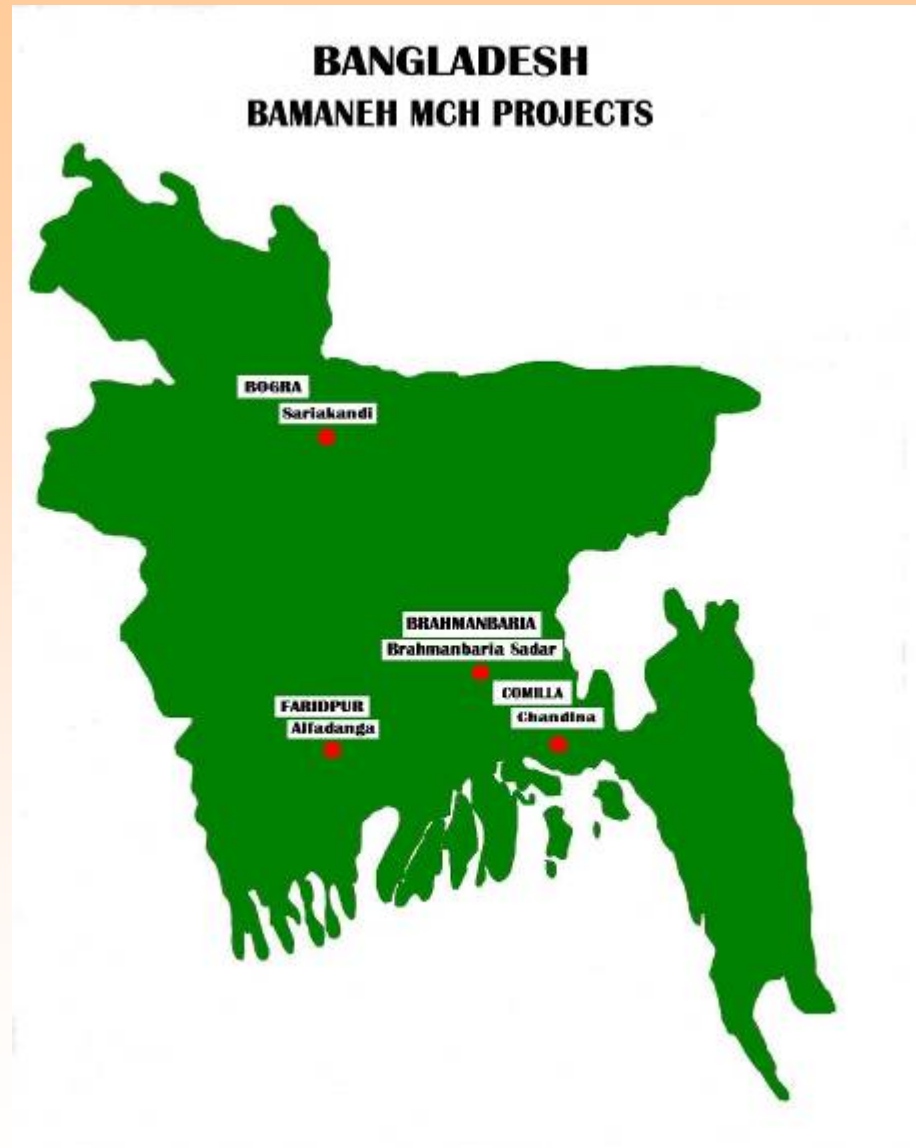
# Background of Vitol supported Projects

Bangladesh Association for Maternal & Neonatal Health (BAMANEH), an affiliated body of International Association for Maternal & Neonatal Health (IAMANEH) is a small and well focused national organisation which has been working over the last 25 years in the field of maternal and child health care in Bangladesh. The programme goals of this non-governmental voluntary organisation is to work towards the reduction of maternal and infant mortality as well as for the promotion of maternal and child health status.

## Background of Vitol supported Projects-(2)

BAMANEH initiated Mother and Child Health delivery services to poor and underserved section of the rural community, in the year 1986 with the support from Swiss Red Cross (SRC), first at Chandina and then gradually in three areas of the country. Till December 1998, SRC supported fully these projects. After that, these were continued with reduced manpower by the assistance of IAMANEH and local community support. VITOL Group has been supporting these three projects of Chandina, B.Barria and Alfadanga since July 2003 and Sariakandi project since January 2004. VITOL support to these four projects in the year 2005 amounts to US\$ 25,300 (new grant - US\$ 24,000 + carry forward of 2004 - US\$ 1,300)

# LOCATION OF VITOL SUPPORTED PROJECTS



# What we do with VITOL Funds

- In four sites of rural Bangladesh about 60% i.e. 1768 expected mothers are receiving at least 3 antenatal check-ups annually.
- More than 60% i.e. about 54000 persons are becoming conscious about preventive measures through health education sessions.
- About 1200 children are getting coverage with complete doses of immunisation.
- About 2150 children are getting coverage by growth monitoring programme annually.
- More than 1200 mothers are providing proper supplementary food for their babies at the age of 6 months.

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- More than 2400 pregnant & non-pregnant women are being covered by Tetanus immunisation.
- About 50% i.e. 600 mothers are receiving postnatal check-up.
- 54 Mothers club with a total 804 members are working for their empowerment with the support of BAMANEH.
- 24 Para/Village health committees & 110 TTBA's (Trained Traditional Birth Attendants) are actively participating in village health development and safe delivery under the guidance of BAMANEH.
- Prevailing Maternal mortality ratio (MMR) and Infant mortality rate (IMR) in four areas stands to 2.2 and 29 respectively per 1000 live-births.

# Next 3 Years plan

## Next 3 years Plan of BAMANEH MCH Projects:

- Expansion of service delivery networks in existing four areas and if possible in 1 or 2 new remote areas including hiring of one additional Paramedic in each centre.
- Introduction of minimum lab. facilities in all the centres.
- Capacity building of service providers through appropriate training for more qualitative services.
- Construction of clinic building on community donated plot at B.Baria & creating accommodation facilities for health researchers at Chandina.
- Increased community participation.

# Recognition

- As community recognition of its activities BAMANEH has been very successful to get land donation from the community one in Chandina & the other in B.Baria for setting permanent clinic building for Mothers and Children.
- As recognition of Govt. BAMANEH is involved as member in some technical committees/ forums to formulate policy guidelines for the promotion of maternal and child Health.
- BAMANEH has also been praised by various International Organisations like USAID, WHO, FIGO, CIDA, Ford Foundation, The Asia Foundation etc. for its outstanding services.

# Fundraising

- In order to continue or expand services to Mothers and Children we would highly appreciate if the VITOL Group would continue supporting the projects of BAMANEH in order to reduce the still high Maternal and Infant mortality rates in Bangladesh.



# Thank You

BAMANEH Website

[http://www.gfmer.ch/iameh/national\\_associations/BAMANEH.htm](http://www.gfmer.ch/iameh/national_associations/BAMANEH.htm)