



# UNFPA: In Partnership of SRHR in Bangladesh (Simple Approaches at Scale)

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# Outline



- **Our partners – In partnership of SRHR in Bangladesh**
- **UNFPA mandate**
- **Simple Approaches at scale**
  - **MH, Midwifery, Obstetric Fistula, MPDSR, FP, STI, HIV/AIDS, Urban Health, Cervical Cancer, HGBV**
- **Scaling up journey to continue – Main points**

# Our Partners – In partnership of SRHR in Bangladesh



# UNFPA Focussed Districts

**NATIONAL** – Upstream work & TA support for OPs

## 26 Districts

Sunamganj, Moulavibazar, Bagura, Sirajganj, Bandarban, Rangamati, Cox's Bazar, Patuakhali, Gazipur, Tangail, Narayanganj, Kishorganj, Munshiganj, Kurigram, Gaibandha, Pirojpur, Jhalokathi, Bhola, Dhaka, Netrokona, Jamalpur, Sherpur, Bagerhat, Khagrachari, Noakhali, Barguna

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Maternal Health

Midwifery

MPDSR

Obstetric Fistula

Family Planning

STI, HIV/AIDS

Urban Health

Cervical Cancer

Health Sector Response to GBV



# Simple Approaches at Scale



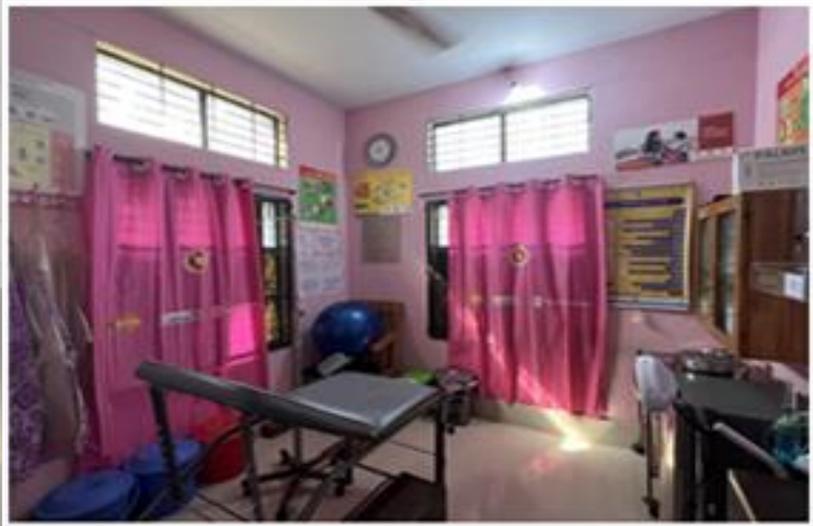
# Maternal Health

# Some standardization at scale - MH

## ANC & PNC Corner



## Facility Delivery



## Oxytocin Cold Chain at Facility



## Initial Stabilisation of PPH and Pre/eclampsia



## Waste Management



## Skin to Skin Care



# Safe Delivery – Basic Facility Standardisation at Scale



Labor Room



Birthing Chair



Birthing Ball



Midwife



PPH & Pre/Eclampsia Kit



Partograph



# What was achieved 2018 & 2022 (Source: DHIS-2)



**36%**  
Increase in all ANC

**124%**  
Increase in use of partograph

**38%**  
Increase in Institutional NVD

**117%** Increase in institutional deliveries in 45 UHFWCs supported by UNFPA under the WB funded HGSP in CXB between July19 – June20 & July21-June22 (from **2,380** to **5154**)

**39%**  
Increase in skin to skin care soon after birth

**29%**  
Increase in PPH and Pre/eclampsia management

**5%**  
Decrease in CS

**100%**  
Facilities have Midwives

**100%**  
Facilities have ANC and PNC corners

**100%**  
Facilities readiness



Midwifery

## • ADVOCACY

- 2010: Bangladesh Midwifery Society
- New Law, Elections, Led by Midwives
- Hotline with HQ and outreach
- **4038** members
- RCM Twining
- Quarterly Newsletter
- Online Platform for capacity building /discussions



## • GOVERNANCE

- 2010: PM at UNGA, 3000 MWs by 2015
- 2016: DGN to DGNM
- 2016: BNC to BNMC
- Guidelines & Accreditation



# MIDWIFERY

## • SERVICE

- 2557 deployed in Govt
- 400 deployed in Humanitarian
- Many in Pvt Sector
- 5000 more deployed in Govt in next 3 yrs
- Telemedicine



## • EDUCATION

- 2013 – 3YR Diploma Course
- 2022 – BSc Midwifery
- 2024 – MSc Midwifery
- 2 PhD in Mahidol Univ. Bangkok
- MOOC....





