

2022 IMPACT REPORT

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— 2022 Impact —

616,049

 Total Services Provided

Maternal Health & Reproductive Services

94,224
ANC

22,456
PNC

10,051
Normal Deliveries

2,042
C-Sections

2,496
Clean Birth Kits Distributed

94
Obstetric Fistula Repair Surgeries

9,132
Obstetric Fistula Screening & Counseling

3,141
Newborn Care

89,476
Family Planning Counseling



Specialty Services

43
Cleft Lip/Palate Surgeries

2,846
Mental Health Care

805
Dental Health Care

2,041
Support to GBV Survivors

214
Telemedicine

10 VIA Cervical Cancer Screenings



Population Health

45,093
Outpatient Adult

20,113
Outpatient Pediatric

7,059
Inpatient Adult

1,642
Inpatient Pediatric

2,074
Vaccinations

1,997
Blood Transfusions

125,662
Lab Services

199
Physiotherapy Services

6,096
Emergency Services

121 Surgeries

615 X-rays



Transport & Outreach

29,931
CHW Home Visits

17,361
CHW Community Referrals to Facility

1,960
Emergency Obstetric Referrals

17,628
Mothers' Club Participants

3,796
Emergency Transport by Ambulance

45,093 TomTom Vehicle Support Services



COVID-19

364
COVID-19 Patients

95
SRH Services to COVID-19 Patients



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বাণী

হোপ ফাউন্ডেশন ফর উইমেন এন্ড চিলড্রেন অফ বাংলাদেশ এর নবনির্মিত হাসপাতাল- 'হোপ ম্যাটার্নিটি এন্ড ফিস্টুলা সেন্টার'- উদ্বোধন হতে যাচ্ছে জেনে আমি আনন্দিত। এ উপলক্ষে হোপ ফাউন্ডেশনের প্রতিষ্ঠাতা, বোর্ড অফ ডিরেক্টরস, ডাক্তার, নার্স, কর্মচারি, দাতা প্রতিষ্ঠান এবং আমেরিকান ফিস্টুলা ফাউন্ডেশনের সকলকে আমি অভিনন্দন জানাচ্ছি।

একজন তরুণ চিকিৎসক ১৯৯৯ সালে কক্সবাজার অঞ্চলের মানুষের স্বাস্থ্য সেবা দিতে ভাড়া করা ঘরে ছোট্ট একটি ক্লিনিক দিয়ে যাত্রা শুরু করেন। তিনি কিছু শুভাকাঙ্ক্ষীদের নিয়ে আমেরিকার মিয়ামি শহরে 'হোপ ফাউন্ডেশন ফর উইমেন এন্ড চিলড্রেন অফ বাংলাদেশ' নামে একটি অলাভজনক প্রতিষ্ঠানের গোড়াপত্তন করেন। বিভিন্ন শহরে গিয়ে বাংলাদেশি ভাই-বোনদের সাহায্য নিয়ে ক্রমশ অগ্রসর হতে থাকেন। এরই ফলশ্রুতিতে এ অঞ্চলের মা ও শিশুরা নানাবিধ সেবা পেতে থাকেন। আন্তে আন্তে এ প্রতিষ্ঠান আমেরিকা এবং পৃথিবীর অন্যান্য দেশে পরিচিতি লাভ করে। সম্পূর্ণ দান নির্ভর এই প্রতিষ্ঠান সকলের সাহায্যে বাংলাদেশে এক অনন্য উদাহরণ সৃষ্টি করেছে। ছোট্ট এই প্রতিষ্ঠানটি দেশি-বিদেশি সাহায্যে আজ একটি বড় স্বাস্থ্য সেবা কেন্দ্রে পরিণত হয়েছে।

হোপ ফাউন্ডেশনের 'হোপ ম্যাটার্নিটি এন্ড ফিস্টুলা সেন্টার' একটি অত্যাধুনিক ও দৃষ্টিনন্দন হাসপাতাল। প্রসবজনিত ফিস্টুলা, মা-বোনদের জন্য এক সর্বনাশা সমস্যা। এই সমস্যার কারণে হাজার হাজার সোনার সংসার তছনছ হয়ে যাচ্ছে। দুর্গন্ধ কবলিত শরীর কোনভাবেই একজন মাকে গ্রহণযোগ্য পর্যায়ে সংসারে স্থান দেয় না, এ কারণে ঘটছে বিবাহ বিচ্ছেদ, সামাজিক বয়কট। এই সমস্যা লাঘবে হোপ ফাউন্ডেশন ২০১১ সাল থেকে কাজ করে যাচ্ছে। চট্টগ্রাম বিভাগ ও অন্যান্য বেশ কয়েকটি জেলা ফিস্টুলা মুক্ত করার লক্ষ্যে তারা ইতিমধ্যে প্রায় ৯০০ অপারেশনের মাধ্যমে মা-বোনদের সমাজে সম্মানিত আসনে ফিরিয়ে দিয়েছেন। এই হাসপাতালে পূর্ণাঙ্গ কার্যক্রম শুরু করার পূর্বেই এরকম অবদান সত্যিই প্রশংসনীয়।

আওয়ামী লীগ সরকার দেশের স্বাস্থ্যখাতে ব্যাপক উন্নয়ন পরিকল্পনা গ্রহণ করে তা বাস্তবায়ন করে যাচ্ছে। আমরা ১৯৯৮ সালে দেশের ইতিহাসে প্রথম বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিব মেডিক্যাল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় প্রতিষ্ঠা করি। স্বাস্থ্যসেবা ও প্রয়োজনীয় গবেষণা কর্মকাণ্ড সম্প্রসারিত করতে রাজশাহী, চট্টগ্রাম, সিলেট ও খুলনায় মেডিক্যাল বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় চালু করা হয়েছে। আমরা গণমুখী স্বাস্থ্য নীতি প্রণয়ন করেছি। এ নীতির বাস্তবায়ন করছি। হাসপাতালের শয্যা সংখ্যা, সাধারণ হাসপাতাল ও বিশেষায়িত হাসপাতাল প্রতিষ্ঠা এবং বিশেষায়িত চিকিৎসাসেবা বহুগুণে বৃদ্ধি করা হয়েছে। প্রায় সাড়ে ১৮ হাজার কমিউনিটি ক্লিনিক ও ইউনিয়ন স্বাস্থ্যকেন্দ্র গ্রামীণ জনগোষ্ঠীর স্বাস্থ্যসেবা প্রদানে নিয়োজিত রয়েছে। জাতিসংঘ 'কমিউনিটি ক্লিনিক'কে সম্প্রতি 'দ্য শেখ হাসিনা ইনিশিয়েটিভ' হিসেবে স্বীকৃতি দিয়েছে। আমরা সারাদেশে নতুন নতুন মেডিক্যাল কলেজ, ডেন্টাল কলেজ, নার্সিং কলেজ, নার্সিং ইনস্টিটিউট, মেডিক্যাল এ্যাসিস্টেন্ট ট্রেনিং স্কুল এবং হেলথ টেকনোলজি ইনস্টিটিউট প্রতিষ্ঠা করেছি।

