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# Annual Report 2023-2024





## ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

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## LETTER FROM LEADERSHIP

### Our board Chairperson and Executive Director says :

Being a women's rights and women-led group, we have been moving forward with mission and 5 years strategic plan to deal with the social stigma, injustice towards gender equality. Last year groups accelerated collective advocacy on number of system changes agendas i.e., equal inheritance rights, women fisher-folk recognition, gender-based violence survivors' rehabilitation, women farmers' recognition and entitlements, and returnee women migrant workers' rights and entitlements. To make it happen, groups' leaders, federation and network members organized collective actions like series of meeting, rallies, press conference, trainings, seminars and workshops.

Badabon Sangho has extended its work with indigenous, and dalit (harijan) in new working areas. These works include mobilization, group formation, and feminist leadership trainings and coachings.

We are happy, the group were able to increase membership, working areas, volunteers and resources 100% higher than last year.

Not to mention, our gratitude towards our general committee members, federation, groups and network members for their work and support to keep group spirit up to move forward with positivity.





## MOST SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

5 indigenous communities and 258 women were able to protect their land because of advocacy and collective actions. 386 indigenous and harijan women and girls organized in groups and federations, receiving public services. 476 women farmers' income and livelihoods improved (i.e., 17%) by swifiting in regenerative approach. 196 women fisher-folks recognized, registered for receiving cards and entitlements. Again, 82 women fisher-folk who are organized in cooperative, have access to revolving fund. 26 women and girls gender-based violence (GBV) survivors received access to justice. 307 girls engaged in social action projects.

CSOs are allowed to monitor the pre-departure public capacity building activities for potential women migrant workers because of the ongoing and long-term advocacy.

Agendas like equal inheritance rights, and recognition of the women fisher-folk and farmers-have gained united voice and platforms because of the continuous advocacy and campaign.



### MISSION

To build up the capacity of the disadvantaged, vulnerable and socially excluded women and girls, towards improving their livelihoods and movement building, in order to challenge the social structural process that deny women's rights.



### VISION

To establish a society based on freedom of expression, in which all people particularly women and girls have full and effective participation in the social and economic development process.



### VALUES

- Believe in structural changes
- Open to learn
- Respectful to diversity

## WOMEN GROUP AND FEMINIST LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



- 10 women members elected school committee members.
- 20 women members have been elected as leaders of the project management committees.
- 29 women members have been elected as leaders of the women's federations.
- 150 women members went to the union council first time.
- 378 women members received various services (assistance in communication with UNO office and members, assistance in going to arbitration, assistance in going to policy station, contact for various government and private trainings) etc because of collective actions.



## LAND, AGRICULTURE & WATER-BODIES RIGHTS



### WOMEN'S LAND RIGHTS

- 258** women received support to claim and protect land ownership.
- 70** local level women leadership and movement to create for protection of land, water bodies, forests and environment.

National advocacy on inheritance rights and protection of women's land rights has accelerated with clear policy agendas.

### AGRICULTURE RIGHTS OF WOMEN'S

- 1188** women farmers received inputs (compost fertilizer, seeds, seedlings, earthworms).
- 403** women farmers are able to supply crops to the market.
- 172** women farmers are accumulating savings in cooperative.

National advocacy on women farmer's recognition and entitlements communicated with stakeholders.

### WOMEN'S RIGHTS TO WATER-BODIES

- 196** women fisher-folk registered for receiving cards and entitlements.
- 254** women fisher-folk have been affected by cyclone received relief.

'Fisher-folk identification and registration guideline 2019' has been discussed to bring women fisher-folk recognition-resulting of longstanding demand of women.

Women fisher-folk cooperative is functional and helping 82 members with revolving fund.



## INDIGENOUS & DALIT WOMEN'S RIGHTS



**386** indigenous and dalit (harijan) women and girls organised in 12 groups in northwest region.

**67** dalit women learned about their health care, human rights and safeguarding.

**45** indigenous women engaged in traditional crafting, bamboo works and peer-education.

One safe space of indigenous women and girls in Badalgachi, Naogaon is functional.



## WOMEN MIGRANT WORKERS' RIGHTS



**56** women migrant workers received training on prevention of violence against women and the trained women were able to protect 7 women from abuse.