- **7,489** Licensed Midwives
- **5,000** Midwife positions created
- **62** Public Nursing and Midwifery Institutions
- **108** Private Nursing and Midwifery Institutions
- **1,500** register with BNMC every year



- **3,500** midwives graduate every year
- **300** midwifery faculties nationwide
- **150** faculty completed **SRHR Masters Degree**
- **62** public midwifery institutions have peer mentorship established
- **62** clinical mentorship sites for students



- **2,557** midwives deployed nationally
- **95%** (405/426) UHC have midwives
- **66%** (854/ 1275) Subcentres have midwives
- **500** UHFWC will be made 24x7 maternity centres by end 2023??
- **64** DPHN provide mentorship to practicing midwives
- **45** ADPHN provide mentorship to practicing midwives
- **57%** increase in deliveries conducted by midwives from 2018 to 2022

**3** Santhal girls supported to study midwifery – 2018  
 -Came back to their community, attached to local UHFWC (Gobindganj, Gaidandha)  
 - 20-23: conducted **290** deliveries



Santhal



Bandarban

**VERY REMOTE AREAS:** Support to Midway homes for safe facility delivery through midwives – **437** Deliveries (21-21)

**-Dohal Akhtar,** Midwife, Dohar UHC, Dhaka  
 -Graduated in 2018  
 -**600** Deliveries between 2018-21  
 -Received **National Award** by Minister, Health, 2021



Dohar, Dhaka

Midwife educating the Mother about Breastfeeding



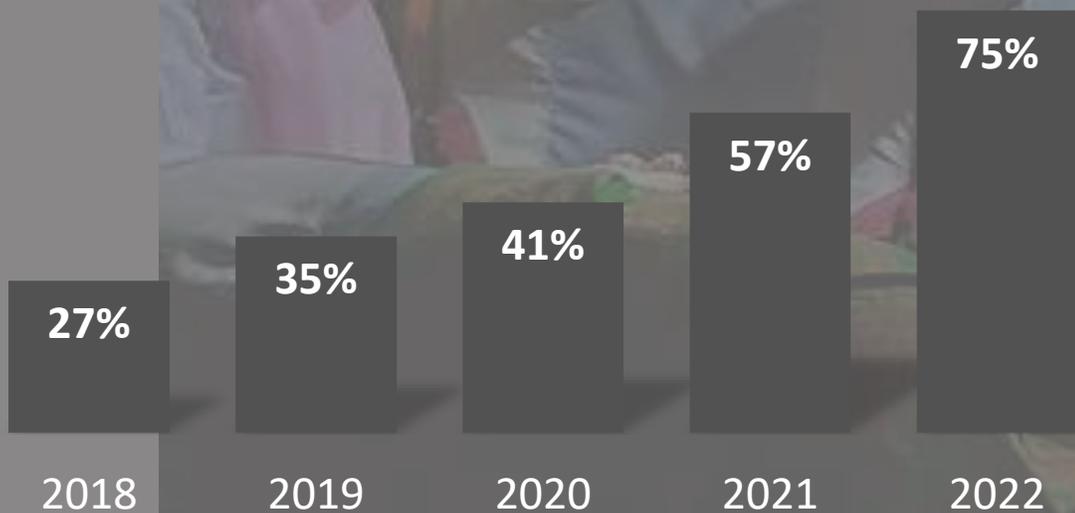
Telemedicine



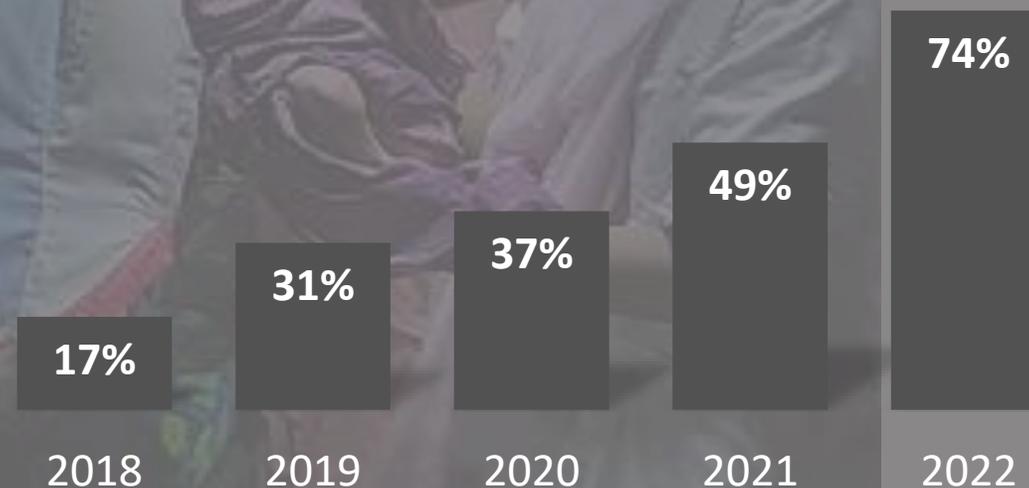
-Response to pandemic - SRHR  
 -5 districts  
 -36 facilities  
 -**200** MWs involved  
 -Bet 2019-2022  
 -4 ANC – **28%** Up  
 -NVD – **23%** Up

