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Bangladesh launches two medical convoys for surgeries in children

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Conducted in cooperation with the local partner, Bangladesh Red Crescent Society



Qatar Red Crescent Society (QRCS) recently launched two medical convoys in Bangladesh, deploying volunteering medical professionals from Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) and Sidra Medicine to perform general surgery and cardiac catheterisation operations for children at Teknaf Hospital (Cox's Bazar) and the National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases (NICVD) (Dhaka), respectively.

They involve free-of-charge surgeries and cardiac catheterisations for low-income refugees at camps and the host community, while the health facilities are struggling in those underserved and overpopulated areas and the other international organisations are focusing on different humanitarian/health needs.

This causes health complications and threatens the lives of hundreds of poor patients. During day 1, they performed 17 catheterszations, out of the target of 90 catheterisations for children with congenital heart defects, at a cost of $179,135. At the same time, the general surgery convoy delegation arrived at Teknaf Hospital and met the hospital’s management to discuss the action plan, review the operating room’s equipment and medical consumables store, and examine the patients who would be treated, totaling 140 surgeries, at a cost of $83,751.