**14** women members started entrepreneurship with advice.

**177** women members received various returnees' entitlements.

CSOs are allowed to monitor the pre-departure public capacity building activities for potential women migrant workers because of the ongoing and long-term advocacy.



## WOMEN'S ACTION FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE



**16** women in Mongla were supported to restore the homes of cyclone Remal victims.

**400** people stayed at the cyclone Remal shelter received dry foods.

**106** water tanks have been provided to households for rainwater harvesting from which 490 people are enjoying the benefit of safe water.

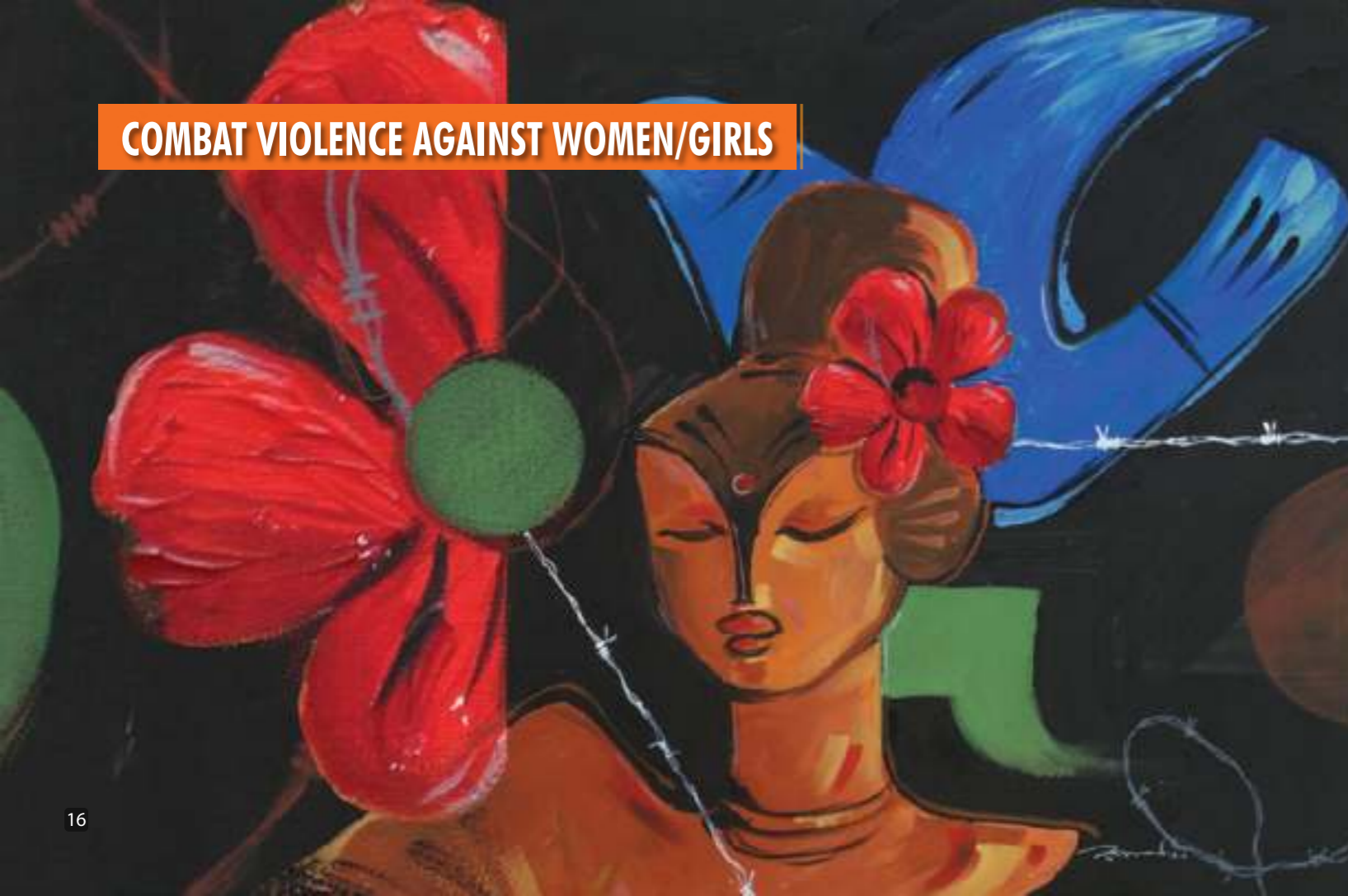
**15** villages conducted disaster assessment in Mongla with 576 household.