# Normal Deliveries Conducted by Midwives

Percent Normal Deliveries Conducted by Midwives - NATIONAL



Percent Normal Deliveries Conducted by Midwives - 26 UNFPA SUPPORTED DISTRICTS





MPDSR



MPDSR Training



Death Cause Analysis



- Scaled up from 1 district in 2010 to all 64 districts in 2023
- National Guideline
- Video Tool Kit
- District Monthly MPDSR Review Meetings



Community Death Review



Community death Review



# Obstetric Fistula

- Tea gardens managers
- Labour association
- Identification of cases
- Strong counselling

## Nationally

- Partnership
- National, Regional & District Leadership
- National and Regional Centres of Excellence
- Fistula Corners in District Hospitals
- Case Identification



Survivor



Community awareness



Survivor



Rangpur



Bogura



Community Screening

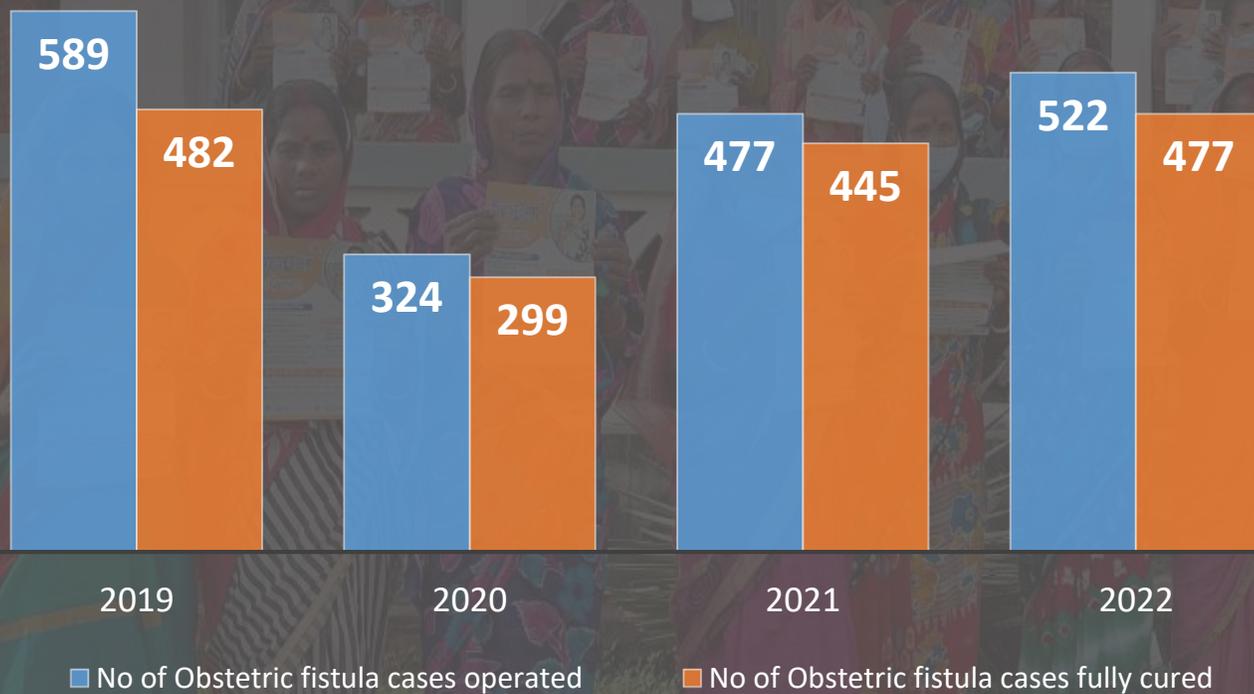


Survivor



