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Saving life

Head and Neck Cancer Support Foundation



Non-political, non-profitable, non-government,
voluntary and partially charitable organization



Est. 18th Dec, 2016

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Registration Certificate

Issue No. 67257 Date:05/10/2017



Certificate of Registration of Societies (under Act XXI of 1860)

No. S-12734/2017

I hereby certify that **Head and Neck Cancer Support Foundation** has duly been filed and registered in this office under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.

Given under my hand at **Dhaka**, this **Fifth** day of **October** two thousand and **seventeen**.

By order of
Registrar

Assistant Registrar
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies & Firms
Bangladesh



N.B. This certificate is digitally signed. Please find the soft copy to verify the signature.

Social Welfare Certificate

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Introduction

Introduction: Head and Neck cancer support foundation is a non-profit, non-political, non-Government voluntary and partially charitable organization. It was established in December 18, 2016. It is registered to Joint Stock Companies & Firms Authority and Social Welfare Directorate, Dhaka. A group of kind people came forward to help the poor cancer patients, mainly Head and Neck cancer patients. Initially, we started surgery free of cost then provided financial support for further adjuvant radiotherapy and chemo therapy who needed it. We operated about 300 patients free of cost within 5 years and distributed BDT 42 Lacs till date for treatment and rehabilitation purpose of cancer survivor and their family.

We have purchased 131 decimal land at Mitara about 40 kilometers away from Dhaka near Manikganj in September, 2021 to construct a 250 bed full-fledged one stop center named as “Foundation Specialized Cancer Hospital” phase by phase where surgery, radiotherapy, chemotherapy and rehabilitation service will be provided.

By this time, in 1st phase, we have constructed a 2 storied building with 4 storied foundation each floor measuring 6000 square feet at the cost of 2 crores BDT for outpatient and emergency patient services. Estimated time line of starting this unit is December this year.

In the 2nd phase, we will construct the radiotherapy unit within next two years. It will cost 70 crores BDT for constructing 2 bunkers, 2 Linac cancer machine, CT Scan and Simulation accessories. We need fund at this moment and are searching for donor in home and abroad.

We may dedicate to the name of the donor who will contribute this unit totally or partly accordingly to their amount of donation.

Cancer patients are usually very poor, older and weak. When they come to the hospital they have advanced disease and become mentally, physically, financially and socially exhausted.

Cancer treatment is very costly and most of the patients don't get proper treatment. Some people take indigenous treatment, homeopathy treatment, wrong treatment and some die without treatment. Usually one patient needs complete treatment costs about 5-6 lacs BDT to complete the treatment. Radiotherapy for a cancer patient requires almost 2.5 to 3.5 lac BDT. A non-profitable institute can reduce this cost upto 50%. So many patient may come under treatment. This hospital will provide treatment facilities to helpless cancer patients free of cost upto 20%. Treatment cost of these helpless patients will be paid by the hospital from donation and generating fund. Other patients will get treatment with reasonable cost.

In Bangladesh, every year 1.67 Lac patients are developing cancer and dying 1.16 lac, 51 thousand cancer patients are accumulating each year (Globocan 2022) and subsequently they are dying.

We do not have any national cancer registry. Head and Neck Cancers are about 26% of all cancers in males and 8% in females (According to Indian Journal “Head and Neck Cancer Burden in India, 2023”). By this data we can calculate the estimated number of our Head and Neck Cancer patients is about 28.39 thousand per year. as the patients cultural and socio-economical condition is almost similar to neighboring country.

The cancer burden is increasing day by day. According to the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), there were 14.1 million new cancer cases and 8.2 million cancer deaths in 2012 globally. With current rate, the global cancer burden is expected to increase to 21.7 million cases and 13 million cancer deaths by 2030. 56.5% of global Head and Neck cancer burden is dealt by the Indian Sub-continent. Due to low socioeconomic condition, consumption of adulterated and spicy food with bad habits of smoking and using betel leaf (paan), Sada, jorda, gul, betel nut etc.

We made one App through which patient can register themselves and can take help from the Head and Neck Cancer Support Foundation. We have awareness program and have arranged 7 free medical camp by this time where we gave free treatment about 7 thousand patients in different parts of the country. We are continuing our program by arranging seminar, symposium, CME in different medical college hospitals of the country. We are awaring the people to give up bad habits to avoid cancer through electronic and print medias. We are also giving information about cancer hospitals where treatment is available in this country.

