

# Newsletter December 2023



**LAMB** HEALTH  
*Bangladesh*

## Focus on Rehabilitation



### A place of safety, healing and hope at LAMB

In the heart of LAMB, just behind the hospital, is the Rehabilitation centre. It is a place of safety, healing and hope. LAMB Rehab helps disabled children to know the acceptance of society and the love of Christ. The staff team provide medical support, nutrition and rehabilitation without which the children and mothers may be outcast from their own community. The centre only has 8 beds, and those fortunate enough to be admitted get treatment plans, assistive devices and education. For those who return home and for those not able to come to the centre, there are 26 community clinics and together they support 1628 children. The project started 29 years ago and is a centre of

### Our Christmas Appeal

The care and support given by the community rehab clinics ensure that the treatment recommended at LAMB is followed. This amazing work is only possible through the support of donors from around the world. Unfortunately, the community clinic funding ends at the beginning of March 2024. This year our Christmas appeal aims to keep the keep the community rehab clinics running until a longer term solution is found. To run all 26 clinics for 12 months we need to raise around £12,500. This would be a Christmas present that would support over 1500 families. Please keep this project in your prayers and for those who are able to donate this Christmas, we thank you.



Tasmin is cared for by her grandparents. When she was 6, her grandparents noticed she was not developing like other children and took her to a LAMB community clinic. Tasmin received exercises and devices to help with her motor development, and with her grandparents' support, she can now sit independently. Hopefully Tasmin can learn to walk, study and go to school!



## Fistula surgery update

The number of women coming to LAMB with obstetric fistula sadly has not dropped over the last 10 years. We are still finding women who are suffering for many years. Often fistula surgery is very complex and we very much appreciate the regular surgical support of Professor Dr. Sayeba Akhter from Dhaka during our fistula camps. While the number of new fistulas has gone down thanks to better obstetric care, we are seeing an increasing number caused by low-quality surgery from other hospitals, mostly hysterectomies, sometimes Caesarian sections. This year we are very proud that around half of our fistula surgeries have been done by our national surgeons. Fistula surgery at LAMB continues to be a life-changing form of treatment we are able to offer, for which we thank God.



## Hospital numbers are back to pre-Covid levels

In the last year, inpatient admissions were **7,497**; and outpatient numbers were **54,366** which is **7% (3,625)** higher than last year.

**6622** children aged 0-4 years received paediatric care services

**3950** children aged between 5-14 came for care

**5542** Antenatal Care visits

**1487** Family Planning Clinic attendances



## STAR Awards

Over the last few years, LAMB has invested a lot into strengthening the relationship between the Hospital obstetric department and the Community Skilled Birth Attendants (CSBA) in the 10 Government Union Health and Family Welfare Centres (UH&FWCs) nearest LAMB. Rigorous efforts have been made to build the capacity of CSBAs through training and sharing meetings. To motivate the CSBAs and the UH&FWC management committees to invest in quality improvement, LAMB Hospital gave out 'STAR Awards' in 2023. There is now fierce competition to gain these awards - all to the end of improving care!



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