Gender-based violence reporting tool in climate change affected area has been proved especially in women with disabilities households.





## COMBAT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN/GIRLS



### PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN'S

- 9 women survivors obtained treatment as a result of mental torture (hurting, offending, insulting parents) etc.
- 17 survivors received services due to economic (not giving food, not going to market, not paying household expenses) torture.
- 62 gender- based violence (GBV) based survivors of physical abuse received assistance ( legal aid).

One safe - space of GBV survivors is functional in Rampal.

### PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST GIRL'S

- 307 girls have knowhow and skill of leadership, equality and stopping child marriage.
- 307 girls engaged in social action project (SAP) implementation.
- 93 girls practicing and playing football.



**Independent Auditor's Report  
 To the Members of General Body of Badabon Sangho  
 Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Badabon Sangho which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, and the statement of income and expenditure, statement of changes in fund and statement of receipts and payments for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the entity as at 30 June 2024, and its financial performance and its receipts and payments for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting as described in note # 3 and 4 to the financial statements.

**Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of Badabon Sangho 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 ISBA 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.

**Other Matter**

The financial statements of the Badabon Sangho for the year ended 30 June 2023 were audited by Ahmed Sheikh Roy & Co. Chartered Accountants, who expressed an unqualified opinion dated 14 January 2024.

**Other Information**

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Annual Report (but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon) which we could not obtain prior to the date of this auditor's report and is expected to be made available to us after that date.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

When we read the Annual Report, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to communicate the matter to those charged with governance and take appropriate actions in accordance with ISAs.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting and accounting policies summarized in

## AMIRUN BEGUM, MEMBER OF WOMEN FARMERS' COOPERATIVE

Amirun Begum is one of the women farmers who have organized in the farmers' cooperative. She lives in Jaria, a remote village in southwest coastal region, and she is 56 years old. She has four children. While her younger boy was still in her womb, her husband died suddenly. And she fell on the deep sea with her four sons and daughter.

After that she took shelter in her father's house along with her son and daughter. Then she took a job in someone else's house as domestic househelp, and led a terrible life. She was survivor of gender-based violence. Once she learned about the women groups and women farmers' cooperative. She went to group leader's house and include her name.

Then she started to learn human rights, entitlements, and agriculture technologies in the courtyard session and coaching workshop. Additionally, she received agriculture training, input-support of Badabon Sangho and visited govt. offices and union council. Amirun started to cultivate her land with three seasonal crops. By the way, she visited land office and registered her land title as well. Like other farmers group members, she cultivating various vegetables like mustard, brinjal, cauliflower, coriander etc. in 37.5 decimals. Dividing the land in two segments i.e. one is for organic and one is for chemical fertilizers, most of the members are shifting. Aminur sold vegetables with USD 1,136 and became economically dependent. By participating in the advocacy meeting with stakeholders, she understood the necessity of women farmers' recognition and its entitlements. Now she is vocal in groups, cooperative and all of the meetings.



**Badabon Sangho**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**As at 30 June 2024**

Particulars	Notes	
	30 June 2024 Amount in BDT	30 June 2023 Amount in BDT
<b>Assets:</b>		
<b>Non-current Assets:</b>		
Property, Plant & Equipment	7,693,907	6,582,344
<b>Total assets non-current assets</b>	<b>7,693,907</b>	<b>6,582,344</b>
<b>Current Assets:</b>		
Advance, deposit & prepayments	7	1,836,569
Inter project loan	8	2,727,742
Loan to group member	9	18,068,138
Other receivables	10	2,247,080
Cash and cash equivalent's	11	50,576,638
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>75,456,167</b>	<b>35,405,268</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>83,150,074</b>	<b>41,987,612</b>
<b>Fund &amp; Liabilities:</b>		
<b>Fund</b>		
Donor fund	12	51,253,764
Statutory reserve fund		85,824
Accumulated excess of income over expenditure	13	11,858,031
		<b>63,197,618</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Group members savings	14	4,478,514
Provision for expenses	15	805,643
Members' emergency loss provision	16	325,979
Loan general board members	17	13,989,930
Group members' wellbeing fund	18	352,390
Accounts and other payable	19	-
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>19,952,456</b>	<b>14,216,644</b>
<b>Total fund and liabilities</b>	<b>83,150,074</b>	<b>41,987,612</b>

