



Homage paid to Bhasani

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

The 39th death anniversary of Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani was observed at Santosh in the district yesterday.

To mark the day, different socio-cultural and political organisations arranged various programmes on the mazar premises of the national leader.

Maulana Bhasani Science and Technology University (MBSTU), Bhasani Foundation and other local organisations have taken up a five-day programme to pay homage to the legendary leader.

The programmes include placing wreaths at the grave, special prayers, feeding the destitute, discussion meeting, Bhasani fair, blood donation, session of spiritual songs, and photo and

handicraft exhibition. People from different parts of the country came to his grave at Santosh and paid tributes to the leader of the oppressed people.

In the morning, teachers, students, officials and employees of MBSTU, led by Vice-Chancellor Dr Mohammad Alauddin and family members of Maulana Bhasani, placed wreaths at his grave. They were followed by different political parties and cultural organisations.

Away in Thakurgaon, the death anniversary of Maulana Bhasani was observed at Bhasani Smriti Pathagar at Collegepara in Thakurgaon municipality area yesterday, reports our correspondent.

To mark the day, Bhasani Pathagar organised a doa mehfil and discussion at the auditorium of the library.

PHOTO: STAR Teachers and students of Maulana Bhasani University of Science and Technology led by Vice Chancellor Dr Mohammad Alauddin and family members of Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani place floral wreaths at the great leader's grave at Santosh in Tangail district on his 39th death anniversary yesterday.

4 housewives murdered over dowry, family feud

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Four housewives were murdered by their husbands and in-laws over 'dowry and family feud' in Rajbari, Chuadanga, Moulvibazar and Sirajganj districts yesterday and the day before, report our correspondents.

In Rajbari, a housewife was killed by her husband over dowry at Mozratkol village in Sadar upazila on Monday night. The deceased is Hena Begum, 22, wife of Sohel Sheikh of the village.

Police quoted victim's family as saying that they gave Sohel Tk 1 lakh as dowry during their marriage. Recently, Sohel asked Hena to bring Tk 1 lakh more from her parents, but she refused to do so, they added.

Neighbours said Sohel and Hena locked in an altercation over the matter at around 8:00pm on Monday. At one stage, Sohel strangled Hena, hung the body from a tree adjacent to their house to pass it off as suicide and went into hiding.

Police recovered the body yesterday and sent it to the hospital morgue for autopsy.

Hena's father Taizul Ali filed a case with Sadar Police Station, accusing Sohel, Kamal Hossain, sub-inspector of the police station, said.

Away in Chuadanga, law enforcers yesterday arrested one Raham Ali of

Gopinathpur village in Sadar upazila on Monday on charge of killing his wife.

Police said Raham killed his wife Aleya Begum, 43, by slitting her throat over family feud while she was asleep and fled the scene.

Deceased's son Chand Ali filed a murder case with Sadar Police Station, accusing his father the same day, Saiful Islam, officer-in-charge of the police station, said.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided the village around 11:30am and arrested Raham.

He was yesterday produced in a Chuadanga court that sent him to the jail, the OC added.

In Moulvibazar, a housewife was killed by her husband over a family feud at Sompasi village in Sadar upazila on Monday night.

Quoting neighbours, police said Helal Mia, 40, stabbed his wife Rozina Begum, 29, following a family feud around 9:30pm. Police later arrested Helal.

In Sirajganj, a housewife was strangled by her in-laws over a family feud at Majhgram in Enayetpur upazila of Sirajganj district yesterday.

The victim is Mariam Begum, 20, wife of Nurunnabi Mondol of the village.

Sub-Inspector Md. Abdul Halim of Enayetpur Police Station said locals found the body hanging inside the house and then informed the

police. Police recovered the body at around 12:30pm and sent it to the hospital morgue for autopsy.

Mariam was beaten to death by her in-laws, who later hung the body inside the house to pass it off as suicide, police said.

Nurunnabi and his family members went into hiding soon after the incident.

Nazrul univ students vandalise buses

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Students of Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University (JKKI) in Trishal upazila of the district yesterday vandalised several buses on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway, protesting the harassment of a fellow student allegedly by a transport worker the day before.

The students blocked the road around 10:00am and vandalised at least five to seven buses, disrupting traffic movements on the highway for nearly half an hour, Officer-in-Charge Moniruzzaman of Trishal Police Station, said.

On information, police went to the spot, dispersed the agitating students and brought the situation under control around 10:30am, the OC added.

SPECIAL DRIVES CONTINUE

59 BNP-Jamaat men arrested in 5 districts

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At least 59 BNP-Jamaat men were arrested during special drives by law enforcers in Gaibandha, Chapainawabganj, Jhenidah, Bogra and Jessore districts on Monday night and early yesterday.

