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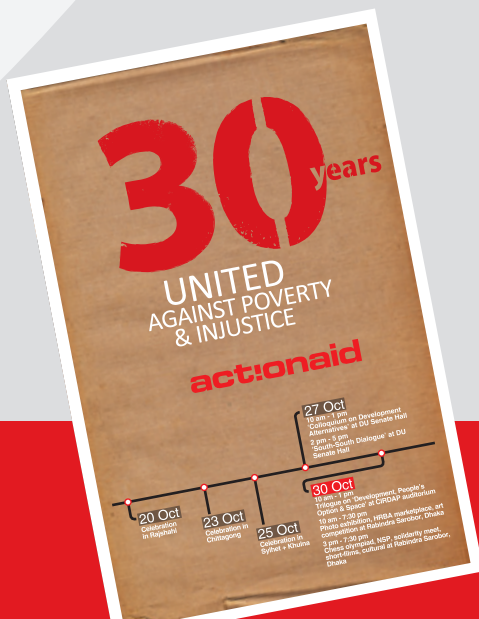
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acronyms and abbreviations

AA	ActionAid
AAB	ActionAid Bangladesh
AAI	ActionAid International
AAIB	ActionAid International Bangladesh
AMCDRR	Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction
AVAS	Association of Voluntary Action for Society
BDT	Bangladesh Taka
BELA	Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association
BHBRI	Bangladesh Housing and Building Research Institution
BNBC	Bangladesh National Building Code
BNKS	Bolipara Nari Kalyan Samity
BUET	Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology
CANSA	Climate Action Network South Asia
CBDP	Community Based Disaster Preparedness
CRA	Community Risk Assessment
CSO	Civil Society Organisation
DMB	Democratic Budget Movement
DRR	Disaster Risk Reduction
ECHO	European Commission for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection
GNDR	Global Network of CSOs on Disaster Reduction
GoB	Government of Bangladesh
GBDC	Governance and Board Development Committee
IBS	Institute of Bangladesh Studies
IER	Institute of Education and Research
INGO	International Non-Government Organisation
LAND	Land, Agriculture, Natural Resources, Defence of Commons
LRP	Local Rights Programme
MDP	Membership Development Process
NARRI	National Alliance for Risk Reduction and Response Initiatives
PRA	Participatory Rural Appraisal
PRS	Promoting Rights in Schools
R2F	Right to Food
REFLECT	Regenerated Freirean Literacy through Empowering Community Techniques
RMG	Ready-Made Garments
RRAP	Risk Reduction Action Plan
SAP-Bd	South Asia Partnership-Bangladesh
SCC	Safe Cities Campaign
SDG	Social Development Goal
TPC	Tax Power Campaign
UBICO	UAE-Bangladesh Investment Company Limited
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNHRC	United Nations Human Rights Council
UPR	Universal Periodic Review
WC	Water Commons
WM	Water Museum



30th year of AAB
is also the 3rd year of
its 4th country strategy

foreword



M Hafizuddin Khan
Chair
ActionAid International
Bangladesh

I am pleased to present the Annual Report 2014 which gives an account of the activities of ActionAid International Bangladesh (AAIB).

We completed 30 years of engagement in Bangladesh and celebrated it in 2014. At this important juncture, we find that our policy advocacy, campaigns and programmatic interventions are humbly contributing to desired changes.

The Executive Board and General Assembly are now well established. Certain reforms in internal governance were taken up basing on its confidence and experience. In 2014, the Board and General Assembly continued to proactively provide strategic guidance to the organisation as well as in delivering on their dual citizenship responsibilities.

We gratefully remember the contribution of the founding Executive Board and General Assembly, especially the first Chair of the Board, Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed. Under his able leadership, AAIB reached a new height as an organisation and was awarded full membership of the ActionAid Federation.

Over the years we have made friends and partners in our attempt to realise our vision of a just society. We firmly intend to continue and nurture this effective collaboration with all the stakeholders. I appreciate the contribution made by ActionAid staff and its senior management in keeping our promises and implementing commitments.

This journey has been meaningful and effective. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our communities, stakeholders and development partners for their cooperation, support and whole-hearted participation in the activities of AAIB.



Farah Kabir
Country Director
ActionAid Bangladesh

AAB was excited on turning 30 – yet there was trepidation about the external world and a realisation of greater responsibility. There are strong negative forces at play which calls for people's actions probably reminiscent of the early 20th century. There is greater disenfranchisement of minorities, of women and girls, and rich versus poor divide.

AAB robustly nurtured the potential of 'people power' as an alternative power base and structured its initiative towards 'change'. In its endeavour AAB supported 158,083 people through programmes and reached 31,547 in campaigns. In 2014, 80% of BDT 440 million was spent on programmes.

Attempting to be innovative, AAB established the first Water Museum in defence of the commons and regional initiative, the first time in Asia. Community lobbied via technology (using skype to dialogue) with the Prime Minister to present demands for flood resilient embankment. NARRI consortium, led by AAB and supported by ECHO, developed community based disaster preparedness model that has been adopted by the Government of Bangladesh (GoB).

Joint research with BRAC highlighted that 85% women interviewed do not consider cities safe. For any recourse they do not turn to law enforcing agencies as the level of trust in such institutions is low. This research and campaign on Safe Cities was a humble attempt to understand the issues and take action. AAB with partners continued advocacy to influence policies and legislations relevant to Safe Cities. Again there was robust advocacy around the draft Marriage Restraint Act 2014. Right to Food and Right to Education initiatives picked up certain momentum. The pace and commitment from civil society for building people's agency, solidarity movement and campaigns continued. All remained adamant on rights issues across board.

The delegation of international roles in ActionAid Federation is exciting. ActionAid Bangladesh, ActionAid USA and AA Secretariat collaborated on Climate Change Policy work. One such initiative was by engaging countries from different regions in a strategy development to influence the climate negotiations within the frame of Climate Justice. ActionAid's niche in the climate justice work is one of a human rights and development-focused taking into cognisance the impact of climate change on people. AAB is capable of bringing the voice and experience of communities impacted by climate change and their home-grown resilience strategies directly to decision makers and civil society leaders. The delegation to AAB and AA USA is a recognition of their contributions rendered for many years. They are leading on the planning and initiatives for Paris negotiations in December 2015.

AAB was entrusted with the responsibility to lead the AA Federation in the area of organisational sustainability. It works with other country programmes to incorporate the sustainability agenda and has been inspired by the positive and innovative responses from members of the AA Federation.

AAB built on partnerships with existing and new donors, Trusts, Foundations and individuals. New partnership with the Canadian High Commission strengthened the advocacy work against child marriage.

AAB remains committed to take leadership for a positive and lasting 'change' and co-create a just world.

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30 years in retrospect

In Bangladesh, ActionAid focused on supporting marginalised and deprived children. In 1983, it took over an orphanage at Char-Fassion in the Bhola island, south of the country. The initial approach was to link up a child in the orphanage with the supporter in the North. The intention was to support the child, its family and the community to graduate out of poverty. Hence, child sponsorship programme of ActionAid commenced in Bangladesh.

AAB formed adult groups of women and men locally known as *Shomity*. Revolving fund as capital support was provided to the *Shomity* to enable them to take up development initiatives focusing on education for the children as well as the adults. In these early years, programme was designed and implemented in the service delivery manner. It included providing water and sanitation services, vaccination, formal and non-formal education as well as assistance to the people with disability. In emergencies, AAB

delivered relief and rehabilitation support. One of the learnings for AAB 1985-1993 was that AAB could not contain its engagement at the local level alone rather involve in multiple ways at the national level. AAB developed the first country strategy in 1994 for five years continuing the service delivery mode while widening scopes through networking, advocacy, research and policy work. REFLECT¹ approach was modelled to strengthen participatory practices and community empowerment. Gradually, AAB took up the role of funding local NGOs.

1999, the second strategy was developed. The noticeable shift in this strategy was the inception of a partnership approach for greater impact and maximum coverage. AAB started building partnership with local NGOs. AAB also structured its development intervention into a 'sectoral' approach to education, economic livelihoods, women's rights, emergencies and governance. AA shifted to Rights Based Approach (RBA) in development programming globally. The national strategy was influenced by RBA well-positioned in the global vision *Fighting Poverty Together*.



