

Report on the Programme

“Medical and Socio-educational caravans-Case of the Corona virus”

Introduction:

Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) has always been committed towards the fulfillment of its vision, mission and objectives that focuses on supporting and building capacities of the member countries in the fields of education, science and culture. The People’s Republic of Bangladesh is one of the most active members of ICESCO and has always been in affiliation with ICESCO’s programmes and initiatives. Bangladesh National Commission for UNESCO (BNCU) is the focal point for the Government of Bangladesh and has been maintaining the liaison between ICESCO and the Government of Bangladesh. In the face of COVID-19 global pandemic, ICESCO undertook timely measures to assist the Member States' efforts in tackling the massive disruption especially in education and health sectors. With a view to enabling member states to fight and face the COVID 19 pandemic situation ICESCO in cooperation the Alwaleed Philantropies Foundation launched the initiative entitled “Medical and Socio-educational caravans-Case of the Corona virus” as a prompt response.

Context and Rationale:

Throughout the year 2020, the world is passing through a difficult time as the novel corona virus (Covid-19) is on rampage the normal life of human beings. The health experts around the world were overwhelmed with this unprecedented nature of the new virus. The entire world came to a standstill. Under the total lock down, the health and education sectors became the worst sufferers. Bangladesh has also been terribly affected by the spread of the virus. During the early period of the COVID 19 pandemic spread in Bangladesh the scenario was quite challenging. The challenge is still on but the frontliners are working with full vitality and sincerity. Bangladesh is a very largely populated country. It has been a huge task to control the spread of the virus among this huge population. But Bangladesh being one of the largest exporters of garment products have sucfully coped up with the challenge by produceing huge number of health safety gears such as mask, PPEs and face shields etc. Under the competent leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the government has prioritized saving lives of citizens at the top and has undertaken different coordinated health interventions including increased testing, equipment and kits supply, hospital services, incentives for front line COVID fighters and online health services. ICESCO and Alwalled’s assistance With the continuous effort from Bangladesh has added a new dimension to the fight against COVID 19.

In the context of the global health crisis due to the Coronavirus outbreak ICESCO in cooperation with the Alwaleed Philantropies Foundation decided to provide Bangladesh National Commission for UNESCO (BNCU) 25,000\$ (Twenty Five Thousand US dollar) worth financial

support under the program entitled “Medical and Socio-educational caravans-Case of the Corona virus”

Work Process:

The allocated money was received in June of this year. The whole country was under lockdown till July. The Secretary General including many of the BNCU officials and staffs were corona positive. As a matter of fact, the overall situation was quite out of the hand posing serious challenges to execute the program. In fact, the chairperson of BNCU is currently suffering from COVID-19. Amidst all these hurdles, BNCU started all the procedures as soon as the situation got favorable. It was difficult to engage all the stakeholders due to the critical situation. Yet, BNCU tried to reach as many of its stakeholders as possible. Finally, after completing the papers, selection process, procurement and acquisition of products, BNCU successfully arranged the distribution ceremony on 24th and 26th December with the consent of the Chairperson of BNCU.



Sample of Different Hygiene Products



Deputy Secretary General briefing the officers



Deputy Secretary General Monitoring Packages



Officers and staffs working



Preparation of Distribution



Packaging

Hygiene and Medical products/equipments recipient institutions:

In consultation with the Ministry of education, other government agencies and the stakeholders, BNCU completed the selection process. Hygiene products were distributed to 11 institutions including 70 community clinic (given to CBHC for distribution) and Government Employees Hospital. Two institutions namely Community Based Health Care (CBHC) and Government Employees Hospital were the recipient of medical kits and equipments.

List of Hygiene products recipient institutions:

Sl.	Name of the institution
1	Government Employees Hospital
2	Community Based Health Care (70 community clinic)
3	Sir Salimullah Muslim Orphanage, Dhaka
4	Ahsania Mohila Mission Orphanage, Dhaka
5	Sarkari Shishu Paribar (Boys), Dhaka
6	SOS Children's Village, Dhaka
7	Probin Nibash/ Probin Hitoishi Shangho, Dhaka
8	Boyoshko Punorbashon Kendro, Gajipur
9	Nanupur High School, Chandpur Sadar, Chandpur
10	Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed – Savar Hospital, Dhaka
11	Visually Impaired People's Society (VIPS), Dhaka

List of Medical products/equipments recipient institutions:

Sl.	Name of the institution
1	Government Employees Hospital
2	Community Based Health Care (for 70 community clinic)

Hygiene and Medical products/equipments:

To ensure accountability and transparency BNCU followed the financial rules for procurement approved by the government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh called The Public Procurement Rules -2008. BNCU was cautious about acquiring the best quality products in lowest possible price. Therefore, the products were procured from the vendors who offered the best prices after comparing prices in the open market.