ফিস্টুলা অপারেশন হোপ ফাউন্ডেশনের অন্যতম লক্ষ্য; পাশাপাশি তারা বিস্তৃতভাবে কক্সবাজার এবং চট্টগ্রাম বিভাগের বিভিন্ন এলাকায় মা ও শিশুদের নানাবিধ রোগ লাঘবে সেবা দিয়ে যাচ্ছে। হোপ ফাউন্ডেশন চায় বাংলাদেশকে ফিস্টুলা মুক্ত করতে, মাতৃ মৃত্যু হার শূন্যের কাছাকাছি নিয়ে আসতে। আর এ সবই তারা করে যাচ্ছে বেসরকারিভাবে এবং বিভিন্ন অনুদানের মাধ্যমে। আমি আশা করি, দেশের প্রতিটি অঞ্চলের মা-বোনেরা এই সুযোগের সদ্ব্যবহার করে দেশকে ফিস্টুলার অভিশাপ থেকে মুক্ত করবে।

আমি 'হোপ ম্যাটার্নিটি এন্ড ফিস্টুলা সেন্টার' এর উত্তরোত্তর সমৃদ্ধি কামনা করছি।

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শেখ হাসিনা



বাণী

‘হোপ ফাউন্ডেশন ফর উইম্যান এন্ড চিলড্রেন অফ বাংলাদেশ’ তাদের আকাঙ্ক্ষিত হোপ ফিস্টুলা হাসপাতাল উদ্বোধন করতে যাচ্ছে জেনে আমি অত্যন্ত আনন্দিত। সম্পূর্ণ দান নির্ভরশীল একটি প্রতিষ্ঠান তাদের পরিশ্রমের মাধ্যমে বাংলাদেশে সর্বপ্রথম একটি অত্যাধুনিক ফিস্টুলা হাসপাতাল প্রতিষ্ঠা করে সবার প্রশংসা অর্জন করবে নিঃসন্দেহে। এই প্রতিষ্ঠানের প্রচেষ্টায় ইতিমধ্যে প্রায় নয়শত ফিস্টুলা সার্জারির মাধ্যমে তারা অনন্য দৃষ্টান্ত স্থাপন করেছেন।

বঙ্গবন্ধুর সোনার বাংলা প্রতিষ্ঠায় আমাদের জননেত্রী, বঙ্গবন্ধু-কন্যা শেখ হাসিনা তাঁর বলিষ্ঠ নেতৃত্বে দেশে সকল ক্ষেত্রে এক অভূতপূর্ব উন্নয়নের বাস্তব চিত্র সবার সামনে তুলে ধরেছেন। স্বাস্থ্যখাতে যে উন্নয়ন সাধিত হয়েছে তা সকলের জানা। করোনা মহামারির সময় মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রীর বলিষ্ঠ সিদ্ধান্ত লক্ষ লক্ষ মানুষের জীবন রক্ষা করেছে। যার কারণে আজ সমস্ত বিশ্ব বাংলাদেশের পদক্ষেপগুলো মডেল হিসেবে গণ্য করেছে। স্বাস্থ্যখাতে প্রতিটি পদক্ষেপ জাতির জন্য সুফল বয়ে আনছে।

যেকোন দেশের উন্নয়ন শুধুমাত্র সরকারি উদ্যোগে সম্ভব নয়, বেসরকারি প্রতিষ্ঠান সে প্রচেষ্টায় এক বিরাট ভূমিকা অবশ্যই রাখে। হোপ ফাউন্ডেশন ফর উইম্যান এন্ড চিলড্রেন অফ বাংলাদেশ স্বাস্থ্য খাতে চট্টগ্রাম ডিভিশন, নোয়াখালি, কুমিল্লা এবং ইদানিং বরিশালে তাদের কার্যক্রম চালু করে হাজারও মা ও শিশুদের সেবা দিয়ে আসছে। রোহিঙ্গা বাস্তুহারা মানুষের পাশে থেকে ২৪ ঘণ্টা ফিল্ড হাসপাতাল খোলা রেখে এই প্রতিষ্ঠান তাদের আদর্শ বাস্তুবায়ন করতে সমর্থ হয়েছে।

আমি আশা করবো, হোপ ফিস্টুলা হাসপাতাল মা-বোনদের সর্বনাশা ফিস্টুলা অপারেশনের মাধ্যমে একদিন বাংলাদেশ ফিস্টুলা মুক্ত করতে সামর্থ হবে। আমি তাদের সাফল্য কামনা করছি। হোপ ফাউন্ডেশনের প্রেসিডেন্ট, বোর্ড অব ডিরেক্টরস, ডাক্তার, নার্স এবং সকল কর্মকর্তা-কর্মচারীদের অবদানের জন্য ধন্যবাদ জানাচ্ছি। যে সমস্ত প্রতিষ্ঠান এবং ব্যক্তিগণ তাদের সাহায্য ও সহযোগিতা দিয়ে এই প্রতিষ্ঠানকে মানুষের সেবা দেওয়ার পথ উন্মুক্ত করেছেন, তাদের কাছে আমরা আমাদের জাতির পক্ষ থেকে কৃতজ্ঞতা জানাচ্ছি। সবশেষে আমি হোপ ফাউন্ডেশনের দিন দিন উন্নতি কামনা করে শেষ করছি।

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বাণী

আমি অত্যন্ত আনন্দিত এই জেনে যে, হোপ ফাউন্ডেশন ফর উইমেন অ্যান্ড চিলড্রেন অফ বাংলাদেশ, তাদের নব নির্মিত হোপ ম্যাটার্নিটি এন্ড ফিস্টুলা হাসপিটাল, কক্সবাজার এর উদ্বোধন করতে যাচ্ছে।

বাংলাদেশের গ্রামগঞ্জে অবহেলিত মা ও শিশুদের সেবা প্রদান করে হোপ ফাউন্ডেশন এক নজিরবিহীন দৃষ্টান্ত স্থাপন করেছে। সর্বনাশা প্রসবজনিত ফিস্টুলার অপারেশন করে তাঁরা চট্টগ্রাম বিভাগ ও আরো কয়েকটি জেলায় শতশত মায়েদের স্বাভাবিক জীবনে ফিরে যেতে সহায়তা করছেন, তাঁদের অবদান সত্যিই প্রকাশ করার মত নয়। তাঁদের প্রশিক্ষণ প্রাপ্ত ডাক্তার, নার্স, মিডওয়াইভস এবং স্টাফরা ২৪ ঘন্টা সেবা দিয়ে চলছেন। এটি একটি অলাভজনক, অনুদান নির্ভরশীল এবং সেবামূলক প্রতিষ্ঠানের এক অনন্য উদাহরণ।

বঙ্গবন্ধুর সোনার বাংলা প্রতিষ্ঠার লক্ষ্যে জননেত্রী মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রী শেখ হাসিনা মানুষের দোরগোড়ায় স্বাস্থ্য সেবা পৌঁছে দিতে যে সমস্ত পদক্ষেপ নিয়েছেন, হোপ ফাউন্ডেশনের কার্যক্রম তাতে অমূল্য অবদান রাখবে।

একজন সার্জন হিসেবে প্রসবজনিত ফিস্টুলার অভিশাপ আমি বুঝি। এ থেকে মুক্তি পাওয়া একজন মায়ের জন্য নতুন জীবন ফিরে পাওয়ার সামিল। হোপ ফাউন্ডেশনের প্রশিক্ষণ প্রাপ্ত অভিজ্ঞ সার্জনরা দিনরাত অপারেশন করে জাতির জন্য এক অকল্পনীয় কাজ করে যাচ্ছেন। এই অত্যাধুনিক হাসপাতাল তাঁদের কাজে অনেক ভাবে সহায়ক হবে। আমি তাঁদের সর্বাঙ্গীণ সফলতা কামনা করছি এবং আশা করছি বাংলাদেশের মা ও শিশুদের সেবার এই উদাহরণ দেশের অন্যান্য প্রান্তেও পৌঁছে যাবে।