1. Regenerated Freirean Literacy through Empowering Community Techniques – an approach to social change, literacy and empowerment that brings together Paulo Freire's theoretical framework on adult education and practical methodology by PRA (Participatory Rural Appraisal) techniques.

In the third strategy period (2005-2009), Human Rights Based Approach (HRBA) emerged. The noticeable difference was AAB started investing in building people's agencies and platforms, increased its solidarity engagement with social movements, and took up campaigns. These changes exposed partners and communities to the dynamics of global political economy and led them to build solidarity initiatives among like-minded organisations. At the international level, ActionAid critiqued the neoliberal economic policies promoted by the international financing organisations and put its position forward. Programme-wise, AAB strengthened engagement with policy makers as well as the international actors. This period marked ActionAid's *Ending Poverty Together* mandate.

AAB continued to pursue people-led innovations for people to take ownership and leadership for a positive and lasting 'change'. The following two years were invested in developing the fourth country strategy.

The ongoing fourth strategy (2012-2017) puts emphasis on women's rights, climate change and resilience, sustainable agriculture, food rights, governance, livelihoods and inclusive education – all integrated into the 'rightsising' of programme priorities. Besides national-level engagements, AAB has taken up regional and multi-country initiatives, and campaigns such as safe cities, tax power, water commons, climate negotiations and influencing the Social Development Goals (SDGs).

AAB's latest working area (Local Rights Programme, or in short LRP) is in Shapahar located in the Naogaon district. The 30-year journey from Char-Fassion to Shapahar has moved AAB from the 'thematic' to an 'integrated' development approach. Throughout the journey, the aim was to deepen 'impact' for realising broader social transformation.

In partnerships that ran for decades, AAB has witnessed local organisations evolving, maturing and making greater impact at the national level policy advocacy, lobbying and campaigning. One of the achievements from the REFLECT approach in different programme areas across 6 districts was the creation of 70 People's Organisations. A number of grassroots leaders have emerged over the years and left their footprints locally and nationally.



At the same time, civil society platforms have also revolved taking on the various causes that impact the poor, marginalised and the disenfranchised communities, and strengthened their social movement. They are challenging global policies that have implications for the country.

AAB consciously continues to invest in sponsored children in the longer term. When children graduate from child sponsorship programme, they engage in the broader society and play a bigger role within and beyond the organisation's youth platform – Activista². AAB's efforts to garner the envisioned positive and lasting 'change' led to the emergence of these future 'change agents'.

As the young people's movements take momentum, AAB shifted its focus on youth deliberately creating alliances and building platforms for Youth nationally and beyond.

AAB became an Affiliate member of ActionAid International, and established a two-tier governance system with the formation of its national Board in 2010. This dual citizenship within AA Federation has improved AAB's development thinking and programme interventions.

It is truly rewarding to find the emergence of individuals, institutions, alternatives, models, movements, policy and legislative reforms coming to fruition with the humble contribution of AAB. We salute the people we have worked with for their leadership, knowledge and willingness to work with us. We are because they are.



2. AA's global youth network which focuses on youth campaigning through mobilisation and engagement of youth at various levels.

2014: a year of action

Year 2014 marked the completion of a 3-decade long development intervention of AAB. Striving to deliver on the promises, AAB team witnessed a year full of action in 2014, much of which was celebratory in nature. People continued to be the driving force of AAB. This year more than 158 thousand people took actions to rise above poverty and injustice.

Together with partners, AAB continued to influence the national policy scene to garner structural changes that benefit the marginalised and the excluded. Besides pushing forward workers rights, rights of the people with disability and a green, woman-friendly climate-smart agenda globally, AAB helped undertake regional action and a few multi-country initiatives that built certain momentum to pursue its fight for a just world.

Significantly, 2014 saw a continued rise in youth joining AAB and sharing the mandate of making a difference in people's lives. Young women and men contributed to building national and community development plan to sharpening campaigns strategy while also actively participated in programmes detailed in the report.

women in leadership

Women in the marginalised communities innovated resilience model and offered solutions to problems that adversely affect the larger community. Aware, alert and organised, women earned recognition for their leadership, which encouraged them to claim spaces in both local and national arena. These leaders mobilised people to influence policy change regarding infrastructure and development in 2014.

Post cyclone Mahasen, Sabita Rani mobilised 12 woman leaders in Lalua (Kalapara sub-district) to collectively lead emergency response. Success in the initiative earned Sabita and team recognition and established credibility not only in their own community but

beyond. AAB in appreciation of the leadership skill and expertise in emergency response of Sabita awarded her the 'Nasreen Smriti Padok 2014'. This women-led emergency response initiative is being replicated across AAB working areas.

Fatema Parvin, the leader of the embankment movement in Pathorghata, Skype-called and urged the Prime Minister to ensure that people's demand of the embankment in Pathorghata was met. As a result of this movement led by Fatema, the community received BDT 2.78 crore to repair the embankments across Kalapara, Patharghata and Amtoli. Fatema and the community have kept the embankment campaign alive for relevant legislative change.



Fatema (left) and team handing over people's demands to local government representative in Kalapara.

Ganga Dasi runs many business ventures, rears cattle and poultry in Satkhira – a Southern district of Bangladesh. Ganga is also considering opening a tea stall in her locality. She inspired 163 fellow acid survivors with her own story of how by rearing livestock she achieved sustainability for herself and her family. Today, she is one of the 40 entrepreneurs of Shetu Bandhan Gori Network (a network of acid survivors) who are changing life for the better and inspiring others in the process.

Ganga opines that the only way to secure profit is by diversifying investments. Her community is appreciative of her achievements as an individual and an inspiration for all. Government conferred on her the 'Joyeeta Award 2014' (Bengali word joyeeta connotes 'winning woman') in the 'Successful Grassroots Woman Entrepreneur' category.

Lucky Begum in Gaibandha district is another community leader who consistently fought against negative social practices, gender discrimination, VAW and the lack of access to resources for women. Her work has earned her recognition from the Government. Like Ganga, Lucky was also conferred 'Joyeeta Award 2014'.

AAB supported in Fulchhori sub-district of Gaibandha the development of Women's Collective. 56 small enterprises with a membership of 1236 were facing difficulties in selling their agricultural and hand-made produce. The women's forum came up with the solution of creating a women-only outlet.

Lucky Begum once elected the President of the Collective lobbied with local stakeholders for a piece of land in the local market. In 2014 they secured land from a private owner and built an outlet. To give the Collective a huge lift, 22 child sponsors and campaigners from Greece spent 7 days in Gaibandha and took part in the construction of the bazaar outlet.

Today, women are confidently selling their products at the outlet located in the bazaar.



campaigning for change

AAB launched the Safe Cities Campaign (SCC) with the mandate 'Safe Cities for Women'. The launch was marked with seminar, rally, cultural evening both in AAB working areas and the national level. The campaign successfully mobilised the print and electronic media, which helped AAB to recruit supporters across the country.

In the national campaign on Tax Justice, the local level events included community and youth mobilisation, grassroots stakeholder consultation etc. The campaign force was derived from seminar, mass gathering, bicycle rally, flash mob, interactive theatre and debate competition in 43 universities. The campaign created an avenue for public engagement reaching 24,534 people in social media. Knowledge-based activism of AAB on tax justice issue was recognised by budget activists and civil society throughout the national Tax Justice campaign.

The Right to Food (R2F) campaign in 2014 stressed on creating a strong knowledge base. Evidence was gathered by conducting consultation workshop in 7 districts for the research to collect people's demand. Over 12,000 people from 12 districts and 50 local organisations took part of in this campaign.

AAB continued supporting Democratic Budget Movement (DBM) to influence Government for decentralisation of budget and fair redistribution of resources. AAB lobbied and convinced the parliamentary caucus to take up the issue of decentralised budget and jointly organised a roundtable prior to the budget session in the Parliament. The movement spread to 18 districts.

In alliance with like-minded organisations, AAB pursued actions from GoB around the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)'s second cycle of Universal Periodic Review (UPR) recommendations. Several roundtables, human chains and memorandum submissions were organised to take Dalit and indigenous people's voice to the policy makers.

Youth programme participants stopped 15 incidences of child marriage across the country. Local administration also owned AAB's mandate and took measures to finally declare the Vogdapuri union of Nilphamari district free from child marriage.