The list of distributed Hygiene products is attached underneath:

Sl	Name of Hygine product
1	Bleaching Powder
2	ROK Floor Cleaner
3	Hexisol
4	Savlon Handwash Pump
5	3 Ply Disposable Surgical Face Mask

List of distributed Medical products/equipments:

Sl	Name of Hygine product
1	3 Ply Disposable Surgical Face Mask
2	PPE
3	Digital LCD infrared forehead non-contact thermometer
4	Hand gloves
5	Goggles
6	Face shield
7	Square Zinc Tablet 20 mg
8	Napa Extra 500 mg
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The distribution ceremony:

On 24th and 26th of December with the patronization of ICESCO and Alwaleed Philanthropies, BNCU distributed the Hygiene and medical kit/equipments. The inaugural ceremony of the distribution took place on 24th December 2020 and the rest of the distribution took place on 26th December 2020. This was done to maintain the social distancing and avoid an overcrowded situation. The venue of the ceremony was Conference hall of BNCU. Different Television channels and print media have covered the news.

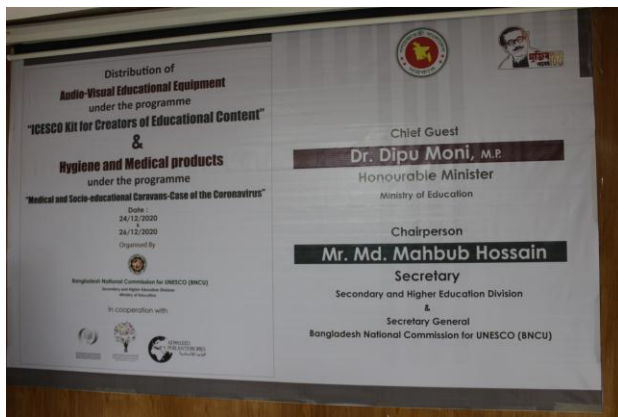
Dr. Dipu Moni, M. P. Honorable Minister for Education and Chairman of BNCU was the chief guest. Secretary to secondary and higher education division, Ministry of Education and the Secretary General of BNCU Mr. Md. Mahbub Hossain chaired the program while Deputy Secretary General of BNCU Md Shohel Imam delivered the welcome speech.

The program began with the registration of the Head/representatives of the selected institutions. The main event started from 4 pm. The DSG of BNCU welcomed the honorable guests.

The Honorable Minister for Education Dr. Dipu Moni, M. P. was virtually connected to the program. In her speech she thanked Alwaleed Philanthropies Foundation for their important initiative and said that the hygiene products and protective gears which were going to be distributed among the hospitals, clinics and other institutions were also instrumental for their secured delivery of the badly needed services to the people exposed to deadly Corona virus-COVID-19.

Later on, the Secretary General distributed the materials among the recipients and thanked BNCU for arranging the whole program with success.

Some Pictures of the Distribution Ceremony (24.12.2020) :



Banner of the Programme



Banner of the Programme



Registration Booth



Token Products



DSG, BNCU observing the products



Hon'ble Minster for Education Dr. Dipu Moni M.P.
Virtually Connected at the Programme



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Virtually Connected at the Programme



Secretary General & DSG, BNCU



Recitation from the Holy Quran



Participants in the Programme

Dua & Prayers



DSG, BNCU with welcome Address



Secretary General, BNCU Speaking as the Chair



Participant Speaking at the Programme



Handing over Token Products



Handing over of Token Products



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Some Pictures of the Distribution Ceremony (26.12.2020) :



Registration going on



Health safety Measures



Participants at the Programme



Media Coverage of the Programme



Token Products



DSG, BNCU Addressing the Participants



DSG, BNCU Speaking at the Programme



Participant Speaking at the Programme



Handing Over of Token Products



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Report on “ICESCO Kit for Creators of Educational Content”

Introduction:

Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) has taken the role of asserting solidarity and cooperation among its member states from its inception. ICESCO has always been committed towards the fulfillment of its vision, mission and objectives that focuses on sharing, supporting and developing capacities of the member countries in the fields of education, science and culture. Being a member of ICESCO the People’s Republic of Bangladesh has always been in affiliation with all of ICESCO’s development, innovative and humanitarian initiatives. It is worth mentioning that, Bangladesh National Commission for UNESCO (BNCU) has been maintaining the liaison between ICESCO and the People’s Republic of Bangladesh All through these years. Without any exception, ICESCO undertook immediate measures through various thoughtful initiatives singularly as well as jointly with its partners especially, in the area of Education as corona virus spread massively all over the world at the onset of 2020. With a view to enabling member states to maintain the continuity of education, ICESCO in cooperation with Misk Foundation, launched the initiative “ICESCO Kit for Creators of Educational Content” as a prompt response. This report is a description of the whole process in which the initiative has been executed while focusing mostly on the context, work process, list of recipient institutions, list of distributed products, and the distribution ceremony.