In each 6 death, one is from cancer. It is very rare to have any person who has no family member or relative who had not been attacked by cancer. Cancer is becoming a very dangerous threat to the existence of the people and to socioeconomic condition of the country. So it should be addressed immediately and seriously. We need more specialized cancer hospitals and more cancer surgeons and cancer specialists.

TATA memorial hospital in India and Memorial Sloan Kettering cancer center in USA were established by personal effort. These are the best cancer centers in the world. We need some good centers like these in Bangladesh.

The kind and rich people of all over the world can come forward to contribute to complete our “Foundation Specialized Cancer Hospital”.

Prof. Dr. Md. Abu Hanif

Secretary General

Head and Neck Cancer Support Foundation

BANGLADESH

Number of new cases

167 256

Number of deaths

116 598

Number of prevalent cases
(5-year)

346 337

Statistics at a glance, 2022

In Bangladesh: Source- Globocan

	2020	2022
New cases	1.56 lac	1.67 lac
Cancer deaths	1.08 lac	1.16 lac

Chart Title



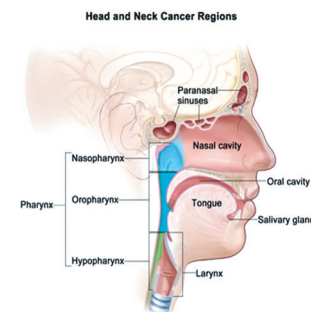
THE HEAD AND NECK CANCER SUPPORT FOUNDATION

What is cancer?

Cancer is a disease in which some of the body's cells grow uncontrollably and spread to other parts of the body. (NCI)

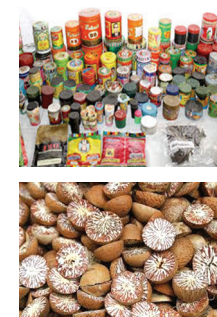
What is Head and Neck Cancer?

Head and neck cancer is a group of cancers that starts within the mouth, nose, throat, larynx, sinuses, salivary glands and Lymphnodes of neck



Main causes of cancer:

- Tobacco and Alcohol - At least 75% of head and neck cancers are caused by tobacco and alcohol use
- Paan (betel quid)
- Preserved or salted foods
- Bad Oral health
- Occupational chemical exposure
- Radiation exposure
- Virus like Epstein-Barr virus and Papilloma virus
- Diet- non nutritious
- Ancestry (Genetic)



The bad effects of smoking

- The average amount of nicotine in one cigarette is 12 mg.
- Cigarette smoke contains over 4,000 chemicals,
- 43 known cancer-causing (carcinogenic) compounds
- 400 other toxins.
- These cigarette ingredients include nicotine, tar, and carbon monoxide, as well as formaldehyde, ammonia, hydrogen cyanide, arsenic, and DDT.

To smoke is to take poison

Symptoms and Signs of Head- Neck Cancer

Nasal Cancer: Blood mixed nasal discharge, nasal obstruction, ulceration, fleshy mass in the nasal cavity.

Sinus Cancer: Swelling of cheek, nasal obstruction and discharge, pain in teeth, loosening of teeth, swelling of palate, difficulty in opening mouth, Protrusion of eye.

Tongue cancer: Ulcer, Swelling, difficulty in taking food, pain, bleeding, lymph node swelling in the neck, salivation.

Cancer in buccal mucosa: Ulceration, swelling, pain, difficulty in taking food and bleeding from inner side of the cheek.

Cancer of Upper part of food passage: Difficulty in taking food, pain, vomiting and weight loss.

Cancer of larynx (Voice Box): Change of voice, difficulty in respiration, difficulty in taking food, Swelling of neck, pain, cough.

Thyroid Cancer: Swelling of thyroid gland, Change of voice, difficulty in taking food, Swelling of neck, difficulty in respiration.

Neck cancer (outer part): Swelling in the neck, ulceration, pain, neck rigidity.

Salivary gland: Swelling, pain, difficulty in opening mouth, Ulceration, Deviation of angle of mouth, Unable to close eye, Neck swelling

If these symptoms or signs persist for more than 2 weeks, You should go to the doctor for consultation.

What to do ?