Police said the Jamaat men were arrested on charge of planning subversive activities.

They were yesterday produced in a Jhenidah court that sent them to jail. Police arrested three Shibir leader and activists from a students' mess in Thinmatha area of Bogra town early yesterday.

The arrestees are Bogra town unit Shibir leader Abu Shaheen Md Sobhan, and activists Aatur Rahman and Mohammad Ali.

Acting on a tip-off, a police team raided the mess and arrested the Shibir men.

Contacted, Aslam Hossain, inspector (inquiry) of Sadar Police Station, said they were wanted in sabotage cases.

In Benapole, detectives arrested a local BNP leader in connection with a sabotage case from Kamarbari More in Sharsha upazila of Jessore Monday night.

The arrestee is Khairuzzaman Madhu, 55 president of Sharsha upazila unit of BNP.

Police arrested the BNP leader from his house in the area at around 11:30pm.



এসেনসিয়াল ড্রাগস্ কোম্পানী লিমিটেড

৩৯৫-৩৯৭, তেজগাঁও শিল্প এলাকা, ঢাকা- ১২০৮

সংক্ষিপ্ত স্থানীয় দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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Request for Proposals (RFP) For Fixed-Price Contract Award In Support Of Challenge TB Bangladesh Project USAID Cooperative Agreement No. AID-OAA-A-14-00029

Solicitation Number: RFP-CTB-BD15-001
Issuance Date: November 18, 2015
Closing Date for Submission of Questions: November 23, 2015
Submit Questions to: ChallengeTBBangladesh@msh.org
Responses to Questions will be emailed to registered applicants on: December 1, 2015
Submit Expressions of Interest to: ChallengeTBBangladesh@msh.org
Closing Date for Submission of Proposal: December 17, 2015

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1 INTRODUCTION
Recently the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) awarded the Challenge TB project to the consortium of partners led by KNCV to provide technical assistance to the National TB Control Program (NTP) and its NGO partners in Bangladesh. The duration of the Challenge TB project in Bangladesh is 5 years starting in January 2015 and ending on September 29, 2019. The Challenge TB project is designed by USAID to help countries to achieve their goals in TB control, while filling gaps in support of activities that are insufficient or not supported by other sources. The currently recommended treatment for multidrug-resistant TB (MDR-TB) is at least 20 months of a regimen which is expensive, poorly tolerated with a cure rate of around 70%, and with loss to follow-up rates around 15%. MSH is currently accepting proposals from research teams for the conduct of research for the short (9 month) regimen for multidrug-resistant TB. This research will be conducted based on a protocol developed by the NTP and stakeholders and entitled "Expansion of the standardized nine-month treatment regimen for multi-drug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) in Bangladesh: A study of effectiveness and safety." Details of the intended program are provided in the Program Description/Scope of Work, Section 4 below.

2 GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPING THE RFP
Applicants may refer to the full RFP at WWW.BDJOBS.COM

3 OBJECTIVE
The primary objective is to gather further evidence on the safety and effectiveness of the standardized shorter regimen (SR), avoiding amplification of resistance and to assure a safe transition to the expanded use of a standardized shorter MDR treatment regimen in Bangladesh in a stepwise manner.

4 PROGRAM DESCRIPTION/SCOPE OF WORK
To achieve the objectives listed above, the contractor will perform the following activities, amongst others:

1. Obtain appropriate human research ethics committee approvals and other required authorization by the BMRC. All of the activities described below must be carried out according to current international standards of ethical research involving human beings.
2. The activities described below – including those that are not part of routine medical care – must be carried out with the full, free, and written informed consent of the patients, which must then be shared with the NTP.
3. Organize the infrastructure and human resources required to carry out the activities in an efficient manner, including clinical settings, laboratories, and data management, without significant lapses of time between consecutive steps in the study procedures, and with the objective of keeping operations as much as possible under usual programmatic conditions. Establishment and use of a monitoring and evaluation system to track patient status, including data analysis, semi-annual implementation review, and end of study evaluation.
4. Training of facility staff in the research protocol, Good Clinical Laboratory Practice (GCLP), and electrocardiogram (ECG) reading before enrollment of the first patient.
5. Enroll and follow up 250 eligible patients according to the protocol.
6. Provision of funds to enrolled patients and Directly Observed Treatment (DOT) providers for travel and additional lab tests, as required for the additional monitoring.

NOTE: the usual programmatic activities and second line drugs, including standard testing and living support to clients, will be provided through the usual programmatic funding channels. No pharmaceuticals or direct care provision is provided through this agreement.