A few actions attempted in 2014 were innovative in their own right. AAB set up a water museum near Pakhimara Bazaar in Kalapara – near the Southern coastline. Curated by the people in Kalapara, the museum is the first of its kind in Asia. Besides exhibits that represent the lost or threatened livelihoods, culture and heritage, the museum hosts water from 57 trans-boundary rivers of Bangladesh.

AAB also collected oral histories of 26 women and men living on the river-banks across the country, and organised a number of dialogues to mobilise relevant stakeholders. This is a campaign that advocates for the rights of river, riverine people and beyond. This campaign has a research component with policy advocacy in four countries: Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Pakistan.



building evidence for advocacy

AAB undertook research in 7 cities to try and understand the status and challenges faced by women and girls in the cities. The intention was to take cognisance of the finding when making the cities safer for women and girls. Among other guests, the Minister for Information of GoB and the UK Minister for Development joined the event and pledged to pursue the campaign.

To promote health and education rights of the Persons with Disability, we carried out two research initiatives jointly with Institute of Education and Research (IER) and produced evidence for advocacy around inclusive programme.

A survey on the socio-economic situation of the Persons with Disability was conducted in 25 working areas of AAB, and findings uploaded in online database³ accessible from LRPs. This initiative laid grounds for tracking coverage of disability provisioned services. Concerned LRPs started working with respective local administration offices to help persons with disabilities receive identity cards as well as allowances.

In collaboration with Hajee Mohammad Danesh Science and Technology University and British Council, we conducted action-research in Ghoraghat on the sustainable agricultural practices towards food security. The research investigated the prospect of organic rice, tomato and mango production systems and found positive effect of organic fertiliser on soil health and fertility. We conducted another research with the Institute of Bangladesh Studies (IBS) at the University of Rajshahi on sustainable sericulture in Northwest Bangladesh. One of the findings of the research was that the current import and tax policy are not conducive to sericulture despite its potential for women's economic empowerment in rural areas.

In solidarity with the survivors and the family members of the Rana Plaza building collapse, ActionAid proactively took up advocacy and lobbying around 'compensation' as well as provision of services to them. AAB also updated the database that was first put together in 2013. Findings from this database shared widely were taken up by the media, activists and researchers. Within the scope of its project, AAB provided support to the survivors in finding healthcare and work.

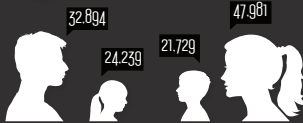
3. <http://disability-actionaidbd.org>



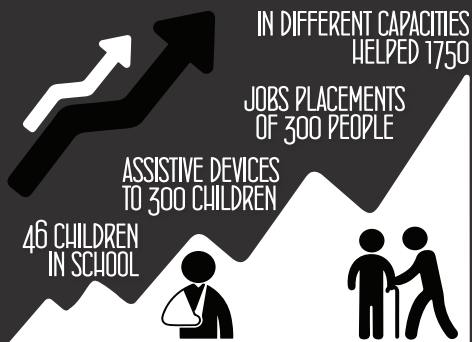
people we worked with

PEOPLE
REACHED

158 THOUSAND

56:44
F:M
 % OF YOUTH
31.240
INCLUDING
51%
WOMEN
INCLUSIVE EDUCATION
140 TEACHERS54 REPORTS
ON RIGHTS
SITUATION15 CHILD MARRIAGES
STOPPEDPRS
TO 362 CHILD
CENTRES

PERSONS WITH DISABILITY



RANA PLAZA SURVIVORS

ADVOCACY ON
WORKPLACE SAFETY
& LIVING WAGE
CONTINUEDHEALTH
SUPPORT
TO 260HEALTH
OF 200
IMPROVED70
MAKING
A LIVING50 TRAINED ON
ENTREPRENEURSHIP

WOMEN

357

 AWARE OF RIGHTS TO
NATURAL RESOURCES
INDIGENOUS & DALITS
LINKED TO VGF/VGD
INDIGENOUS & DALITS
LINKED TO IGA

470

197

6,561

43

3,296

 INCLUDING 25% YOUTH
BENEFITING FROM IGA
TBAS LINKED TO GOVT
TRAINING FACILITY
REPORTED INCREASED
FOOD SECURITY

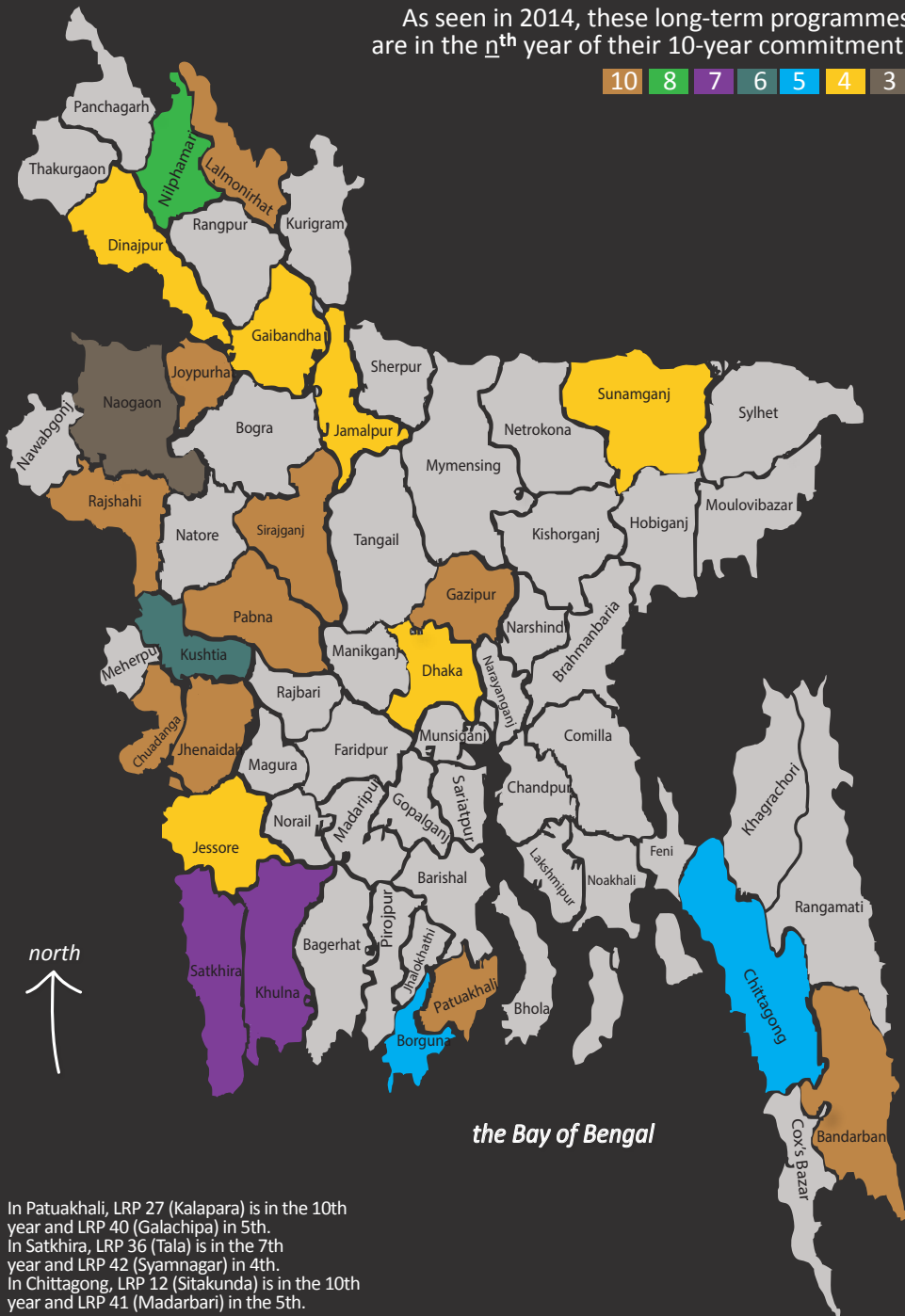
1,823 WO/MEN LEARNT TO IDENTIFY DISASTER RISKS

3,839 (1828 CHILDREN) RECEIVED HUMANITARIAN AID

locations we worked in

As seen in 2014, these long-term programmes are in the nth year of their 10-year commitment.

