

Closure of Jagori HIV testing and counselling unit of icddr,b

Dhaka, January 6, 2016 - icddr,b thanks its partners and staff for 14 years of HIV testing and counselling services as its outdoor unit in Jagori closes in January.

Since opening in 2002, the Jagori HTC Unit has served approximately 11,000 clients with technical support from UNAIDS. It reached out beyond Dhaka to people from across the country to reduce the spread and impact of HIV and AIDS in Bangladesh. Different age groups and different strata of society accessed services without the fear of stigma and were assured that full confidentiality would be maintained.

icddr,b gratefully acknowledges the support of different development partners without whom this 14 year journey of the Jagori HTC Unit could not have been successful. The organisation is proud that staffs from Jagori are now a national resource and it hopes that the legacy of open mindedness and high quality services will be carried forward in the country for many years to come.

People at risk of HIV and AIDS can continue to visit the operational government and non-governmental organisation service units for testing and counselling services.

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About Jagori

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