

## **Dissemination Seminar on ‘Adolescent Health Facility Monitoring’ in Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University**

A dissemination seminar on Adolescent Health Facility Monitoring Study was held on Thursday in Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) to share the study results. It was organized by Department of Public Health & Informatics (DPHI).

Professor Dr. Kamrul Hasan Khan, Vice Chancellor, BSMMU was the Chief Guest. Dr. Jahangir Alam Sarkar, Line Director, MNCAH, Directorate General of Health Services, Dr. Mohammad Sharif, Director, MCH-Services & Line Director (MCRAH), Directorate General of Family Planning, Prof. Md. Shahidullah Sikder, Pro-VC, Research & Development, BSMMU, Prof. Md. Sharfuddin Ahmed, Pro-VC (Administration), BSMMU, Professor Dr. A. S. M Zakaria, Pro-VC (Education), BSMMU, Professor, Ali Asgor Moral, Treasurer, BSMMU, Dr. Md. Ziaul Matin, OIC, Health Section, Unicef Bangladesh, Dr. Md. Ataur Rahman, Health and Nutrition Advisor, Global Affairs Canada were present as special guest. Participants from Dhaka University, BUHS, NIPORT, IUB, USAID, WHO, UNFPA, icddr, b. Population Council, BCCP, IPAS, PSTC, FBAP, BAPSA, Marie Stopes, and other development partners and NGOs also attended the seminar.

Professor Syed Shariful Islam, Dean, Faculty of Preventive and Social Medicine, and Chairman of DPHI, BSMMU delivered welcome speech, and facilitated the seminar. Dr. Riad Mahmud of UNICEF shared the current activities of UNICEF program and Dr. Fariha Haseen, DPHI, BSMMU has presented the study results. She stated, 56% health service providers used separate register for AH services. The seminar recommended continuous monitoring of adolescent health program by Health and FP Managers. Further information is also needed to understand the monitoring process of adolescent health services.

Speakers revealed their concerns about the importance of monitoring of AH services. They appreciated the initiative and suggested to continue monitoring process.