The contractor will provide the following deliverables, amongst others:

1. Final practical protocol for review and approval by appropriate technical experts at KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation and the NTP.
 2. Protocol approved by human research ethics committee approvals and other required authorization by the BMRC.
 3. Enrollment and complete follow-up of 250 eligible patients
 4. Quarterly progress reports on enrollment and progress of patients' treatment and one (1) final project report to be reviewed and approved by MSH and KNCV in conjunction with the NTP and USAID. The minimal set of monitoring indicators are provided in Chapter 2 of the WHO's 2014 PMDT Companion Handbook and the related Annexes. These progress reports will also be shared with the independent monitoring board.
 5. Provision of data required for an interim safety assessment to the Independent Monitoring Board.
 6. Research results directly related to the awarded project submitted to an international peer-reviewed publication before the submission of the project's final report.
- An illustrative listing of activities and deliverables per quarter per year may be found in Section 2 Description of Services of the RFP.

5 GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS
This standardized shorter regimen for MDR-TB is intended to expand the use of the shorter MDR-TB treatment regimen initiated by DF in Bangladesh, to be implemented by the NTP integrated in its community-based Programmatic Management of Drug-resistant TB (PMDT). Initially, this regimen will be used in two pilot divisions, Dhaka and Chittagong, under the research protocol described above.

6 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
The applicant submitting the proposal should meet the following criteria:
• Be a legally registered organization under the laws of Bangladesh and must have a VAT registration number
• Have demonstrated capacity to manage award funds
• Possess audited financial statement (preferred)

7 BUDGET AND FUNDING PERIOD
Subject to the availability of funds and technical evaluation outcomes, CTB project intends to award a fixed-price contract to an eligible local Bangladeshi for-profit or non-profit entity. Funding for the research aspects of this work is provided by the US Agency for International Development (USAID) through the CTB project, although usual programmatic costs, including drugs, will be covered by the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (Global Fund). However, the drugs that are not in the procurement plan of the NTP through the Global Fund will be procured by USAID through the STOP TB Partnership. CTB funding will specifically support the following aspects of the research: Research staff, Training, M&E Costs, Communication materials, and limited management support. Pharmaceuticals, care-giving staff, and social support to patients will be funded through another mechanism. **Funding Period:** The maximum funding period of the fixed-price contract award is 39 months.

8 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION
Date of submission - December 17, 2015.

9 QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
Questions are due on November 23, 2015 at the following email address: ChallengeTBBangladesh@msh.org. Responses will be provided by December 1, 2015.

10 PROPOSAL FORMAT
Please refer to the RFP.

NOTE: Proposals that do not follow the given guidance and instructions will not be evaluated.

11 BUDGET
Applicant should submit a budget using the template attached with the RFP. Applicant may refer to the illustrative listing of quarterly activities and deliverables in Section 2 of the RFP for the duration of the contract. The proposed costs will be reviewed for cost realism to evaluate the relationship between the proposed costs and proposed program and results. **All proposed costs in the budget should be indicated in Bangladeshi Taka (BDT).**

12 EVALUATION CRITERIA
CTB project, in consultation with the NTP, will establish a Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP) to review and evaluate all proposals received before the deadline. A technical/cost/past performance trade-off analysis will be performed by MSH in order to determine the Best Value to MSH. Issuance of this request for proposals does not constitute an award commitment on the part of MSH.

A. TECHNICAL EVALUATION
Proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria set forth below. To facilitate the review of proposals, Offerors must organize the sections of their proposals in the same order provided in Section 5 of the RFP.

Criteria	Maximum Possible Points
A. Experience and Past Performance Maximum Possible Points: 30	
• Organizational Experience and Past Performance	15
• Key Personnel Staff Experience	15
B. Proposed Approach Maximum Possible Points: 50	
• The extent of which the approach for each of the proposed activities has merits and is feasible.	5
• Extent to which the Contractor understands the purpose of the research project, demonstrates clear understanding of TB control issues in Bangladesh, as well as the key issues and challenges that must be addressed to accomplish research project objectives.	10
• Extent to which the proposal demonstrates a clear, concise, and compelling technical approach to accomplish research project purpose(s), objectives, activities and expected results as evidenced by the Contractor's research project and milestones plans.	10
• Information and Reporting	5
• Efficiency/Effectiveness/Innovation of Proposed Approach	20
C. Management-Implementation Maximum Possible Points: 20	
• Roles and responsibilities of staff are clear.	20
• Sufficient and appropriate human resources are devoted to activities.	
• Project Manager is given appropriate level of authority to implement the program.	
• The Offeror has the capacity to undertake the program.	
• Adequate internal monitoring system proposed.	
Maximum Technical Score:	100
B. COST EVALUATION MSH will only select an Offeror for award on the basis of a superior technical proposal if cost has also been considered.	