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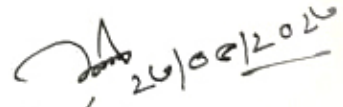
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হোপ ফাউন্ডেশন ফর উইমেন এন্ড চিলড্রেন অব বাংলাদেশ সংস্থাটি এনজিও বিষয়ক ব্যুরোতে নিবন্ধিত (নিবন্ধন নম্বর ২৩৮৬)। সংস্থাটি এনজিও বিষয়ক ব্যুরো হতে বৈদেশিক অনুদানে নানাবিধ প্রকল্প কার্যক্রম বাস্তবায়ন করে আসছে। প্রকল্পসমূহের মধ্যে এনজিওটির মাতৃ ও শিশু স্বাস্থ্যসেবা কার্যক্রমের আওতায় মা ও শিশুদের স্বাস্থ্যসেবায় অবদান রেখে চলছে।

আমি অত্যন্ত আনন্দিত যে, সংস্থাটি মাতৃ ও শিশুস্বাস্থ্য সেবা আরো বেশি জোরদার করার পাশাপাশি বাংলাদেশ থেকে 'মায়ের প্রসবজনিত ফিস্টুলা' নির্মূলের লক্ষ্যে একটি বিশেষায়িত হাসপাতাল 'হোপ মেটারনিটি এন্ড ফিস্টুলা সেন্টার' চালু করতে যাচ্ছে। আমি বিশ্বাস করি যে, হোপ ফাউন্ডেশনের এই বিশেষায়িত হাসপাতালের মাধ্যমে সারাদেশে প্রসবজনিত ফিস্টুলা রোগ নিয়ে যেসব মায়েরা কষ্ট পাচ্ছেন তাদের কষ্ট লাঘবে গুরুত্বপূর্ণ ভূমিকা পালন করবে।

এনজিও বিষয়ক ব্যুরোর বিদ্যমান বৈদেশিক অনুদান (স্বাস্থ্যসেবামূলক কার্যক্রম) রেগুলেশন আইন, ২০১৬ এবং প্রধানমন্ত্রীর কার্যালয়ের ২৫ নভেম্বর ২০২১ তারিখের জারীকৃত পরিপত্রের অনুসরণে এ কার্যালয় হতে প্রয়োজনীয় সহায়তা অব্যাহত থাকবে।

ভবিষ্যতে এ কার্যক্রম দেশের প্রত্যন্ত অঞ্চলে পর্যায়ক্রমে বিস্তৃতির মাধ্যমে অনাথসর ও অসহায় দরিদ্র মা ও শিশুদের স্বাস্থ্যসেবা নিশ্চিত করবে বলে আশা করছি। আমি এ কাজের সাথে যারা জড়িত তাদের সকলে আন্তরিক অভিনন্দন ও সাফল্য কামনা করছি।


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“Maternal health efforts today make a **brighter future** for *tomorrow*.”

Johanna Hansing
Program Manager



Message from **Our Partners**

Since 2011, Fistula Foundation has supported Hope Hospital's vital work providing a fistula-free future for Bangladeshi women. Year over year Hope's program has gotten stronger enabling it to become a leader in providing holistic healing for women with childbirth injuries such as fistula. In addition to performing high-quality surgical repair, the hospital helps women reintegrate into society by providing targeted counseling and offering purposeful economic empowerment initiatives. We are inspired by the dedication of the entire healthcare team at Hope who understand the unique needs of women in their region. We're proud to support the construction of Hope's new facility dedicated to maternal health and fistula care. It will serve as a lighthouse in a storm, providing hope to thousands of women who are suffering from this treatable condition.



Sincerely,
Kate Grant
Chief Executive Officer,
Fistula Foundation, USA



Message from **Our Board**

To have good maternal health care it must be respectful. Respectful of the patient, respectful of her family, respectful of her community and respectful of her culture. When we as human beings receive care that is derived out of respect, we feel comfortable, we go back, we open up and ask questions, and we allow that provider to become part of our journey. This is why Hope Foundation is so successful year after year; respect is at the core of the services provided.

Hope's programs and care model is culturally sensitive, addresses community nuances and needs, communicates health messaging in a manner that is easily understood by its intended audience, and ensures high value in a comfortable setting. When we dream up new programs the first step is strategizing the best approach for the patients we hope to serve, which requires leaning in to the guidance provided by the local team on how best to conduct outreach, education, and patient messaging. That guidance continues into the interactions between clinical staff and the local patients and is infused with best practices we have learned from experts all over the world. What we derive is a locally tailored program that is supported by global best practices. What our patients experience is understanding, acceptance, openness, expert guidance, access, and a helping hand.

Thank you for helping us ensure that everyone has access to respectful care.



Sincerely,
Dr. James Howell, M.P.H.
Board of Directors
Assistant Dean Nova Southeastern University
Florida, USA

Message from **Our Founder**

Dear Friends of Hope Foundation,

In 2022, we experienced a vast expansion in our work and continued building on the success of services that we have been providing for 23 years. Our organization has remained dynamic by identifying opportunities to serve more communities.

Our most anticipated event is the opening of our new health facility, Hope Maternity and Fistula Center, on May 30th, 2023. The Center alone will provide 104 more beds for women and babies in need of care.

We are pleased to report on our recent expansion into the Barisal Division in south-central Bangladesh. Our reputation for high quality and compassionate care certainly precedes us as we have been warmly welcomed into this area that has a great need for essential healthcare. Our team looks forward to bringing quality care and services to this region's under-served communities as well as look to more opportunities where we can meet their unique needs.

Due to the unwavering support of our partners, donors, volunteers, and dedicated staff, I am proud to report that we delivered 616,049 services in 2022. This work includes; comprehensive maternal and reproductive care, specialty services, population health, mental health, telehealth, service to refugees, emergency response, COVID care and the strengthening of the health network through facility establishment and maintenance, transportation, outreach, training and an ever-growing referral network.

Our fistula team was able to help 94 women regain their normal lives by repairing their obstetric fistulas. We are very proud to graduate another cohort of 22 midwives in 2022 who joined the field of maternal care to aid the ever improving maternal health sector of the country.

It is our dream that one day any woman or child in underserved areas of Bangladesh who is in need of essential care will have access to safe, affordable, and quality healthcare that she and her family can depend on and trust. We are building that dream together.

On a personal note, my vision for a dedicated fistula and maternity hospital was a mere dream a few years ago. I am elated to see this project come to fruition. I am humbled and honored by the outpouring of support from organizations, NGO's and generous individuals who made this project a reality.

I am renewed with encouragement at how many women, children and families' lives are supported through Hope's continued and expanded work. I am determined and committed to working with the Hope team to serve the most vulnerable people of our communities.

I sincerely thank you for your kind support of this incredible work.



Sincerely,

Dr. Iftikher Mahmood

President and Founder

Obstetric Fistula Program

94 total surgeries in 2022.

Obstetric fistula is a devastating childbirth injury whereby a hole is formed between the birth canal and bladder and/or rectum caused by prolonged, obstructed labor leading to fetal death and necrosis of tissue in the birth canal. This devastating childbirth injury occurs primarily in poverty-stricken women who lack access to emergency obstetric care, education on maternal health and healthy pregnancies, and a lack decision-making power. This is compounded by Bangladesh's high rate of child marriage. Many women are not developed physically to bear children when they become pregnant, as well as being chronically malnourished due to cultural male prioritization when it comes to food security. The obstetric fistula causes women to experience pain, physical disabilities, and urinary and/or fecal incontinence. These issues result in women getting ostracized from their families, peers and communities being labeled as cursed which in turn leads to depression, anxiety, shame, trauma, poor nutrition, and a worsening socioeconomic outlook.

