

Annual Report 2019-2020



বাদাবন সংঘ
Badaban Sangho
(A Women's Rights Organisation)



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Executive Director's Speech

What can I say, the year 2020 has been a challenge and a great loss for our members and colleagues. The pandemic COVID-19 has profoundly touched all our lives, particularly our members are facing tremendous difficulties to meet their basic needs and to secure rights. Throughout all of this, the great solidarity, commitment, and support throughout the network we have experienced and received to keep going to support our members. The support from the UN Trust Fund, Urgent Action Fund, Feminist Humanitarian Network, Women's Fund Asia, and UN Women have given us reasons to move forward to 2021 with a positive spirit. With all your support, we have extended our programs in new working areas with women returnee migrant workers groups.

*"We are always putting women and girls
at the centre of our thinking".*



Lipi Rahman
Executive Director



Badabon Sangho (Our Story)

Badabon Sangho is a women's rights and women-led organisation working with selected numbers of districts throughout the country. Being a women's rights organisation, the specific programme consists i.e. a) building women's organisation, voices, and movement building, b) women's control over land and water-bodies, c) violence against women and girls, d) women worker's rights, e) sexual and reproductive health rights and f) climate and environmental justice.

Since its inception, we are working with the separated, widowed, divorced, single mother, migrant women workers, survivors, women with disabilities and Dalit, refugees, minority and indigenous women. Women Groups are being supported with tools, methods, and techniques i.e. courtyard sessions, leadership coaching, compliant management, legal aid, open display, GIS-ODK database preparation.





Our 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 economic and social development process.

Our Mission

To build up the capacity of disadvantaged, vulnerable and socially excluded peoples especially women and girls, towards improving their livelihoods and addressing other socio-economic issues in a participatory approach.

Our Strategy:

Firstly, accordingly our vision, we the groups put heads together challenging existing social, political and economic power structure that obviously exclude and violate women's human rights. In order to make powerful voice, position and movement, we always reflect feminist principles (respect for diversity, participation, accountability, mentoring, and power-sharing).

Secondly, we emphasize on women's group building through mobilising, organizing and educating them so that they can raise their voices and facilitate protest at ground level. Each and every week, courtyard sessions, leadership coaching and trainings are conducted to make group members more competent. Working directly with group members, we aim to be renowned for our commitment and investment in building women's capacity development in order to ensure women's access to and control over land, state open

water-bodies, reproductive health, climate resilience planning, justices and labour rights.

Thirdly, we have a drive to make better use of our position of influence and we aim to be local women's rights and women-led organisation of creating solid evidences. Drawing on the experience of our groups, we are ideally placed to link vulnerable women and girls to centers/national/international level of influence. To make it happen, we are facilitating two networks i.e. women's land rights network and National Women Migrant worker returnees Committee.

Working Areas

Bagerhat, Patuakhali and Dhaka district.

List of Current Projects:

1. Project title, 'Claiming Women's land ownership in Rampal and Sundarban' funded by Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD) for the period of Oct 2018 to Dec 2020.
2. Project title, 'Women Fisher-folk Rights' funded by UKAID through Manusher Jonno Foundation for the period of January 2019 to Oct 2020.
3. Project title, 'Earth Journalism Network' funded by Internews Network for the period of April 2019 to March 2020 .
4. Project title, 'Promote Women's Control over Inherited land' funded by Women's Fund Asia for the period of Jul 2019 to Dec 2020.
5. Project title, 'Confront Land Induced Violence against Women and Girls' funded by UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women and Girls for the period of Dec 2019 to Oct 2022.





Women's Organization and Voices

We the group put heads together to facilitate local-level protest events to protect property rights, access to water-bodies and drinking water, environmental justice and violence against women. In addition, courtyard continuous meetings, coaching and mentoring supports provide to committee members to enhance capacity in articulation, speaking and expression.

Activities

- Conduct courtyard sessions
- Facilitate to develop leadership skill
- Facilitate protest, events, rallies and meetings
- Facilitate policy advocacy.

So far, 3,672 women and girls were mobilised, organised and engaged in 110 women groups.

Women's Control Over Lands & Water-bodies

We mobilise women landowners in groups and educate them on the importance of property rights, land and water-bodies law and the legal processes for securing property rights. Team facilitate local level planning with database and mapping engaging local elected bodies. Essentially, the team work to promote objective and subjective security of women's tenure rights.

Activities

- Collection of spatial data and prepare map
- Facilitate land literacy training
- Facilitate meeting with land administration
- Facilitate women's fisher-folk association
- Support to prepare women's successors database
- Provide legal aid support to claim ownership.

So far, 1,034 parcels of women's land are supported with documentation and legal assistance.





Combat Violence against Women and Girls

In order to expel women from property rights, silent and open gender-based violence against women and girls increasing day by day. Amid covid, women are being forced to sell their only asset-land with lower prices that making them more vulnerable. This year, we have launched the programme with support the UN Trust Fund to confront land induced violence against women and girls.

Activities

- Facilitate women leadership development process
- Facilitate interaction with legal aid committee and local elected bodies
- Use of folk songs, posters and flipchart
- Provide legal aid assistance.

