

# Handbook To Establish Model Enterprise Clinic At RMG Industries in Bangladesh

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## Handbook to Establish

## Model Enterprise Clinic at RMG industries in Bangladesh

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## **Preface**

The International Labour Organization (ILO), in collaboration with the Ministry of Labour & Employment and Employers' Associations in Bangladesh, including BGMEA, BKMEA, and BEF, is working to establish effective Enterprise Clinics within factories. CMED Health as a knowledge partner has developed a handbook with checklist to guide employers in creating and maintaining model enterprise clinics. This handbook provides guidelines for implementing Enterprise Clinics in factories. The guidelines are based on relevant provisions in Bangladesh Labour Act and Labour Rules and aim to ensure compliance with government regulations and also address the specific needs and challenges of each size category. The Handbook with Checklist offers stakeholders' suggestions as good practices for healthcare facilities within factories, emphasizing the importance of aligning with government regulations and considering the unique requirements of different production processes. The ready-made garment sector in Bangladesh is the primary focus of this initiative due to its significant contribution to the country's exports and being exemplary for other 41 sectors.

To ensure the well-being and safety of workers in Bangladesh, the implementation of the Employment Injury Scheme and the enhancement of Enterprise Clinics in RMG factories are essential. A collective approach based on industrial solidarity can help reduce costs. Gaps between large and small factories in terms of healthcare facilities, availability of doctors, and knowledge regarding workplace diseases and injuries can be minimized through innovative solutions, collaborations, and capacity building for healthcare staff, these are necessary for the success of Enterprise Clinics and the overall improvement of workers' health conditions in the ready-made garment sector.

The active participation and contribution of implementing partners Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA), the Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA), and the Department of Inspection for Factories and Establishments (DIFE) under the Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoLE), workers organizations including NCCWE and IBC, in the development and review of the handbook have been useful. The incorporation of their insights, industry knowledge, and expertise has greatly enhanced the handbook's practicality and relevance. While developing the Handbook on Model Enterprise Clinics, other key stakeholders including Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), Central Fund- MoLE, Department of Labour (DoL), World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Bangladesh Employers Federation (BEF), German Technical Corporation Agency (GIZ), Business for Social Responsibilities (BSR), Change Associates, PRIMARK, Centre for Disability in Development (CDD), Centre for rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP), Research and Policy Integration for Development (RAPID), Policy Research Institute (PRI), Gonoshasthaya Kendra (GSK), Swisscontact, MSF and several physicians and compliance managers working at different RMG industries were engaged in a detailed bilateral discussion to get their perspective on Enterprise Clinics. Their suggestions on major elements of Enterprise Clinics as well as other perspectives are included in the relevant part in the guidelines section.

## Factory-based health facilities: a win - win for all



#### **Service / Provision**

Preventive Care & **Health Screening** 

Consultation for **Primary Care** 

Equipment, Medicine & Consumables

Acute Workplace Injury Management

Secondary Referral

Rehabilitation

**Health Awareness** 

**Immunization** 

## **Employers**



Prevent workplace diseases



Low absenteeism



Healthy workforce



Health facility at workplace



**Workers** 

Cost Convenience effective health service



Healthy workforce in country



Government

Better productivity



Better health



Ease of mind



Higher productivity



Lower pressure on government hospitals



Cost saving on government health facilities



**Improved** 

productivity

Regular information on worker's health



**Improved** 

employer-worker

relationship

Low staff turnover rate



**Improved** ownership of work



Good relation with employer



Increase employment opportunities for healthcare workers



Meeting SDGs & other commitments

# Segmentation of Enterprise Clinic (EC)

Based on relevant Provisions in Bangladesh Labour Law and Rules, Enterprise Clinics at factories are divided into 7 groups depending on the size of the workers and remain aligned with ground realities.