1. Should avoid smoking and other bad habits
2. To maintain normal life
3. To take more vegetables, citreous fruits and nutritious foods
4. If any problem occurs, should go to the doctor immediately
5. To take proper treatment after diagnosis
6. To avoid maltreatment and wrong treatment

Objective of the organization

General Aims and objectives of the Foundation:

To support the Human beings mainly related to head and neck cancer.

Specific aims and objectives of the Foundation:-

1. To develop awareness of head and neck cancer among the people of this country.
2. To provide comprehensive medical services to the head and neck cancer patients.
3. To provide free medical care to the helpless and poor patients.
4. To provide quality treatment with affordable cost by establishing a standard head and neck cancer hospital which will act as a one-stop center where all facilities like – surgery, radiotherapy and chemotherapy will be available.
5. Screening of head and neck cancer patients.
6. To find out the incidence (number of cancer affected patient) of head and neck cancer patients in this country.
7. To build up a complete rehabilitation center where physical, psychological and financial support will be given to the head and neck cancer affected patients and the cancer survivors.
8. To develop man power for the management of head and neck cancer.
9. To develop a research center for head and neck cancer.
10. To make a good palliative care center for the head and neck cancer patients.
11. To make a social welfare fund for the head and neck cancer survivors.
12. To develop regional cancer centers in each division phase by phase. (total 8 centers)
13. To train doctors and nurses and other health workers from home and abroad for the better management of head and neck cancer patients.
14. To arrange scientific work shops with national and international experts regularly to exchange and improve the expertise and knowledge.
15. To develop a nationwide voluntary net work to aware the people

about head and neck cancer and to help the cancer victims in the root level.

16. To co-operate and participate in joint program with organization/ agencies either of local or of foreign origin engaged in rehabilitation activities and issues related to cancer mainly head and neck cancer among the general people of Bangladesh.
17. To enter into any feasible agreement with the govt, semi govt. autonomous body or authority within or outside Bangladesh that may deem conducive towards foundation objectives including head and neck cancer related issues.
18. To raise funds by way of bank loan or of any other financial assistance from any government, autonomous, private or any other sources and donor agencies in Bangladesh or from any other country having diplomatic relation with our government to accomplish the foundation objectives.
19. To enter into any feasible agreement/ contact with any organization inside or outside of Bangladesh pertaining to Bangladesh/ foreign government and international agencies etc for conducting, co-operating and participating the joint ventures programs about head and neck cancer awareness development and prevention and medical support to initiate either by govt, or foreign govt/ international agencies.
20. To conduct and collaborate with organization engaged towards achieving same or other objectives funded by United Nations. USAID, JAICA , WHO, IAEA , UICC etc
21. To make an agricultural plant and a dairy farm for the support of the cancer victims.
22. To consider other lawful objectives which are not stated here above.

Article 2: The eligibility of a member

Eligibility of a member is as follows:

a) Founder Members

The Founder members of the Foundation shall be persons who are signatories to the Memorandum of the Foundation on the Roll of Members of the Foundation maintained for the purpose of the date of the registration of the Foundation under Act XXI of 1860.

b) General Members

Any person of legal age willing to contribute to the objectives of the Foundation. Person becoming a member of the Foundation shall pay such sum as fees and other dues as may be determined by the Executive Committee.

c) Life Members

The Founder member of the Foundation shall be considered as life member and any person who will be interested in the activities of the Foundation and not hindered by law or the constitution of the Foundation may be enrolled as life Member on payments subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.

d) Donor member

Any interested person willing to donate may include as Donor member.

e) Honorary member

Outstanding persons interested to work for head and neck cancer patients.

f) Associate Members

Any non profitable organization or Associations or Groups willing to be the member of the foundation either of this soil or of foreign origin shall also be eligible for member ship to approval under provision of the law of Bangladesh .committed to work with foundation may be included by the Executive Committee as Associate Member without the right to vote.

g) Corporate Member

Any corporate house can become the member with the intention of non profit and corporate social responsibility to work with the foundation.

h) Volunteer Members

Enthusiastic individuals committed to fulfillment the objectives of the foundation may be included by the Executive Committee to become Volunteer Member without voting right.

No admission fee will be required.

