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1. NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ORGANIZATION:

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2. **CATEGORY OF ORTGANIZATOIN:** Trust owned, private, non-profit making and self financed organization.

3. BACKGROUND OF THE ORGANIZATION:

3.1 Introduction:

Dhaka Community Hospital (DCH) is trust owned private, non-profit making, and self financed organization providing health care for low-income underprivileged people. It was established in 1988. Since its inception in 1988, Dhaka Community Hospital has been experimenting an integrated and sustainable health care delivery system at an affordable cost both in the urban and rural area of Bangladesh. It has successfully introduced health insurance scheme in its project area. The idea is to bring modern health care facilities to the less affluent section of the population at a cost which they can afford. It has successfully introduced health insurance scheme in its project areas. DCH has got primary health care centres in 24 places of Bangladesh. Primary and secondary level of health care is given at these centres. DCH has started a 75 bedded hospital situated in Dhaka . Its works as a referral centre and provide mainly tertiary level health care. This centre is also used for planning, development and for training. We ensure community participation in both decisions making, implementing and financing its programmes.

Dhaka Community Hospital is a well-equipped hospital with adequate manpower. It has got the following departments: 1. Medicine 2. Surgery 3. Gynae and Obstetrics 4. Paediatrics 5. Eye 6. ENT 7. Skin & VD 8. Urology 9. Pathology 10. Physiotherapy and 11. Dental and 12. Arsenic.

3.2 Objectives of the Organization:

1. Integrated PHC, Secondary & Tertiary Health Care
2. Affordable by Low Income & Under privileged People
3. Community Managed and Financed.

4. ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION:

4.1 Activities of the Organization is performing are as follows

Hospital Services:

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Training and Development:

DCH has a well-equipped training division with highly qualified and trained manpower. It regularly provides training to doctors, nurses, paramedics, community health and development workers and TBA and village doctors. Currently it has been organizing a series of training programmes for the paramedics of both rural and urban area on child survival component of the Essential Services Packages, the core of HPSP. Each training programme is designed before its commencement through a panel of trainers discussion and curriculum is prepared .It has a training venue with all other necessary training materials. Headed by a co-ordinator, the division is having a number of quality trainers of different discipline. Consultants of different discipline also acts as faculty when necessary.

School Health:

DCH runs school health project to provide preventive and curative health care to the under privileged children. It is now providing this service to 16 schools of Dhaka city.

Industrial Health:

It has got industrial health programme to provide health care services to the workers of different industry. Our doctors regularly visit these industries and treat the seek workers. Each worker needs to pay a minimum amount of money monthly to avail this facility through buying a health card.

Link Programme:

It is now working in collaboration with North East London General Practitioners in the Link Project to develop an Institute of Community Health and Family Practice in Bangladesh, also to promote the concept of community health and Family Medicine with the assistance from experts of UK.

HPSP Programme:

DCH was also deeply engaged in the formulation of HPSP and now actively taking part in the implementation of the SAPLA project as consultant and implementing agency.

Rural Health Programme:

DCH is now help to develop and organizing 70 rural health centre in the remote rural areas with different community group and organization. we are providing them technical support and training for developing and functioning the centre. The community group is looking after the all type of management and financial aspects.

CCBOA Programme:

DCH is also organizing 70 different organization to deal with the current arsenic disaster of Bangladesh. Its established a forum of "Coalition of Community Based Organization on Arsenic (CCBOA)"for working together to combat arsenic problem and develop mitigation model for Bangladesh with own available resources.

Arsenic Programme:

DCH is the pioneer organization in the field of Arsenic in Bangladesh. It really deserves the sole credit of detecting the serious health hazards caused by arsenic contamination in ground water. In 1996, the doctors of DCH while operating an annual health clinic at Pakshi in Pabna district first detected some patient affected with diseases caused by arsenic. Then through their continuous efforts DCH could establish this issue as a public health problem in Bangladesh. DCH on its own initiatives completed a country wide survey (all of the 64 districts) to detect the prevalence of arsenic contamination of ground water. DCH also carried out a survey in 500 villages on behalf of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare of Bangladesh funded by UNDP. It organized few national and international conference on Arsenic. DCH also actively participated in different national and international forum including National Steering Committee on Arsenic in Bangladesh. DCH also having bilateral discussion with various universities and institutions in USA, Australia and UK.

Besides its clinical activities it has individual Research, Training and Community based Project implementation division. Research division so far conducted several health-related studies. At present it is conducting a survey on health seeking behavior of an urban population. DCH are expected to carry out two more research programmes with London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM), UK and Harvard University, USA soon.

It has also going to conduct a series of training programme on arsenic to UNICEF and BAMWASP (World Bank)'s sub contractor e.g. BRAC and Grameen Bank and many other NGO's staffs working for arsenic mitigation project.

Future Arsenic Project:

DCH is yet to launch a project on "Community Based Arsenic Mitigation Model: Validation by Epidemiological Methods" very soon with funding assistance from DFID.

Health Insurance Scheme:

Dhaka Community Hospital offer a simple health insurance for the community people. Through this programme DCH try to reduce the treatment cost of the community people specially the poor. DCH provide a health card on payment of Tk. 100 per year for a family of maximum 12 members. Any member of the family can get treatment from consultant of the hospital by paying Tk. 10.00 only. Besides they are getting subsidies on every cost item of the hospital. They can pay by installment also.