| Enterprise Clinic  | Type - 1      | Type - 2   | Type - 3      | Type - 4      | Type - 5                      | Type - 6                       | Type - 7                       |  |
|--------------------|---------------|--|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Attributes         |               | © Phemory  | ☼ Phornacy    | O Pharmacy    | ⊕ Phemory                     |                                |                                |  |
| Industry Size      | Small         | Small  | Medium        | Large         | Large                         | Large                          | Large                          |  |
| Employee Size      | 1 - 299       | 300 - 499  | 500 - 1199    | 1200 - 2999   | 3000 - 4999                   | 5000 - 7500                    | 7500+                          |  |
| Area               | N/A           | Min. 120 sqft  | 120-180 sqft  | Min. 180 sqft | Min. 240 sqft                 | Min. 360 sqft                  | Min. 360+ sqft                 |  |
| Doctor             | None          | 1  | 1             | 1             | 2<br>(1 Female<br>preferable) | 2+<br>(1 Female<br>preferable) | 3+<br>(1 Female<br>preferable) |  |
| Nurse              | None          | 1  | 1<br><b>1</b> | 1             | 2                             | 2+                             | 3+                             |  |
| Paramedic          | None          | 1  | 1             | 1             | 2                             | 2+                             | 3+                             |  |
| Support Staff      | None          | 1  | 1             | 1             | 2                             | 2+                             | 3+                             |  |
| First aid Provider | 1 Employee tr | 1 Employee trained in first aid, managing each box/ almirah at each workroom, wearing a first aid provider badge |               |               |                               |                                |                                |  |

Reference: BLA 89, BLR 76, BLR 77, BLR 78

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## **Enterprise Clinic Charter**



- EC charter need to be available at:
  - Entry gate of the industry
  - Infront of EC
- EC charter need to be:
  - Printed on PVC board
  - Minimum Size: 1.5 sqft \* 1 sqft
- Components of EC Charter:
  - Service Hours, as per working hours of the factory
  - Assisted telemedicine Number (if available, for beyond working hours. e.g.
     Shastho Batayan 16263)
  - Name and Phone Number of the Emergency Contact at EC
  - Name and phone number of contact person for 24/7 ambulance
  - Name and Address of Secondary Referral center
  - Name and phone number of contact person at Secondary Referral Center
  - Name and phone number of Welfare officer to notify if service is not satisfactory



#### Furniture, Equipment, Medicine & Consumables



First Aid Box/ Cupboard/ Almirah marked with Red Crescent or Cross symbol



Wheelchair availability



Updated list of expiring medicine & replacement consumables, equiepment



Medicine, equipment & first aid consumables as per employee size

#### **Health Services**



First aid



List of hospital / clinic/ diagnostic center as secondary referral



Any suitable transport arrangement to ensure secondary referral

#### **Human Resource**



1 designated person trained in primary aid



Refresher training for the designated person for first aid and Basic Life Support as and when needed

## **Data Management & Reporting**



Healthcare Committee



Checklist & action planning as per Handbook



#### Infrastructure & Utilities









OPD with medicine dispensary



Located away from sections producing noise







Biomedical waste management



**Generator Connection** 

#### **Health Services**





Awareness creation (counseling/ Primary care visuals/awareness session/ PA system announcement/ leaflets)



Treatment of common illness & workplace injury at OPD



Eye & Hearing Screening for workers at risk



Any suitable transport arrangement to ensure secondary referral



List of hospital/ clinic/ diagnostic center as secondary referral center



Advise of physical therapy by doctors related to OH/ workplace accident at OPD

#### Equipment, Furniture, Medicine & Consumables



Equipment & furniture as per BLA & BLR



Updated list of expiring medicine, consumables, equiepment & replacement





Medicine & Consumables as per BLA & BLR



Health products at subsidized price

#### **Human Resource**



1 Doctor with **BMDC** registration (Partially physical, minimum 1 day in a week)



1 Trained nurse



1 Trained Paramedic/Dresser (Female preferable)



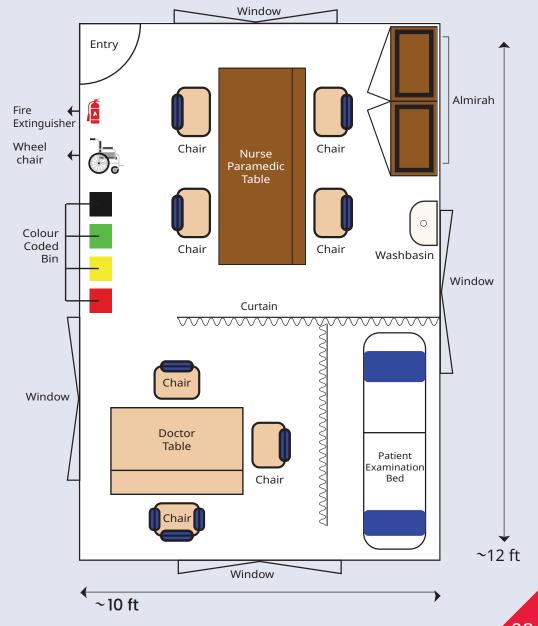
1 Support Staff



Refresher training on family planning, reproductive health, mental health & nutrition as and when needed









