

HEALTHCARE FOR ALL

Bollobhpur Community Health, Bangladesh

Providing rural communities with vital healthcare

In their own words

‘Delivery practices conducted by untrained birth attendants are unsafe and unhygienic. This Project is enabling mothers to give birth safely.’
 Subash Chellaiah, Link Officer for Asia and Oceania



Bangladesh factfile

Capital: Dhaka
Languages: Bangla (official, also known as Bengali), English
Religion: Muslim 83%, Hindu 16%, other 1%
Export: garments, jute and jute goods, leather, frozen fish and seafood
Life expectancy: 63 years (men), 65 years (women) (UN)

USPG in Bangladesh

In 1842, USPG (then SPG) sent its first missionary to north-east India, the region that became Bangladesh in 1971. Today, USPG supports a wide range of Church of Bangladesh programmes.

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Bangladesh has the highest maternal mortality rate in South Asia, largely because only 13 per cent of all births are delivered by trained attendants. This is one of the problems being addressed by the Bollobhpur Community Health Service, which was set up by the Church of Bangladesh, with support from USPG. The health service specialises in providing mother and child healthcare, with a special scheme to train local women as traditional birth attendants.

One health worker explained: ‘I am there to help with deliveries or to help if there

are problems during pregnancy or labour. And if a woman needs specialist attention, I can accompany her to hospital or the nearest clinic.’

Bollobhpur Community Health Service works by establishing outstations in rural communities, overseen by staff at Bollobhpur Hospital. Each outstation is set up with a nurse or midwife and two community health workers; one health worker specialises in teaching nutrition to mothers and monitoring under-fives, while the other specialises in care for the elderly in their homes.

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