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

*Tasnuva*  
Manager- Accounts & Finance

As per our report of the same date

*Tasnuva*  
Executive Director

Dhaka, Bangladesh  
Dated, 13 January, 2025

**Tasnuva Mahedi Bhola**  
**Chartered Accountants**

**Bhola Nath Kundu FCA**  
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note # 3 and 4 to the financial statements 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 entity'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 entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the entity's financial reporting process.

**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We are also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure, and content of the entity's financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

Dhaka, Bangladesh  
Dated, 13 January, 2025

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**Badabon Sangho**  
**Statement of Receipts and Payments**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2024**

Particulars	Notes	30 June 2024 Amount in BDT	30 June 2023 Amount in BDT
<b>Opening Balance</b>			
Cash in hand		45,924	16,184
Cash in Bank		23,009,170	5,272,291
		<b>23,055,094</b>	<b>5,288,475</b>
<b>Receipts</b>			
Grant from donors		100,322,665	103,404,012
Loan from inter projects		1,768,631	1,217,129
Loan refund from inter projects		401,000	1,243,957
Bank interest		148,607	72,088
Loan from general board members		8,435,000	5,357,000
Group members' savings deposits		4,820,717	750,760
Deposit from members' of BSDF		331,715	1,336,096
Service charge of loan		2,226,096	958,894
Sales of pass books		29,860	25,740
Sales of loan forms		14,180	6,180
Admission fees		12,590	7,330
Received in members' wellbeing fund		316,710	138,450
Sales of agriculture products		511,344	28,000
Loan recovered-principal		17,808,849	7,738,044
Other receivables		4,088,896	-
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>141,236,860</b>	<b>122,283,680</b>
<b>Cash available for use</b>		<b>164,291,954</b>	<b>127,572,155</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Direct programme expenses		51,449,583	25,895,509
Salary and allowance		9,554,512	4,875,694
Admin and general expenses		5,075,226	1,877,086
Fixed assets purchase		1,822,231	4,461,393
Loan to inter-projects		1,768,631	401,000
Loan refund to inter-projects		401,000	1,280,536
Accounts and other payables		1,507,616	-
Advance, deposits and prepayments		1,674,569	398,100
Group members' savings fund refund		1,056,258	713,504
Group members' wellbeing fund refund		10,500	26,100
Provision paid during the year		888,865	-
Fund transfered to project accounts		1,052,585	50,743,139
Group members' disbursement-principal		31,671,000	4,618,000
Payment to member of BSDF		277,740	9,227,000
Loan refund to general board members		5,505,000	-
<b>Total payment</b>		<b>113,715,316</b>	<b>78,621,552</b>
<b>Closing balance</b>		<b>50,576,638</b>	<b>48,950,603</b>
Cash in hand		58,665	45,924
Cash in Bank		50,517,973	23,009,170
<b>Total</b>		<b>50,576,638</b>	<b>23,055,094</b>

The annexed notes from an integral part of these financial statements:

*Fekru*  
Manager- Accounts & Finance

*Ro*  
Executive Director



**Badabon Sangho**  
**Statement of Income & Expenditure**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2024**

Particulars	Notes	30 June 2024 Amount in BDT	30 June 2023 Amount in BDT
<b>Income</b>			
Grants income	20	66,601,704	38,929,183
Other income	21	2,942,677	1,098,232
		<b>69,544,380</b>	<b>40,027,415</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Direct program expenses	22	51,971,228	26,487,708
Salary and allowance		9,554,512	4,972,995
Admin and general expenses		5,362,128	2,100,336
Members' emergency loss provision		325,979	-
Depreciation		710,668	595,394
		<b>67,924,515</b>	<b>34,156,433</b>
<b>Surplus of income over expenditure</b>		<b>1,619,866</b>	<b>5,870,982</b>

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