

## Formal Registration in Bangladesh Enhances MI's Ongoing Efforts to Stop Hidden Hunger

The Micronutrient Initiative (MI) was formally registered on August 27, 2007 as an International NGO with the NGO Affairs Bureau in Bangladesh.

MI established its presence in Bangladesh in 1998, with a primary focus on the reduction of the key vitamin and mineral deficiencies that impact most severely on the health and wellbeing of vulnerable groups. These include deficiencies in vitamin A, iodine, iron and zinc. Since 1998, MI has worked largely with and through registered partner organizations and agencies. However, with the improved official recognition resulting from the recent registration, MI will now be able to operate independently in Bangladesh under the Foreign Donations (Voluntary Activities) Regulation Ordinance, 1978.

This registration allows MI to receive funds and contract partners on its own and to be more directly involved in the implementation of programs. The registration will further enhance MI's credibility and reputation among its peers, partners and the public at large in the country. It will better position the organization to enhance ongoing efforts to alleviate hidden hunger in Bangladesh.

"This is a welcome development for the MI's programs in Bangladesh and the valued support and cooperation of the NGO Bureau in moving MI through this process is greatly appreciated," said Dr. Zeba Mahmud, Bangladesh Program Manager for MI.

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*Md. Alimusan, DG, NGO Bureau, hands over registration certificate to Dr. Zeba Mahmud, NPM, Bangladesh while Humayun Kabir, Assistant Director, NGO Bureau and Ashek Mahfuz, NPO MI look on.*