



In 2016, more than 300 attendees from seven countries gathered in Cox's Bazar for the first HOPE Maternal Health and Fistula Conference to discuss one of the most urgent health challenges: **improving the care of our mothers**. The conference was a resounding success. Maternal health issues like obstetric fistula have since remained at the forefront of policy meetings in Bangladesh.

But there still remains much to be done. On February 10-11, 2018, we will reconvene with our national and international colleagues to continue this important discussion and chart next steps for provision of care.



We all had very nice experience at the conference and know we can move far ahead with the ideas generated, to fight fistula in the developing world.

Dr. Mohan C. Regmi

Additional Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at
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What We Will Discuss

During this two-day conference, we will cover global perspectives on obstetric fistula, the state of fistula care in Bangladesh, the role of media in health, maternal morbidities and prevention, population issues and family planning, the use of technology in maternal health management and maternal health in displaced populations.

For the conference schedule information, proposals for speakers or session topics, please e-mail:
hopeconference2018@gmail.com.

How to Register

Registration for the February 10-11, 2018 conference will open in November, 2017. To be notified when early registration opens and of major conference developments, please e-mail hopeconference2018@gmail.com and ask to be added to our e-mail list.

Who Will Benefit From This Conference?



Whether you are a midwife, surgeon or other health practitioner, an academic, part of a nongovernmental organization or a government official, you will benefit by attending this conference. Here, you will have the opportunity to discuss the latest research and trends in maternal care, find ways to build and deepen collaborations with partner institutions and government officials, identify concrete steps to help improve the care of mothers in Bangladesh and worldwide.

We have already confirmed impressive local and international participation from organizations like UNFPA, Fistula Foundation, Midwives for Haiti, MAMMS Institute, Population Council, EngenderHealth, BRAC, and more.

The spark you have helped create with the conference will power us all to collectively work together towards our common pursuit of making fistula a thing of the past. This requires not just viewing fistula as a medical condition but as an issue which requires an undertaking to address all basic tenets of an equitable health system and a life with dignity

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Chief – Health, UNFPA Bangladesh

For more conference updates please visit:

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More than 300 participants gathered for the inaugural Hope Maternal Health and Fistula Conference in 2016.



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Conference Logistics



Conference Location & Accommodations

The conference will take place at the Long Beach Hotel in Cox's Bazar. A block of rooms has been reserved at this hotel for conference attendees, which will be released to you upon conference registration. Those who wish to stay closer to the venue might consider lodging at Best Western Heritage Plus Hotel where special prices have been negotiated for the conference attendees.

Air and Ground Transportation

Many international carriers offer daily flights to Dhaka. From Dhaka, several flights depart daily for Cox's Bazar on the following airlines, each of which offer online ticket booking: Biman Bangladesh Airlines, Novoair, Regent Airways, United Airways (BD), and US-Bangla Airlines. Local transport can be easily arranged through the conference hotel.

Attire

Men and women should pack light clothing to protect against heat, and long sleeves and pants to protect against mosquitoes. Women should take care to follow local customs, which require modest dress that covers shoulders, arms and legs. Many women of the local population wear a hijab or the more modern salwar kameez, which can be purchased globally on Amazon.com.



International Participants:

If you need any assistance regarding the Conference logistics or with purchasing domestic flight tickets, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Johanna Hansing at hopefoundation.usoffice@gmail.com

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