Context and Rationale:

The world is passing a difficult time as Coronavirus (Covid-19) is spreading all over the world in a rapid pace and taking a toll on human lives. To fight this virus, experts are suggesting all to stay in isolation, maintain personal hygiene, use mask and keep social distance. In order to follow these health regulations, the governments of all the countries are shutting down educational institutions, offices, factories and all such places which involve a large gathering.

According to UNESCO, by March 24, 2020, over 130 countries have implemented nationwide closures apart from local shutdowns, impacting over 80 percent of world's student population. Education authorities across the globe are scrambling to handle the unprecedented crisis, looking for immediate measures and trying to understand the longer-term implications. In an attempt to check the spread of this pandemic, the government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh had to shut down all the educational institutions starting from March 18. Recently the closure has been extended till 16 January 2021. Approximately 30 million students in all types of institutions and about a million teachers in Bangladesh are compelled to stay at home and take part in online classes obeying the social distancing rule to fight Covid-19. Comprehending the gravity of the situation ICESCO in association with Misk Foundation decided to provide Bangladesh National Commission for BNCU 40,000\$ (Forty Thousand US dollar) worth financial support in order to ensure the continuity of education and facilitate student learning through the provision of audiovisual and computer equipment to record classes and to produce educational contents for students of different education levels. A contract was signed between the two parties on 23rd April 2020 to fulfill this initiative.

Work Process:

The allocated money was received in May of this year. The whole country was under lockdown till July. The Secretary General including many of the BNCU officials and staffs were corona positive. As a matter of fact, the overall situation was quite out of the hand. In fact, the chairperson of BNCU is currently suffering from COVID-19. Amidst all these hurdles, BNCU started all the procedures as soon as the situation got favorable. It was difficult to engage all the stakeholders due to the critical situation. Yet, BNCU tried to reach as many of its stakeholders as possible. Finally, after completing the papers, selection process, procurement and acquisition of products, BNCU successfully arranged the distribution ceremony on 24th and 26th December with the consent of the Chairperson of BNCU.



Preparing Education Equipment for Distribution



DSG, BNCU Checking the Products

List of recipient institutions:

BNCU was always careful about reaching as many stakeholders and beneficiaries as possible. By consulting the Ministry of education, other government agencies and the stakeholders, BNCU completed the selection process which covers a wide range of representation of different geographical regions and categories of educational institutions of Bangladesh. In total 39 Institutions were selected as recipients. The list of recipient institutions is attached underneath:

Sl.	Name of the institution
1	Govt. Laboratory High School, Dhaka
2	Viqarunnisa Noon School & College, Dhaka
3	Engineering University High School, Dhaka
4	Udayan Higher Secondary School, Dhaka
5	Motijheel Ideal School & College, Dhaka
6	Holy Cross Girls' High School, Dhaka
7	BIAM Model School & College, Dhaka
8	Azimpur Girls School & College, Dhaka

9	Nanupur High School, ChandpurSadar, Chandpur
10	D.N. High School, ChandpurSadar, Chandpur
11	Kamranga High School, ChandpurSadar, Chandpur
12	J.M. Sen School and College, Chittagong
13	DakshinPashchimBakolia High School, Chittagong
14	Kazem Ali School & College, Chalkbazar, Chittagong
15	Muladi College, Barisal
16	Muladi Govt. Mahmudjan Model Secondary School, Barisal
17	MadhabpashaChandradip School and College, Barisal
18	Govt. Madrasah-E-Alia, Dhaka
19	RangpurZilla school, Rangpur
20	RAJUK Uttara Model School and College, Dhaka
21	St. Joseph Higher Secondary School, Dhaka
22	Dhaka Residential Model School & College, Dhaka
24	BirshreshthaMunshiAbdurRouf Public College, Dhaka
25	Monipur High School & College, Dhaka
26	Khilgaon Govt. High School, Dhaka
27	Dhanmondi Govt. Boys High School, Dhaka
28	Agrani School & College, Dhaka
29	Motijheel Govt. Girl's High School, Dhaka
30	ShahidBirUttom LF. Anwar Girl's School & College, Dhaka
31	Rangamati Govt. Girls' High School, Rangamati
32	BAF Shaheen College, Dhaka
33	Binapani govt. Girls' High School, Gopalganj
34	Govt. Alia Madrasah, Sylhet
35	Govt. Mustafabia Alia Madrasah, Bagura
36	Khulna Alia Madrasah, Khulna
36	JahuraMohiuddin Khan Girls' School, Sirajganj
37	Vidyamayee Govt. Girls' High School, Mymensingh
38	Bandarban Govt. High School, Bandarban
39	TamizaKhatun Govt. Girls' High school, Kishoreganj

