

GP's Clinics on Wheels for the coastal poor



Anders Jensen, chief executive officer of Grameenphone, hands over the charge of operations of two movable clinics to representatives of two NGOs at a programme in Dhaka yesterday.

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Grameenphone, the leading private mobile phone operator, has introduced two movable clinic styled 'Clinic on Wheels' to provide medical services to the poor people in the coastal areas.

Under the company's 'Safe Motherhood and Infant Care Project, these clinics will provide pre- and post-natal care for mothers and immunization and other medical treatment for children.

Facilities for consultation, physical examination, mini pharmacy and few basic laboratory investigation services will be provided from the clinics fully equipped with professional staffs. These will also be able to go for nor surgeries, such as repairing small cutting wounds

"The clinics-on-wheels are expected to increase the accessibility of maternal and infant healthcare services to the hard-to-reach economically disadvantaged popula-

tion," said Anders Jensen, chief executive officer of Grameenphone.

Grameenphone started its journey as country's first GSM operator 11 years back with a slogan of "good development is good business".

The company focuses under its corporate social responsibility involvement on three main areas: Health, education and empowerment.

It reached a 17.20 million subscription base as of February 2008 and invested \$11 billion in the telecom sector since 1997.

Family Development Services and Research (FDSR) and Swanirbhar Bangladesh, two non-governmental organisations (NGOs) will operate the two clinics.

The Grameenphone CEO handed over the charge of operation the representatives of these two NGOs at a programme at Grameen's head office in Dhaka yesterday.

Yamin Bakht, director of public relations division, and Shubhashish Priya Barua, head of CSR, were present on behalf of the Grameenphone. Belayet Hossain, senior health adviser from USAID, Professor Dr Zahid Hasan, treasurer of FDSR, Al-Husainy, executive chairman of Swanirbhar Bangladesh, were also present at the programme.

As part of its CSR activities, Grameenphone launched the nationwide Safe Motherhood and Infant Care Project in partnership with Service Delivery Programme (NSDP) of USAID May 2007.

From August 2007 to January 2008, around 5.58 lakh economically disadvantaged mothers and infants have received free healthcare services under this project. The project, which aims to reach around 800,000 poorest of the poor mothers and infants annually, runs 317 clinics named 'Smiling Sun,' according to the company officials.

Grameenphone cuts tariffs

Grameenphone Ltd. has introduced new tariff rates, with F&F and nighttime rates as low as 25 paisa per minute.

Under the new pre-paid tariff structure, both smile and djuce subscribers can enjoy a 25 paisa per minute rate on nighttime calls from 12am to 8am to any GP number, says a press release.

Tariff rate on calls to F&F numbers is also reduced to 25 paisa per minute from the previous rate of 60 paisa per minute.

Smile subscribers will enjoy sms rate of Tk 1 per sms to any number, while djuce subscribers will only be charged 75 paisa per sms to all numbers.

Smile and djuce subscribers will enjoy a 30-second pulse.

Under the new post-paid tariff structure, the xplore package 1 and xplore package 2 have been unified, effective from March 25, 2008, and the start-up price for xplore is now just BDT800.

The Monthly Commitment Fee of BDT 1000 will no longer be applicable for the "xplore" package, as the Monthly Line Rent is fixed at BDT100 (excluding VAT). This fee too will be waived, if the subscribers' monthly airtime usage exceeds BDT1000.

A new 75 percent discounted rate of 25 paisa per minute to 3 F&F numbers has been introduced, for 24 hours a day, for all xplore postpaid subscribers. xplore subscribers can now change their F&F numbers every 30 days, instead of the existing 60 days.

xplore subscribers will now enjoy a flat tariff of BDT1.30 per minute for calls to any operator 24 hours a day. SMS to F&F numbers is charged at BDT 0.50 per sms, while SMS to any other number is charged at BDT1 per sms.

The postpaid tariff rates on SMS to F&F numbers is now charged at BDT 0.50/sms, while SMS to any other local number is set at BDT1 per sms.

NBR asked to impose higher tax on tobacco business

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Economist Atiur Rahman yesterday urged the National Board of Revenue (NBR) to impose at least 20 percent tax on tobacco business to discourage smoking.

Consumption of tobacco in the country has increased significantly over the last few years due to easy availability of tobacco, he said addressing a press briefing in Dhaka after meeting with the NBR chairman.