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In Patuakhali, LRP 27 (Kalapara) is in the 10th year and LRP 40 (Galachipa) in 5th.
 In Satkhira, LRP 36 (Tala) is in the 7th year and LRP 42 (Syamnagar) in 4th.
 In Chittagong, LRP 12 (Sitakunda) is in the 10th year and LRP 41 (Madarbari) in the 5th.

partnership in 2014

AAB partnered with 34 NGOs, 10 INGOs, 24 networks. This is in addition to the 1,076 CBOs joining hands in AAB's efforts around the rights of the poor and disadvantaged people. AAB also joined 30 alliances and 7 social movements, and led the secretariat of NARRI, a consortium of 10 INGOs working in the areas of resilience and DRR.

12 institutional donors funded AAB's short-term projects. 7 ActionAid member countries (listed below) contributed sponsorship fund to implement 25 long-term LRPs.

Programme	Funder(s)	Programme focus	Partner(s)	Location(s)
LRP 12	Italy	Rights of persons with disabilities	YPSA	Chittagong
LRP 24	Italy	Rights of ethnic minority people	PUAMDO	Joypurhat
LRP 25	Italy	Rights of children with disabilities	USS	Jhenaidah
LRP 26	Italy	Fighting domestic violence	WAVE	Chuadanga
LRP 27	Italy	Assistance for sustainable livelihoods	AVAS	Barisal
LRP 28	Spain	CSR on occupational health rights	PSTC	Gazipur
LRP 29	Italy	Livelihoods promotion	SKS	Lalmonirhat
LRP 30	Greece	Women for rights and empowerment	SKS	Gaibandha
LRP 31	Italy	Economic justice for marginalised groups	Sachetan, BUP	Rajshahi
LRP 32	Sweden	Programme for the disadvantaged poor	SAP	Sirajganj
LRP 33	Italy	Poor people's access to public health	SHARP	Pabna
LRP 34	Italy	Organising ethnic societies for social safety	BNKS	Bandarban
LRP 35	Italy	Development and monga mitigation	USS	Nilphamari
LRP 36	Italy	Antyaja community's development	Bhumija	Satkhira
LRP 37	Greece	Maximising adaptation, costal livelihoods	USS	Khulna
LRP 38	Italy, Aus, USA	Women empowerment	Mukti-Nari	Kushtia
LRP 39	Italy	Women empowerment to resist violence	Shushilan	Borguna
LRP 40	Italy	Promoting livelihood for char dwellers	SAP	Patuakhali
LRP 41	Spain	Empowering women & girls for 'change'	BITA	Chittagong
LRP 42	Italy	Rights and dignity of the socially excluded	DRRA, DALIT	Jessore
LRP 43	Greece	Sustainable livelihoods and food security	VARD	Sunamganj
LRP 44	UK	Empowering women & girls for 'change'	Nari Maitree	Dhaka
LRP 45	Italy	Sustainable agriculture for food security	AAB	Dinajpur, Gaibandha
LRP 46	Greece	Strengthen livelihoods of char people	BACE	Jamalpur
LRP 47	Sweden	Adaptation and coordinated livelihood	BSDO, BDO	Naogaon



Projects	Funder(s)	Project focus	Partner(s)	Location(s)
Building Flood Resilient Community through Flood Early Warning (FEW) Dissemination	IUCN	Flood early warning	AKK, Nari Moitree	Faridpur, Khustia
Socio-Economic Reintegration and Rehab. for Survivors with Disabilities of Rana Plaza Disaster (LES)	ILO	Support for survivors with disabilities of Rana Plaza	CSID	Savar
People4Change - A Human Rights Based Approach Capacity Building Project (P4C)	ActionAid Denmark	Capacity development of the grassroots	USS, BITA, Shushilon, Ghoraghat, BSDO, BDO, Dalit, DBM, SPED, VARD, BACE	Nilphamari, Dhaka, Ctg, Naoga, Borguna, Dinajpur, Jamalpur, Jessor, Shunamganj
Governance Alternatives (MDG)	ActionAid Denmark	Civil Society Engagement on and capturing peoples' voice for post MDG framework	DBM, Development Synergy Institute	Khulna, Rajshahi, Rangpur, Dhaka, Sylhet, Chittagong, Sunamganj
Fiscal Governance	ActionAid Denmark	Tax Power campaign and fiscal governance	Sachetan, USS (Chilahati), SHARP Nari Moitree, PSTC, BNKS, AVAS, PUAMDO	Rajshahi, Khulna, Nilphamari, Pabna, Chittagong, Barisal, Dhaka
Eradicating hunger in developing countries through food and nutrition security in regional and global political agendas (IFSN III)	IFSN & EC	Land rights, agriculture for food security and nutrition	Unnayan Dhara	[national platform]
Promoting Rights in School (PRS)	Strategic Education Fund	Promoting Right to Education through School based Interventions	PUAMDO, USS, BNKS, SAP-Bd, USS, Bhumija, Mukti-Nari, BITA, BACE, DRRR, DALIT, VARD,	Joypurhat, Jhenaidah, Sirajgonj, Bandarban, Nilphamari, Kustia, Satkhira, Patuakhali, Chittagong, Jessore, Sunamganj, Jamalpur
Chanpara Community Clinic: Improved Primary and Reproductive Health Care for Slum Dwellers	Dynamic Share	Socio Economic Empowerment of Slum Dwellers and Urban Poverty	PSTC	Narayanganj
Removing Cultural Barriers (RCB)	Mourant Trust & Roper Family Foundation	Healthcare, Education, Employment and relevant policy work	CSID, SJA	Sylhet, Keraniganj
Happy Homes (HH)	HSBC	Health, education and job placement of street children (HH) and children of sex workers (SKCDC)	ASD SMS	Dhaka Faridpur
HSBC Scholarship Fund for SKCDC and HH			ASD, SMS	Dhaka, Faridpur
Shaplakuri (SKCDC) Furniture Project	Amelia through AAS	Health, education and job placement of sex workers' children	SMS	Faridpur
Enterprise Development through Mobilising Womens' Collectives	Citi Foundation	Women Economic Empowerment	SKS	Gaibandha, Lalmonirhat
Safe City Campaign	ActionAid Italy	Stop sexual harassment in public space	PSTC	Narayanganj, Dhaka
Safe City Campaign (#SheCan)	DFID	Stop sexual harassment in public space	PSTC	Rangpur, Narayanganj, Barisal, Rajshahi, Ctg, Khulna, Sylhet
Loss & Damage (APN)	ActionAid International	Understanding through Climate adaptation	AVAS, AKK	Potuahkhal, Faridpur
Strengthening Women's Collectives	EC	Socio-economic empowerment via entrepreneurship	SKS	Lalmonirhat, Gaibandha
Stopping Child Marriage	Canadian High Commission	Capacity building of Youth to SCM	SHARP, EDG	Pabna, Kurigram
Women's Resilience Index	ActionAid Australia	Women's resilience to disaster	N/A	All over Bangladesh
Health, Sanitation and Hygiene in Chanpara	Kadoorie Charitable Foundation	Enhance health, sanitation & hygiene	PSTC	Narayanganj
Building a Disaster Resilient Bangladesh - DIPECHO VII	EC (ECHO)	Disaster risk reduction	PSTC, USS, JJS	Khulna, Satkhira, Dhaka

national policy & legislative actions

Education Act 2014 (draft)

In collaboration with the education coalition, AAB influenced the draft Education Act 2014 to incorporate the 10 rights defined in ActionAid's Promoting Rights in School (PRS) framework. 5 of 10 rights given greater emphasis were the rights to -

- > trained teacher
- > relevant education
- > transparent and accountable school
- > non-discrimination
- > participation.

M&E Framework of Building Code 2008

AAB worked with the Bangladesh Housing and Building Research Institution (BHBRI) to review the Bangladesh National Building Code (BNBC) incorporating the issue of resilience within the banner of NAARI consortium. BHBRI incorporated the resilience factors in Monitoring and Implementation Guideline of the Code. This was then shared with the reinforcing agencies to act upon.

Community Based Disaster Preparedness (CBDP) model

AAB facilitated CBDP trainings to the district-level disaster management committee of the Government. The trainings were delivered also in the sub-district and union-levels. As a result, the committees in 4 Unions of Dacope and Shyamnagar revised their respective Community Risk Assessments (CRA) tool and Risk Reduction Action Plan (RRAP).