#### Infrastructure & Utilities



Size minimum 120 - 180 Sqft



OPD with medicine dispensary



Located away from sections producing noise













**Generator Connection** 

#### **Health Services**







Awareness creation (counseling/ visuals/awareness session/ PA system announcement/ leaflets)



Treatment of common illness & workplace injury at OPD



Eye & Hearing Screening for workers at risk



Any suitable transport arrangement to ensure secondary referral



List of hospital/ clinic/ diagnostic center as secondary referral center

**Human Resource** 



Advise of physical therapy by doctors related to OH/ workplace accident at OPD

#### Equipment, Furniture, Medicine & Consumables



Equipment & furniture as per BLA & BLR



Updated list of expiring medicine, consumables, equiepment & replacement





Medicine & Consumables as per BLA & BLR



Health products at subsidized price



1 Doctor with BMDC registration (Partially physical, minimum 3 day in a week)



1 Trained nurse



1 Trained Paramedic/Dresser (Female preferable)



1 Support Staff



Refresher training on family planning, reproductive health, mental health & nutrition as and when needed







All Records of treatment history & workplace injur preserved



Healthcare committee



Checklist & action planning as per Handbook





Good quality of cleanliness maintained



Proper use of PPE by general staff as preventive care



Adequate measures to protect against infectious disease



Proper use of PPE during duty by clinical staffs as preventive care

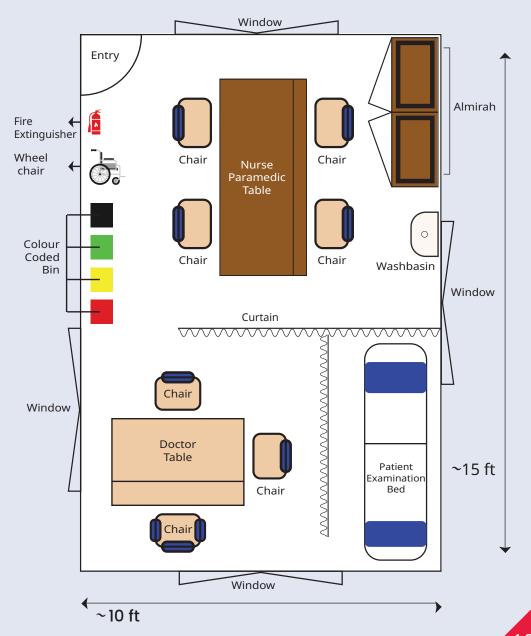


Figure 3: Sample EC type 3 Structure



#### Infrastructure & Utilities



180 Sqft











Located away from sections producing noise









Biomedical waste management



**Generator Connection** 

#### **Health Services**







Awareness creation (counseling/ visuals/awareness session/ PA system announcement/ leaflets)



Treatment of common illness & workplace injury at OPD



Eye & Hearing Screening for workers at risk



Any suitable transport arrangement to ensure secondary referral



List of hospital/ clinic/ diagnostic center as secondary referral center

**Human Resource** 



Advise of physical therapy by doctors related to OH/ workplace accident at OPD

## Equipment, Furniture, Medicine & Consumables



Equipment & furniture as per BLA & BLR



Updated list of expiring medicine, consumables, equiepment & replacement





Medicine & Consumables as per BLA & BLR



Health products at subsidized price

1 Doctor with **BMDC** registration (full time)



1 Trained nurse (full-time)



1 Trained Paramedic/Dresser (full-time) (Female preferable)



1 Support Staff



Refresher training on family planning, reproductive health, mental health & nutrition as and when needed







