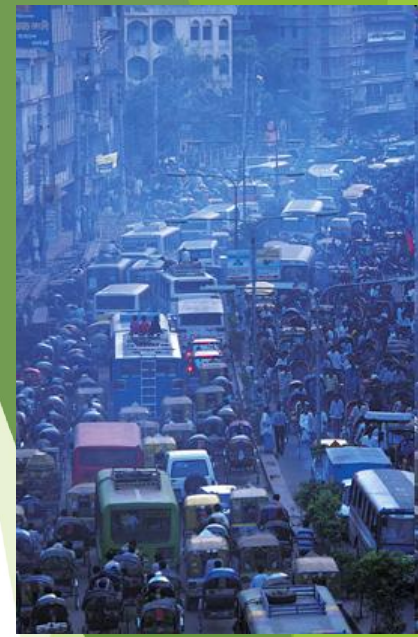


# Bangladesh Lung Foundation

- ▶ Bangladesh Lung Foundation (BLF) is a professional society for pulmonologists and allied specialties established in 2007.
- ▶ We have observed a “decade of dedication to the promotion of lung health for the people of Bangladesh” in 2017.
- ▶ BLF is an enbloc society of the Asia Pacific Society of Respiriology with 166 members

Our main activities are:

- ▶ Conferences on lung health
- ▶ Continuous professional development
- ▶ Promotion of Lung health awareness among policy makers, civil society and general public
- ▶ New lease of life for asthma patients- (advocacy campaign for promoting smooth transition to CFC-free inhalers)
- ▶ Tobacco control activities
- ▶ Support to patient centered TB control and care
- ▶ Observance of days/events related to lung health
- ▶ Patient support group
- ▶ Advocacy regarding air pollution and global warming



**We face an overwhelming challenge to lung health due to air pollution, both indoor and outdoor.**

**The capital of Bangladesh, Dhaka's air quality has been ranked as third most polluted in the world according to an air quality data compiled by the World Health Organisation (WHO).**

**There are two major sources of outdoor air pollution in Bangladesh, vehicular emissions and industrial emissions. Brickfields are the leading industrial source.**

**Indoor air pollution (IAP) from burning wood, animal dung and other biofuels is a major cause of acute respiratory infections.**

**IAP mainly affects women and young children, particularly in rural households.**

# Cook Stove in Bangladesh





# Activities of BLF regarding air pollution

- ▶ Signing Memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Department of Environment, Govt. Of Bangladesh
- ▶ Dedicated sessions involving multidisciplinary experts to discuss challenges of air pollution at conferences on lung health
- ▶ Advocacy campaign for promoting smooth transition to CFC-free inhalers thereby protecting against global warming
- ▶ Promotion of Lung health awareness among policy makers, civil society and general public
- ▶ Organizing roundtable discussions involving patients, public representatives, media and other stakeholders
- ▶ Promotion of environment friendly cooking stoves
- ▶ Organizing rallies and camps for medical students to enhance their involvement regarding air pollution



On September 14, 2017 Bangladesh Lung Foundation (BLF), Beacon Pharmaceuticals Ltd and The Daily Star jointly organised a roundtable titled: "Working together for better lung health" in observance of World Lung Day. Here we publish a summary of the discussion.