



LHCF Newsletter

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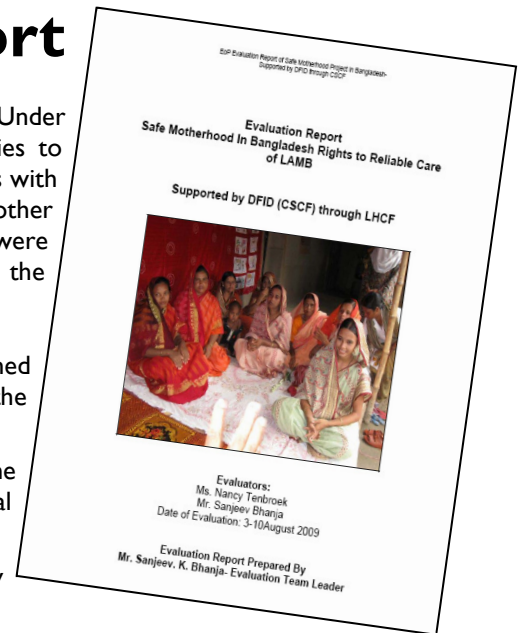
Dear Friends,

We are really pleased to bring you some of the current news regarding LAMB, showing a small selection of the many things that your support makes possible.

DFID Project Evaluation Report

LAMB has completed a three-year DFID-funded project on Safe Motherhood. Under this, LAMB has developed its model of health care; equipped local communities to demand their rights to proper treatment; expanded its work into three new areas with a total population of 100,000; and encouraged the Bangladesh government and other organisations to learn from the LAMB model. While not all the ambitious targets were fully achieved, the project has had a major impact. Here are some quotes from the recently completed independent Evaluation Report:-

- 'The 'Safe Motherhood: Rights to Reliable Care' project is very well designed in tune with the context and need of the community and in line with the Millennium Development Goals.'
- 'LAMB's integrated programme for development and health care has become more inclusive, holistic and achieved significant success in reducing maternal and peri-natal mortality in its target areas during the programme.'
- 'Village Health Volunteers are the real change agents for the project, they are the pillars of success!'
- 'In Damardopur there has been tremendous progress in women becoming vocal about the issues of domestic violence.'
- 'The disability unit has brought smiles to parents who lost hope for their children and they have renewed their inner feelings.'
- 'LAMB has got an amazing team who gave their best for the project. Staff displayed high standards of dedication to implement the program and yield positive results.'



A huge thank you must be given to DFID for their funding and support during the project; and also to those who have worked on and coordinated the project at LAMB.

For more information about how DFID help the poor, **please consider signing up to Developments, their free quarterly magazine**, which they have asked us to publicise. We are hoping to get an article about LAMB into it soon.

Visit www.developments.org.uk

LHCF Christmas Cards

Thank you for the fantastic response to the inclusion of a sample [Christmas card](#) with the last newsletter.

To date, we've received orders in excess of 2000 cards. However cards are still available.

For further details, please contact [Chris Edwards](#).

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joy

peace

friendship

abundant life

love & light & hope



LAMB Statistics

Every week 1000 out patients and 160 new inpatients are seen at LAMB hospital and an average of 70 new babies are born.

75% of patients are classed as poor or very poor.

65% of all in-patients receive a subsidy and 20% pay nothing except the 20 Taka (approx 20 pence) registration fee.

Thank You

John Beastall, a founder member and our Chair for the last 5 years, will be stepping down in the new year.

We would like to thank John, for all of his hard work, time and energy in guiding LHCF as it has grown into a group upon which LAMB now relies for covering much of the Poor Fund.

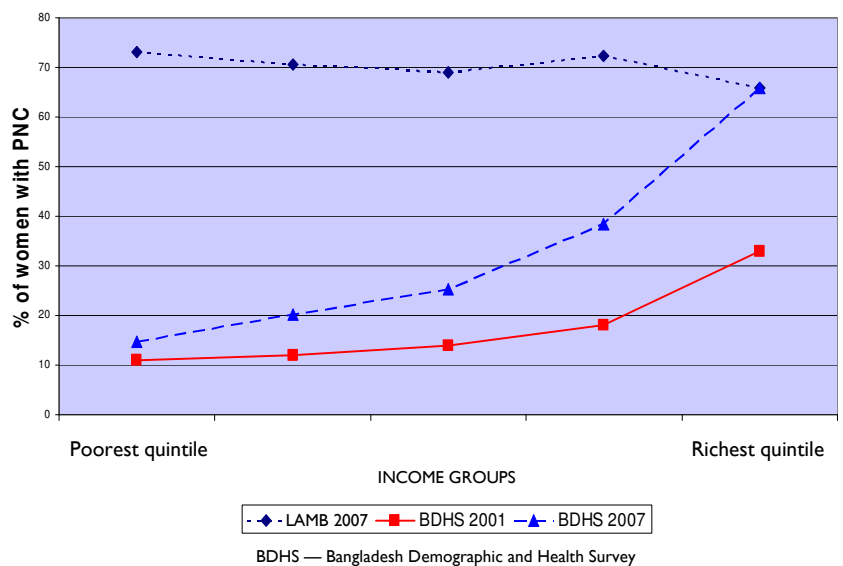
Please note our new contact address at the top of this newsletter.

Access to Care for Everyone

Despite progress in making maternal healthcare more accessible to women in low resourced countries, the rural poor still struggle most to access the care they need and have a right to. Through LAMB's 'household to hospital continuum of care' strategy, more women have access to and utilise antenatal care, birth planning, safe delivery and postnatal care.

In LAMB served areas, 60% of women in the lowest income group have at least one antenatal visit, compared with 30% nationally; post natal care - within 72 hours of delivery - is high across all income groups. The gap between the richest and poorest receiving health care is much lower in LAMB-served areas than nationally; nationally that gap is actually increasing. LAMB has shown that it is possible to provide high class maternity services which are used by the poor.

Proportion of women with Postnatal Care by any provider



Tragedy averted....

On the 26th September 2009 Baby B's mother was busy cooking her midday meal. Little Baby B was getting in the way of her cooking a little so she just moved him off to the side to play. Baby B however, loved to chase after the household ducks and quickly raced round the corner towards them.

Five minutes later Baby B's mother realized that he was missing and quickly went to search for him. She discovered him fallen into the family tube well drain, drowning in the dirty water.

Quickly the family brought Baby B to LAMB for help. Miraculously he must have started breathing after coming out of the water and when he arrived was still alive.

Baby B was admitted to LAMB Paediatric Ward and started on antibiotics and IV fluids at about five o'clock in the afternoon.

Later on that evening he began to rouse, his breathing was more settled and he quietly began to breastfeed.

Baby B was born at LAMB, by caesarean section back in April 2008.

He is a healthy little boy and this health, prayers and good care have enabled him to recuperate from this nearly tragic event.



In the last newsletter we included an excerpt from Peter May, the executive director at LAMB, who told of the **'growing financial hole, as big projects were coming to an end'**.

Peter has recently written explaining how;

- there is now a 'tremendous energy around to overcome what was a worrying time';
- a day of prayer was held across all departments of the hospital and field staff;
- people from different countries have also sprung into action for support.

However the Poor Fund remains a particular concern. Mainly through your donations, which are greatly appreciated, it will be able to meet the increased demands on it this year.

But we do need to continue giving as much as we possibly can - please, as Christmas approaches, remember LAMB.