In Bangladesh, there are an estimated 17,457 (The Lancet, 2022) women currently suffering from obstetric fistula, with more new cases each year. This number is likely higher in reality, as obstetric fistula victims suffer and hide in silence.

Hope intervenes by utilizing a strong grassroots approach through a community outreach team (including Hope's nationally renowned surgical team) to work with the community to identify those suffering and provide them the support, information and care they deserve. Moreover, post-surgical repair, these women are eligible to participate in skill development and employment training, as well as Hope's social reintegration program. Hope ensures its approach is holistic to improve every facet of these women's lives.

Hope Foundation, with the long-standing support of the Fistula Foundation, provides obstetric fistula repair surgery free of charge, to any woman suffering from this tragic childbirth injury.



Hajera Begum, obstetric fistula survivor, repair surgery successfully performed at Hope Hospital in 2022 after 10 years living in isolation due to her condition



Workshop on eliminating obstetric fistula from Bangladesh.



Sewing Classes for obstetric fistula survivors at Hope Training Center. Sewing machines supported by UNFPA.



Patient Perspective: Obstetric Fistula Repair Success



Hope's commitment to eradicating obstetric fistula from Bangladesh led the team to start fistula surgery in the Barisal division at the Sher-e-Bangla Medical College. The first patient's name was Sahabanu, a 60 year old woman from Patuakhali that lived with obstetric fistula for 25 years. "How much I suffered, I just can not express it in words. I always cried", she revealed to the team. Sahabanu's surgery was successfully completed on December 14, 2022. Sahabanu is beyond grateful and feels she truly got her life back. She expressed her desire to work as a **Fistula Ambassador** with Hope's team to help other women through surgery to finally get healed. We know she will serve as an excellent Fistula Ambassador and lead with **compassion, empathy and support** to the women who's shoes she once was in.



Sahabanu after her successful repair surgery.

“Obstetric fistula is a humans rights issue. The work we do at Hope with the fistula team is truly life changing. Each woman that gets rehabilitated after years of living with this devastating childbirth injury is worth all the sacrifices and hard-work every team member puts into this program to make it successful.

Dr. Nrinmoy Biswas, OBGYN
Fistula Surgeon
Senior Consultant OBGYN



Hope Maternity and Fistula Center Inauguration – May 30th, 2023



The Maternity and Fistula Center is a new Hospital that will open its doors for service on May 30th, 2023. The Center boasts **104 beds** dedicated to **repairing obstetric fistula** and **providing the highest quality maternity care**. It aims to prevent avoidable maternal and neonatal deaths and injuries in the region by providing safe, respectful and easily accessible Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care. The Center will provide a safe space for our obstetric fistula patients who truly deserve a facility that understands their needs, provides the necessary resources and care, and staff that supports them on their journey. The ongoing surgical services, proper maternal care provided by this Center and all Hope facilities, and the awareness and education provided

through Hope staff to communities, it is our belief that in the future we will **eradicate** this terrible childbirth injury from the region. We are so excited to open this facility to serve the women and their families in this region. In this unique facility, we will bring patients from other parts of the country who need advanced level fistula care due to the complexity of the problem. Fistula repair surgery in this facility will be free of cost through the generous support of our donors such as the Fistula Foundation. Interested surgeons from around the country will be invited to attend the fistula surgery training program at this hospital.



The entire Hope team works with so much passion and dedication towards making this Center the best in the region, I feel proud of having such a high quality hospital in my native country, Bangladesh. Furthermore, this Maternity and Fistula Center is a true representation of Hope's mission, because when mothers are healthy, then children are more likely to thrive. That's why we provide essential and lifesaving services to mothers.

Dr. Siraj Ul Islam
Board of Directors



Hope Midwifery Institute



The Hope Midwifery Institute is where Hope trains young women and provides them a career that allows them to save the lives of their neighbors, sisters, cousins, friends, and every single woman who need care during their pregnancy journey and beyond.

Ali Munju
Board of Directors



Hope Midwifery Institute



Bangladesh faces challenges in combating poor maternal and neonatal outcomes in large part due to a shortage of skilled health care workers. The majority of Bangladeshi women (**72%**) live in rural areas where access to skilled care is lacking. The lack of skilled health care workers translates to needless suffering and neonatal and maternal mortalities: namely due to obstructed labor, postpartum hemorrhage, infection, and eclampsia. Hope's goal is to prevent these devastating statistics from remaining the reality, and to accomplish this, we must train midwives and deploy them to rural areas.

At the **Hope Midwifery Institute**, Hope trains young women in a 3-year diploma program who are local to the area, which not only means they will stay after their training and dedicate their work to saving women in their communities, but it also means that women from the community will **trust** them. In rural areas of Bangladesh, most women give birth with an unskilled traditional birth attendant. These attendants unfortunately engage in practices that are harmful to both the baby and mother. In order to change this societal pattern, it was necessary to create a sustainable solution that the community would trust. We know in time, the more women that become trained midwives to help safely deliver will dramatically improve maternal and neonatal health in regions that have needed it for so long.

Every Mother Counts has been proud to count Hope among our grantee partners since 2015 and is honored to support their ongoing efforts to ensure every woman has access to safe, respectful, and equitable maternity care. Through culturally concordant community education, midwifery training, and service delivery, as well as strong local and government partnerships, Hope's approach demonstrates that progress in maternal health is possible when investments begin at the community level and continue throughout a person's health journey. We look forward to continuing on this path with Hope and invite others to join us.

Melissa Gradilla
Director of Grantmaking,
Every Mother Counts



In Bangladesh, the future of maternal healthcare relies on the midwifery profession. Hope midwives are one of Hope Foundation's greatest pride.

Masud Hasan
Board of Directors



Safe Motherhood Program



Access to maternal health is improving in Bangladesh, yet, annually, 7,660 women die from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth. A major reason for so many unnecessary deaths is lack of access to maternal and emergency obstetric care. Some barriers to care are; lack of financial means, lack of transportation, lack of doctors and qualified health care workers, lack of the ability to move independently, and a lack of education regarding the importance of pregnancy and delivery care. Moreover, many women are expected to deliver at home, at the hands of traditional birth attendants. The birth attendants that attend home deliveries are not qualified health care workers, and often engage in dangerous practices.

Hope's Safe Motherhood Program provides access to comprehensive maternal health services including antenatal care, safe delivery, postnatal care, nutrition counseling and family planning with skilled and knowledgeable health professionals, like our certified midwives.

Supported by **Every Mother Counts, USA**, this program aims to ensure that all women have access to a safe and healthy pregnancy.



EVERY MOTHER COUNTS

Rural Mothers' Club



One of the barriers that mothers face to access skilled maternal healthcare is disinformation, that is why the Mothers' Club Meetings are vital to save lives of vulnerable women.

