

# The Bangladesh ECD Newsletter

Secretariat, Bangladesh ECD Network at BU-IED

## Workshop on Designing Curriculum Framework for Pre-primary and Shishu Bikash Kendra at National Level



Sharing session of the workshop

A five days workshop was organized by the Early Childhood Development Resource Centre (ECDRC) at BU-IED on developing monitoring tools, indicators and implementation strategies for Pre-primary and Shishu bikash Kendro from 5th to 9th August, 2007. This workshop

was a continuation of the workshop held in July (9th to 17th), on Bangladesh Shishu Academy (BSA) Program Package Review of Shishu Bikash Kendro (SBK) and Pre-primary (PP) schools organized by the ECDRC. Participants from Bangladesh Shishu Academy, NCTB, Nayantara Communication, Islamic Foundation Bangladesh, Grameen Shiksha, UNICEF, Save the Children USA, BRAC Education Programme, Plan Bangladesh and Inner Force attended the workshop. On 7th August the output of the workshop was presented at a sharing session among the participants from the above mentioned organizations as well as ECD resource persons, researchers and professionals from UNICEF, IER, and Directorate of Primary Education (DPE). A number of suggestions came out in this sharing session and were incorporated in a draft prepared for Bangladesh Shishu Academy (BSA).



One of the groups assessing the play materials for ECD package review

## Workshop on Experience Sharing of Community Learning Circle

A national workshop on experience sharing of Community Learning Circle, one of the important component of 'SUCCEED' on early learning for school success program, was held at the Spectra Convention Centre on 16th August 2007. The workshop was hosted by Friends In Village Development Bangladesh (FIVDB). Mr. Zahin Ahmed, Executive Director, FIVDB chaired the workshop. The chief guest was Kazi Akhtar Hossain, Additional Secretary of MoPME. Mr. Kelly Stevenson, Country Director, Save the Children-USA, Mr. Christopher La Fargue, Education Team Leader, USAID-Bangladesh were also present in the workshop.

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## Child-to-Child Approach for School Readiness



Participants of the meeting held at UNICEF

A planning meeting was held on child-to-child approach for school readiness at UNICEF on 21- 22 August, 2007. The meeting was facilitated by Abhayan Rana, Cassie Landers, Tashmin Khamis and Christopher Cuningham. The team of facilitators were from UNICEF Headquarters, New York. It was pointed out in the meeting that the child to child approach would enable older children already in school to provide much needed support to younger children before they start school. The younger children would then develop early learning competencies and be ready for school at the right age. Representatives from Save the Children USA, BRAC, Plan Bangladesh, ECDRC, BSA, NCTB and DPE attended the workshop.

Ms. Lala Borja, Project Director, SUCCEED described the activities of SUCCEED. Ms. Hasena Afroj, Team Leader, SUCCEED described the Community Learning Circle (CLC), the structure of CLC, process and opportunities and how these served 36,000 children in five divisions of the country.

An exhibition was also organised of toy games and materials developed for CLC by the SUCCEED Technical Assistance Team of FIVDB. Queries and comments were made from the floor in the second part of the workshop. The representatives from NCTB, UNESCO, UNICEF, ECDRC of BU-IED, DAM, Inner Force, PROSHIKA and BSA participated in the workshop.



Mr. Zahin Ahmed delivering his speech in the workshop

- Make sure that children always have adult supervision around water, as children can drown in even very shallow water;
- Drink boiled or purified water to avoid diarrhea and other intestinal problems that resulted from drinking unhygienic water.



Children are so cheerful to have Tuktuki before them

## Nayantara Communications and Sesame Workshop Respond to The Flood in Bangladesh

### Halum and Tuktuki visited 38 schools

Co-producers of Sisimpur and the Sesame Street organized a workshop to create awareness and to encourage parents to look after their children during the flood. From 13th to 19th August, the main characters of the award winning Sisimpur show Halum and Tuktuki - visited 38 schools in the flood affected area. Sisimpur lover school kids forgot their daily routine for a while and were lost in the world of Sisimpur. They were delighted with the songs of Sisimpur. They learned about safety and protection during flood. Sisimpur team told them about health and hygiene and helped the flood affected children. The important tips they gave to the children were:



Halum showing its gesture towards kids around

BRAC University Institute of Educational Development (BU-IED) is going to offer Post Graduate Certificate, Diploma & Masters Degree on Early Childhood Development in January, 2008. Further information will be provided shortly.

We are very delighted to announce that National ECD Conference 2007 will be held from 10th-11th December, 2007.

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