Article-3: Membership Fees

- a) Founder member : Member enrolled at the time of registration of the Foundation Tk. 10,000/- (one time)
- b) General member : Tk. 5,000/- to be paid annually
- c) Life member : Tk. 1,00,000/- (One lac)
- d) Donor member : Minimum 1,00,000 /- (One lac)
- e) Honorary member : Needs no fee but should have distinguished personality and social image
- f) Associate member : Will be decided by Executive Committee (EC)
- g) Corporate member : Will be decided by Executive Committee (EC)
- h) Volunteer members : Needs no fee

Article-4. Cessation of membership

4.1 A person shall cease to be a member of Foundation.

- a) Any member failing to pay the arrears due for one consecutive year shall lose his membership.
- b) On death or resignation, *being declared convicted for criminal offence*
- c) If found to be unsound mind by the Executive Committee.
- d) If any member (s) engage in anti foundation activities, the Executive Committee can expel him from the Foundation.
- e) When a member refrains from attending three (3) consecutive General Meeting of the Foundation without prior grounding leave of absence by the Executive Committee.
- f) Any member who without sufficient reasons to believe defaults himself/herself for not paying the annual fees for two years.

- g) If majority of the members in a general meeting bring cognizable allegation against him/her that may cause any loss or defame the Foundation' _
- h) If a member is terminated without assigning any reason thereof, shall have the right for appeal to the President and if the President considers the same in the next Annual General Meeting, such decision will be treated as final.

- 4.2 The Foundation shall maintain a register of members which shall be open to inspection, on any Working day office hours between 10 A.M. and 5 P.M. at the office of the Foundation, by the Members and /or Officers on payment of such fees and upon giving such notices as may, from time to time, be prescribed by the Foundation in this behalf.
- 4.3 Each General Members of the Foundation shall be entitled to one vote.
- 4.4 No member of the Foundation whose subscription dues are in arrears shall be entitled to vote.
- 4.5 The Executive Committee is the supreme body for all matters of the foundation has the power to dissolve the Executive Committee if any dispute arises, can constitute a new Executive Committee as per constitutional provision.
- 4.6 If a member desires to discontinue his/her membership of the Foundation he/she shall have to Forward a letter of resignation to the President stating the causes and this will take effect from the date of acceptance by the Executive Committee.
- 4.7 No member can claim any his/her refund of fees, donation, etc paid to the Foundation under any circumstances unless otherwise excepted.
- 4.8 Members of the Foundation may be paid such sum of money as may from time to time be approved at the general meeting and the amount shall be reimbursed as entertainment or pocket money or for lodging and fooding.
- 9.9 If any member of the Foundation is assigned for any particulars job for the benefit of Foundation can be given proper remuneration with the approval of EC.

Year wise Construction and equipment cost is given below:

Phases	Financial Year	Constructio Cost	Equipment Cost	Total
1 st Phase	2022-2023	6,17,20,000	2,00,00,000	8,17, 20,000
2 nd Phase	2023-2024	8,72,46,000	60,80,00,000	69,52,46,000
	2024-2025			
3 rd Phase	2025-2026	22,86,96,000	158, 35, 62,000	1,81,22,58,000
	2026-2027	+		+
	2027-2028	9,41,40,000 = (32,28,36,000)		9,41,40,000 = (1,90,63,98,000)
4 th Phase	2028-2029	28,30,72,000	7,00,00,000	35,30,72,000
	2029-2030			
	2030-2031			
	Total	75,48,74,000	2,28,15,62,000	3,03,64,36,000

Total expenditure = **3,52,00,000 BDT** (around)
(Land purchase , Site office construction , OPD building construction, Donation)

Beginning of our journey



1st gathering in December 2016 in Sajna Hotel, Banani, Dhaka to form the foundation



EC members with Abdullah Abu Syed Sir in Bisho Sahitto Kendro



EC members with Professor Selina Khatun (Former Professor of Dhaka College)



President of Hencsf with General Iqbal Karim Bhuiyan



Gtv Fight With Cancer -Telecasts every Friday

Donation



Donation of 5 Lac taka among 11 cancer patients who could not complete their radiation treatment after operation



Blind Hafez, Cancer nasopharynx
for radiotherapy and Chemotherapy
Tk. 2,83,000/-



Young patients Cancer nasopharynx
for radiotherapy and Chemotherapy
Tk. 1,20,000/-



Bollom Gati, Sadullapur, Gaibandha, 270 Km from Dhaka



Rehabilitation of Cancer larynx survivor
Tk. 1,50,000/-



Cancer larynx patient
for radiotherapy and Chemotherapy
Tk. 1,50,000/-



Father died of Cancer. His daughter was not getting married due to lack of money.
Tk. 50,000/- for expenditure.