Decentralisation of National Budget

Countrywide mobilisation of Democratic Budget Movement (DBM) influenced the Government to move towards budget decentralisation. In 2014, 7 districts were brought under the district-based budget estimation process. DBM, a country-wide network of members supported by AAB, demanded budget democratisation and decentralisation.

Child Marriage Restraint Act 2014 (draft)

AAB in partnership with CSOs influenced the Government to amend the draft Child Marriage Restraint Act 2014 in their endeavour to restraint and ultimately abolish child marriage. It was proposed that the category of perpetrators be expanded in the law, and that the financial as well as imprisonment penalties increased. If the legislation is enforced, it will contribute towards ensuring girl child's education and the promotion of women's right.

Jute Packaging Act 2010

The National Jute Protection Committee, a citizen group supported by AAB, influenced the Government to stop the use of polythene in industrial packaging. The Jute Packaging Act 2010 was also amended in the process.

our publications in 2014



global mandates

As a Federation, ActionAid promotes shared leadership and collective contribution within promoting the leadership from its member countries. Delegation is a new way of working in the Federation that creates space for country members to contribute intellectually and operationally. In recognition of strong capacity and consistent contribution, AAB, in the area of climate change, resilience and DRR policy, has been delegated the leadership of several platforms in 2014.

AA Federation has been promoting climate justice along with resilience programming to develop comprehensive climate smart programmes connecting communities and strengthening programme-policy linkage at the country level and internationally. AAB has been working to influence national policies as well as international processes. In 2014, the Federation delegated climate change

work jointly to AAB and AA USA. The delegation is expected to strengthen North-South partnership and work for climate justice.

AAB was also delegated to lead the 'GreenAction' project for organisational sustainability. This project aims to 'walk the talk' by linking programme with operation towards a green organisation.

2014 was a busy year as we contributed strategically to regional and global programming and campaigns. A few major milestones:

- We provided peer support to countries undertaking tax justice campaign and programmes through the training and development of M&E framework so as to measure 'change' in children's lives. We also provided advocacy support to Asia tax justice committee to develop programme and campaign. AAB also assisted in developing joint action-plan for Asia governance platform, and the strategy paper for the LAND platform.
- We contributed to ActionAid International campaign and advocacy initiative on 'Accountability of Global Fashion Brand'. Sharing findings from a research on survivors of Rana Plaza (RMG factory) collapse was a significant contribution towards this endeavour.
- We contributed to the development of ActionAid's position on Youth and the Post-2015 Development Agenda as well as the Youth Programming Toolkit pilot.



ActionAid Federation responded in a major way to the typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan) in Philippines. AAB contributed to this response with human resources and expertise for 3 months. This response was the first ever intervention of ActionAid in the Philippines. As a member country of the Federation, AAB deployed in the 3-month recovery phase focusing on the generation of economic alternatives and resilient housing including the development of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) plan.

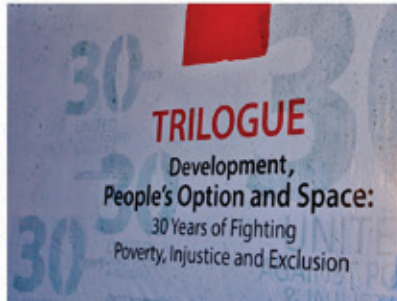
Jointly with ActionAid UK, ActionAid Bangladesh facilitated DRR training in Vietnam. AAB contributed to the development of hazard framework project and continued to manage the multi-country project Loss and Damage.

AAB is and has been an active member of the AA Federation. In 2014, it retained the same level of contribution. AAB also made contributions to further ActionAid's mandate beyond the Federation platforms:

Among the 37 CSOs attending the Ban Ki-moon Climate Summit in New York, ActionAid was represented by Farah Kabir, the Country Director of AAB. This was recognition of AAB's leadership and long-standing contribution to programme development and policy advocacy on climate justice and DRR. In 2014, Farah was elected Member of the Board of GNDR (Global Network of CSOs on Disaster Reduction) as a regional Board representative. As member of the Board of Climate Action Network South Asia (CANSAs), she also contributed to the climate negotiations and beyond upholding and promoting gender equity. Elected Vice-Chair of Civil Society Education Funding Committee, Farah is promoting right to education – one of AAB's strategic priorities.

ActionAid Bangladesh attended UNFCCC negotiations, and the AMCDRR to inspire agreement on higher allocation of DRR fund and regional policy on migration, water sharing, and climate change-induced loss and damage. Also at the Parliamentary committee hearing on UK Aid policy and its implication for the developing countries, Farah was invited to give evidence of AA programmes, impact and policy advocacy. This contributed towards enabling Parliamentarians to come up with relevant guidelines for development in regards to overseas development by the UK.







tapping social media

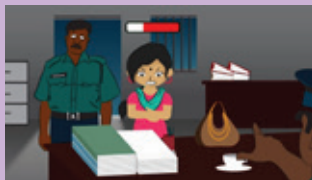
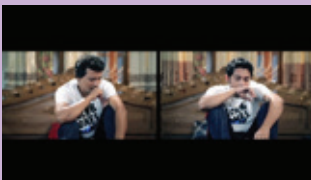
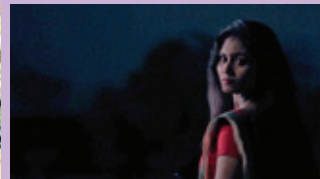
AAB Facebook page turned 4 in 2014. The number of daily visits by online users increased from under 40 (of 2013) to 84. The number of people liking AAB by the end of 2014 was 9,118, which is a whopping 6,545 more than the 2013 count.

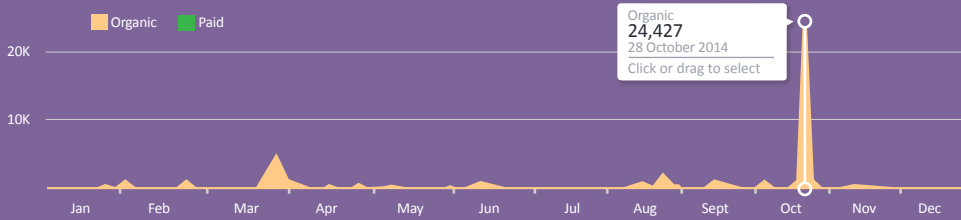
A total of 10,083 fans were reached organically in 2014 (22% women and 66% aged 18-34 years). The nature of their engagement and relevant actions are detailed below. Beyond our fanbase, 1,753 people (55% aged 18-34 years) took 1,201 online actions for AAB. Twenty-nine per cent was women.

Through 50 separate online contents, we reached out to 11,836 people. Most popular online mobilisation was the **#TaxPower** campaign that reached 5,532 people in a single instance securing 1,031 online actions, highest in 2014. Second biggest public reach was on stopping **#PoliticalViolence** against children. A poster went viral by 1,893 users.

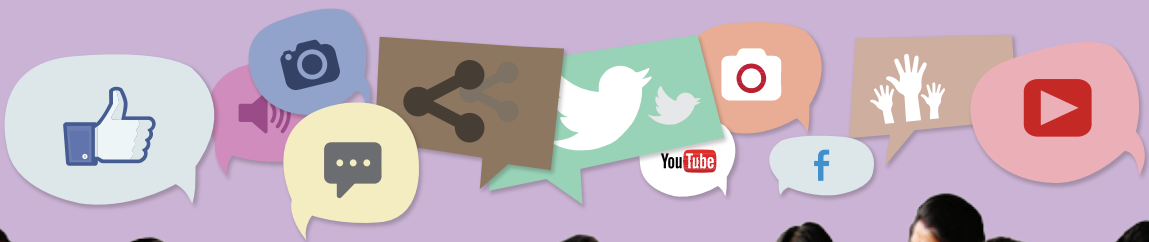
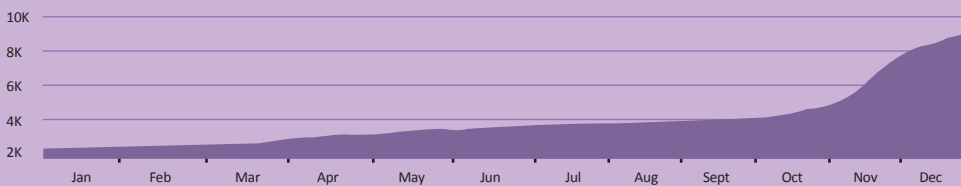
#SafeCities campaign piloted in Narayanganj engaged more than 1,517 people (74 from Narayanganj) in the highest instance of a post. The **#RanaPlaza** mobilisation with update on the survivor Nazma and progress of Universal Periodic Review secured 2,300+ online hits together.