Murad Thakur, DDS, BDS
Board of Directors



For most women, pregnancy and childbirth are extraordinary life events that bring about joy and excitement. However, in many parts of the world, especially in rural areas, like Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, pregnancy and childbirth are events that can bring about disease, injury and even death. Without adequate and accurate information, complications in pregnancy and child delivery are more likely to occur. To educate members of the community, raise awareness, dispel myths, and promote health, Hope Mothers' Clubs (MCs) were formed and have developed a strong presence in the area. One of our MCs is in action in the above photo, discussing the importance of antenatal and postnatal care! These are just two of the

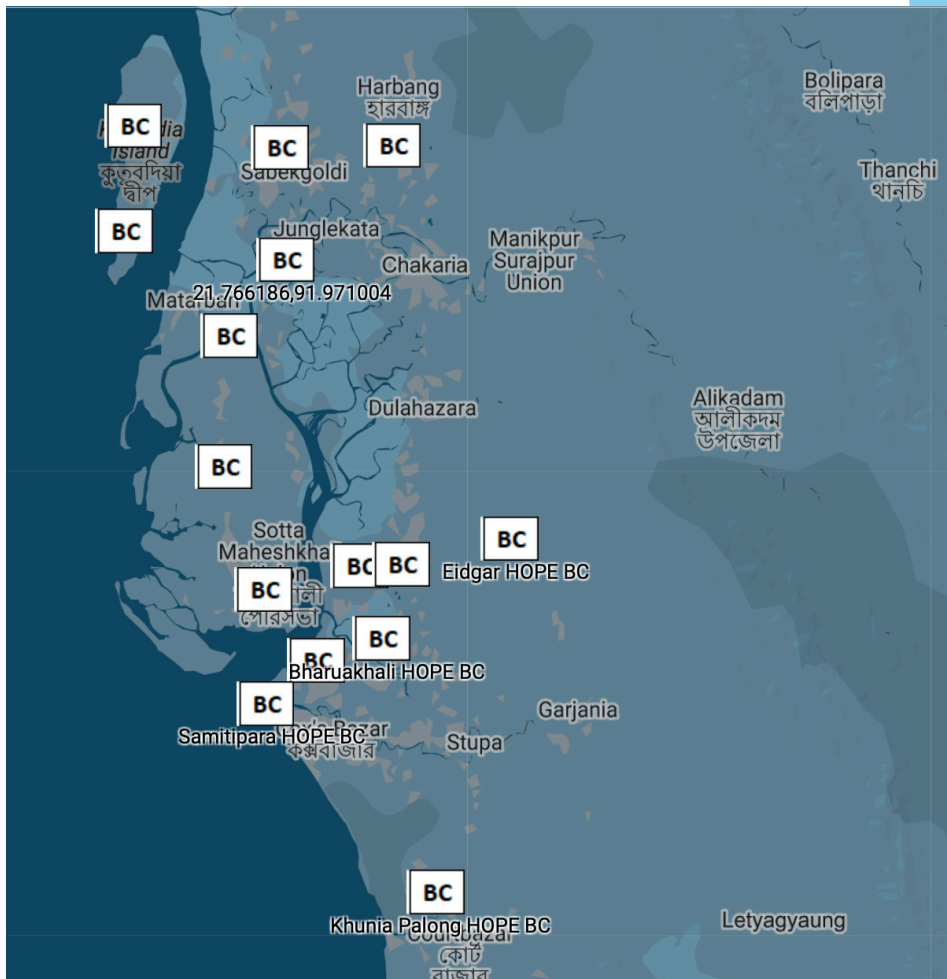
many topics that our mothers are able to speak freely about in the safe and welcoming environment of the MC gatherings.

1,101
total Mothers' Club
Meetings in 2022.

Hope Birth Centers

Hope established several Birth Centers in parts of Cox's Bazar where there is a lack of access to maternal health services. Hope works in close collaboration with Government facilities in the targeted sub-districts to ensure a coordinated and comprehensive health care system, with the main interest of protecting pregnant women.

All these Birth Centers are connected to Hope Hospital 24/7 for emergency obstetric care via Hope transportation network. The Birth Centers are fully staffed and led by qualified midwives.



“ In remote rural areas of Bangladesh, access to maternal care is limited. This is why these centers are so important. They are strategically established where they are most needed, saving mothers’ lives every day.



“ Hope Foundation exemplifies the ways that significant and sustainable improvements in maternal health rely on trusted local actors who understand and are able to address the full scope of needs across health systems. Direct Relief is proud to support Hope’s essential work, from provision of medicines and supplies to funding for the lifeline Field Hospital for the Rohingya, to the use of new technologies and data to improve the efficiency and safety of referral services.



Cleft Surgery Program

43 total surgeries in 2022.



Every year 150,000 Bangladeshi children are born with cleft lip and palates, but surgery is very expensive and there are about 10 trained cleft surgeons in the country. Access to care is nearly impossible. Furthermore, most of these children live their lives in shame - unable to eat properly, talk, go to school and taunted by many. Because of this reason, children are even abandoned at birth by their parents.

A simple surgery can change the life of a child forever. Thanks to a partnership with SmileTrain, Hope successfully performed **43** cleft-surgery camps in 2022.



Humanitarian Work

Hope Field Hospital for Women



Supported by **UNFPA Bangladesh** and **Islamic Development Bank**

When hundreds of thousands of desperate Rohingya refugees began flooding onto the coasts and paddy fields of southern Bangladesh in August 2017, it was the women and children who suffered the most. The refugee population – almost 60 percent of whom were women and children – poured across the border from Myanmar into Bangladesh, they brought with them accounts of the unspeakable violence and brutality that had forced them to flee. By the end of August 2022, Bangladesh was hosting more than 890,000 Rohingya refugees in the Cox’s Bazar District, around half of whom were children (UNICEF, 2022). While basic services have been provided, the population still face disease outbreaks, malnutrition, inadequate educational and recreational opportunities and the risks related to neglect, exploitation and violence including gender-based violence risks, child marriage and child labour.

The Hope Field Hospital for Women located in Camp 4, provides comprehensive healthcare services to Rohingya refugees around the clock, and includes mobile health clinics, emergency transportation, emergency obstetric and pediatric health care, and mental health services. Moreover, Hope has provided medical services and necessary supplies such as first aid kits, medications, water purifying packs, and vitamins.

Hope Field Hospital provides the following services 24/7:

- Emergency Obstetric Care
- Normal Delivery
- Newborn Care
- Maternity Care
- Antenatal Care
- Emergency Services
- Fistula Screening
- Postnatal Care
- Family Planning Services
- Laboratory Investigation
- ECG
- Ultrasound
- Pharmacy
- Outpatient Care
- Mental Health Care
- Dermatology
- Physical Therapy and Rehab Counseling Services
- Cleft Surgery
- Dental Health Care
- Telemedicine Care

Humanitarian Work

Reproductive Health Centers



Our Partner: **UNFPA**

Hope has also established 8 SRH centers across the camps that are available to the Rohingya and the host population 24/7.

In 2022, the Hope Field Hospital for Women and SRH Centers made the following impact:

245,946 services provided including:

25,197
Antenatal Care Services

47,954
Outpatient Care

3,613
Total Births

4,870
Inpatient Care

6,682
Postnatal Care Services

1,165
Mental Health Services

8,814
Family Planning Services

2,708
Emergency Transportation Services

Telemedicine Program



At Hope we want to make maternal health available to every woman in need of care. With innovative programs like Telehealth and infrastructures, such as the new Hope Maternity and Fistula Center we are one step closer to lowering maternal and neonatal mortality rates in Bangladesh.



Syed Hasan
Board of Directors

Hope Foundation has two **InTouch Operating Systems (OS)** based telehealth devices in two of its hospitals. These advanced devices are donated by **World Telehealth Initiative (WTI)** in collaboration with **Direct Relief**, both are humanitarian organizations based in Santa Barbara, California. Hope Foundation hospitals are connected to doctors worldwide through these devices and receive virtual consultations from highly skilled specialized physicians from around the Globe. Many patients at Hope hospitals benefit from these cost-free consultations by saving expensive trips to big cities where such specialists are only available and very expensive.