All Records of treatment history & workplace injur preserved



Healthcare Committee



Checklist & action planning as per Handbook

#### **Cross-Cutting Areas**



Good quality of cleanliness maintained



Proper use of PPE by general staff as preventive care



Proper use of PPE during duty by clinical staffs as preventive care



Adequate measures to protect against infectious disease



Healthcare workers satisfied with service delivery



Employees are aware with service offering

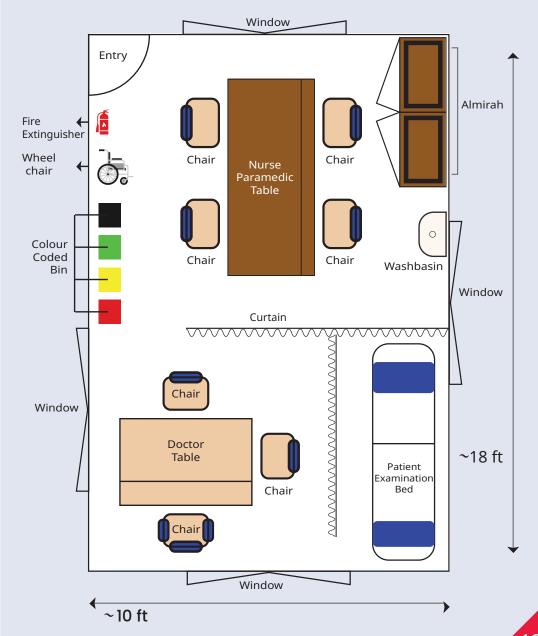


Figure 4: Sample EC type 4 Structure

















OPD with



Located away from medicine dispensary sections producing noise









Biomedical waste management



**Generator Connection** 

#### **Health Services**







Awareness creation (counseling/ visuals/awareness session/ PA system announcement/ leaflets)



Treatment of common illness & workplace injury at OPD



Eye & Hearing Screening for workers at risk



Any suitable transport arrangement to ensure secondary referral



List of hospital/ clinic/ diagnostic center as secondary referral center

**Human Resource** 



Advise of physical therapy by doctors related to OH/ workplace accident at OPD

#### Equipment, Furniture, Medicine & Consumables



Equipment & furniture as per BLA & BLR



Updated list of expiring medicine, consumables, equiepment & replacement





Medicine & Consumables as per BLA & BLR



Health products at subsidized price



2 Doctor with BMDC registration (full time)



2 Trained nurse (full-time)



2 Trained Paramedic/ Dresser (full-time) (Female preferable)



2 Support Staff (full-time)



Refresher training on family planning, reproductive health, mental health & nutrition as and when needed







All Records of treatment history & workplace injur preserved



**Healthcare Committee** 



Checklist & action planning as per Handbook

#### **Cross-Cutting Areas**



Good quality of cleanliness maintained



Proper use of PPE by general staff as preventive care



Proper use of PPE during duty by clinical staffs as preventive care



Adequate measures to protect against infectious disease



Healthcare workers satisfied with service delivery



Employees are aware with service offering

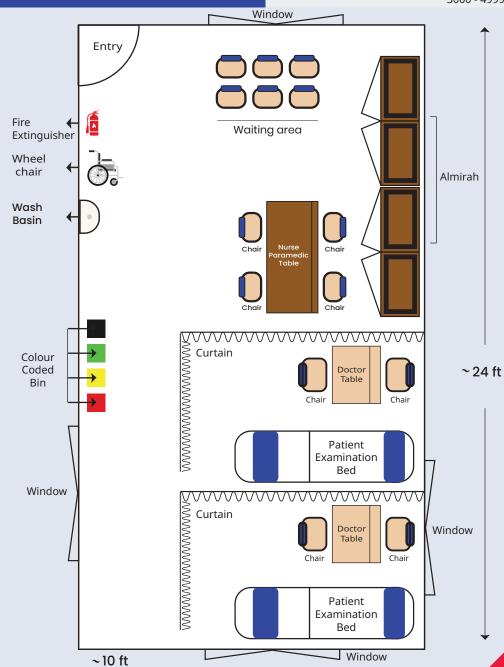


Figure 5: Sample EC type 5 Structure



#### Infrastructure & Utilities











Located away from sections producing noise



OPD with waiting area



1 isolation bed







Dressing Room



Medicine Store



Biomedical waste

management

Generator Connection



care

**Primary Awareness creation** (counseling/visual/ awareness session/PA system announcement/leaflets)



**Health Services** 

Treatment of common illness, workplace injury at OPD



Pre and post delivery service (ANC & PNC) at OPD & IPD



Advise of physical therapy by doctors related to OH/ workplace accident at OPD



Acute workplace injury management At IPD



Any suitable transport arrangement to ensure secondary referral



List of hospital/clinic/ diagnostic center as secondary referral center



Regular working hour & overtime hour coverage



Eye & Hearing Screening for workers at risk

#### Equipment, Furniture, Medicine & Consumables



Equipment & furniture as per BLA & BLR



Updated list of expiring medicine, consumables, equiepment & replacement





Medicine & Consumables as per BLA & BLR



Health products at subsidized price

#### **Human Resource**



2+ Doctor with **BMDC** registration (full time)



2+ Trained nurse (full-time)



2+ Trained Paramedic/Dresser (full-time) (Female preferable)



2+ Support Staff (full-time)



Refresher training on family planning, reproductive health, mental health & nutrition as and when needed



