Excerpts from speech by Secretary General BADAS (Bangladesh Diabetic Samity) in Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Services rendered by Diabetic Samity:

Total number of patient served:

Registered to BIRDEM and Organizations affiliated to BADAS: 26 lac (BIRDEM 5.54 lakh, BIHS 2.57 lac, HCDP 1.65 lac, NHN. 99 lac, Affiliated samity 12.70 lac, CDIC 1868.

Training:

EDC (Extension of diabetic care programme): 258 Physicians from Thana and Upzilla were trained. By 2017, estimated 550 physicians will be trained. DLP (Distance Learning Programme):1223 doctors attended in the last financial year. So far since it's inception 8389 doctors attended and passed the course. Distance Learning Programme trains both Government and Nongovernmental doctors of different levels, not only those registered to BADAS. The course includes treatments of diabetes, management of it's complications and ways to prevent diabetes.

DLP started as certificate course (CCD-certificate course in diabetology). Certificate course was started under guidance of two British physicians- still they review it along with other foreign researchers.

BADAS-USAID TB project: Working to increase awareness about TB in diabetic patients. It has formulated a Training Manual and National Guideline for TB management in diabetic patients.

Perinatal care project: This for neonates and under five children care project. So far it has organised 2-3 workshops and seminar with participants from home and abroad.

Eye care: BADAS ORBIS eye care project is working since 2008 under the supervision of ORBIS international. It has carried on different works in Bogra, Pabna and Thakurgaon.

There is also "Mother and Childcare project" and "Health care to pilgrims' project.

(Birdem Med J 2015; 5(2): 121-122.)

Diabetes prevention programme:

Last year a programme was organised with staffs of Padma Textile Mills A project has been proposed to government which is on the way to approval.

Mass awareness :

Film: Dui Byar -r kirhti' a film has been recently released to encourage and educate general people about diabetes. It would help mass awareness development.

News letter: Every months "Diabetes News Letter" a diabetes health related bulletin is published.

Observation of days: Different days Nov 14 -'World diabetes day "Diabetes awareness day"-(September 6 –the day our beloved Prof Ibrahim died). This days are observe with posturing, rally in part of city/ country, free diabetes tests, question answer, memorial speeches etc.

Overall health services: last year 14 lac non-diabetic patients got services.

Hospital beds: BIRDEM 1 & BIRDEM 2 has about 700 beds.

BIHS: 110 beds

Transplant: So far 114 kidney and two liver has been transplanted.

CDIC: Changing diabetes in children. This year 168 children has been registered. Children gets treatment (insulin, glucometer, strips, lancet) free of costs. This is a project funded by World Diabetes Foundation and Novonordisk

ICHRI: Ibrahim Cardiac Hospital and Research Institute has completed 34,633 angiogram, angioplasty. So far more than 6000 cardiac surgery has been performed here.

Health manpower and health teaching projects:

IMC (Ibrahim Medical College): 13th batch has been enrolled, 9th batch has passes MBBS. National and international students are studying here.

Nursing College: It is in BIRDEM complex and running with 3rd batch of 50 Nurse graduates.

BIRDEM Academy: So far 148 physician has earned Postgraduate degree (3 PhD, 70MD, 42 MPhil, 33 MS).

BIHS (Bangladesh institute of health science and technology): Introduced masters and diploma courses in Laboratory Medicine. University of Oslo and Rockfeller foundation is helping in developing manpower in public health through this project.

BUHS (Bangladesh University of Health Science): 4 faculties e.g. faculty of basic science, faculty of public health, faculty of allied health science and faculty of health engineering and technology has been conducting undergraduate and postgraduate courses.

Research works: Both BIRDEM Academy and BUHS are involved in different basic works. Thesis of PhD, MD, MS are supervised by teachers here. They produce papers in different national and international seminars.

Affiliated societies: There are 60 affiliate samity in 59 districts and 9 sub affiliated samity in Thana/ upziilla level. They get technical, advisory and sometimes financial support from BADAS, organize medical camps with specialists from BIRDEM, 7 such was conducted in last year.

As annual development grant, physicians, nurses, technicians, nutrition offices biochemists get training from BIRDEM.