Thanks to the expert volunteer physicians who are donating their valuable time and expertise!

Telemedicine Roster:

- Obstetrics & Gynecology
- Internal Medicine
- Dermatology
- Neurology
- Pulmonology
- Pediatrics



**WORLD TELEHEALTH
INITIATIVE**



Direct Relief

Mental Health Program



To address the existing shortage of mental health and psychosocial support services (MHPSS), Hope Foundation introduced in 2019 a Mental Health Program with the financial support of **Kulczyk Foundation** (KF). After completion of the collaboration with KF and great success of the program, Hope continued these mental health activities with their own funds. The program aims to provide mental health and psychosocial support along with awareness raising among the host community and for the Rohingya Refugees.

Because the Rohingya community was victimized by genocide and forcibly displaced, as a result of the extreme trauma that this community suffered, there are significant needs for mental health services to help this community process and cope with the severe psychological trauma they endured, as well as other mental health problems.

The Hope mental health team has been working in close partnership with the community, creating outreach activities that provide mental health support and treatment at the camp level. Additionally, pregnant and postpartum women in both the host and refugee community suffer from some unavoidable mental health problems, especially postpartum depression.

The Hope mental health team provides ongoing direct mental health and psychosocial support services (MHPSS) through individual counseling and support groups as well as carrying out community mobilization and awareness raising activities.

Hope Emergency Response Team

Hope team responded to the 2022 floods in Sylhet. Medical support is most important together with food and basic needs items. Our team provided emergency service constantly, by establishing health camps to provide medical care and by distributing important basic needs items such as soap, superfoods, water purification pills, vitamins and more. Heartfelt thanks to all who supported us.

Sylhet Osmani Medical College Alumni Association of North America (SOMCAANA)



It's inspiring seeing this lifesaving team in action. All donors who support the Hope Emergency Response Team, know that you are putting your gift towards saving lives and providing care during challenging times, alleviating much suffering.

Dr. Sultan Ahmed
Board of Directors



COVID-19 Response

It's undeniable that Hope has a strong foundation, despite the pandemic and its consequences, Hope was able to keep all programs running and accessible. Thank you to all the partners and supporters that helped us along the way.

Mohammed Akbar Hossain
Board of Directors



In 2022, Hope attended to 364 patients who were COVID-19 positive. Fortunately, despite the challenging living conditions that the refugee populations face, the number of infected patients dropped due to preventive activities, vaccination campaigns and awareness activities held by Hope Foundation and other partners from the health sector.

Barisal Division Expansion of Services



The gracious welcoming and start of programs for the women of the Barisal Division, 2022.



Patuakhali University of Science and Technology

Signed partnership agreement between Hope and Patuakhali Science and Technology University for joint research, publications, internship placement, seminars and academic support. Pictured with Dr. Mahmood is the Honorable VC Professor Shawdesh Chandra Shamontha and faculty members.

Hope Foundation wants to reach out to all women and provide the access to healthcare they deserve. In 2022 **Hope expanded its services to the Barisal Division**, located in the south-central region of Bangladesh.

For the past 12 years, the Hope team has been providing fistula care and has built a strong fistula care team in Bangladesh through its work in the 11 districts of Bangladesh's Chattogram division. Now Hope is expanding it's work to the Barisal division starting at the Barisal Medical College Hospital and Rahat Anwar Hospital. Dr. Mahmood (Hope's Founder) recently visited several districts within the Barisal division to introduce Hope's obstetric fistula work. He was welcomed by Civil Surgeon's offices, medical colleges, district hospitals, NGOs and social organizations to implement the obstetric fistula program. Furthermore, Hope **opened two Hope Health Centers in the Barguna District** and started **organizing Mothers' Club meetings** in the area. We could not be more encouraged and hopeful to begin serving the women and their families in this area.

New Partnerships



Jagannath University Psychology Department (Mental Health Program)

An agreement of collaboration was signed between the Department of Psychology, Jagannath University and Hope. This joint collaboration's aim is to invest in community mental health care, research and publication.

Food for the Hungry

Hope is opening new health centers with the support of **Food for the Hungry**. Thanks to the joint collaboration, Hope was able to open 2 medical clinics that are currently running and fully staffed with doctors, midwives and support staff providing 24/7 care. Furthermore, **Food for the Hungry** financially supported Hope's important efforts at the Hope Field Hospital for Women.



Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka (Uterine Prolapse Program)

During the 40th installation ceremony of Rotary Club of Metropolitan Dhaka in September 2022, Hope Foundation was accepted as a partner officially at the event, and Dr. Mahmood was given the honor to speak to the audience. At the event a generous check was awarded to the uterine prolapse surgery program of Hope Foundation. A Global Grant has been submitted to support Hope's surgical activities and develop a program to care for women with debilitating condition called uterine prolapse. This grant, if approved, will relieve many elderly women from tremendous suffering.



I have had the extreme honor of working with the Hope Foundation for Women and Children of Bangladesh since 2020. Although I was amazed by their exceptional work going through all their reports, the news, and talking with people who volunteered with Hope, nonetheless, this was all eclipsed when I visited their different facilities in the Summer of 2022. The levels of their team's dedication and the scope of services this organization provides in exceptionally challenging conditions testify to its uniqueness.

As the University of Nebraska Medical Center lead faculty coordinating all our work with Hope, I have witnessed firsthand their dedication and commitment to addressing critical health issues for the local and refugee communities alike.



Wael ElRayes, MBBCh, PhD, MS, FACHE

Faculty, Department of Health Services Research and Administration
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University of Nebraska Medical Center Visit



Hope Foundation Founder Dr. Iftikher Mahmood, together with Hope Board Director Dr. Siraj Ul Islam, visited the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) with five delegates from Bangladesh, led by the Honorable Minister Zahid Maleque, MP of the Bangladesh Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on December 19th and 20th, 2022. The Director General of Health Services of Bangladesh Dr. ABM Khurshid Alam also accompanied the Bangladesh delegation. The aim of this important visit was to collaborate and address the health needs of Bangladesh, including the establishment of a national cancer program, a national organ transplant program, vaccine research and development program, health security and bio-preparedness. An MoU was signed by Honorable Zahid Maleque, MP, Minister of Health, and Professor Jeffrey Gold, MD, the Chancellor of UNMC. During the signing ceremony, members of both teams were present including Dr. Wael Elrayes, Co-Director of the UNMC College of Public Health's Center for Global Health and Development, and Dr. Jane Meza, Director of Global Engagement.



This visit is a landmark step for UNMC and the Bangladesh Ministry of Health. This agreement of collaboration will lead to major improvements in the areas of cancer care, organ transplant programs, health security and vaccine research in Bangladesh. The Hope Foundation team is very happy to coordinate this important collaboration.