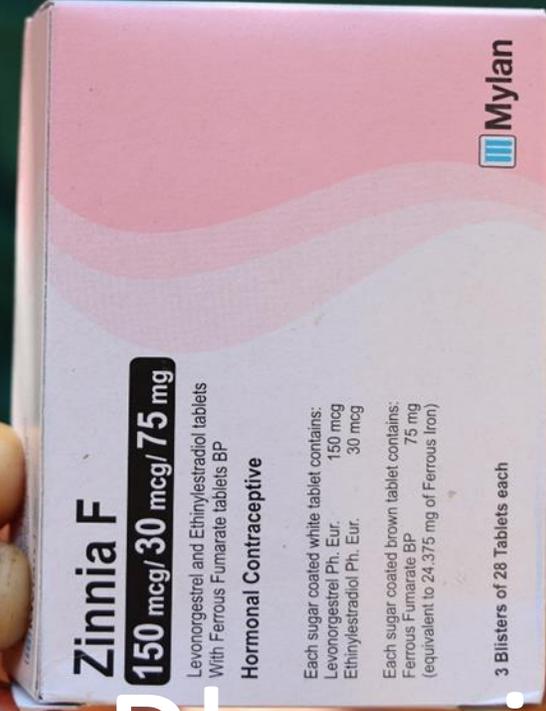
Midwife outreach

### Obstetrical Fistula Surgeries and their Outcomes in UNFPA supported districts



- **Elimination of the Fistula** - in four divisions, viz., **Rangpur, Sylhet, Chattogram & Rajshahi**
- **In 2022, 636** fistula cases were identified and **522 (82%)** were surgically repaired
- **27 district hospitals** - Fistula Corner established and functional
- **15** - Tea gardens as fistula-free

# Family Planning



**Zinnia F**

**150 mcg/30 mcg/75 mg**

Levonorgestrel and Ethinylestradiol tablets  
With Ferrous Fumarate tablets BP

**Hormonal Contraceptive**

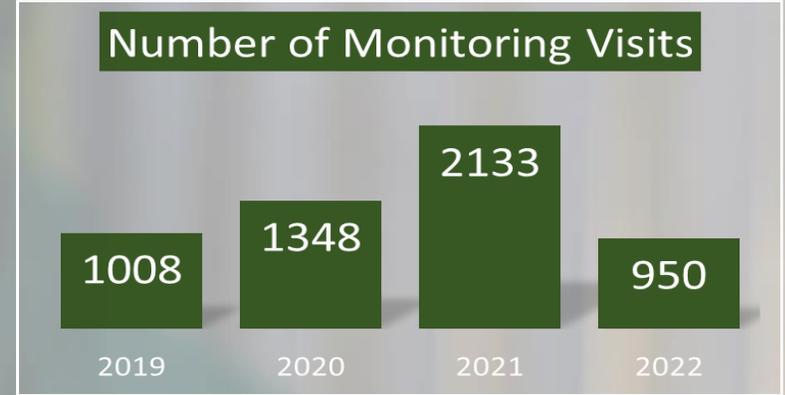
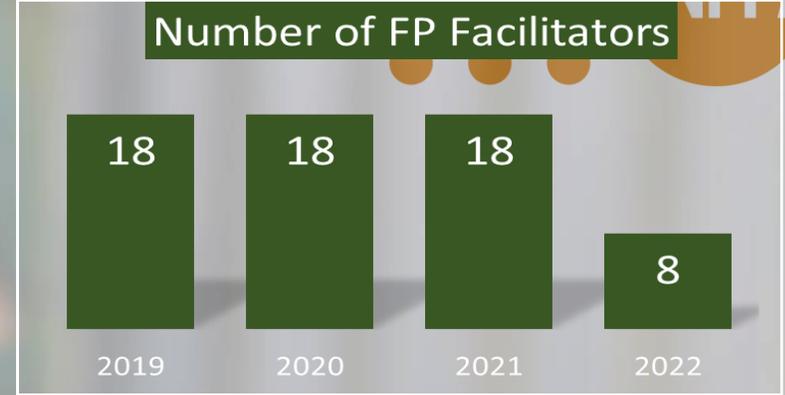
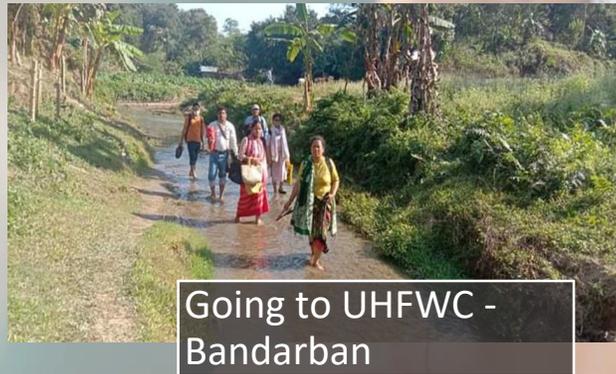
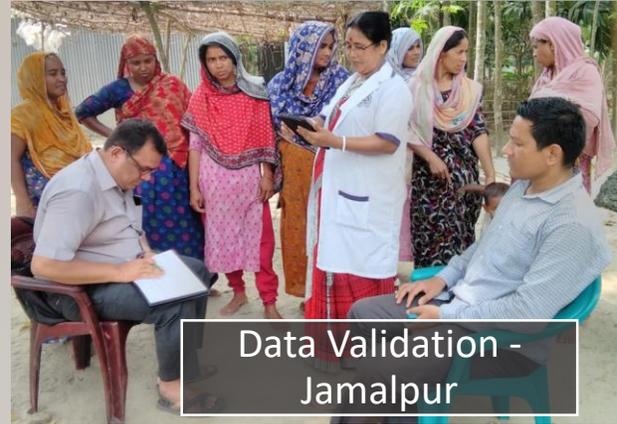
Each sugar coated white tablet contains:  
Levonorgestrel Ph. Eur. 150 mcg  
Ethinylestradiol Ph. Eur. 30 mcg