In this year, 86 women and girls survivors received different types of legal assistance.

Women in Climate & Environmental Changes

In the Bay of Bengal belt and Sundarbans mangrove forest areas, women are adversely affected by climate and environmental changes i.e. intrusion of salinity, cyclone, water logging, sea level rise, and onward land investment. In the year, team facilitated local climate resilience planning in Kuakata and Mongla port municipalities with engagement of local authorities, database and mapping.

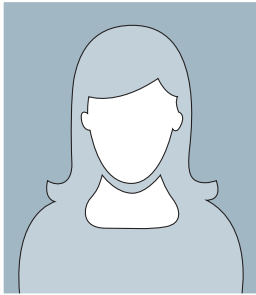
Activities

- Provide skill transfer training
- Facilitate meeting with Forest Dept. and local authorities
- Evidences and stories documentation
- Facilitate policy discourse.

In this year, 1,150 women-headed and indigenous (Rakhine) households in two coastal cities i.e. Kuakata and Mongla Port are being supported for climate resilience plan.



Case Study



Name and photo
anonymously
used here

My husband bought three decimals of land in my name a few years back which I had to sell off to a broker at a very low price. I have another parcel of land which is written in my name but not with proper documents. Now I am facing serious conflicts with the ownership of my land with my in-laws' relatives. There was a verbal agreement with my paternal uncle-in-law for this piece of land. As there was no proper documentation and not having a son I requested my uncle-in-law to prepare the necessary papers but unfortunately, he died during the process of preparing the papers. His sons now are not willing to continue the process to write the land in my name.

With the assistance of Badabon Sangho, I have filed a charge and the matter got into court. A local arbitration was held but they were not willing to agree to abide by the settlements which took place in the arbitration process.

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AUDITORS' REPORT

Introduction :

We have audited the annexed Statement of Financial Position as on 30th June, 2020 and the related Statement of Comprehensive Income, Receipts & Payments, Changes in Equity and Cash Flows for the year ended on that date of Badabon Sangho. The Preparation of this financial statement is the responsibility of the management. Our responsibility is to express an independent opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

Basis of Opinion :

We conducted our audit in accordance with Bangladesh Standards on Auditing (BSA). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Opinion :

In our opinion, the financial statements together with notes thereon referred to above, give a true and fair view of the state of the financial transaction of the Organization for the year ended 30th June, 2020.

We also report that :

- a. We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit and made due verification thereof.
- b. In our opinion, Badabon Sangho has been kept proper books of account for so far as it appeared from our examination of those books.
- c. The financial statements dealt with by the report are in agreement with the books of accounts.

Dated, Dhaka.
29th September, 2020




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Yakathari, Rampal, Bagerhat.

Statement of Financial Position as on 30th June, 2020.

Sl. #	Particulars	Notes	Amount (Tk.)	
			30.06.2020	30.06.2019
A. Assets :				
Non-Current Assets :				
	Property, Plant & Equipment (Cost less depreciation)	1.00	1,243,848	746,691
	Total Non-Current Assets		1,243,848	746,691
Current assets :				
	Advance for Social Business Officer	2.00	-	-
	Fund Transfer	3.0.0	-	-
	Advance to Office Assistant	4.00	-	-
	Advance for Office Rent	5.00	500	500
	Advance to Executive Director	6.00	-	5,000
	Advance to Program Officer	7.00	500	500
	Loan to WFR Project	8.00	3,000	2,000
	Cash & Bank Balance	9.00	2,860,970	464,352
	Loan to WFAAGF		377,500	-
	Loan to UNTF		1,000	-
	Loan to Climate Resilience Cities Project		6,000	-
	Loan to Migrant WRP Project		3,000	-
	Total Current Assets		3,252,470	472,352
	Total Assets		4,496,318	1,219,043
B. Capital Fund & Liabilities :				
Capital Fund :				
	Fund Account	10.00	4,345,048	1,219,043
	Total Capital Fund		4,345,048	1,219,043
Non-Current Liabilities :				
	Savings Accounts	16.00	138,270	-
Current Liabilities :				
	Loan from Executive Director		12,000	-
	Loan from General Fund		1,000	-
	Total Capital Fund & Liabilities		4,496,318	1,219,043


Executive Director
 Badabon Sangho

This is the Statement of Financial Position referred to in our separate report of even date.

Dated, Dhaka
29th September, 2020




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Vakatmari, Rampal, Baeghat

Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30th June, 2020.


Sl. #	Particulars	Notes	Amount (Tk.)	
			30.06.2020	30.06.2019
A. Income :				
	Fund Received	11.00	6,704,257	2,221,277
	Donation from Chairman	12.00	-	57,500
	Bank Interest		8,235	792
	Income from Land Lease		2,500	-
	Receive from Earth Journalism Project		3,77,500	-
	Receive from UNTF Project		1,000	-
	Total		7,093,492	2,279,569
A. Expenditure :				
	Staff Cost	13.00	1,852,207	1,118,799
	Office Cost	14.00	994,828	417,736
	Program Cost	15.00	1,120,452	238,820
	Total		3,967,487	1,775,355
	Excess of Income over Expenditure : (A-B)		3,126,005	504,214

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