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Letter from Leadership

Our board Chairperson and Executive Director says:

As we were moving forward with our activities and strategies as a women-led, women’s rights organization to deal with the social stigma, injustice towards gender equality, the blow of the pandemic and humanitarian crisis all around the world hit as a drawback in all spheres of the society. The challenges and losses were undeniable that we had to face as a grass-roots organization as the COVID-19 has profoundly put an impact on all our lives especially our members who were already going through an extensive amount of struggle to meet their basic day to day needs.

Hence, the pandemic made us reflect upon our existing strategies and role as a right-based organization. While our main goal has been the capacity building of members, now we had to think about the services to stand by our members. Amid the pandemic, we were able to provide food, seed money, and health kits for vulnerable women members and leaders.

Despite all the challenges and difficulties, we are happy, the groups were able to increase resources almost 100% higher than last year. Team members and working areas were expanded as well.
Not to mention, our gratitude towards our funders - UN Trust Fund to end violence against women and girls, Urgent Action Fund, Cities Alliance, Feminist Humanitarian Network, Women’s Fund Asia, and UN Women for their support and inspiration to keep our spirit up to move forward with positivity.
VISION
Establishing an all-inclusive society where women and girls have the freedom to express and can take effective participation in the socio-economic development process.

MISSION
Capacity building of the disadvantaged, vulnerable, and socially excluded groups or individuals towards improving their livelihoods and ensuring sustainability through mobilization, coaching, training, enhancing public speaking ability, legal aid support, enabling empowerment to challenge the existing social, cultural, and economic injustices in a participatory approach to move forward towards a greater change from the root.
Our Current Projects

- FPAR programme supported by Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW)
- Confront Land Induced Violence against Women and Girls' project funded by UN Trust Fund
- Research Programme funded by Feminist Humanitarian Network
- Climate Resilience Cities programme funded by Cities Alliance/UNOPS
- Protection of women returnee migrant workers’ rights funded by UN Women
- Project titled, Awareness for Human Action’ funded by Finn Church Aid and European Union
- Claiming the voices project funded by Women’s Fund Asia
- FPAR advocacy programme funded by APWLD
- Women farmers’ rights amid Covid-19 pandemic Funded by Women’s Fund Asia
Our Covid-19 Responses

- Distributed health kits among 500 women & girls
- Provided food support to 1100 women & girls
- Distributed free masks among 600 families
- Donated 2 oxygen cylinders to a voluntary organization
Women’s Economic Rights

BDT. 136K deposited by 192 members to the disaster fund.

135 members have received organic agricultural & 25 have received indigenous poultry farming training.

BDT. 4 million has been distributed amongst 211 members as seed funding in response to the pandemic.
Women’s Economic Rights
Women fisher-folk’s rights to waterbodies

300 vulnerable women leaders received emergency food support.

BDT 50k received five (5) women for rebuilding houses.

45 members have received fisher-folk cards.

Women’s Land Rights

230 members received assistance to protect land and water-bodies.

134 members received an inheritance certificate.

17 members received land transfer deeds

19 members received land mutation.

9 members received civil legal advice.

3900 members aware of land ownership
3 Combatting Violence against Women and Girls

49 members received legal support by visiting Police Stations.

Six (6) members received VAW court case support.

40 members received VAW related legal counseling by lawyers.

155 women received legal advice from volunteers.
Women’s Action for Climate Justice

1,120 women-headed & indigenous households’ needs in slums have been documented.

4 digital climate resilience plans have been produced in 2 cities.

2 citizen committees have been formed and are actively functional.

20 youth volunteers are trained on GIS data collection.
Women’s Action For Climate Justice
5 Rights of Women Migrant Workers’

- 22 returnees are employed in mask production & have earning source.
- 16,415 masks produced & 13,854 masks distributed.
- One capacity development module for returnees has been developed.
- Specific recommendations from the returnees have been brought to light.
Rights of Women Migrant Workers
6 Feminist Leadership Development

- 21 federation members have improved articulation and public speaking skills.
- 29 women groups with 1,452 members are mobilized and organized.
- 385 courtyard sessions have been done.
- 26 team members have a movement-building understanding.
- 15 team members oriented on gender issues and can talk about it at the field level after receiving training on Basic & Advance Gender.
Feminist Leadership Development

38 women leaders received VAWV training and extended assistance.

6 team members received facilitation training and now are well informed about it.

506 members received support from Union Councils.

16 members received VGD cards.

265 members received services of community clinics.

One type of flipchart, one video documentary, one brochure, and one research conducted.
As the Rampal Thermal Power Station project started in Rampal Upazila, that area became a point of attraction for private corporations. One of the corporations, Orion Group, started using its brokers to falsely tempt and pressurize to possess the lands at a nominal price from the inhabitants. At one point, it became noticeable that the company was illegally merging the unsold lands inside their territory with barbed wires.

When the landowners tried to stop them, they harassed some of the owners, including Taslima Begum, one of the inhabitants of Rajnagar Union in Rampal Upazila. Even the family members of the landowners were threatened and harassed. They formed a group and took repeated attempts of negotiation. But did not receive any positive response from the company. Then Taslima and the group members contacted the police, land officials, and union council members and started demolishing the barbed wires on their own.

Eventually, the Orion group agreed in coming to fair terms with Taslima and bought the land from her. Finally, Taslima and her group won the battle.
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT

to the Governing Body of
Badabon Sangha

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the Financial Statements of “Badabon Sangha” which comprise the Consolidated statement of financial position for the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021, along with the Consolidated statements of income & expenditure, Consolidated statement of receipts and payments for the year then ended and Consolidated notes to the financial statements including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view, in all material respects of the financial position of “Badabon Sangha” for the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 of its financial performance and its receipts and payments for the period then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) and other applicable laws and regulations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the NGO in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants’ Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) Bye Laws. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) and comply with the NGO Affairs Bureau terms and conditions and other applicable laws and regulations and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the NGO’s ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the NGO or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the NGO’s financial reporting process.
Financial Report

Mahfel Huq & Co.
Chartered Accountants
Registered and Certified

Audit's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

The audit was conducted to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and whether the financial statements are presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The audit included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

We express our opinion based on our findings as follows:

1. We have obtained adequate evidence regarding the financial statements.
2. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
3. The financial statements present a true and fair view of the financial position of the company.
4. The financial statements are free from material misstatement.

We have performed our work in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations.

[Signature]
Principal Auditor
## Badabon Sangho
### Consolidated Statement of Financial Position
As at 30 June 2021

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The annexed notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

Executive Director
Badabon Sangho

Signed in terms of our separate report of even data annexed

Md. Abdus Satter Sarkar, FCA
ICAB Enrollment No. 1522
For and on behalf of
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