Every year the number of fresh smokers including school and college going stu-

dents are increasing, said Atiur, chairman of Unnayan Shamannay, a research organization.

"If the government imposes higher taxes on tobacco business the people will be discouraged smoking cigarettes and bidi," he said.

Of the government's budgetary allocation for healthcare sector, a good amount of money spends for treatment of smoking injured people, he said, adding that if smoking can be discouraged through imposing higher taxes on tobacco businesses, a handsome amount of money

can be saved from the budget.

Referring to a survey, Atiur said people are relatively poor where tobacco is cultivated.

After the meeting, NBR Chairman Abdul Mazid said a social campaign should be launched against tobacco to save the nation from the bad habit of smoking.

"We have been holding meetings with the leaders of different sectors since March 10 ahead of national budget preparation. After completion the meetings we will consider on which taxes could be imposed or relaxed," he added.

Bangladesh to organise trade fairs in S'pore, Malaysia

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh will hold 3-day trade fairs in Singapore and Malaysia from May 23 to May 25 and May 30 to June 1, respectively.

The venue for the fair in Singapore is set to be the ground of Mostafa Plaza, while Putra Convention Centre of Kuala Lumpur will be the venue for the fair in Malaysia.

More than 100 stalls and pavilions for Bangladeshi banks, life insurance companies, jute and jute goods, handicrafts, readymade garments, vegetables, frozen foods, spices, housing and real estate, soft drink and beverage, food product, toiletries and cosmetics, medicines, industrial products, computer software, tea, melamine and ceramic products, plastic and kitchenware, and agricultural products are expected to occupy the fair grounds.

The interested business firms have been requested to contact at 7163850, 01710852522 for stalls, said a press release.

Capital market fair begins in Sylhet today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A 2-day Capital market fair, organised by Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) in cooperation with its Sylhet based members, begins in Sylhet today.

This was disclosed by the CSE sources at a press conference in Sylhet yesterday.

CSE President Nasir Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury said initially the investors' participation in the share business in Sylhet was limited, but now the share business is booming as investors' confidence has been restored.

Spontaneous shop owners submit tax, seek TIN

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For the first time in the country's history, more than 440 shop owners in Dhaka yesterday spontaneously applied for tax identification number (TIN) and 141 submitted their income tax return worth Tk 5,39,650.

They submitted their prayers and the tax return to NBR Chairman Abdul Mazid at a view exchange meeting between the officials of National Board of Revenue (NBR) and the leaders of shop owners' associations.

The shop owners at the meeting on the city's Elephant Road demanded that the NBR ensure a hassle-free environment for the businesspeople with regard to tax payment.

They also sought easy access to NBR high-ups so they can lodge complaints regarding tax payment as a

section of tax lawyers often harass the taxpayers luring them by false tax waiver facility, but charge high.

"The shop owners should have the scope to meet NBR chairman, members and commissioners to resolve any tax-related problems," said Mostafa Mohsin Montoo, adviser to Greater Elephant Road Shop Owners' Association.

Commissioner of NBR's Tax Zone-6 Sirajul Islam chaired the meeting, attended by the leaders of Bangladesh Shop Owners' Association and Dhaka Metropolitan Shop Owners' Association (West).

Lauding the initiatives of the shop owners, Sirajul Islam said Bangladesh does not need to depend on World Bank, International Monetary Fund or any foreign donors if all capable businessmen pay their taxes properly and spon-

aneously.

Chairman of Bangladesh Shop Owners' Association Amir Hossain Khan urged the government to expand the income tax net up to Tk 200,000 from the existing Tk 150,000 per person a year to exclude the small traders from the income tax net.

The NBR chairman said most of the existing income tax policies were made during British regime in 1922. As a result, the interest of taxpayers was not prioritised.

He said the distance between the taxpayers and NBR officials should be reduced for increased tax collection.

"The NBR is going to bring out guidelines on tax payment soon to distribute among the taxpayers free of cost to make them aware of easier and hassle-free tax payment," he said.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Local Government Engineering Department
Office of the Executive Engineer
District: Pabna

Memo No: XEN/LGED/(RTIP)/PAB-08/1071

Dated: 19-03-2008

Rural Transport Improvement Project (RTIP)

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

IFB No. 16/2007-08

1. The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received for a credit from the International Development Association (hereinafter referred to as the IDA) towards the cost of the Rural Transport Improvement Project (RTIP) and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contract(s) as mentioned in para-2. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits.

