

Dalit Laboratories (Ayurvedic)

To create confidence in herbal medicine among the disadvantaged communities and to make the practice sustainable, organization Dalit established an Herbal Medicine production unit since 2004 producing syrups and tablets. Beside this, Dalit inspires the beneficiaries and the students to plant medicinal trees in their homestead land. As a demonstrative activity Dalit planted thousands of medicinal plants in its office and school grounds and in other common properties.



Medicinal plants garden

Dalit aimed to improve the health conditions of the poor villagers (especially mothers and children) living in rural areas by providing low cost (Ayurvedic) treatment. The curative treatment is always costly. Ayurvedic treatment is cost effective, attainable and side effect free. That is why Dalit introduced Ayurvedic treatment in its services. People of all concern and the statistics proved that Ayurvedic treatment become familiar than the Allopathic.

In addition, Dalit organizes courtyard meetings with the active participation of the community members. Doctors, Nurses and Herbal Medical Officers facilitate these meetings inviting people to plant medicinal herbs and using them in a traditional way to save money, time and ensure sustainable health practices. The main objectives of the program are as follows:

- Ensure Ayurvedic medicines for rural poor with minimum cost;
- Make people accustomed to using Ayurvedic medicines;
- To aware the disadvantaged community members on Ayurvedic treatment;
- To inspire the people on nursing of medicinal plants garden;
- To provide skill development support for the village healers.

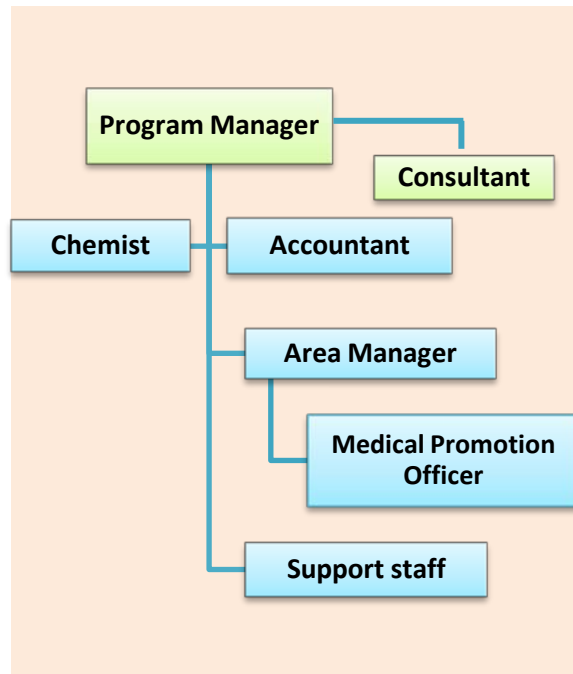
Location and Legal Status of Medicine Production Unit

Dalit’s Ayurvedic Medicine Production unit, Dalit Laboratories (Ayurvedic) is situated at Chuknagar, about 30 K.M. far from Khulna City. The plant has got the registration from Drug Administration of Bangladesh under Ministry of Health in the year 2009 and the production license number is **149 (Ayurvedic)**.



Work force

Presently total 26 staff has been working with Dalit Laboratories, the hierarchy of the program are as follows:



Designation	No. of staff
Program Manager	1
Consultant	1
Accountant	1
Chemist	1
Area Manager	2
Medical Promotion Officer	16
Support Staff	4



Working area

16 Medical Promotion Officers (MPO) are working under the Area Managers, responsible to market all the medicines in 19 sub-districts of Khulna, Jashore, Satkhira and Bagerhat districts. As a promising company, Dalit Laboratories is trying to get a good response from the patients and consumers.

Medicines of Dalit Laboratories

Dalit Laboratories' currently producing 24 types of medicines and the unit is also producing another 10 types of medicines for clinical purpose. The produced medicines are as follows:

S.I.	Name of Medicine	Type	S.I.	Name of Medicine	Type
01	Febolin	Syrup	13	Mumton	Syrup
02	Menorist	Syrup	14	Livorin	Syrup
03	Vigabala	Syrup	15	Dcyd	Syrup
04	Spermatun	Syrup	16	Doede	Syrup
05	Amobatin	Syrup	17	Hepamia	Syrup
06	Femineed	Syrup	18	Respeton	Syrup
07	Amlaphen	Syrup	19	Dprash	Semi Solid
08	Cardiogin	Syrup	20	Calcuirex	Semi Solid
09	Dbrain	Syrup	21	Hemodian	Tablet
10	Gastoseed	Syrup	22	Scialn	Tablet
11	Ascough	Syrup	23	Otirex	Tablet
12	Urisen	Syrup	24	Dbilas	Tablet



Collection of Raw Materials

To have the continuous supply of raw materials required for the production in the plant, Dalit Laboratories is nursing some medicinal plants garden in its premises and in other villages in its working area. But being this not sufficient for the entire production, they have to purchase part of the raw materials from the local market. At present they have 8 gardens in 8 villages where there are 145 types of medicinal plants. They also purchase chemical agent, food based supporting agent, honey and spices from the local market.

Medicine Production

Traditionally Ayurvedic medicines are popular and well known to the villagers, so they are the main target of the production unit. Dalit Laboratories doesn't want only reaching the community people with services; but it also wants making medicines accessible at a very affordable price.



Village healer training & follow up

Ayurvedic practitioners are commonly known as Kaviraj (village healer). The Kaviraj plays a very important role in rural health service. Dalit Laboratories wants to develop their capacities so they can continue the Ayurvedic practices following the proper method. So Dalit provided them with many relevant books and training to enhance their skills.



Validity for the Village healer

Usually Ayurvedic practitioners have no permission to prescribe the patients but some of them are experienced and locally they have goodwill as a neighborhood doctor. To provide them govt. authentication Dalit Laboratories made a contact with 'Bangladesh board of Unani and Ayurvedic systems of medicine' authority to admit our village healers in their 6 month's long certificate course. After the completion of the course 28 healers attended the board examination and 23 passed successfully.



Among the listed healers 17 of them opened a chamber for treatment purpose in their area. Now they are prescribing with more confidence and also selling

Ayurvedic medicines produced by Dalit Laboratories.

Conclusion

The goal of this program is 'Make health related services affordable to the disadvantaged community so that they can lead full productive life' and from the beginning Dalit Laboratories is working to fulfill its commitment. They achieved a good response from the patients who received Ayurvedic treatment. Also trained village healers provided their services under our follow up programs.

Dalit want to pay all the credits to our honorable donor, because without financial support and guidelines we had nothing to do. We hope we will be able to build-up a trend among all the people receiving herbal treatment for general diseases in future.