Gonoshasthaya Kendra
(The People’s Health Centre)

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Introduction

Gonoshasthaya Kendra (GK) is a registered public Charitable Trust. Gonoshasthaya Kendra (People’s Health Center), the pioneer NGO in the health field, which commenced its journey from few villages at Savar, Dhaka District, in 1972, provides basic health services, including reproductive and child health care services, to over one million population in 592 villages in 31 unions in 15 locations of Bangladesh till 2007. GK provides a wide range of reproductive health services, including ANC and PNC services through a cadre of village-based trained health workers, known as paramedics, who are mostly female.

GK has played significant contribution in National Drug Policy (1982) in Bangladesh.
The Major Objectives

1. To find ways and means for providing complete and comprehensive health care delivery system;

2. To sponsor projects for the social and economical development for poor people and particularly to restore control by women and attempt to preserve the rights and privileges of the majority population;

3. To launch some examplary activities for the upliftment of the fate of the general public which would influences on all public or private future development planning;

4. To promote more self-reliance to reduce the tendency to depend on others.
Projects of Gonoshasthaya Kendra
(At a Glance)

1. Direct Service and Social Development Programme
2. Commercial Venture and Indirect Service
Direct Service and Social Development Programme

A. Health Care

i. Primary Health Care
ii. Secondary Health Care
iii. Tertiary Health Care Through Referral Hospital
iv. Sure Supply of Essential Drugs

B. Education, Training and Research

i. Gonopatshala (Primary Education for the Poor)
ii. Gonoshasthaya Institute of Health Sciences
iii. Gonoshasthaya Vaccine Research Laboratory
iv. Gono Bishwabidyalay- helpful to combat struggles of life
v. Monthly Gonoshasthaya (Magazine)
vi. Gonoprokashani
vii. Vocational Training Centres for Women
viii. Paramedical Training
C. Women’s Empowerment

- Nari Kendra
- Gono Shilpalaya
- Gono Kathkarkhana
- Gono Paduka
- Gono Bakery
- Gono Bakery Jute Plastic
- Women's Motor Driving School

D. Agriculture, Social Forestation and Environmental Development

- Gono Krishikhamar
- Gonoshasthaya Environment Development
- Gonoshasthaya Herbal Research
- Gonoshasthaya Fishery Projects
E. Disaster Management

Gonoshasthaya Kendra has responded immediate after every national disasters like flood, cyclone and tidal surge, tornado, earthquake, refugee and displaced persons, communal violence. The GK strategy is to provide basic health service, food aid, construction and repair of houses for the distressed people, educational institutions, cyclone shelters and earthwork, embankments to protect crops.

F. Advocacy

- Rational Use of Drugs
- Essential Drugs
- Poor-people Health Policy (Poor Centered)
- People’s Health Movement
2. Commercial Venture and Indirect Service

A. Health Related
   ii. Gonoshasthaya Pharmaceuticals Ltd.
   iii. Gonoshasthaya Antibiotic Ltd.
   iv. Pharmachemy (Bangladesh) Ltd.

B. Nutrition Related
   i. Gonoshasthaya Bakery and Gonoshasthaya Foods Ltd.
   ii. Dairy Farm by Poor People
   iii. Tulip Dairy and Food Products Ltd.
C. Education Related
   i. Gonoshasthaya Publishing
   ii. Gonomudran Ltd.

D. Others
   i. Gonoshasthaya Grameen Textile Mills Ltd.
   ii. Gono Tant Ltd (Handloom)
   iii. Progressive Credit Co-operative Society Ltd.
   iv. Micro-Credit for Eradicating Poverty
Integrated Health Programme

A. Curative Health Care

- Sick Room Patients
- Village Patients
- OT Patients
- Pathology
- Ultrasound
- Physiotherapy
- Herbal Treatment
- Homoeopathic Treatment
B. Preventive Health Care

- Vaccination
- ANC and PNC
- Nutritional Services
- Family Planning
- Dental Check-up
- Blood Grouping Camp
- Circumcision
- BP Measure
- Elderly Care
- Disable Care

Others: Nail Cut, Lice and Scabies Treatment
Indicators of Socio-Economic Class in Gonoshasthaya Kendra:

- Family size
- Asset
- Life styles
- Access to Market, School, Health clinic and Local Govt. officials
- Food Consumption
- Education
- Income/ Occupation
- Credit Worthiness
- Water & Sanitation
- Health
- Religious Practices and belief
- Social Security
Percentage Distribution of GK Population by Socio-Economic Class:

Ultra Poor (Poorest of the Poor) : Aw  (0.19% of the total population)
Very Poor                    : Ah  (1.43% of the total population)
Poor                        : Ka  (63.98 % of the total population)
Middle Class                : Kha (29.58 % of the total population)
Rich Class                  : Ga  (4.82 % of the total population)
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