2. The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, represented by the Executive Engineer, LGED, District: Pabna invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the construction and completion of the following works:

Name of the works	Contract		Bid security in (Tk)	Time for completion (days)	Price of bidding document (Tk)
	Package No.	Slice No.			
Improvement of Chatmohor R&H Janata Bank-Astomonisha GCM via Noomagar Road (Ch. 00-3+337m)	Pab/UZR-50A	UZR-50A.1	4,50,000.00	550	4,000.00
		UZR-50A.2	6,50,000.00	550	6,000.00
		UZR-50A.3	8,00,000.00	550	7,000.00
		UZR-50A.4	4,50,000.00	550	4,000.00
Improvement of Astomonisha GCM-Mirzapur GCM Road (Ch. 00-1+254m)					
Improvement of Mohela GCM-Sharatganj GC (up to Meghar) via Parshadanga Hat Road (Ch. 00-5+300m)					
Improvement of Mohela GC-Sharatganj GC via Parshadanga Hat (Ch. 5+300-6+780) including the construction of a 100m RCC bridge (Ch. 5+300 to 6+780)					

3. The bidders may inspect the bidding documents, obtain further information and clarification at the Office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Pabna, Tel: 0731-66133 or the Office of the Project Director, RTIP-RDP-26, and PFRAP, LGED Bhaban (Level-5), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Tel: 9122435, 9122432. The bidder must be eligible in post qualification as specified in bidding documents.

4. A pre-bid conference will be held on 16-04-08 at 12:00 noon in the office of the undersigned and all bidders are requested to attend the conference on time.

5. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by any eligible bidder from the Office of the Project Director, RTIP-RDP26 and PFRAP (Address: LGED Bhaban (Level-5), Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207) or The Deputy Commissioner, Pabna or The Superintendent of Police, Pabna or the Upazila Engineer, Upazila: Sadar, Pabna or the undersigned on submission of a written application upon the payment of a non-refundable fee as mentioned in para-2 for each set in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh drawn in favour of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Pabna. Additional sets of bidding documents may be purchased at the same price. The bidding documents will be available during office hours from 27-03-08 to 28-04-08.

6. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of amount as mentioned in table, para-2, in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order/Demand Draft/Unconditional Bank Guarantee drawn in favour of the Executive Engineer, LGED, District: Pabna.

7. All bids must be delivered to the office of the undersigned on or before 2:00pm of 29-04-08.

8. Bids will be opened at 2:15pm on 29-04-08 at the office of the undersigned in presence of the bidders or their authorised representatives who choose to attend.

9. Bidders may deliver/submit bids personally or by registered mail or by courier services, etc. and bids must reach to the office(s) mentioned at para-7 on or before 2:00pm of 29-04-08.

10. A general information regarding the bidding will be available at the LGED website (www.lged.org) and CPTU webpage (www.cptu.gov.bd).

11. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reason.

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বাংলাদেশ বিদ্যুৎ উন্নয়ন বোর্ড
Bangladesh Power Development Board
বাবুশাহপেকার দপ্তর
বাঘাবাড়ী বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্র
বিউবো, বাঘাবাড়ী, সিরাজগঞ্জ

Extension of Date of BPS's International Tender Notice

1	Tender package No.	BPS/Pur-142/2008, Dated: 26-1-2008.	
2	Tender package name	Major overhauling works of black start 3 MW Emergency Diesel Engine of Baghabari Power Station including supply of spare parts.	
3	Tender last selling date	15-04-2008 instead of 24-03-2008	
	Date	Time	
4	Tender closing date & time	16-04-2008 instead of 25-03-2008	11-00am.
5	Tender opening date & time (Tenderers and their authorized representatives are allowed to attend)	16-04-2008 instead of 25-03-2008	11-30am.

Engr SM Akhtaruzzaman
Manager (SE)
Baghabari Power Station
BPDB, Sirajganj

Biddyt/Jan-102(4)/24-03-08
GD-1453

BANGLADESH PARIJATAN CORPORATION
NATIONAL TOURISM ORGANIZATION
Duty Free Operations (DFO)
83-88, Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka-1212.