Thyroid Cancer operated for 17 times in last
10 years. Tk. 50,000/-

Tongue Cancer. for radiotherapy
Tk. 50,000/-



Cancer of Nose & Sinus. for treatment & rehabilitation Tk. 2,00,000/-



Parotid gland cancer patient. at his village home, Manikganj for treatment and rehabilitation Tk. 60,000/-



Oral cavity cancer patient. for treatment and rehabilitation Tk. 1,00,000/-



Malignant paraganglioma. for treatment purpose Tk. 50,000/-



Throat cancer patient. for radiotherapy purpose Tk. 50,000/-



Thyroid cancer patient. for radiotherapy purpose Tk. 50,000/-



During Corona period Lymphoma patient. for chemotherapy Tk. 90,000/-

Free Health Camp



Chandra, Kaliakoir, 2018



Borura, Cumilla, 2018



Syedpur, 2019



Kishoreganj, 2019



Ramchandrapur, 2021



Gaila, Barisal, 2022



Raipura, 2022



Jessore Medical College, January 2020



City Bank, 2022



Central Hospital, 2022



Cumilla Eastern Medical College, 2022



Cumilla Eastern Medical College, 2022



Chittagong Medical College, 2022



Monno Medical College and Hospital



TMSS Medical college, Bogra, 15th Feb, 2024

Activities



1st AGM, 21st December, 2018 Panpacific Sonargaon Hotel



2nd AGM, 29th December, 2019



3rd AGM, 21st February, 2021



3rd AGM, 21st February, 2021



4th AGM, 7th January, 2022



5th AGM, 2nd June, 2023



Annual Picnic Picnic, 2020



Annual Picnic, 2024



Iftar Party in Kurmitola Golf Club, Cantonment organized by Head and Neck Cancer Support Foundation



Iftar on ramadan 2024



Donation of N 94 Mask During COVID '19



Donation of High Flow Oxygen Nasal Cannula During COVID'19 and Handed over to NIENT Committee



Social Awareness Advertisement With Ferdous and Nipun

Activities at Hospital site



Mitora , Manikganj, 24.09.21



Developed Land for Hospital



Developed Land for Hospital 30.09.21



Low land of hospital



Beginning of Hospital by Munajat



Beginning



Roof top 1st Floor



On the roof of Hospital Building



1st Floor of Hospital Building



In Mitara Hospital site



Scientific Seminar of Saidpur, 2019



In Mitara Hospital site



Construction progress till date

Stories of the Patients

Md. Idris Ali, 53 years, **Cancer of Larynx (Voice box)**



Before operation

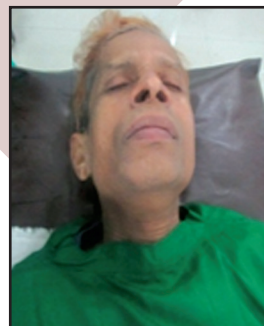


After operation

Md. Idris Ali

Md. Idris Ali, a 45-year-old farmer, from Ishorganj, was affected by cancer in the Larynx (voice box). It had progressed to the advanced stage by the time he came in. Himself and his relatives were very afraid of surgery. It was their strong belief that he would not survive after the procedure. We were able to operate on him and now, fortunately, he is free of cancer for one and a half years. With the help of a speaking valve, which was fit in his neck, he is able to speak. With his new health, he can work in his agricultural and rice business, and, most importantly, take care of his family. One operation can truly save a life and a family, and re-establish them into society.

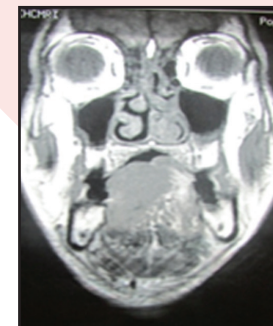
Abdur Rob, 62 years, **Tongue cancer**, Failed Chemotherapy and radiotherapy



Before operation



Diseased tongue



MRI of the tongue



New tongue is formed by skin and muscle taken from the chest



Mr. Rob is cured



Excised tongue



3 years after operation

Abdur Rob

Abdur Rob is a 60-year-old man who developed cancer in his tongue five years ago. He undertook radiation therapy, but the disease was still not cured. We removed the whole cancer-inflicted tongue and reconstructed a new one using chest muscle. Because of this, he has been able to eat food, talk and maintain his normal life for the last four years. He is extremely happy and grateful, as he was in very poor health and near to death. Four years for a cancer patient is a long time.

