



## Saving Lives of Mothers and Newborn Through Setup Delivery Centre at Marginalized Area at Faridpur District in Bangladesh

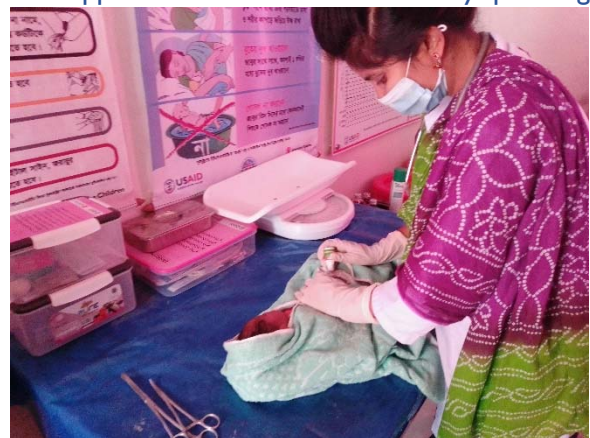
Hazera Begum (55) is recalling her memory that it was almost 30 years passed, people never got facility delivery services at Charhorirampur Union. She said, *“It is 30 years ago, there was Union Health and Family Welfare Centre (UH&FWC) at the union but the river erosion of Padma the facility has been downed under the stream of Padma. Since that times absence of facility delivery services we have lost many mothers and newborn, so we are very much isolated from the mainland of Faridpur district. We had only option to go to district centre through crossing the river which has taken almost 12 hours from starting.”*

When USAID’s MaMoni MNCSP started to work at Faridpur district in Bangladesh in 2018 this was the badly situation for mothers to conduct facility delivery. Most of the delivery has been conducted with unskilled Traditional Birth Attendant (TBA) at home and there was no opportunity to manage any complications of mothers and newborn. The project along with health and family planning department as well as union parishad (Local Government) made assessment the need and opportunity for the 15,000 population to set up a facility delivery service centre with general patient treatment and family planning services. All the government department and MaMoni MNCSP realized the desperate need of a facility delivery centre what can save hundreds of mothers and newborn lives.



Midwife providing ANC services.

The project conducted numbers of stakeholders meeting at the union, upazila and district level administration and managers and developed a joint action plan to set up a delivery centre at Charhorirampur Union. The project provided technical support to the health and family planning department through providing a Midwife, the union parishad provided 3 rooms at the parishad complex and health and family planning department provided necessary logistics and medicine. To join at the movement the community provided accommodation for the Midwife for residing at the community. All the joint efforts have established a delivery centre at the hard-to-reach union from which ANC, PNC, normal delivery, family planning and general treatment are providing from October 2020 and as of September 2021 from the centre total 985 ANC, 196 PNC, 60 normal delivery 118 PPFP and 1692 general treatment have been provided.



Midwife providing essential newborn care services.

Now people of Charhorirampur union are very happy and proud of the facility. They feel that they are not now isolated and marginalized for getting health services for mothers and newborns. Md. Amir Hossain Khan, Chairman of Charhorirampur union said, *“This is our combined achievement to have facility delivery centre. The centre is saving our mothers and newborn life. At last, we have done it and thanks to USAID’s MaMoni project for besiding with us.”*