

# Suraiya Ataur Medical Center Opens In Bangladesh

The Suraiya Ataur Medical Center (SAMC) held its first day on January 14th, 2014. Despite political upheaval that foreshadowed an initial unsuccessful outcome, Aysu and her cousin, Nadira, who is also a practicing doctor volunteering her time at the clinic, made the trip to Chondipur as soon as it was deemed safe by the Bangladeshi government. Upon their arrival, Aysu delegated each volunteer a role to ensure a smooth flow during the course of the day. For now, the clinic is operating in one of the rooms in the school that Aysu's father established. Thus, the majority of the patients consulted were relatives of the students attending the school. Aysu's two daughters each paired up with



a girl from the school, and were responsible for preliminary check-ins with the patients (the girls from the school will eventually do this job on their own). This included writing down the names of the patients, their age, and their main reason for coming in on an index card while simultaneously checking the patient's blood pressure. The patients then waited until Dr. Nadira was ready to meet with them, an average wait of ten minutes per patient. After consulting with the patients, Dr. Nadira either offered them medicine to take home, or arranged for a referral with a specialist, depending on the patient's need. At the end of the half-day, a total of 56 patients were seen and treated.



## First Quarter Update

Over the past few months Bangladesh has slowly begun to regain political stability. Dr. Nadira continues to travel to Chondipur to see patients on Friday afternoons once or twice a month. She is establishing records for returning patients and welcoming new patients every visit. Your generous donation today will help us support and expand the services of the village clinic.





**WHAT YOUR DONATION HAS ALREADY PURCHASED:**

- Blood Pressure Machines
- Glucometer
- Medicines (enough to last a month)
- Thermometers/stethoscope
- Prescription pads/cards
- Transportation Money for Doctor (for 4 months)

**WHAT YOUR DONATION TODAY WILL BUY:**

- Printing (\$10/month)
- Lighting (\$30/month)
- Tables (\$45)
- Water Filter (\$50)
- Pedestal Fan (\$50)
- Examination Table (\$100)
- Medicine (\$100/month)
- Large steel storage cupboard (\$100)
- Chairs (\$150)
- Salary for Medical Assistant (\$175/month)
- Generator (\$200)
- Laptop Computer (\$450)
- Electrical Medical Record Software (\$500)

**What is the Connection Between the School and the Clinic?**

Aysu's father, Aatur Rahman, established a school for girls in Chondipur in 1967. The Suraiya Aatur Medical Center's opening day was held in the school where it will continue to expand until a brick and mortar clinic is built. The girls in the school are responsible for doing preliminary check ins with patients. Many of the patients are relatives of the students in the school.

**HOW YOU CAN DONATE:**

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