No.DFO/Proc/205/2006 Date: March 23, 2008

NOTICE FOR ENLISTMENT OF INDENTORS / LOCAL AGENTS.

Applications are hereby invited from the Importers/ Local Agents, authorized by the foreign Manufacturers/Suppliers for enlistment as local Agents/indentors of DFO for importation of goods in different groups for the financial year 2008-2009.

Application alongwith terms and conditions in prescribed form for enlistment may be obtained from Accounts Section of DFO on payment of TK.5000/ (Taka Five thousand) only (non-refundable) for each group on all working days up to 24/04/2008.

Application alongwith necessary documents in sealed envelop should reach the undersigned by 30/04/2008 positively.

Enlisted local agents are also required to apply for renewal of enlistment by obtaining schedule and to be submitted with updated necessary documents.

The Corporation authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the applications without assigning any reason whatsoever.

(Farid Ahmed Akhter)
General Manager.

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SL	Name of the Post	Qualification/Experience
01.	Manager Finance & Accounts	1. Bachelor degree from any recognized university 2. Minimum 10 years practical experience as manager or above position in Accounts/Finance Dept of govt./semi govt. or any reputed organization 3. Thorough knowledge of financial and accounting practices and procedures 4. Understanding of governmental regulations and reporting requirements. 5. Understanding of related auditing and IT functions. 6. Broad based knowledge of the entrepreneurial business environment. 7. Excellent leadership and human relations abilities. Able to use all related hardware & software.
02.	Registrar - Anesthesiology	1. MBBS with Post Graduate Degree in Anesthesiology with FCPS/MD/DA 2. Experience in Cardiac Anesthesia is preferable.
03.	Maintenance Engineer (Electrical & Mechanical)	1. Degree/Diploma in Electrical/Electronics Engineering with experience in healthcare industry. Higher educational qualification may be given priority 2. Candidates with Degree/Diploma in Bio-Medical Engineering or Mechanical Engineering may also apply 3. Minimum 10 years experience for Diploma & 5 years for Degree in relevant field 4. Must have a good theoretical and practical knowledge/experience of engineering on Substation, Generator, Central AC system, Lift, Fire Fighting/Protection/Detection/Alarm system and sound understanding of medical equipments and the ability to combine the two. 5. Must have the adaptability to work and perform in multidisciplinary teams with other professionals including cardiologist, surgeons, and other medical specialists 6. Experience in maintenance of machines and instruments involved in healthcare service will be treated as extra qualification 7. Experience in mechanical repair, electrical/electronic work and other duties relating to maintenance are essential 8. Good communication skills and computer literacy are necessary.
04.	Paramedics (Male) Cardiac Ambulance	1. S. S. C passed. Education qualification may be relaxed for well experienced candidates 2. Medical Assistant certificate holder & well experienced in emergency patient's management. 3. CPR & IV line's expert may be given preference 4. 5 years experience in relevant field in any reputed hospital 5. Candidates must be physically fit.
05.	Cardiac Ambulance Driver	1. S. S. C passed. 2. At least 5 years driving experience in Dhaka City as an Ambulance Driver. 3. Academic qualification may be relaxed for Ambulance Driver of Arm forces/BDR/Fire Service/Civil Defense 4. Candidates must be legal & valid Driving license holder
06.	Tailor	1. Class Eight passed. S.S.C preferred 2. 2 year experience as tailor 3. Experience in hospital as tailor is preferred. 4. Candidates must be physically fit

This advertisement has also been posted in bdjobs.com. All interested candidates may apply in prescribed form (available from Reception of Ibrahim Cardiac on payment of Tk. 50 for sl # 01& 02 Tk. 40 for sl # 03 to 05 and Tk. 20 for sl # 06) with two recent passport size photographs and attested copies of all academic, experience, citizenship and other certificates should reach the Manager, Administration, Ibrahim Cardiac at 5th Floor by 6 April, 2008. Attractive salary is offered to suitable candidates. The employees of any other institution of DAB have to apply through proper channel. The name of the position must be mentioned on top of the envelope. Only short listed candidates will be contacted for interview, the candidates who will be invited for interview should produce all original certificates to the interview board and thereafter, only successful candidates will be informed.

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