List of distributed products:

The audio-visual materials were selected following the items under the “Vision Conference Equipment” proposed by ICESCO under the program “ICESCO Kit for Creators of Educational Content”. To ensure accountability and transparency BNCU followed the financial rules for procurement approved by the government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh called The Public Procurement Rules -2008. BNCU was cautious about acquiring the best quality products

in lowest possible price to increase the number of beneficiaries. Therefore, the products were procured from the vendors who offered the best prices after comparing prices in the open market.

The list of distributed products is attached underneath:

Sl	Audio-Visual Kits	Brand Name
1	Smart Video and Audio-Conferencing Cam	Logitech
2	Laptop with 2 mega pixel webcam	HP Core I-3 &intel Processor, 14 inches HD screen
3	Micro Phone (noise cancellation)	Logitech
4	Speaker	F & D A-111X (2:1) With Bluetooth
5	Video Editing software	Floss

The distribution ceremony:

The distribution ceremony was divided in two parts. The inaugural ceremony of the distribution took place on 24th December 2020 and the rest of the distribution took place on 26th December 2020. This was done to maintain the social distancing and avoid an overcrowded situation. The Conference hall of BNCU was the venue of the ceremony.

Dr. Dipu Moni, M. P. Honorable Minister for Education and Chairman of BNCU was the chief guest, Secretary to secondary and higher education division of Education Ministry and the Secretary General of BNCU Md. Mahbub Hossain chaired the program while Deputy Secretary General of BNCU Md Shohel Imam delivered the welcome speech.

The program began with the registration of the representatives of the selected institutions. The main event started at 4 pm. The DSG of BNCU welcomed the honorable guests. In his address the Secretary General said there is no alternative to ensure digitalization and the use of latest technologies in education in order to build a digital Bangladesh. He thanked ICESCO and Misk Foundation for their assistance and cooperation in Bangladesh and thus help promoting education in this challenging situation.

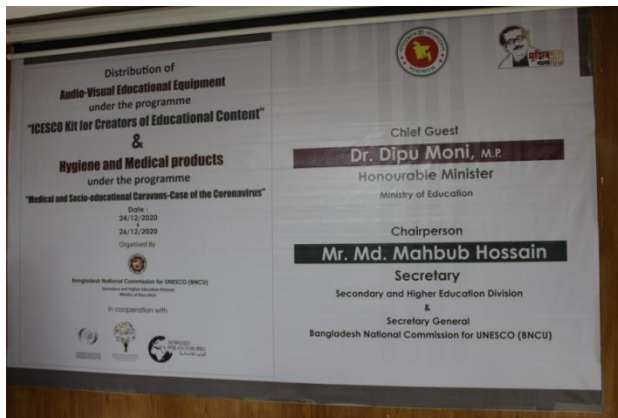
The Honorable Education Minister Dr. Dipu Moni, M. P. was virtually connected to the program. In her speech she said that the government is focused on increasing the use of digital technology in all the sectors of country's educational institutions aiming to ensure quality education for all and to meet the pledge of building Digital Bangladesh under 'vision-2021'.

“As part of this, we have already introduced digital service in different sectors including publication of admission test result of different school and college and information or requisition

of admission test to different institution that reduce public sufferings a lot,” she said. The minister extended her gratitude to the ICESCO authorities for their support considering the global pandemic and hoped that the bondage and cooperation between Bangladesh and ICESCO will be continued.

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Registration Booth



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Handing Over of Educational Equipment



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Some Pictures of the Distribution Ceremony (26.12.2020) :



Registration Booth



Participants at the Programme



Media Coverage of the Programme DSG,



BNCU at the Programme



DSG, BNCU at the Programme



Participant Speaking at the Programme



Handing Over of Educational Equipment



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Packages of Educational Products



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