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#### **Data Management & Reporting**



All Records of treatment history & workplace injur preserved



Healthcare committee



Checklist & action planning as per Handbook

#### **Cross-Cutting Areas**



Good quality of cleanliness maintained



Proper use of PPE by general staff as preventive care



Proper use of PPE during duty by clinical staffs as preventive care



Adequate measures to protect against infectious disease



Healthcare workers satisfied with service delivery



Employees are aware with service offering

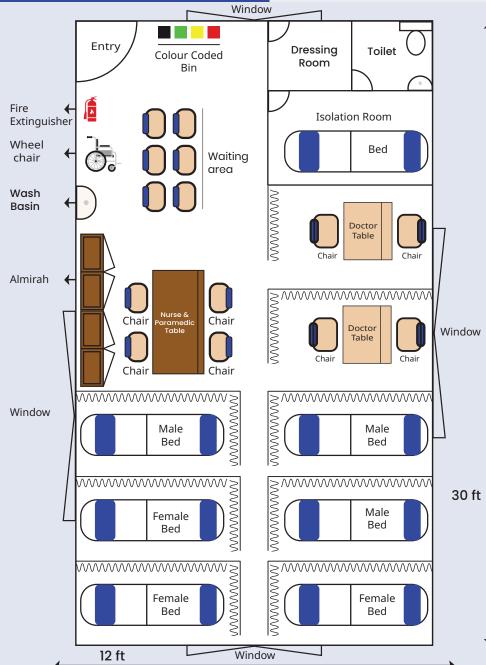


Figure 6: Sample EC type 6 Structure



#### Infrastructure & Utilities







Located away from sections producing noise



OPD with waiting area



1 isolation bed



IPD with 6 beds



Dressing Room



Medicine Store



Biomedical waste management



Generator Connection

#### **Health Services**



Primary Awareness creation care (counseling/visual/awareness session/PA system announcement/leaflets)



Treatment of common illness workplace injury at OPD



Pre and post delivery service (ANC & PNC) at OPD & IPD



Advise of physical
therapy by doctors
related to OH/ workplace
accident at OPD



Acute workplace injury management At IPD



ee Any suitable
ent transport
arrangement to
ensure secondary referral



List of hospital/clinic/ diagnostic center as secondary referral center



Regular working hour & overtime hour coverage



Eye & Hearing
Screening
for workers
at risk

#### Equipment, Furniture, Medicine & Consumables



Equipment & furniture as per BLA & BLR



Updated list of expiring medicine, consumables, equiepment & replacement





Medicine & Consumables as per BLA & BLR



Health products at subsidized price

#### **Human Resource**



3+ Doctor with BMDC registration (full time)



3+ Trained nurse (full-time)



3+ Trained
Paramedic/ Dresser
(full-time)
(Female preferable)



3+ Support Staff (full-time)



Refresher training on family planning, reproductive health, mental health & nutrition as and when needed



#### Data Management & Reporting



All Records of treatment history & workplace injur preserved



Healthcare committee



Checklist & action planning as per Handbook

#### **Cross-Cutting Areas**



Good quality of cleanliness maintained



Proper use of PPE by general staff as preventive care



Proper use of PPE during duty by clinical staffs as preventive care



Adequate measures to protect against infectious disease



Healthcare workers satisfied with service delivery



Employees are aware with service offering

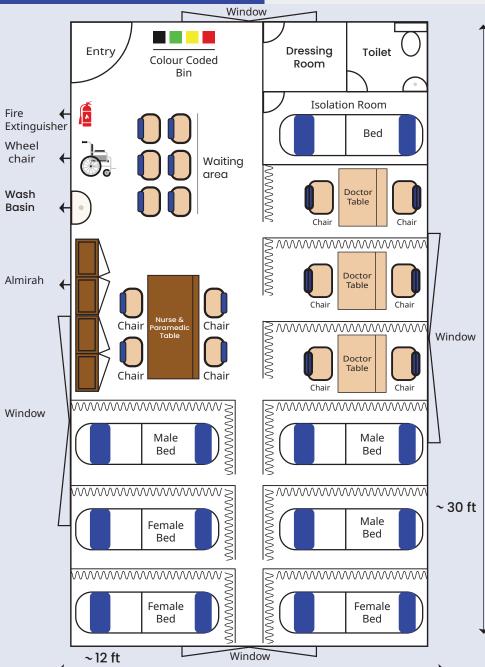


Figure 7: Sample EC type 7 Structure



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