Each sugar coated brown tablet contains:  
Ferrous Fumarate BP 75 mg  
(equivalent to 24.375 mg of Ferrous Iron)

3 Blisters of 28 Tablets each

 Mylan

# FP Facilitators



# FP Counsellors



## Number of FP Counsellors



## Number of Clinets Counsellor



## Percentage Clients Adopting FP Methods



# Gift-box Intervention: Brahmanbaria (Youth Pregnancy- delaying Early Pregnancy)

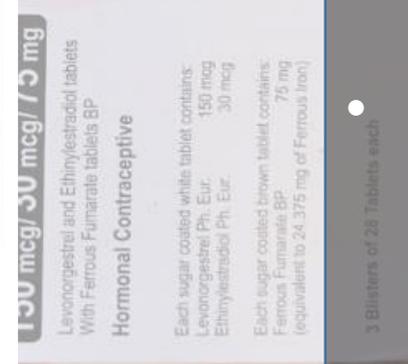


Handover of gift-boxes at different marriage ceremonies in Brahmanbaria district.

- 55% couples used contraceptives
- 82% read the booklet about delaying pregnancy
- Only 16 % pregnant compared to 29% in control group within 1<sup>st</sup> yr
- Reduced pregnancy 50% among the newlywed within 1 yr
- Continuation rate of contraceptives 77%



Contents of the Gift-box



Contents of the Gift-box

# Postpartum IUCD



Sonia Akhter (18), delivered a healthy baby boy at Ramu UHC, Cox's Bazar on 28 February 2021. She received PFP counselling since she came for her first antenatal check-up at the facility. That day, she along with her husband decided to receive PPIUCD before discharged from the hospital, so that her next pregnancy might be delayed (spacing) for at least 5 years. Please note that Sonia appeared SSC exam and got married when she was 17.



In 26 UNFPA Supported districts the PFP usage is 85%, which includes pills, implants and IUCD

- Need to extend PPIUCD/PFP services across all facilities under DGHS and DGFP, including Pvt sectors

