

*Association of Medical Doctors of Asia (AMDA)*  
**AMDA Health and Environment Development Society**  
*Shortly known as **AMDA-Bangladesh***



**Preface:**

Association of Medical Doctors of Asia (AMDA), Bangladesh is an Authorized country chapter of AMDA-International, a Japanese non-government organization. AMDA-Bangladesh was formally established as an authorized country chapter of AMDA-International in 1989 in Osaka Business meeting of AMDA-International, Japan. Three enthusiastic Bangladeshi medical doctors **Prof. Dr. Sarder A. Nayeem, Prof. Dr. Jonaid Shafiq and Dr. Faisal A. Muazzam** took this initiative to form the chapter of AMDA International in Bangladesh while they had been



studying in post-graduation in Japan. Then it has been registered with NGO Affairs Bureau, Prime Minister's Office, the Government of Bangladesh under the act of the foreign donations (voluntary activities) regulation ordinance dated 20<sup>th</sup> October, 1992 holding its registration number 657. In between it came forward in humanitarian activities with the Myanmar Refugees at Cox's Bazar, in April, 1992 which was the first AMDA project in Bangladesh.

Later on AMDA Bangladesh has promoted an Integrated Community Development Program along with Microcredit to ensure long run self sustainability of the target beneficiaries. Therefore, Association of Medical Doctors of Asia had to get the registration in the name of **AMDA Health and Environment Development Society**, shortly known as **AMDA Bangladesh** under 'Joint Stock Society Reg. Act of 1860 ' to have a local entity to fulfill the demand of Microcredit Regulatory Authority.

In the meanwhile AMDA-Bangladesh has endeavored in the progress and establishing various local and international joint projects by the help of AMDA-International and other international donor agencies. The success of development project rooted the presence of AMDA-Bangladesh as an active NGO in the field of humanitarian services for the under privileged community people of Bangladesh.

**Registration Status of the Organization:**

Sl. No.	Registration Authority	Reg. No.	Date of Reg.
1.	NGO Affairs Bureau	657	20 <sup>th</sup> October, 1992
2.	Joint Stock Society Reg. Act of 1860	S-6920(108)/07	30 <sup>th</sup> July, 2007
3.	Microcredit Regulatory Authority	00136-00610-00344	29 <sup>th</sup> October, 2008



**Activities of AMDA-Bangladesh-At a glance :**

Since early 1992, AMDA-Bangladesh has been performing mainly emergency health care services and post emergency rehabilitation activities to the victims of natural disasters in Bangladesh. Later on it

came forward to promote comprehensive social development activities for the target community.

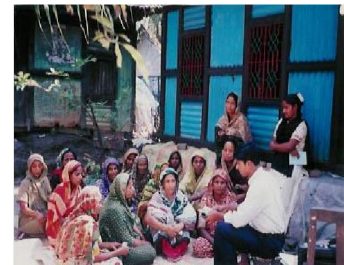
### **A. Emergency and Post Emergency Rehabilitation Activities:**

1. Voluntary health care services (de-worming campaign) and health education for the Myanmar Refugees at Cox's Bazar in 1992 for one and half year.
2. Emergency Medical aid for the Tornado victims in Tangail and Jamalpur in May, 1996 for 3 months.
3. Mobile Boat Clinic in Austogram, Kishoreganj District in 1997 for 2 years.
4. 260 Tube well project for Cyclone effected people in Chittagong in 1996.
5. Satellite Free Friday Clinic in 10 Slums in Dhaka since 1997 .
6. Emergency Relief and Medical Services to the Flood Victims in Gazaria, Munshiganj District and Kishoreganj District in 1998 and 2004.
7. Post Emergency Rehabilitation activities for the flood victims in Gazaria Thana, Munshiganj District in 1998 for 6 months.
8. Emergency medical relief activities for the Sidor victims in Patuakhali and Barguna District in 2007. Emergency Relief activities for tornado victims in Bramman Baria in, 2009.
9. Emergency medical relief activities for the victims of Tornado Aila in Barguna District in 2009.
10. Emergency Relief activities for flood victims in Kurigram District in 2012.
11. Emergency and post emergency medical relief activities for the victims of Saver Tragedy in 2013
12. Emergency medical relief operation for the victims of Tornado Mahasen in Cox's Bazar in 2013
13. Emergency Relief activities for flood victims in Kurigram District in 2016.

### **B. Comprehensive Development Programs:**

At present AMDA-Bangladesh has been implementing the following development programs:

1. Credit & Self Reliance Program (CSRP)
2. Skill Training for Employment Promotion at AMDA Vocational Training Centre cum Flood Shelter (VTC)
3. Low Cost Health Care services at AMDA Health Centre (AHC)
4. Down Syndrome Parents Support Group/Non formal Education for Sustainable Development at AMDA Community Learning Centre (CLC)



### **Geographic Location:**

Presently all the programs are being carried out in Gazaria Upazila in Munshiganj District about 30 km South-East of Dhaka. It has been considered as the model project location of AMDA Bangladesh.

### **Credit & Self Reliance Program (CSRP):**

In the field of income generation for the disadvantage groups the Microfinance program of AMDA-Bangladesh plays an important role in Gazaria Upazila, Munshiganj District. The main objective is to increase the family income of the individual beneficiary through self-employment promotion.

Since 1999, AMDA-Bangladesh has been implementing micro finance program very successfully on the ground. It has been covering 2,000 beneficiaries where 80% are women.



## Skill Training for Employment Promotion at AMDA Vocational Training Centre cum Flood Shelter

AMDA Vocational Training Centre is established in 2002 to ensure skill training and employment promotion for the underprivileged group in the target project location.



The training centre has been providing the skill training on computer, carpentry, welding, electric & electronics, sewing and handicraft. Through on production training in carpentry, sewing and handicraft department student can develop their skill by producing furniture, dresses, etc. and receive some remuneration after selling those products. Somehow on production training attract students from the poor family because they can earn something during the training session.



## Low Cost Health Care Services at AMDA Health Centre:

AMDA Health Centre was established in 2003 to assist local community to ensure access to affordable and decent medical and health services.

The main objectives of the project are to provide primary to secondary clinical care for community people, to improve mother's knowledge of maternal and child health care, and to improve community people's knowledge of personal hygiene and environmental sanitation.



## Down Syndrome Parents Support Group/Non Formal Education for Sustainable Development at AMDA Community Learning Centre:

AMDA Community Learning Centre is an extension project of AMDA Vocational Training Centre supported by Government of Japan in the year of 2005. Throughout the years of interventions it is realized that diversifying the activities in the community centre is necessary to ensure community participation. Therefore, the community centre is a focal point for the community people to come together, staying together and working together to develop them. Main objective is to promote Community Learning Centre to a knowledge centre for the community people specially targeting the people with **Down syndrome**. AMDA Community Learning Centre has been playing a vital role to bring Down syndrome parents together in one platform through knowledge based education program in the target location and improve their family life.

## Funding Sources of the Organization:

AMDA Bangladesh always seeks sources of funding to grow its comprehensive community development activities on the ground. Therefore, it has envisaged generating act of contributing resources to finance a program, project, or a need. Funding can be initiated for either short-term or long-term purposes. In the meantime, AMDA Bangladesh established enormous connections with local and international funding organizations. The different sources of core international funding organizations include:

- AMDA International, Japan
- Grassroots Human Security Project, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan

- International Labor Organization
- Down Syndrome International, UK
- Inclusion International, UK
- Action in Disability Development (ADD)

Besides abovementioned organizations, AMDA Bangladesh have been receiving diversified funding from the different departments of the Government of Bangladesh.

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