Total 9 videos were posted in AAB YouTube channel. 4 of these were part of safe cities campaign aimed to raise question on VAW and stop sexual harassment. These videos alone secured 99,143 online hits (end of 2014). The most popular was 'Make the right choice' going viral with 87 thousand views. These campaign videos made use of popular trends (such as 'selfie', android apps etc.) to spread rights messages.





The graph above (reproduced from Facebook insights) shows the individual Profiles AAB reached in 14 major online events. The second graph shows the gradual rise of 'Like' in favour of AAB.



across mass media

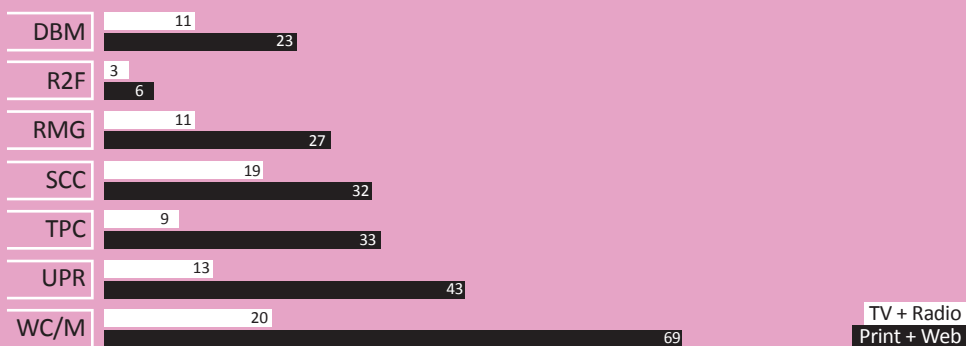
In 2014, the Water Museum drew major attention of numerous national and 11 international media entities. 58 media houses covered the launch of the Museum. Follow up reports created opportunities for sensitising people, policy makers and stakeholders towards water governance.

The safe city campaign of AAB was also featured in mainstream media. BBC Bangla covered the launch and published follow up articles and stories that kept the issue of VAW, SCC, public safety agenda on the table. In partnership with the media, AAB advocated for clear articulation of ‘sexual harassment in public places’ by amending and incorporating in the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act 2003.

Media mobilisation around 30th anniversary of AAB was notable. The national sharing on ‘Condition of the Victims – 1 Year Post-Rana Plaza’ survey was picked up instantly by the media and experts. 27 dailies along with CNN, BBC and almost all TV channels in Bangladesh took up AAB content to make Rana plaza the prime news. This helped influence the authorities in their dispensation of the Rana Plaza Donor Trust Fund set up to receive voluntary donations from around the world.

Numerous ActionAid research and programme findings drew the attention of the media as they were relevant, innovative and timely. We brought media attention to a few significant events too.

‘The Pattern of Time Use of Adult Women and Men in Rural North Bangladesh’ survey, ‘The South Asia Women’s Resilience Index’, ‘Free Flow of Rivers: People’s Perspectives’, ‘Towards a Just Climate Deal in 2015’, ‘Reflection of Lima COP 20’ and ‘Action Towards Paris COP 21’ were also notable. Moreover, AAB successfully brought the issues of DRR, youth, indigenous people, child rights, and woman rights to the mass audience through a total of 334 print and 125 TV/radio mentions in 2014. BBC, CNN, CommonDreams, Financial Times, Toronto Media closely worked with us. We engaged Channel 24, Samakal, NewAge, Prothom-alo, Daily Star, Bonikbarta to carry out several investigative reports. Following is the number of media mentions around major mandates:

