



Mofizul &
Shirin's story

Insurance matters for securing our dreams

Dreaming together as a couple has been one of the most fulfilling parts of Mofizul and Shirin's everyday life lately. But when it comes to securing those dreams, the garment worker couple of Masihata Sweaters Ltd is banking on a health insurance scheme that caters to their needs.

Eight months pregnant with her second child, Shirin was devastated when she heard that her husband was rushed to Panishail Gonoshasthaya Clinic when he suffered breathing problem and fell unconscious at work in the morning of 21 March 2018. Mofizul was put on oxygen support during the night and he started feeling better next morning.

Mofizul said he was brought to the clinic immediately by an ambulance and the on-duty doctors did everything necessary for his recovery. "They gave me medicine and did some tests without asking for any fee. I didn't have any money on me, but all I needed is the insurance card my factory gave me a few months ago," said 30-year old Mofizul, who works as an Iron Operator at Masihata. While signing up for the health insurance scheme, he was told that he can avail health care facilities up to BDT 25,000 a year. "I have never been this sick in my life. The insurance scheme came really handy during this difficult time," he said.

Mofizul's wife Shirin is also a beneficiary of the health insurance scheme supported by the Weave our Future (WoF), a foundation of Auchan, one of the largest French retail chains. Shirin did not avail any facility under the health insurance scheme yet. But as the couple is preparing for childbirth, Shirin said she is feeling very relieved knowing that she will get maternal health care services under the insurance scheme. Many couples in the garment sector are benefitting from this health insurance scheme, which helps them reduce the vulnerabilities to poor health services and health outcomes caused by poverty.

"My first child was born at home. But now that I have this insurance facility, I want to stay at this hospital for the childbirth,"

-Shirin Begum
Mending Operator
Masihata Sweaters Ltd