Roksana, 47 years, Tongue Cancer



Cancer in the tongue



New tongue is formed by Forearm free micro vascular flap



3 years after operation

Mrs. Rokshana

Mrs. Rokshana is 65 years old and developed extensive cancer in the tongue. She was in such a bad state that she was preparing to go outside for treatment. But we operated on her and constructed a new tongue with muscle from her forearm. She has been free from cancer for the last three and half years.

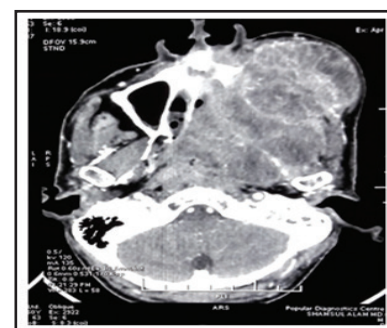
Md. Shamsul Alam, 60 years, Maxillary cancer



Before operation



After operation



CT Scan



Cancer protruding in the oral cavity

Md. Shamsul Alam is living cancer free life for 12 months

Md. Shamsul Alam

65-year-old, Md. Shamsul Alam, developed cancer in the left cheek and hard palate five years ago. He was operated on twice by others before deciding to come to us a year and a half ago. He undertook his third operation in our facilities. After surgery, he was able to complete his radiation therapy. He has been living cancer-free for the past years.

Mr. Abdur Razzak, Rickshaw puller, Parotid Salivary Gland Cancer



Before operation



After operation



Recurrence occurred after 6 months



After 2nd operation

Razzak

Abdur Razzak, a 40-year-old rickshaw puller from Manikganj, developed cancer in his right parotid gland. The disease was very advanced and his overlying skin was affected. We removed the cancer, along with the skin, leaving a wide gap that we covered with the chest muscle. After staying the hospital, he was advised to take radiotherapy treatment within 45 days. Unfortunately, he could not afford the treatment. So the disease returned. We operated on him for the second time. This time, we the doctors, along with other gracious people, offered him support to ensure his radiotherapy treatment. He is the sole provider of the family. Because of his suffering, he cannot pull his rickshaw and is consequently unable to afford food for his family members. His days are hard, but he continues to fight for his life.

Parotid Salivary gland cancer



Before operation



After operation

Mrs. Runu

Mrs Runu is 35 years old and from Gazipur. She developed a horrible-looking area of cancer in her left parotid gland. She would not come in front of people in an effort to hide her disease as much as possible. Her dream was that it would miraculously cure itself. So, she waited 10 years with the hope that it will disappear, but only to reach no avail. One day, she came to us asking for help. We operated on her as soon as possible and now she is cured of the disease. With our help, her dream came true and she has come to a normal life.

Mrs. Lutfun Nessa , 46 years, **Thyroid Cancer**



Before operation



After operation



After 4 months



CT SCAN

Lutfun Nessa

Lutfun Nessa, a 45-year-old woman, came from Tala, Shatkhira, having developed cancer in her thyroid gland, which involved skin and entered the chest cavity, three years ago. She was operated locally one and a half years ago. But, unfortunately, the operation was not successful. She came to us eight months ago when the disease had advanced even more. Through an operation, we removed the cancer. She was advised to take Radioactive Iodine therapy after the operation within 30 days, but was unable to afford the treatment as her husband is a poor daily labourer. Later she took radio-iodin treatment. After few days the disease returned in the neck and axilla. Her axilla and neck were operated. She is now waiting for the costly radio-iodin ablation treatment again. She had been fighting with cancer for the last 3 years. Our foundation has been able to provide her some financial support, but she desperately needs more support for the days to come.

Roshna Begum, 61 years



Before operation patient could not hold her head with out support



Metastasis in the chest



After 7 days



After 2 months

Roshna Begum

Roshna Begum is 61 years old and from Munshiganj. She had a large thyroid gland due to the cancer that had inflicted her there. She was so weak that she could not even hold her head straight without support. Her disease soon spread to her left lung and she began to have breathing difficulties due to the compression of the tumour. After an extensive operation, she can move as she wants without support and breathe normally. To this day, though, she is still in need of support for her next treatment.



