

Plight of long-time volunteers at Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital

They are outside payroll although Covid-19 adds to their risk

S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

As many as 36 men and women, working as voluntary staff at Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital for years, are passing days amid hardship as the authorities are yet to put them on the regular payroll.

After serving without any payment for long, some of them for over a decade, they started getting meagre amounts, monthly Tk 1000 to Tk 1500 each, from the development fund of the government-run hospital three months ago.

Defying the added risk and responsibility during the Covid-19 pandemic, the volunteers have continued daily service at the hospital.

They have to pass quite a busy time working at different sections of the hospital including emergency department, operation theatre, surgery ward, paediatric

ward and doctor's chambers to help the patients, distribute medicines and manage the crowd.

"We are living subhuman life but we work here with a smiling face as our service can help the patients to recover. We have to work more during the ongoing Coronavirus disaster," said Sheikh Saadi, a voluntary worker of the hospital.

"We have already crossed the maximum age for entering government service. We are holding on to the work with the hope that the government will be kind enough to regularise our job with satisfactory payment," he added.

"Ignoring family's objection, I am doing duty amid the risk of Coronavirus. After completing our work at the hospital, many of us work in different clinics and health centres for earning," said Swapon Kumar

Mohanta, another voluntary worker at the hospital.

"We still dream that one day our job will be nationalised," he said.

Rashida Begum, who has been rendering voluntary service at the hospital for more than a decade, also echoed the same.

Dr Sirajul Islam, superintendent of Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital, said the higher authorities have been informed about the condition of the voluntary workers of the hospital.

"It's time to do something better for the long-time voluntary service providers at the hospital, especially in view of their dedication during the Covid-19 pandemic. I will write to the higher authorities concerned for taking positive steps about their job," Lalmonirhat Civil Surgeon Dr Nirmalendu Roy told The Daily Star.



Two voluntary workers attend a child patient at Lalmonirhat Sadar Hospital a few days ago. They are among thirty-six people who have continued providing regular voluntary service at the hospital for years, not knowing if or when their job will be regularised.

PHOTO: S DILIP ROY



One hundred and twenty families belonging to ethnic Kol community get relief materials on the premises of Bilboitha non-government primary school in Chapainawabganj Sadar upazila on Sunday as voluntary organisation Tabitha made the arrangement to ease sufferings of the people during the ongoing lockdown aimed at containing the spread of Covid-19.

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Invitation for e-Tender (OTM)

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal for the following works:

Tender ID & Package No.	460594 & e-GP/35/PRD/2019-2020
Name of tender	Supplying of Stone Chips Pea-gravels 1st Class/PJ Bricks & Local Sand at Pirojpur Road Division stackyard for repair work of different road under Pirojpur Road Sub-Division of Pirojpur Road Division during the year 2019-2020.
Tender last selling date and time	01-June-2020 & Time 17:00pm.
Tender closing & opening date and time	02-June-2020 & Time 13:00pm.
Tender ID & Package No.	460593 & e-GP/34/PRD/2019-2020
Name of tender	Supplying of Stone Chips Pea-gravels 1st Class/PJ Bricks & Local Sand at Pirojpur Road Division stackyard for repair work of different road under Kawkhali Road Sub-Division of Pirojpur Road Division during the year 2019-2020.
Tender last selling date and time	01-June-2020 & Time 17:00pm.
Tender closing & opening date and time	02-June-2020 & Time 13:20pm.

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in e-GP Portal and no offline /hard copy will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, please register on e-GP System (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>). For more details please contact e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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COPING WITH COVID-19 SHUTDOWN

Rab shows the way

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) in Tangail under a project have been helping people grow vegetables on unused land around their house.

Crime Prevention Company-3 of Rab-12 has taken the initiative in line with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's call to make best use of every inch of land in the country.

Rab-12 officials said they believe the initiative will motivate other villagers who could also benefit from nutritional fruits and vegetables grown on unused land near their houses at almost no cost while the country has been shut down partially in an attempt to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus pandemic.

Members of the Rab made 12 bamboo frames (macha) on unused land near houses of 12 poor and helpless families in Kathua Juguni village under Baghil union of Tangail Sadar upazila. They also provided free vegetable seeds of different varieties to the families.

Each of the families was also given a sapling of sojne data (moringa or drumstick) as the plant grows rapidly

and the grower family can earn some money by selling the produce, which is in good demand at local markets.

Expressing gratitude to the Rab members, the villagers said for the last several months, they had no earnings as they had to stay home due to the shutdown. Rafiqul Islam, chairman of Baghil Union Parishad, thanked the Rab for their extraordinary effort in helping the villagers.

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while on the other, they will get some money after selling the excess vegetables at the market, he added.

Company Commander Maj Abu Naeem Mohammad Talat said the wheel of economic activities has stopped turning all over the world due to the pandemic and there is no alternative but to increase food production in order to prevent people from going hungry in the coming days.

"We have made frames for cultivating vegetables in unused land next to the houses of 12 helpless families. Through the vegetable gardens, the families will be able to meet their nutritional needs on one hand and on the other hand, they can also benefit financially by selling the excess vegetables at the market."

