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Islamabad: The Capital Development Authority (CDA) has formally launched Islamabad Health Equity Model to enhance the quality of health care in the federal capital. Under the Health Equity Model, CDA will provide basic health facilities to the residents of the federal capital without any discrimination. The residents of both the rural and urban areas including dwellers of katchi abadis of Islamabad would enjoy the health benefits.

Member Administration CDA, Munir Ahmed Chaudhry formally inaugurated the workshop on Islamabad Health Equity Model and Base line Assessment here at Pak-China Friendship Centre on Thursday. The workshop was organized by the Health Services Directorate of CDA in collaboration with World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nation International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF). On this occasion officers of Health Services Directorate, representatives of WHO and UNICEF and health experts from different institutes were also present.

Speaking on the occasion, Munir Ahmed Chaudhry, Member Administration said that the health programme was launched on the direction of Chairman CDA, Syed Tahir Shahbaz. Under the health programme, health facilities would be provided to all the inhabitants of the city including urban, rural and slum dwellers without any discrimination. Main purpose of the health programme is to make the people health conscious and eradication of various diseases from the respective areas.

During the planning process of health programme, CDA in collaboration with WHO conducted a comprehensive survey in Sector F-8, I-8, I-10, G-10, Hansa Colony and Dhok Abbasi and health survey report was compiled and reviewed in contrast. He said that population of the federal capital is consistently increasing as people from different parts of the country are shifting to Islamabad, while round about 40 percent of the people are living in the rural areas of city, adding that they would also be included in basic health programme.

Earlier, Director Health Services, Dr. Hassan Orooj briefed the participants of the basic health programme in detail. While representatives of WHO and UNICEF also presented their research papers on health.

At the end of the workshop, question answer session was also held. Participants asked many queries about the importance of workshop.

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