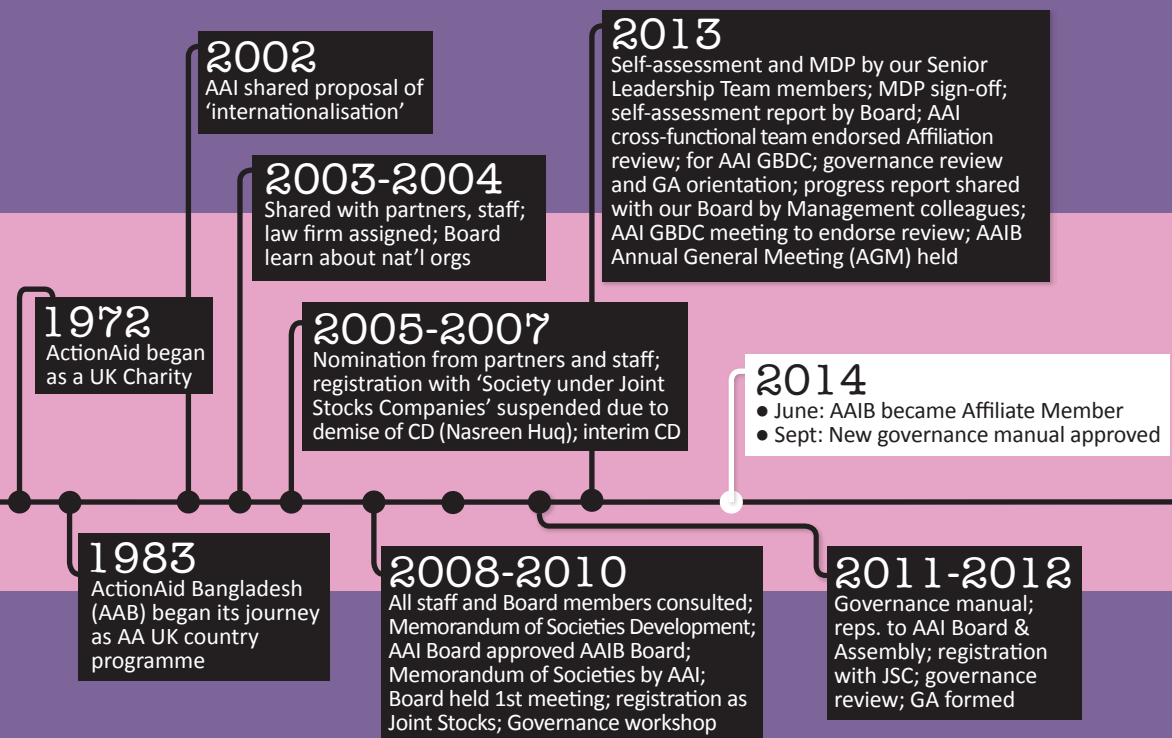


governing ourselves: year 2

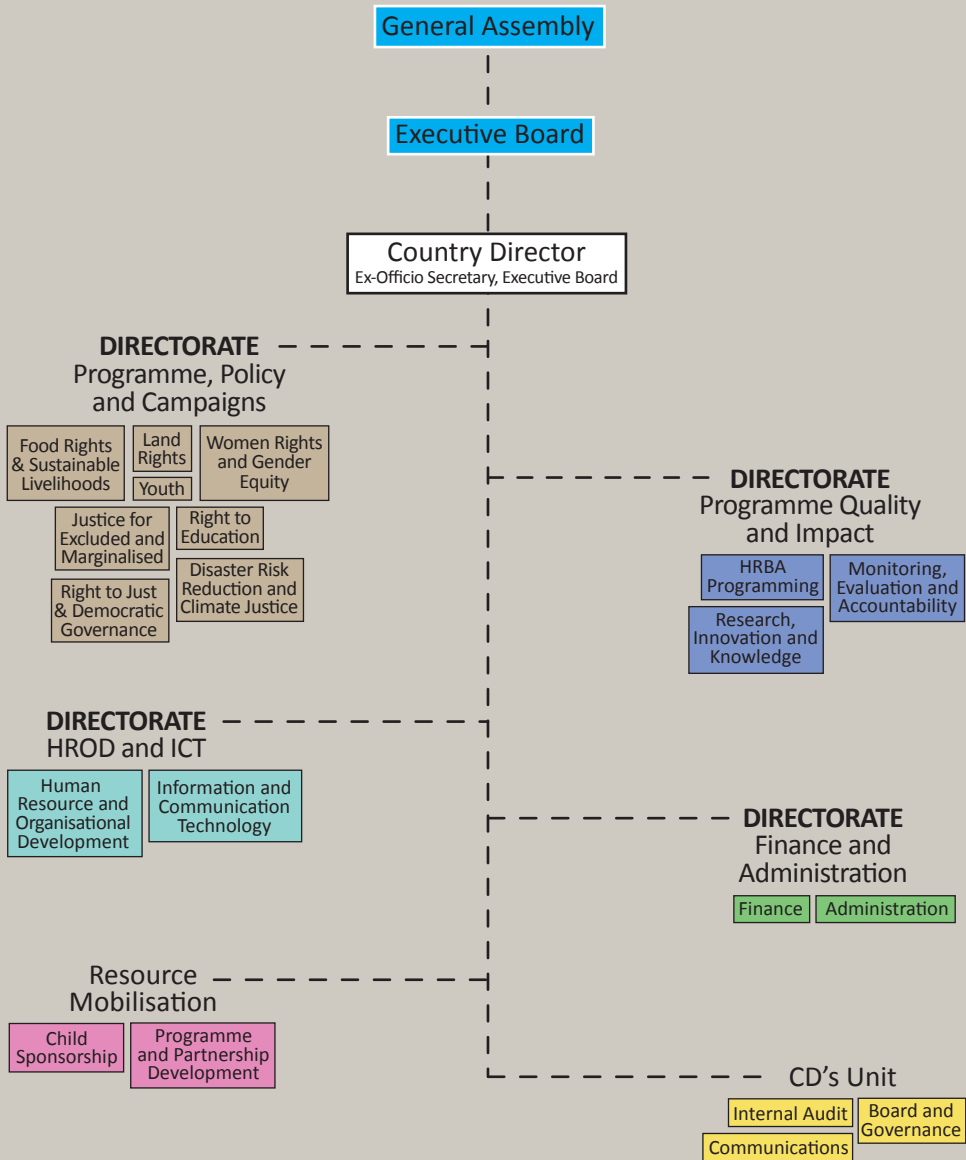
In 2014 ActionAid International Bangladesh (AAIB) continued strengthening organisational governance. The Executive Board and General Assembly with close co-operation of the Management led the process of achieving full membership of the Federation. A thorough review conducted by Governance and Board Development Committee (GBDC) with the support of International Secretariat recommended AAIB for the Affiliation status. AAIB successfully met all the criteria set by the Membership Development Process (MDP) committee. Following review recommendation, AAIB was granted a full membership of the Federation in the AAI Assembly in June held in The Netherlands.

AAIB Board reviewed 2013 Governance Manual. Contribution of the Board and Assembly members continued throughout 2014.

AAIB Board members also contributed to AA International in both the Assembly Organising Committee and the Election Committee. Board's involvement in other forums of AAI, such as the Treasurers' Committee, was also significant. The General Assembly was also proactive in fulfilling its dual citizenship responsibilities.



our team



2013

133 staff
members

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2014

132 staff
members

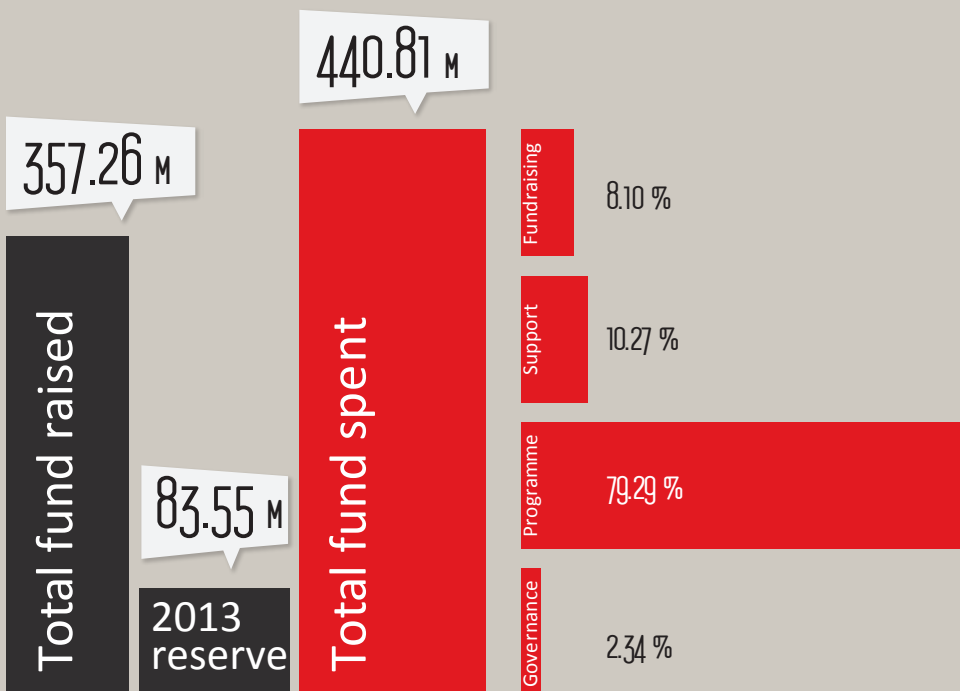
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finance and audit

AAB raised BDT 357.26 million. It carried over from 2013 a reserve of BDT 83.55 million and spent BDT 440.81 million in 2014. Nearly 80% of the fund was spent in delivering programme interventions. Expenditure in the following heads was:

- Governance BDT 10.32 million
- Support BDT 45.24 million
- Programme BDT 349.34 million
- Fundraising BDT 35.69 million



Auditors' Report

Country Director

ActionAid Bangladesh (AAB)
House # 08, Road # 136
Gulsha-1, Dhaka-1212

We have audited the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements of ActionAid Bangladesh which comprises the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position as at 31 December 2014, Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income and Consolidated Statements of Receipts and Payments for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies with other explanatory information. Preparation of these financial statements is the responsibility of the management of ActionAid Bangladesh (AAB). Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing as adopted in Bangladesh. 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 the management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the Consolidated financial statements of ActionAid Bangladesh present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position as at 31 December 2014 and the results of its operations and its receipts & payments for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in note # 2 to the financial statements and comply with the applicable laws and regulations.

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, proper books of accounts as required by law have been kept by the organization;
- c) the financial statements and the receipts and payments accounts are in agreement with the books of accounts maintained by ActionAid Bangladesh (AAB) and examined by us.

Dhaka
31 March 2015

(signed)
Khairul Basher FCA
Partner
Aziz Halim Khair Choudhury
Chartered Accountants



Chartered Accountants

ActionAid Bangladesh
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position
as at 31 December 2014

	Notes	31.12.2014 Taka	31.12.2013 Taka
ASSETS			
Non-Current assets		1,000,002	1,000,002
Property, Plant and Equipments	3.0	2	2
Fixed Deposit	3.1	1,000,000	1,000,000
Current assets		117,049,919	85,269,108
Advance and Prepayment	4.0	19,621,331	25,007,434
Accounts Receivable	5.0	4,792,695	271,597
Cash and Cash Equivalents	6.0	92,635,893	59,990,077
Total assets		118,049,921	86,269,110
FUND AND LIABILITIES			
Fund		104,873,970	77,553,696
Property, Plant and Equipment Fund	7.0	2	2
Unutilized Fund	9.0	103,873,968	76,553,694
Endowment Fund- UBICO		1,000,000	1,000,000
Current Liabilities		13,175,951	8,715,415
Accounts Payable	8.0	13,175,951	8,715,415
Total fund and liabilities		118,049,921	86,269,110

The annexed notes form an integral part of these Financial Statements.

(signed)
Director-Finance and Administration
ActionAid Bangladesh

(signed)
Country Director
ActionAid Bangladesh

This is the Consolidated Balance Sheet referred to in our separate report of even date.

