

### **Former Senator Bill Frist Visits ACCESS Safe Motherhood and Newborn Care Project**

Former Senator William Harrison Frist from Nashville, Tennessee, former U.S. Senate majority leader and a pioneer in cardiothoracic transplant surgery, visited Bangladesh recently as part of a USAID-supported campaign by Save the Children to reduce child mortality.

As part of the trip, Dr. Frist visited the USAID-supported ACCESS/Bangladesh Safe Motherhood and Newborn Care project in Sylhet division. He met with the service providers on site and was briefed about immunization and vaccine services provided in the community. He also attended a counseling session for expectant mothers that provides information on birth preparedness, recognition of complications, ante-natal care visit and maternal nutrition. He observed the maternal and newborn care visit during the post-natal period when the project counselor concentrate on newborn examination and look for newborn and maternal danger signs for appropriate referral.



At the end of his visit, Dr. Frist commented that “Bangladesh's advancements were also on display in Sylhet, a region in the country's far northeastern corner. I distributed vitamin A supplements and vaccinations to dozens of newborns, including the child of a young woman named Tahmina. Through the work of Save the Children and USAID, Tahmina received prenatal counseling and continued guidance regarding proper newborn care following her son's birth. As a result of this assistance, her child's chances of survival have increased dramatically.”