

Child Malnutrition Rising Alarmingly

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Cleland Stevenson, resident representative of Save the Children in Bangladesh, delivered welcome notes in the seminar.

The effectiveness of Ready to Use Therapeutic Foods (RUTF), a mixture of nuts, milk and micronutrient, was discussed in the seminar.

IPHN director Fatima Parveen Chowdhury said extreme malnutrition crisis developed in the country, although several programmes were taken in the past 20 years to tackle the situation.

"We have conducted a research on malnutrition at Borhanuddin and Lalmohon Upazila under Bhola from June 2009 to June 2010," she said, adding, "RUTF was supplied to the children of the area during the research."

She also said one year research was not enough in this regard.

Chief researcher of Taft University Kate Sedley said the goal of the research was to find the process of preventing malnutrition of children.

"The community health workers found and treated 724 children affected by malnutrition at Borhanuddin," she said.

"But the attempts at Lalmohon in this regard was unsuccessful," she added.

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