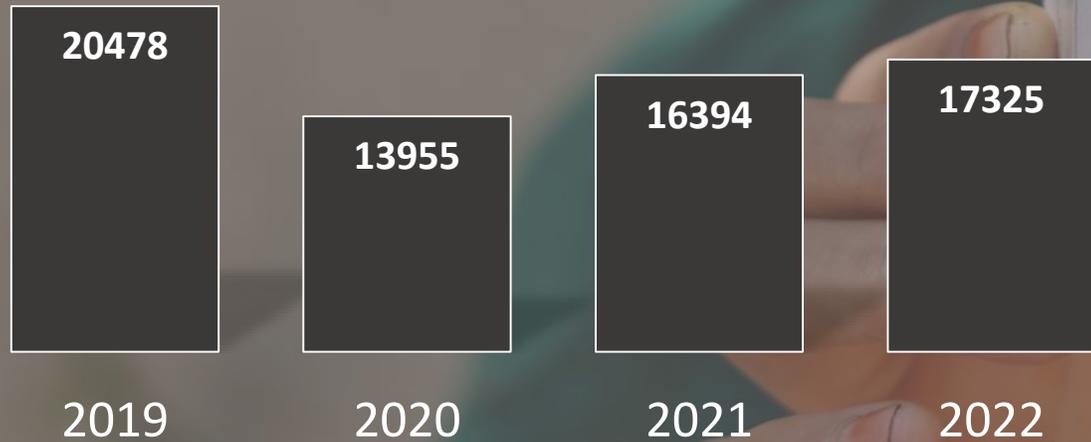
## New IUCD Acceptors



## New Implant Acceptors



## New PPIUCD Acceptors



## New PP Implant Acceptors

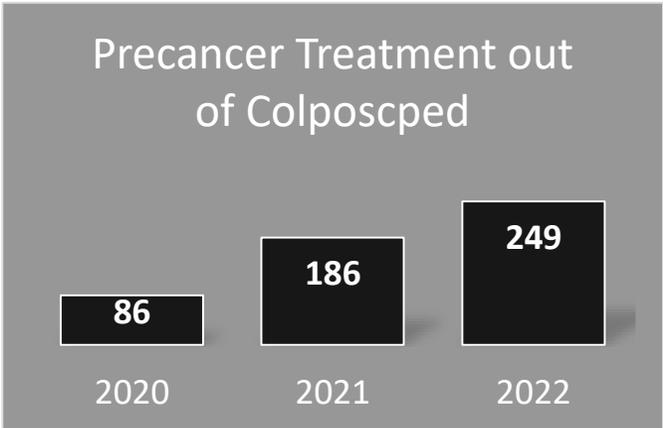
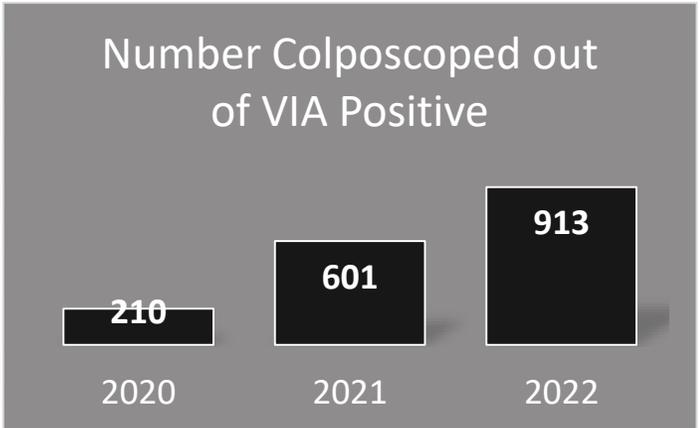
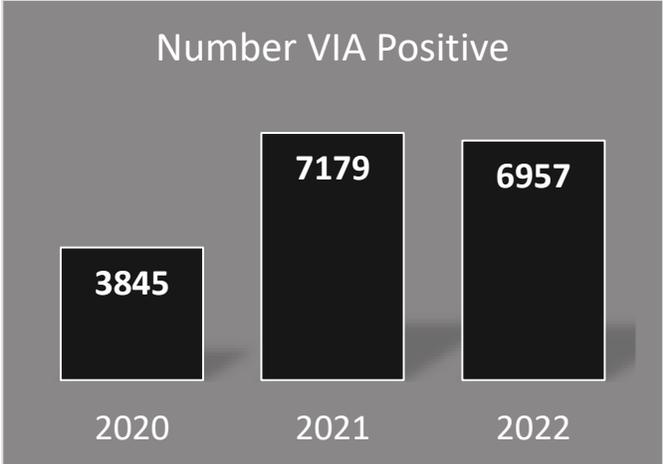
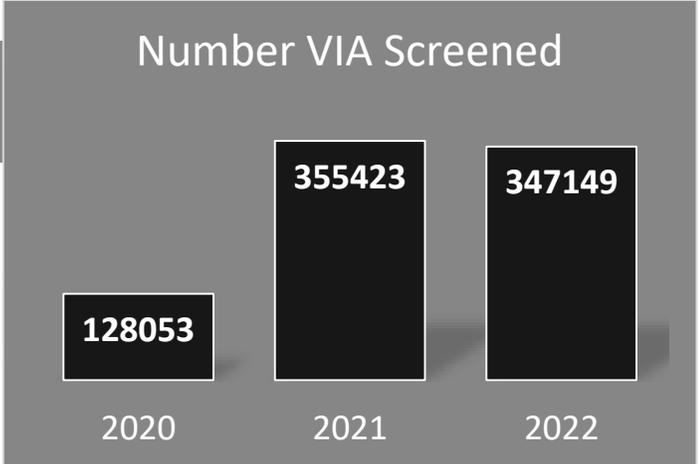


# Cervical Cancer



**REACH**  
**24** Districts  
**24** DH/24  
**169/173** UHC  
**238** trained on VIA  
**60** trained on Colposcopy

**ENABLERS**  
 -National Strategy  
 -National & District Coordination  
 -Uninterrupted Logistics  
 -Cervical Cancer Registry – Tracker, BSMMU/MIS/HISP  
 -5 Medical Colleges – VIA Trg Centres  
 -DMCH – Centre of Excellence



