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Handbook To Establish **Model Enterprise Clinic** At RMG Industries in Bangladesh

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Preface

The International Labour Organization (ILO), in collaboration with the Ministry of Labour & Employment and Employers' Associations in Bangladesh, including BGMEA, BKMEA, and BEF, is working to establish effective Enterprise Clinics within factories. CMED Health as a knowledge partner has developed a handbook with checklist to guide employers in creating and maintaining model enterprise clinics. This handbook provides guidelines for implementing Enterprise Clinics in factories. The guidelines are based on relevant provisions in Bangladesh Labour Act and Labour Rules and aim to ensure compliance with government regulations and also address the specific needs and challenges of each size category. The Handbook with Checklist offers stakeholders' suggestions as good practices for healthcare facilities within factories, emphasizing the importance of aligning with government regulations and considering the unique requirements of different production processes. The ready-made garment sector in Bangladesh is the primary focus of this initiative due to its significant contribution to the country's exports and being exemplary for other 41 sectors.

To ensure the well-being and safety of workers in Bangladesh, the implementation of the Employment Injury Scheme and the enhancement of Enterprise Clinics in RMG factories are essential. A collective approach based on industrial solidarity can help reduce costs. Gaps between large and small factories in terms of healthcare facilities, availability of doctors, and knowledge regarding workplace diseases and injuries can be minimized through innovative solutions, collaborations, and capacity building for healthcare staff, these are necessary for the success of Enterprise Clinics and the overall improvement of workers' health conditions in the ready-made garment sector.

The active participation and contribution of implementing partners Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA), the Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA), and the Department of Inspection for Factories and Establishments (DIFE) under the Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoLE), workers organizations including NCCWE and IBC, in the development and review of the handbook have been useful. The incorporation of their insights, industry knowledge, and expertise has greatly enhanced the handbook's practicality and relevance. While developing the Handbook on Model Enterprise Clinics, other key stakeholders including Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Central Fund- MoLE, Department of Labour (DoL), World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Bangladesh Employers Federation (BEF), German Technical Corporation Agency (GIZ), Business for Social Responsibilities (BSR), Change Associates, PRIMARK, Centre for Disability in Development (CDD), Centre for rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP), Research and Policy Integration for Development (RAPID), Policy Research Institute (PRI), Gonoshasthaya Kendra (GSK), Swisscontact, MSF and several physicians and compliance managers working at different RMG industries were engaged in a detailed bilateral discussion to get their perspective on Enterprise Clinics. Their suggestions on major elements of Enterprise Clinics as well as other perspectives are included in the relevant part in the guidelines section.

Factory-based health facilities : a win – win for all



Segmentation of Enterprise Clinic (EC)

Based on relevant Provisions in Bangladesh Labour Law and Rules, Enterprise Clinics at factories are divided into 7 groups depending on the size of the workers and remain aligned with ground realities.

Enterprise Clinic	Type - 1	Type - 2	Type - 3	Type - 4	Type - 5	Type - 6	Type - 7
Attributes			Parmacy Parmacy Parmacy				
Industry Size	Small	Small	Medium	Large	Large	Large	Large
Employee Size	1 - 299	300 - 499	500 - 1199	1200 - 2999	3000 - 4999	5000 - 7500	7500+
Area	N/A	Min. 120 sqft	120-180 sqft	Min. 180 sqft	Min. 240 sqft	Min. 360 sqft	Min. 360+ sqft
Doctor	None	1	1	1	2 (1 Female preferable)	2+ (1 Female preferable)	3+ (1 Female preferable)
Nurse	None	1		1	2	2+	3+
Paramedic	None	1	1	1	2	2+	3+
Support Staff	None	1	1	1	2	2+	3+
First aid Provider	1 Employee trained in first aid managing each box/ almirah at each workroom wearing a first aid provider badge						

Reference: BLR 76, BLR 77, BLR 78 *Stakeholders' suggestions considered as good practice

Enterprise Clinic Charter

International Labour Organization		ক্লিনিক চার্টার Clinic Charter
২৪ ঘন্টা টেলিমেডিসিন নম্বর 24/7 Telemedicine Number	<mark>ა৬২৬৩</mark> 16263	
সার্ভিসের সময় Service Hours	সকাল ৮টা থেকে সন্ধ্যা ৫টা 8 AM to 5 PM	
ক্লিনিকাল সার্ভিসের জন্য জরুরি যোগাযোগ নম্বর Emergency Contact for Clinical Service	ডাঃ আকাশ আহমেদ ০১৫৮৯৬৭৪২৩১ Dr. Akash Ahmed 01589674231	
২৪ ঘন্টা অ্যাস্থুলেন্স্র সার্ভিস 24/7 Ambulance Service	রতন সরকার এজিএম ০১৭১০০৭৪৩৭১ Ratan sarkar AGM 01710074371	৯৯৯ ন্যাশনাল ইমার্জেন্স্রি সার্ভিস 999 National Emergency Service
সেকেন্ডারি রেফারেল সেন্টারের তালিকা এবং যোগাযোগ নম্বর List & Contact of Secondary Referral Center	শফিপুর জেনারেল হসপিটাল শফিপুর, কালিয়াকৈর, গাজীপুর Shafipur General Hospital Shafipur, Kaliakair, Gazipur সাবের আল তারেক জেনারেল ম্যানেজার ০১৯৮৩৮৯০৯৪৫ Saber Al Tarek General Manager 01983890945	
ওয়েলফেয়ার অফিসার (সেবা সন্তোষজনক না হলে অবহিত করার জন্য) Welfare officer (To notify if service is not satisfactory)	নাবিলা হাসান ০১৯১৬০০৯৪১৪ Nabila Hasan 01916009414	
মনজুর ফ্যাশন লিমিটেড	5	BKMEA

- EC charter need to be available at:
 - Entry gate of the industry
 - Infront of EC
- EC charter need to be:
 - Printed on PVC board
 - Minimum Size: 1.5 sqft * 1 sqft
- Components of EC Charter:
 - Service Hours, as per working hours of the factory
 - Assisted telemedicine Number (if available, for beyond working hours. e.g. Shastho Batayan 16263)
 - Name and Phone Number of the Emergency Contact at EC
 - Name and phone number of contact person for 24/7 ambulance
 - Name and Address of Secondary Referral center
 - Name and phone number of contact person at Secondary Referral Center
 - Name and phone number of Welfare officer to notify if service is not satisfactory











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Red= As per BLA and BLR Black= Stakeholders' suggestions considered as good practice

Figure 2: Sample EC type 2 Structure











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Figure 3: Sample EC type 3 Structure











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Figure 4: Sample EC type 4 Structure











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Figure 5: Sample EC type 5 Structure











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Figure 6: Sample EC type 6 Structure







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Figure 7: Sample EC type 7 Structure



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