The first wave of Covid-19 ascended with overwhelming infection rates that our health sector was ill-prepared to tackle. While the whole nation quarantined at home, healthcare workers across the country had the vital responsibility to combat covid 19. An abrupt rise in demand for protective equipment met an acute shortage, putting front liners in chronic insecurity. Besides, the scarcity of ventilator machines diminishes the last hope of critically ill patients affected by Covid-19.

Acknowledging that front-liners deserve the utmost protection, Spreeha Bangladesh had initiated a “Fight Corona Virus” project in partnership with Give2Asia and Metlife Foundation that aimed to reduce the gap between demand and supply of protective gear and ventilator machine for healthcare workers and patients fighting Covid-19.

Spreeha has already reached 11 frontline hospitals including Dhaka Medical College (DMC) across different districts of Bangladesh to join forces in cobatting Covid-19.

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ADDRESSING THE UNCHECKED MALNUTRITION CRISIS

SPREEHA COLLABORATES WITH CONFIDENCE GROUP ON A FOOD AND NUTRITION SUPPLY PROJECT FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED COMMUNITY

Owing to socio-economic factors and the knowledge gap regarding food and nutrition, the underserved community in Bangladesh generally pursue poor diets that roughly meet the nutritional need to survive.

The nation-wide lockdown had paralysed many sectors, but the combination of poverty and pandemic bears the most gruesome implications. With narrowing income-generating sources and devoid of savings, many of these communities have inclined towards poorer diets. Such indifference towards food habits is endangering children, adolescents and pregnant mothers with rampant malnourishment and other severe health ramifications.

As part of Spreeha Bangladesh’s effort to address the growing malnutrition crisis that is going unchecked in this community, Spreeha Bangladesh has collaborated with Confidence Group on a food & nutrition project that will actively impact the lives of 50,000 people from the underserved community. Our community officers are going door to door conducting malnutrition screening among ‘under-5’ children, pregnant mothers and adolescents.

Though the number of severe malnourishment cases has decreased by almost 8%, moderate (by almost 4%) and mild malnourishment (by almost 18%) cases are on rise and normal nourishment cases have also decreased by 16%.

6 children were found having severely lower weight as per their age, whereas 48 children were found having severely lower height as per their age.
DOOR TO DOOR, PERSON TO PERSON

AT HOME MOM’S CLUB SESSIONS

A major event in a woman’s life, pregnancy is a highly sensitive period that brings drastic changes to a human body. Appropriate and timely medical attention is imperative during this stage. But women in underserved communities are often unaware of their needs during pregnancy despite intending the best for their child.

During the first wave of the pandemic, hospitals have been crowded with Covid patients which is why expecting mothers have been discouraged from seeking medical help in person through hospitals. Adapting to this set of newfound concerns, Spreeha’s diligent health workers have been offering guidance ranging from education to appropriate referral services to ensure the well-being of the mother and child. Moreover, they are also being encouraged to avail our telemedicine services to reduce the chance of infection.
SPREEHA GOT SELECTED AS THE ONLY PARTICIPANT FROM SOUTH ASIA AT THE P3 IMPACT ACCELERATOR PROGRAM

THE ONLY PARTICIPANT FROM SOUTH ASIA, SPREEHA’S KUSHOLI PROGRAM MAKES IT TO THE P3 ACCELERATOR PROGRAM!

We are delighted to announce that Spreeha has been selected as one of the seven participants at P3 Impact Accelerator Program this year!

The P3 Impact Accelerator Program is designed to advance early-stage partnerships that support positive social impact missions through mentorship, expert guidance, exposure, and networking.

Led by the U.S. Department of State’s Office of Global Partnerships, Concordia, and the University of Virginia’s Darden School of Business’ Institute for Business in Society, the Accelerator will engage 7 public-private partnership projects throughout the world in a six-week, digital set of learning modules and events tailored to the needs of each partnership, and culminating with the 2020 Concordia Annual Summit.
"I take a pledge to teach girls around me that their voices matter at home, school and within their community"
- Mahbub Islam Noimy, Assistant Manager - PR & Admin

"I take a pledge to always remind my 9-year old that she is beautiful just the way she is"
- Dr. Ishtique Zahid, Head of Health Programs

"I take a pledge to let my juniors know that I’m always here to listen"
- Mohammad Rafayat Huque, Executive Programs

"I take a pledge to show my little girl the power of a unified voice"
- Ajay Kumar Bose, Director, Spreeha Bangladesh

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD CAMPAIGN
“MY VOICE, OUR EQUAL FUTURE”

This year on International Day of the Girl Child, Spreeha organized an online campaign where the entire team at Spreeha took personal pledges in an effort to create a better world for girls around us and encouraged others to do the same.
INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

On the occasion of Int’ Literacy Day, Spreeha kids of both pre school and after school took part in the drawing sessions from home. Considering the Covid situation, all activity has been conducted maintaining social distancing and the highest precaution measures.
SPREEHA OBSERVES HAND WASHING DAY WITH COMMUNITY KIDS

As part of our attempt to promote the culture of handwashing and raise awareness, kids participated in handwashing demonstrations and practically learned about the importance of handwashing with soap and water at home and within their community.
OVER 300,000 LIVES TOUCHED AND COUNTING

SPREEHA REACHES A NEW MILESTONE TOUCHING OVER 300,000 LIVES!

As of October 2020, Spreeha has empowered 302,506 lives; 170,898 people received healthcare, 33,957 children received education and education counseling & 13,512 youth got trained.

The journey to inspire and impact a million lives continues with rejuvenated spirit!