After 1 month

Rojoni

Sweet 2-year old Rojoni came to us from Kustia. She developed a big tumour inside her mouth cavity for last four months. She could not eat food or breathe properly. She went to Rajshahi and different hospitals in Dhaka, but because the operation was very risky, especially given her age, nobody took on the responsibility. Ultimately, she came to us and we decided to operate despite the risks. Following this, she could eat and breathe comfortably. However, a follow-up biopsy report revealed a horrible type of cancer. In order to treat it, she needs a very costly chemotherapy treatment. Her family lives in poverty and, by this point in time, her father had used all of their money on her previous costs. To access a good hospital, her parents are moving Kustia to Dhaka, leaving their other little girl in the village. Transport, living and food costs, as well as treatment expenditure in the hospital, are difficult for this poor father. But he is desperate to cure his small baby. Our foundation gave her some financial support to begin chemotherapy. But we still don't know when this fight will come to an end and Rojoni can finally see a good morning.



Cancer in oral cavity



Before operation



Chest muscle is prepared to close the gap in the neck



After 45 days

Md. Abdus Salam

Md. Abdus Salam, a 46-year-old farmer, from Lalmonirhat, Rangpur, developed cancer in his lower jaw and mouth cavity for last three years. The cancer also involved the chin and neck. It was a very painful experience and he was unable to eat properly. He came to us six months ago. We undertook an 11-hour long operation on him. In this procedure, a total excision of his lower jaw was done and we constructed a new jaw using the bone from his leg and chest muscle in order to cover the gap in the neck. The total treatment was free of cost and the foundation gave him financial support to complete his radiation treatment after surgery. However, at this point in time, he is still in need of more support.



Big gap in the neck before operation



Repaired by chest muscle



Wound is healed



Going home with wife

Syedul

A 40-year-old man from Gaibandha, 300 km away from Dhaka, has been suffering from cancer in the larynx (voice box) for the past three years. He had a complete change in voice. He was treated with chemo-radiation therapy, which was completed a year ago. However, a year and a half after his previous treatment, the cancer returned to his larynx. He came a long way to us, in search of a better opportunity to cure his pain. At this point, the only option was to remove his larynx by surgery, because radiation cannot be given in the neck for a second time. We operated on him, but, as he was a post-radiation patient, his wound broke down and he reached a very critical condition. Again, we filled up this gap using chest muscle. This battle continued for a month and a half. For the duration of his hospital stay, we gave him full support. Poor Syedul, who tragically lost his right hand six years ago in an accident while working in his industry and lost his job, had now lost his voice through surgery. Now it is especially difficult for him to run his family. Our foundation gave him support to buy a rickshaw van to start a business selling vegetables. Even with this, his future days remain challenging as he fights to survive.

It is the unfortunate truth of our society that there remains many, many cancer patients just like Syedul, and all the others introduced before, who desperately need medical, mental, physical, financial and social support. As caring members of this society, it is our responsibility to do all we can to help.

The story of all the patients are similar. They are poor, helpless, usually older, and come in during the late stages from a remote area of the country. Due to lack of awareness, they do not go to the proper place. They do not know much about cancer treatment and are afraid of it. They practice homeopathy instead, and go to Kobiraj and other traditional practitioners, and end up wasting time. When the disease becomes advanced, they come to us, but by this time they are exhausted.

We can operate on some of them, but unfortunately they cannot complete their next treatment so disease continues to strike again. Then both we and the patient become helpless to the cancer. This condition is extremely painful.

The average duration of the surgery ranged from 8 to 14 hours. There are usually 10-12 team members. The hospital stay is between 15-40 days. Surgery is done free of cost.

The team consists of ENT and head neck cancer surgeons, plastic surgeons, Maxillo facial surgeons and anaesthesiologists, later speech therapist and others.

The cost of surgery in the private sector is about 4,000 to 8,000 US dollars. The cost of post-operative radiotherapy and chemotherapy is about 1,500 to 4,000 US dollars. The total duration is around 4 weeks for radiotherapy treatment.

The patients need to stay in Dhaka, with access to medicinal and food support, as well as transport, and require attendants. In most of the cases, they are the sole earner of the family. When they cannot earn, their family suffers. *In spite of all the sufferings Cancer patients want to survive, hope against hope.*

**Cancer wants to destroy a person, a family,
a society, a nation - the whole of mankind.**