- Dr. Iftikher Mahmood,
Founder, Hope Foundation for Women and Children of Bangladesh

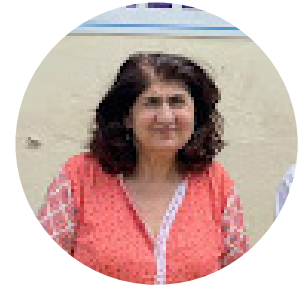


Student Scholarships

Through the generous support of the Suzanne and Ward Chamber's Fellowship, I traveled to Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh to conduct a participatory evaluation study in collaboration with the Hope Foundation for Women and Children of Bangladesh. Along with the Hope Foundation's research team, I conducted semi-structured interviews and focus groups with providers and administrators to assess the implementation of the **gender-based violence (GBV) screening and referral process within Hope's Field Hospital**. Additionally, I had the opportunity to **conduct two gender-based violence 101 trainings** for providers and staff in the organization. GBV is a critical global health issue, and Hope Foundation is committed to addressing it among Rohingya women and girls. Our collaborative research team **presented our evaluation's preliminary findings at the Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI) Forum 2022** in Cancun, Mexico. During my time in Cox's Bazar, I also had the opportunity to visit with Majhis from the Rohingya community, enjoy Bangladeshi hospitality and delicious cuisine, and relax on the Kolatoli Beach with a cup of tea with the team from Hope Foundation. Thank you, Dr. Mahmood and the Hope Foundation team, for the opportunity to co-design an evaluation that was **culturally and trauma informed**.



Julie Lubisi
PhD Student



Vicki Doss
MPH Student



Julie Lubisi, PhD student and Research Assistant, UNMC, and Vicki Doss, MPH Student at the College of Public Health, UNMC, with Hope's team at the Field Hospital for Women.

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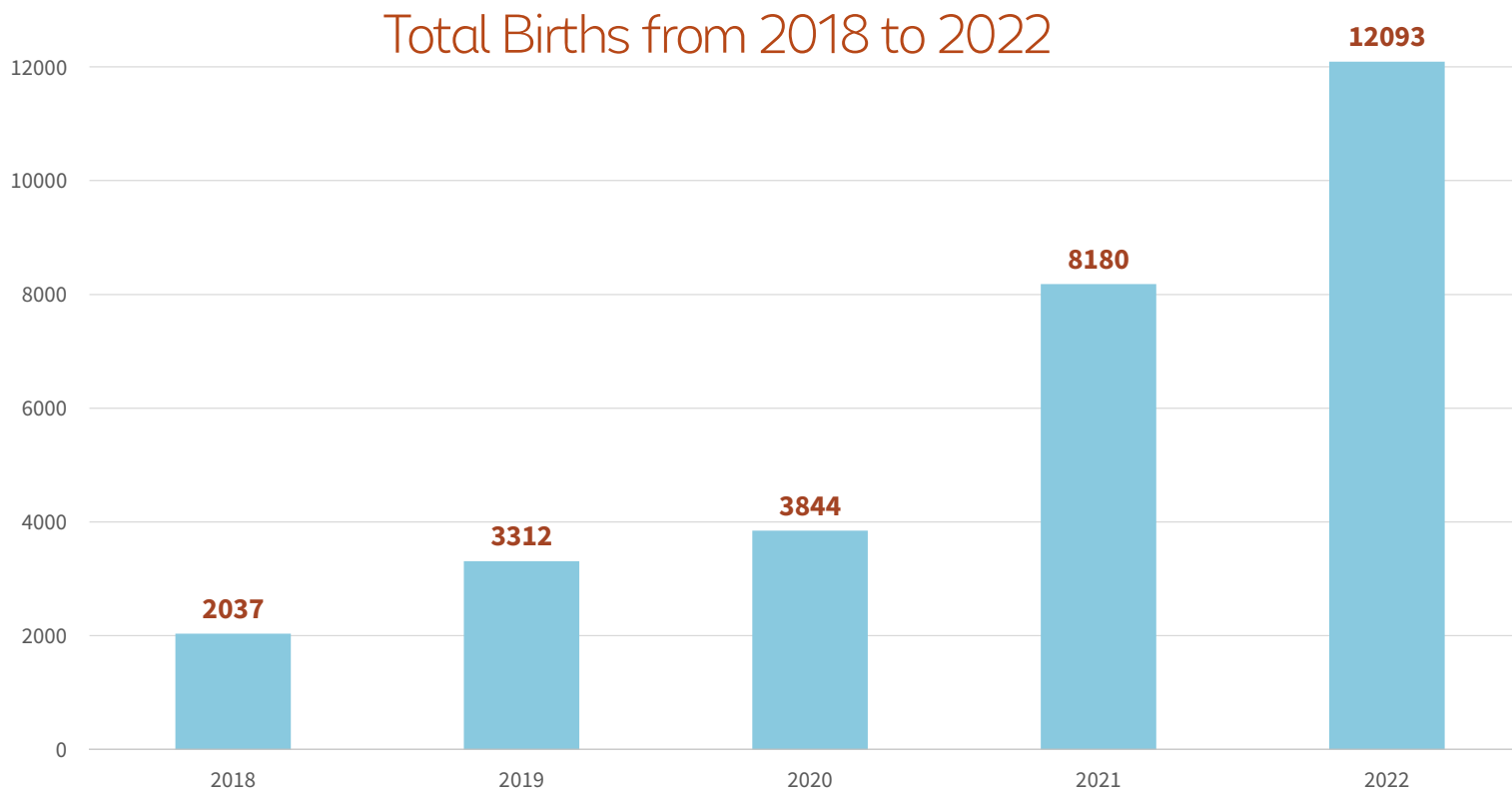
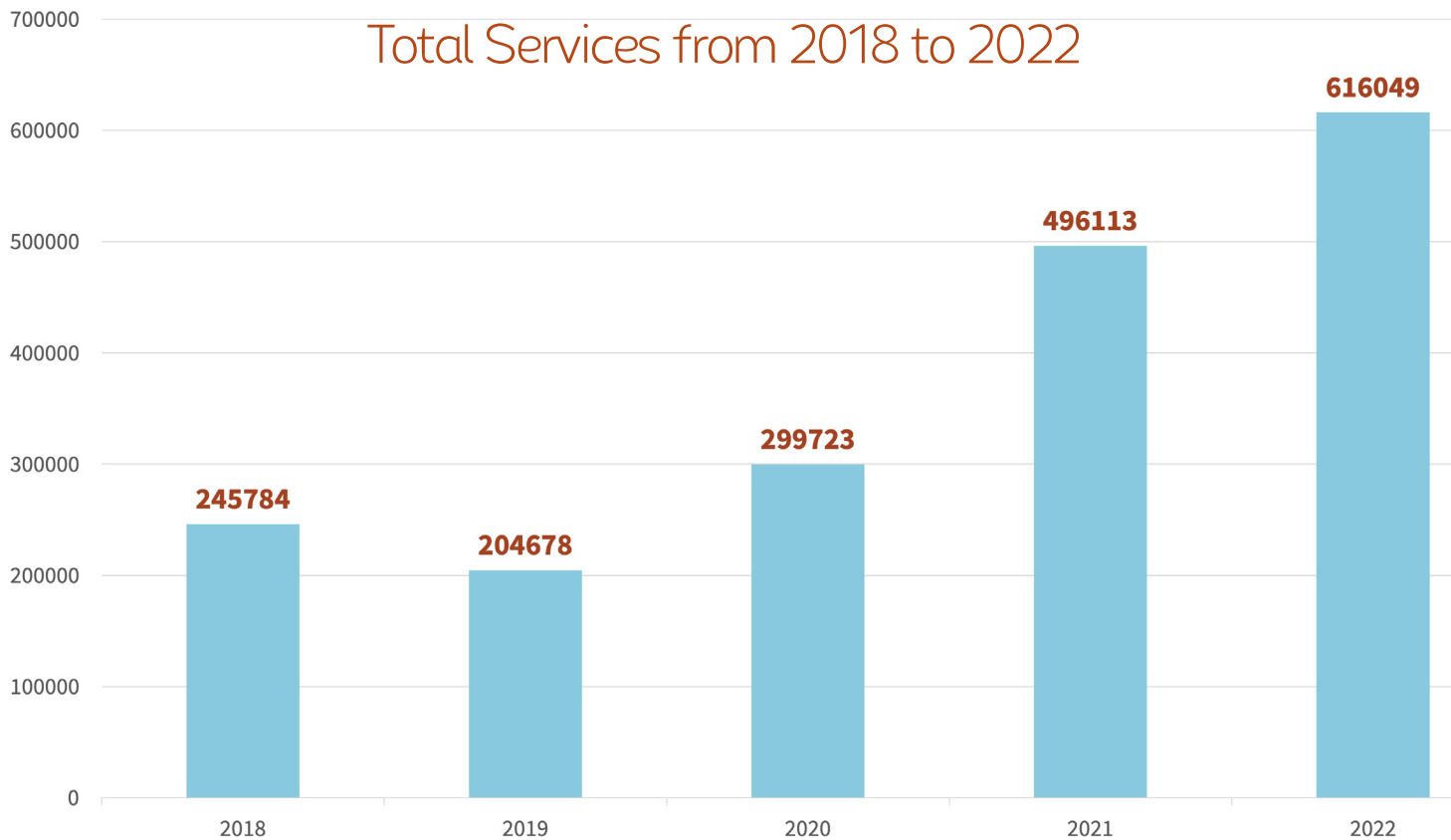
Expanding Hope's care is crucial to lower the current maternal mortality rates in Bangladesh and to improve the wellbeing and quality of life for many.

