

4.3 BAPTIST CHILDREN VILLAGE- KHULNA

Khulna Baptist Children's Village was established on 4th August in 1995 under Bangladesh Baptist Church at 59, Rupsha stand Road, Khulna with the financial assistance of the Liebinzell Mission International (LMI) Bangladesh. The purpose of the Baptist Children's Village is to provide proper education, spiritual teaching, vocational training and necessary support to the orphan and hard core poor children of the churches of Bangladesh Baptist Church Sangha (BBCS) to improve their lives. At present 66 children have been studying in this Children's Village. All of them are foster children. Beside education they receive teaching on music, animal care, agriculture, gardening and hair cutting. They also get religious teaching for improving spiritual life.



TRIBAL COMMUNITY CENTER FOR CHILDREN

SHED Board has been operating Tribal Community Center For Children (TCCC) in two villages named Daudpur and Purbotipur under Nawabgonj and Phulbari sub-districts of Dinajpur District. Under the TCCC program the orphan, needy and poorest children of 5-10 years age provided an opportunity and environment where they can have shelter, education, recreation and participation in different activities to build a better life through establishing two primary schools from where the Tribal children of these villages are being provided standard education. Trained teachers teach them with loving care and the progress of students are measured by class tests and quarterly & annual examinations.

HEALTH PROGRAM

Christian Hospital Chandraghona:

Christian Hospital Chandraghona (CHC) is situated in Kaptai Upazilla of Rangamati Hill District and 45 km north-east of Chittagong city. This hospital was established in 1913 as Christian Leprosy Center by Baptist Missionary Society, U.K. and slowly it grew into the main referral centre for the whole of Chittagong Hill Tracts and Chittagong District. With the financial assistance from EED of Germany and ICCO of The Netherlands the new hospital building was constructed which was opened on 3rd January 2003. At present CHC is operating four programs:

1. General Hospital (CHC):

The general hospital provides a wide range of basic essential medical, surgical, obstetric, pediatric, and other clinical services, 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. On the ground floor, three operating theatres are kept busy and are ready to perform emergency operations any time of the day or night. The out patient department is also on the ground floor.

2. Christian Leprosy Centre (CLC):

Christian Leprosy Centre (CLC) was established with a small house built on the hill in 1913. It is now the only leprosy hospital for greater Chittagong district, including all three Hill Districts covering a population of 26 million. It provides all essential care including food to leprosy patients free of cost.



CLC also runs a rehabilitation centre for the leprosy affected old patients who have been thrown out of their family and village. CLC is well equipped to provide all kinds of special care and treatments on leprosy related complications.

3. Nursing Training Institute:

Nursing Training Institution started its first training course in 1931. It has been expanding gradually considering the need. The Training School for Nurses was recognized by the Bengal Nurses Registration Act in 1937. At the end of training the students become capable to earn a salary to support their families.



4. Community Health Program (CHP):

Comprehensive Community Health Program under Christian Hospital Chandraghona (CHP) started operating fully in January 2007 to provide quality service to the marginalized people in 75 villages. Female Basic Medical Workers (BMW) are selected from permanent resident and trained who can provide immediate diagnosis and treatment of the working areas. The BMWs frequently visit every household to register the new pregnancy for providing ANC. All mothers and babies are visited in some hard to reach areas, where the people mostly use traditional healers rather seeking scientific medical help.

CLINICAL PROGRAMS

Under the Community Health Program (CHP) SHED Board is also operating three clinics.

a. Mallikbari Clinic:

SHED Board established a clinic in 1979 at Mollickbari under Bhaluka upazilla in Mymensingh district where the people have less education and inadequate health-service facilities. Numbers of poor people from different religion and ethnic background come to this clinic and receive diagnostic and treatment services. Also the clinic made provision for nutritious food to the poor malnourished children of the community. It has also been providing awareness teaching on health & nutrition and ANC care for the pregnant mothers in groups and visiting community people by field staffs.

