

Report on

Free Blood Grouping and Voluntary Blood Donation Program of 101 Birth Anniversary of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, 17th March 2021 Organized by the Blood Transfusion Centres (BTC) of Bangladesh.

March 17 is a Red-letter day in the history of Bengali Nation. In this day in the year 1920 the greatest Bengali son over thousand years, Father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was born. The 101 birth Anniversary of Father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman is celebrated across the country this year through extensive programs, fanfare and gaiety. This day is also being observed as National Children's Day.

On this occasion Line Director, Hospital services Management, Directorate General of Health Service, Ministry Of Health and Family Welfare, Service Division, Dhaka, Bangladesh issue an official letter to all Blood Transfusion Centre (BTC) to celebrated this day by organizing multiple programs such as free blood grouping, awareness on voluntary blood donation, voluntary blood collection, free blood supply for management of thalassaemia patients and use of Banner, organize rally as well as lighting of the Blood Transfusion Centers(BTC). In this official letter Line Director HSM , Directorate General of Health Service, Dhaka, Bangladesh request the In-Charge of the all Blood Transfusion Centers (BTC) to organize the program on 17th March-2021 and send the report and photos in his official address to warm up the Voluntary Blood Donation program in the country as well as to make a Souvenir Book on Voluntary Blood Donation.

Blood Transfusion Services started in Bangladesh on 1st March-1950 in Dhaka Medical College Hospital. At present there are 233 Government and 121 licensing Blood Transfusion Centers (BTC) working in the country. Blood Transfusion Service of Bangladesh has Safe Blood Transfusion Act-2002, Safe Blood Transfusion Rules-2008 and National Blood Policy-2013. On the other hand Blood Transfusion Service has National Safe Blood Transfusion Council- Apex body, National Safe Blood Transfusion Expert Committee-Executive body and Hospital Transfusion Committee- Functional body in all Blood Transfusion Centers (BTC) for daily and smooth functioning of the Blood Transfusion Centers (BTC).

In response to the official letter from the Line Director HSM, Directorate General of Health Service, Dhaka, Bangladesh most of the Blood Transfusion Centers (BTC) celebrated this day by organize free blood grouping, awareness on voluntary blood donation and voluntary blood collection program, free blood supply for management of thalassaemia patients by using Banner, organize rally as well as lighting of the Blood Transfusion Centers (BTC). All the Blood Transfusion Centers (BTC) send their report as well as some important photos to the official address of the Line Director HSM, Directorate General of Health Service, Ministry Of Health and Family Welfare, Service Division, Dhaka, Bangladesh.



Fig: Glimpse of free blood grouping, voluntary blood donation as well as free thalassaemia patients management program of 101 births Anniversary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman- 17th March-2021.

A number of motivated blood donors donate blood voluntarily & on spot 25 to 50 blood grouping was performed by the respective Blood Transfusion Centre. All voluntary Blood Donors received their donor cards & gift as souvenir from the Head of Transfusion Medicine Department/ In-Charge from respective Blood Transfusion Centre. Some Centre provides blood free of cost for the management of Thalassaemia patient. Head of Transfusion Medicine Department/In-Charge, teachers, doctors, students, Medical Technologist (LAB) and all other support staffs are really motivated and committed for the program. They all worked hard & sincerely for the success of the program. Director/ Superintendent of the respective hospital, Civil Surgeon and other executives of the respective district provide their cordial support for the success of the program

The whole program was coordinated and monitored by Deputy Program Manager, Safe Blood Transfusion & Thalassaemia Management program, Dr.Ataul Karim Arbi and General-Secretary-National Safe Blood Transfusion Expert Committee- Professor Dr. Md. Ashadul Islam. The program was supervised by Dr.khurshid Alam, LD-HSM and Dr.Supriya sarkar, Program Manager HSM.