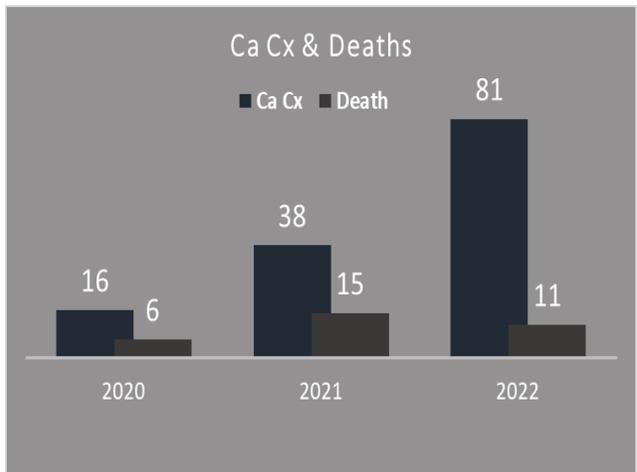
Centre of Excellence

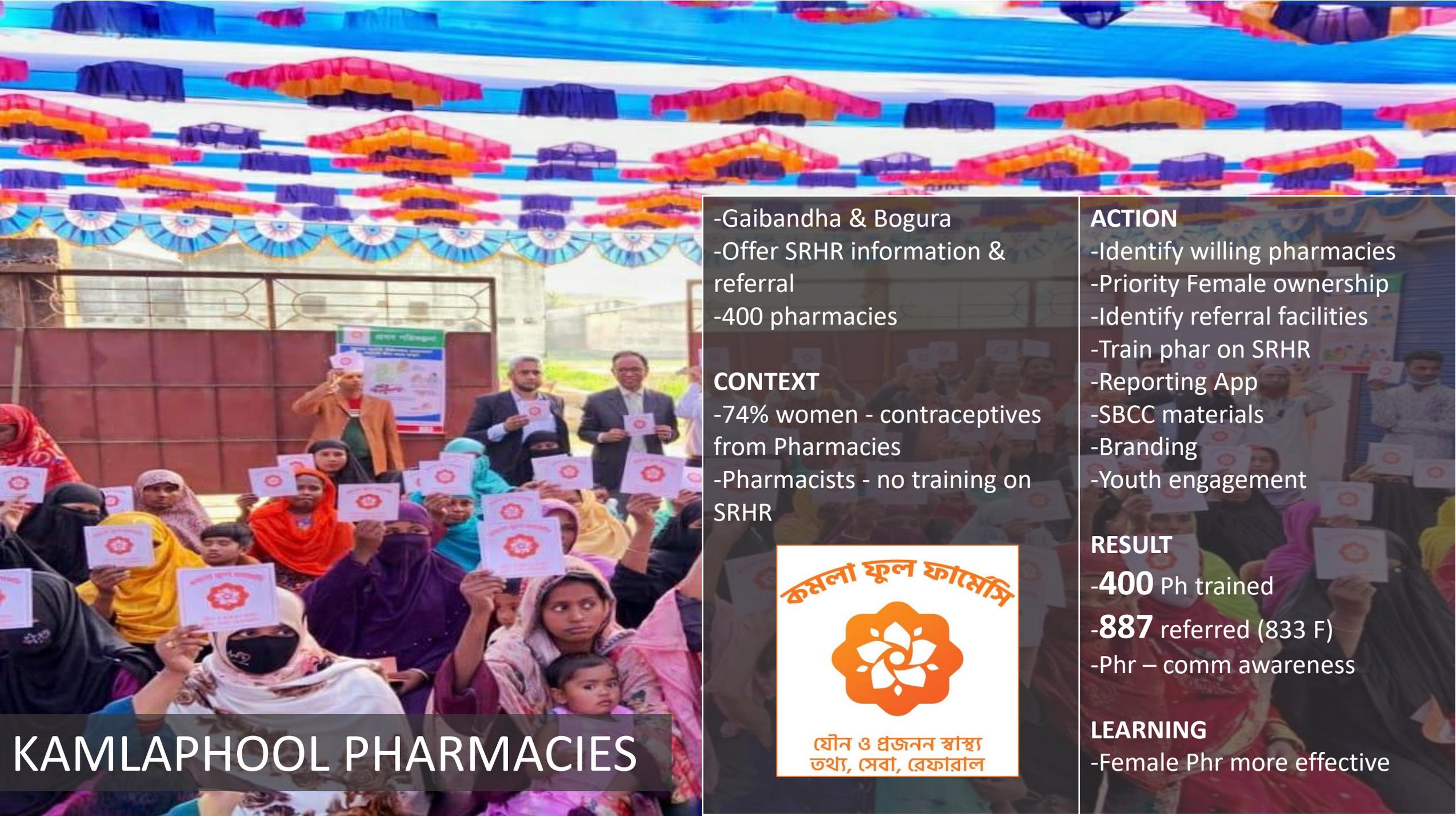


Training



Awareness Camp





# KAMLAPHOOL PHARMACIES

- Gaibandha & Bogura
- Offer SRHR information & referral
- 400 pharmacies

## CONTEXT

- 74% women - contraceptives from Pharmacies
- Pharmacists - no training on SRHR



## ACTION

- Identify willing pharmacies
- Priority Female ownership
- Identify referral facilities
- Train phar on SRHR
- Reporting App
- SBCC materials
- Branding
- Youth engagement