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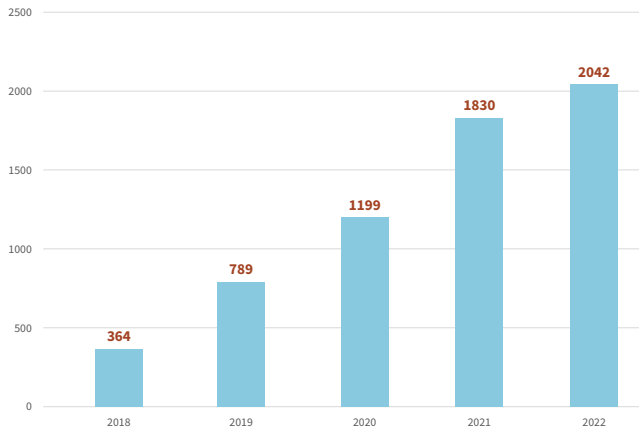




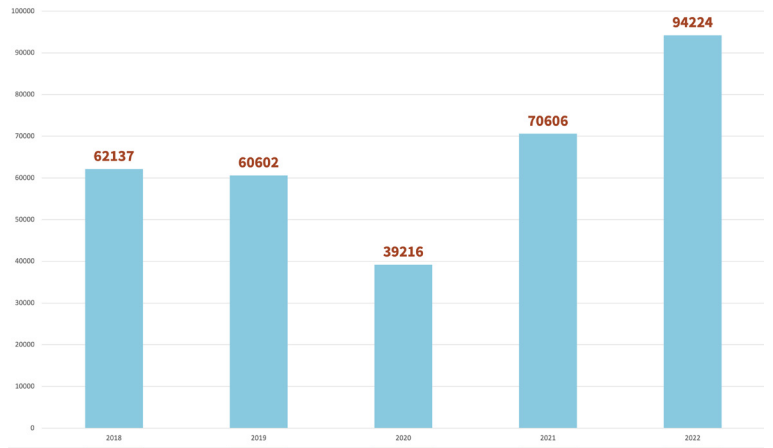
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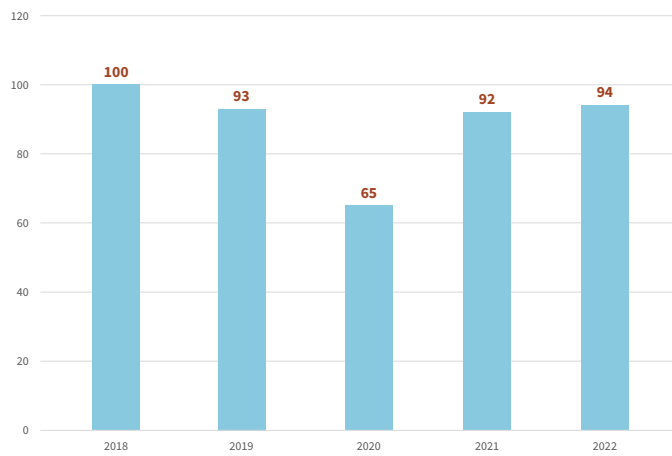
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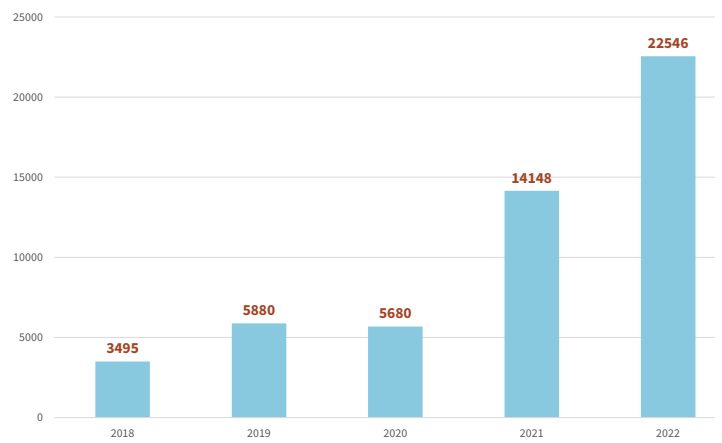
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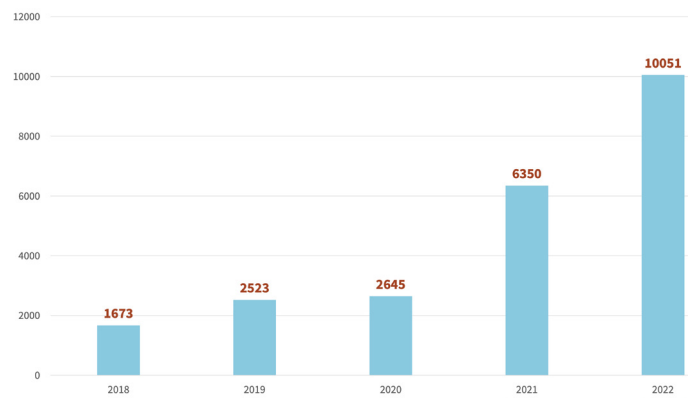
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Postnatal Care from 2018 to 2022



Normal Vaginal Delivery from 2018 to 2022



Honorable Mention from the International Hospital Federation Award

The **Sultanate of Oman Excellence Award for Health Services During Crisis** recognized achievements of hospitals and healthcare organizations in developing countries during a time of crisis. On November 10, 2022 in Dubai, UAE, the **International Hospital Federation Awards**, named Hope one of the honorable mentions specifically recognizing the Hope Field Hospital for Women, located in the Rohingya Camps for its mission and accomplishments.

Thank you to the Sultanate of Oman Excellence Award for Health Service During Crisis for the important recognition of Hope Foundation's lifesaving work. We will keep up the important work of Hope Foundation, putting much effort into expanding our reach to vulnerable people in need of our services.



KM Zahiduzzamann
Bangladesh Country Director



To establish this Field Hospital for Women was one of Hope's greatest challenges, but we succeed and today it is saving lives everyday.

Showkat Ali
Senior Manger
Hope Humanitarian Response



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