They spent only Tk 15,000 for the entire project so that councillors or members of all wards in the union can easily take similar initiatives or inspire locals in their areas, he said, adding that the affluent members of the community can also contribute in similar projects to help out the poor in their areas.



Several of the families who received frames for growing vegetables on unused land near their houses at Kathua Juguni village in Tangail Sadar's Baghil union. Crime Prevention Company-3 of Rab-12 provided the frames free of cost so the poor families can meet their nutritional needs during the Covid-19 shutdown.

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Memo.No.DMCH/Pro-1/Medical Instrument/2019-2020/4601 Dated: 17/05/2020.

Invitation for Re-Tender

(No-13/2019-2020)

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from bonafide Experienced Importer/Agent/Supplier/Distributor to Supply Medical Instrument/Equipment (Code:4112315) as per PPA-2006 & PPR-2008. Terms & conditions are as follows:-

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH			
1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (Health Service Division).		
2. Agency	Dhaka Medical College Hospital, Dhaka-1000.		
3. Procuring Entity Name	Director, Dhaka Medical College Hospital, Dhaka-1000.		
4. Procuring Entity Code	GOB		
5. Procuring Entity District	Dhaka-1000.		
6. Invitation for	Medical Instrument/Equipment (Code: 4112315)		
7. Invitation Ref No	No. Memo:DMCH/Pro-1/Medical Instrument/2019-2020/4601.p		
8. Date	Dated: 17/05/2020.		
KEY INFORMATION			
9. Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).		
FUNDING INFORMATION			
10. Budget and Source of Funds	GOB		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
11. Tender Name	Medical Instrument/Equipment (Code: 4112315).		
12. Tender Publication Date	18/05/2020.		
13. Tender Selling Date & Time	18/05/2020 to 02/06/2020 up at 2.30 PM.		
14. Tender Closing Date and Time	03/06/2020 at 12.00 Noon.		
15. Tender Opening Date and Time	03/06/2020 at 1.30 PM.		
16. Name & Address of the Offices	Dhaka Medical College Hospital, Dhaka-1000.		
17. a. Selling Tender Document	a) Office of the Director, Dhaka Medical College Hospital, Dhaka-1000. b) Office of the Officer In-Charge (OC), Shabbag Police Station, DMP, Dhaka.		
18. b. Receiving Tender Document	a) Office of the Director, Dhaka Medical College Hospital, Dhaka-1000. b) Office of the Director, CMSD, Dhaka. c) Office of the Officer In-Charge (OC), Shabbag Police Station, DMP, Dhaka.		
e. Place of Opening Tender Document	Office of the Director, Dhaka Medical College Hospital, Dhaka-1000.		
19. Pre-Tender Meeting Date, Time & Place	N/A.		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER			
20. Eligibility of Tenderer	a. The tenderer should have valid upto date Trade license, VAT registration certificate, up to date Income tax clearance certificate & Bank Solvency Certificate from any recognised Bank. b. The tenderer shall be a Manufacturer/Importer/Agent/Supplier/Distributor. If the tenderer is supplier then the tenderer shall have a minimum 3(Three) years of specific experience for supply of similar goods & related services. c. Others terms & conditions are in the tender document.		
21. Brief Description of Goods	Medical Instrument/Equipment (Code : 4112315)		
22. Brief Description of Related Services	After Sale Service.		
23. Price of Tender Document (Tk)	2000.00 (Two Thousand) Tk. (Non-refundable) for per Lot, deposited in any schedule Bank by treasury challan with online verification by District Accounts Officer in vide Code No. 1-2741-0001-2366 in favour of Director, Dhaka Medical College Hospital, Dhaka-1000.		
Identification of Tender	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk.)	Completion Time in Weeks/Months
Medical Instrument/ Equipment (Code: 4112315)	Dhaka Medical College Hospital, Dhaka-1000.	The tender Security should be submitted as Bank draft/Pay order from any schedule Bank at the rate of 3% of the total value of per lot (Refundable) to the Director, Dhaka Medical College Hospital, Dhaka-1000.	08 (Eight) Weeks from signing of Contract.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS			
24. Name of Official Inviting Tender	Brig Gen A K M Nasir Uddin.		
25. Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Director		
26. Address of Official Inviting Tender	Dhaka Medical College Hospital, Dhaka-1000.		
27. Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel. No. 55165001	Fax No. 55165031	E-mail : dmch@hospi.dghs.gov.bd
28. a. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders. b. If the date of selling, receiving or opening of tenders is disturbed under any unavoidable circumstances, the next working day will be applicable for the same respectively. c. Tender schedule or any item/specification can not be modified/alterd by the tenderer. d. Itemwise quantity mentioned in the schedule may be increased/decreased. e. Work order will be issued on availability of fund & Administrative approval by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.			
29. DMCH/Pro-1/Medical Instrument/2019-2020/2788, Dated:08/03/2020	স্বাক্ষরিত অফিসের তালিকাভুক্ত সকল নিয়ম উক্ত মামলার সম্বন্ধে করা যাবে।		

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