



**Prof. Dr. Tahmina Shirin PhD, Director IEDCR receiving Spirit of Rotary award from Honourable Minister Tipu Munshi, Minister of Commerce**

## Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) achieved the Spirit of Rotary Award

IEDCR stands for Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research. IEDCR is the mandated institute within the MOHFW, which is responsible for disease surveillance, outbreak investigation and response, training and research. IEDCR has been engaged in controlling diseases and conducting research on events of public health importance and developing the public health workforce since 1976. IEDCR has been designated as the National Influenza Centre (NIC) and a member of the Global Influenza Surveillance Network (GISN) since 2007. IEDCR is a member of the Global Outbreak Alert Response Network (GOARN) since 2008. IEDCR is the focal technical institute for implementation of IHR 2005 in Bangladesh. In 2013, the CDC designated Bangladesh as one of the ten Global Disease Detection (GDD) Regional Centers to enhance global health security for rapid detection and response to emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases in Bangladesh. IEDCR leads the outbreak investigation and emergency

response through National Rapid Response Team (NRRT) in collaboration with local Rapid Response Team (RRT) and multi-sectoral team. More importantly, leading antimicrobial resistance (AMR) surveillance across the country and conducts disease outbreak response and disease surveillance on one health approach with the strong leadership of our Honourable Prime Minister.

In recognition of relentless efforts and cordial services IEDCR has received the Spirit of Rotary award by Rotary International. In a ceremony, Rotary International presented the award to Director IEDCR Professor Dr. Tahmina Shirin PhD on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2021 in District Conference 2021 of Rotary Internal at Radisson Blue Dhaka. The award was presented by honourable Minister Tipu Munshi MP, Minister of Commerce and District Governor Rotary International Md. Rubayet Hossain. Among the guests Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) Mayor Md Atiqul Islam, Dr. Belal Uddin Ahmed District Governor Rotary International and PP MD Iqbal Hossain Chairman Organizing committee Rotary International. There were other respected personnel from different national stakeholders were also present. This award was gifted to IEDCR for outstanding activities for prevention, control

and containment measures for COVID-19.



During COVID-19 pandemic, IEDCR was the first institute involved in developing of laboratory capacity for detection of SARS CoV-2, national guidelines of COVID-19 case investigation and quarantine, localized containment in the country. IEDCR is the National Reference laboratory for COVID-19. During the early phase of pandemic, IEDCR investigated and contact traced every reported COVID-19 cases. IEDCR trained health personnel countrywide for case investigation and contact tracing and over 2000 laboratory personnel to strengthen COVID-19 testing capacity in the country. From the beginning of the pandemic IEDCR is collecting samples from door to door and continuing. IEDCR also performs COVID-19 seroprevalence studies, vaccine efficacy studies and genome sequencing. IEDCR also provides technical assistance to Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) in detection, prevention, control and containment of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases.



**District Conference 2021 of Rotary Internal at Radisson Blue Dhaka**