## RESULT

- 400 Ph trained
- 887 referred (833 F)
- Phr – comm awareness

## LEARNING

- Female Phr more effective



# Ma Jan Maternal Health App – Transport & Referral

Started from Dhaka Slums in June 2021

## CONTEXT

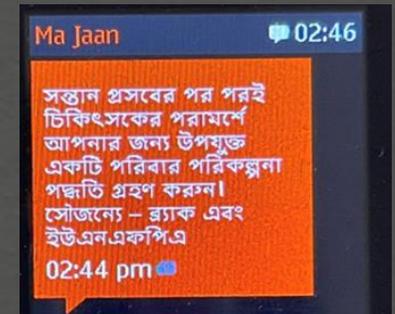
- Poor people very poor access to referral transport
- Health facilities not well prepared for receiving referrals
- 15% normal pregnancies can develop complications

## ACTION

- App based referral system
- Established at Brac Maternity Centres, Dhaka
- ANC registration and then all services managed by the App
- Referral Facilities tagged
- Transport providers, CNG, auto-rickshaw, Vans Female tagged
- App alerts hospital
- App alerts transport

RESULT (June 21 – March 23)

- 3 to 40** Health Facilities
- From Dhaka to Chattogram, Gazipur, Narayanganj, Sylhet, Khulna, Barishal and Rajshahi cities
- 369** registered transport (CNG 242, Auto Rickshaw 71, Rickshaw 27, VAN 29)
- 58,457** pregnant mothers registered
- 2,133** were referred
- 34%** below 18 yrs
- 56%** 19-35 yrs
- 10%** above 35 yrs





# SRHR & HIV for KPs

## Works in 8 Brothels for Female Sex Worker (FSW) and Ukhiya for Transgender (TG) & Gender Diverse Population (GDP)



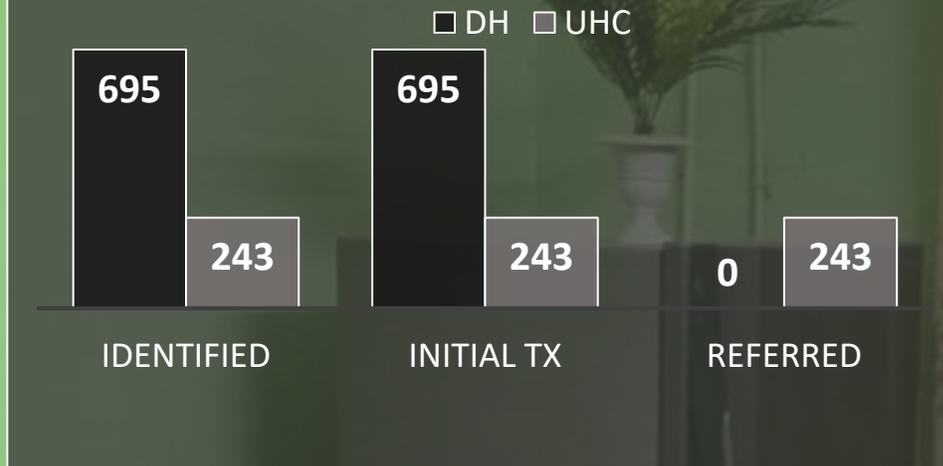
### In 2022

- **3200** FSWs & **3009** TG & GDP reached with integrated SRHR and HIV information and services
- **1024** FSWs & **1,147** TG and GDPs received Syphilis screening - 12 found positive and treated
- **406** FSWs and **1086** TG & GDPs received HIV testing and counseling services – No one positive
- **1099** FSWs of all 8 brothels VIA screened for cervical cancer
- **415** FSWs & **122** TG & GDP survivors received GBV response services
- **1,310** FSWs & **1,107** TG and GDPs received general treatment - 32 referred to public hospitals

## CXB

- Established since 2021 under the WB HGSP
- DH and all 7 UHC offer GBV services
- District and Facility have HGBV focal /responsible person notified
- All staff trained
- All tools available
- Standard Survivor reception and treatment protocol practiced
- All registers and tools available
- All logistics available

## HGBV Services in CXB - 2022



## NATIONALLY

- 64** districts received **survivor Kits** with **22** items
- Nurses** at HFs are the custodians of survivor kits & responsible for preserving the records
- Recording and Reporting forms** for HGBV developed and supplied by UNFPA
- Circular** – issued by MOHFW on HGBV service delivery at all HFs
- National Guidelines on Clinical Management of Rape

# Health Sector Response to GBV in Cox's Bazar

# Scaling up journey to continue - Main Points



1. Partnership
2. Key Human Resource
  - Midwives
  - Community Health workers
  - FP Facilitators
  - FP Counsellors
  - SRHR Officers
  - Cervical Cancer Facilitators
3. Integrated approach
  - Midwife as service provider of basic package of SRHR services
  - District SRHR Officers work with CS, DDFP and DPHN to implement SRHR programme
4. PFP Service in all DGHS, DGFP and Pvt Sector delivery facilities
5. Operationalisation of 500 UHFWC for reducing maternal deaths and increasing institutional deliveries
6. Basic SRHR services for urban poor – in slums
7. Scaling up of HGBV in all UHCs in the country



THANK YOU