Dhaka
31 March 2015

(signed)
Aziz Halim Khair Choudhury
Chartered Accountants



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ActionAid Bangladesh
Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income
for the year ended 31 December 2014

	Notes	2014	2013
		Taka	Taka
Income			
Grant Income	10.0	444,842,387	458,048,441
Non-current Assets Fund Related to Income		-	1,290,180
		444,842,387	459,338,621
Expenditure			
Human Resource Cost	11.0	144,854,792	154,836,842
Direct Program Cost	12.0	80,670,491	96,638,363
Grants to Partner Organization	13.0	176,467,080	162,392,837
Travel Cost	14.0	20,420,883	19,900,281
Operation Cost	15.0	22,429,142	24,280,119
Depreciation		-	1,290,180
		444,842,387	459,338,621

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(signed)
Director-Finance and Administration
ActionAid Bangladesh

(signed)
Country Director
ActionAid Bangladesh

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Dhaka
31 March 2015

(signed)
Aziz Halim Khair Choudhury
Chartered Accountants



Chartered Accountants

ActionAid Bangladesh
Consolidated Statement of Receipts and Payments
for the year ended 31 December 2014

	Notes	2014	2013
		Taka	Taka
Opening Balance			
Cash in Hand and Cash at Bank		60,990,077	112,731,014
Receipts			
Grant Received	9.1	471,305,137	412,618,301
Other Income	9.3	900,000	-
		533,195,215	525,349,315
Payments			
Human Resource Cost	11.0	139,892,221	155,234,902
Direct Program Cost	12.0	79,475,410	97,314,517
Grants to Partner Organization	13.0	173,080,580	161,053,590
Travel Cost	14.0	21,468,714	18,873,349
Operation Cost	15.0	21,706,193	31,146,329
Unutilised Fund Refund to Donor	9.2	42,477	174,370
ActionAid (AA) Affiliate Organizations	5.2.1	3,893,728	562,180
		439,559,323	464,359,236
Closing Balance			
Fixed Deposit	3.1	1,000,000	1,000,000
Cash in Hand		75,045	58,623
Cash at Bank	6.1	92,560,848	59,931,454
		533,195,215	525,349,315

The annexed notes form an integral part of these Financial Statements.

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Director-Finance and Administration
ActionAid Bangladesh

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Country Director
ActionAid Bangladesh

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Dhaka
31 March 2015

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Aziz Halim Khair Choudhury
Chartered Accountants



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**ActionAid Bangladesh
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2014**

1.0 About the organization**1.1 About ActionAid Bangladesh**

ActionAid is a global movement of people working together to further human rights and defeat poverty for all. ActionAid International is an international organisation, working with over 15 million people in over 40 countries for a world free from poverty and injustice, with its Head office based in Johannesburg, South Africa. ActionAid Bangladesh is a member of ActionAid International Federation. ActionAid Bangladesh (AAB) started its journey in 1983 with a mission to work with poor and excluded people to eradicate poverty and injustice. AAB program activities are categorized in priorities areas of development that are Food Right and Sustainable Livelihood, Women Rights and Gender Equity, Right to Just and Democratic Governance, Justice for Excluded and Marginalized, Education, Land Rights, Disaster Risk Reduction & Climate Justice and Youth.

ActionAid Bangladesh is registered with NGO Affairs Bureau under the Foreign Donations (Voluntary Activities) Regulation Ordinance, 1978 vide registration no. FD/R no.210, dated 27 April 1986 which has been renewed on 20 April 2011.

1.2 Vision

A world without poverty and injustice in which every person enjoys their right to a life with dignity.

1.3 Mission

Work with poor and excluded people to eradicate poverty and injustice.

1.4 Values

- a. Mutual respect, requiring us to recognize the innate worth of all people and the value of diversity.
- b. Equity and justice, requiring us to work to ensure equal opportunity to everyone, irrespective of race, age, sex, sexual orientation, HIV status, color, class, ethnicity, disability, location and religion.
- c. Honesty and transparency: being accountable at all levels for the effectiveness of our actions and open in our judgments and communications with others.
- d. Solidarity with the poor, powerless and excluded will be the only bias in our commitment to the fight against poverty.
- e. Courage of conviction, requiring us to be creative and radical, bold and innovative without fear of failure in pursuit of making the greatest possible impact on the causes or poverty.
- f. Independence from any religious or party political affiliation.
- g. Humility in our presentation and behavior, recognizing that we are part of a wider alliance against poverty.

1.5 Overall Objective

The objectives of the project are:

- i. To develop the capacity of the selected NGOs by providing financial and technical assistance to bring about positive changes in the lives of the poor and their environment leading towards a capable, resourceful self reliant and balanced society.
- ii. To undertake collaborative research and disseminate the learning of research to various organization.
- iii. To provide support to social issue based network of multiple NGOs for sharing learning of different organizations in a particular forum.
- iv. To promote and strengthen sustainable livelihood Opportunities for the poor and marginalized people, to reduce risk to the livelihood of the poor and marginalized peoples and to increase access and control over public resources and services of the poor and marginalized peoples of Bangladesh.



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- v. To promote women's agency and their right to self-determination, to create an enabling environment for practice egalitarian gender relations and active citizenship by adolescents and to promote a culture for zero tolerance for violence against women in Bangladesh.
- vi. To assert citizenship by those of diverse origins based on ethnicity, language and religion, to promote enabling environment and conditions for the differently able and to promote active process for inclusion of the socially marginalized and stigmatized people in Bangladesh.
- vii. Peoples movement for social development and economic justices and strengthened to help to promote the right to quality education for the poor and marginalized people, to promote public accountability of government and the international development agencies and to promote the right to quality health care for the poor and marginalized peoples in Bangladesh.

2.0 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

2.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the organization have been prepared based on historical cost convention and other applicable laws and regulations and all expenditures have been accounted on Accrual basis.

2.2 Property, Plant & Equipment

(a) Recognition

Property, plant and equipments have been valued at original cost. Acquired assets with individual cost above GBP 5,000 are capitalized.

(b) Depreciation

Depreciation on property, plant and equipments is provided on a straight line method. The rate of depreciation is ascertained as 33.33% based on the expected useful lives of all assets. Full year's depreciation is charged in the year of acquisition, and no depreciation is charged in the year of disposal.

2.3 Provident Fund and Gratuity fund

ActionAid Bangladesh maintains a provident fund contributed by each of the employees and the employer @ 6% of the gross salary. Gratuity fund is fully contributed by the employer.

2.4 Foreign Currency Transaction

Transaction in foreign currencies are converted using the rate of exchange ruling at the time of the transaction. Gains or losses on transaction of the foreign currencies are treated as charges/credits to the project for which the currency is held. Rate as at 31 December 2014 is 120.47

2.5 Recognition of grant income

Grant was recognized as income over the period necessary to match them with the related costs, for which they are intended to compensate, on a systematic basis, to comply with the International Accounting Standard 20.

2.6 Reporting period

This financial statements have been prepared for the period from 01 January 2014 to 31 December 2014.

2.7 Comparative financial information

Disclosure of Previous year's comparative information as required in accordance with International Accounting Standard-1 is given.

2.8 Functional and presentation currency

The financial statements are presented in Taka which is both functional currency and presentation currency of the organization.

2.9 General

- i. Figures in the Financial Statements have been rounded off to the nearest Taka.
- ii. Previous year's balances are rearranged and adjusted where necessary to confirm with current year's presentation.



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3.0 Property, plant and equipments: Tk. 2

	31.12.2014	31.12.2013
	Taka	Taka
Opening Balance	3,035,194	3,035,194
Add: Addition during the year	-	-
	3,035,194	3,035,194
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	3,035,192	3,035,192
	2	2

3.1 Fixed Deposit Received: Tk. 10,00,000

Opening Balance	1,000,000	1,000,000
Add: Addition during the year	-	-
	1,000,000	1,000,000

4.0 Advance and Prepayment: Tk. 19,621,331

Advance to staff (Note# 4.1)	1,167,776	442,737
Advance to Partner Organization	15,532,549	19,975,758
Telephone Security (T&T)	134,809	134,809
Prepayment	2,786,197	4,454,131
	19,621,331	25,007,434

4.1 Advance to Staff: Tk. 1,167,776

Opening Balance	442,737	1,241,900
Less: Net Change during the year	725,038	(799,163)
Closing Balance	1,167,776	442,737

The break-up of the above is as under:

International Staff	41,902	299,919
Local Staff	1,125,873	142,818
	1,167,775	442,737

5.0 Account Receivable: Tk. 4,792,695

Debtor (Note# 5.1)	-	-
ActionAid Affiliate Organizations (Note# 5.2)	4,792,695	271,597
	4,792,695	271,597

5.1 Debtors: Tk. Nil

Opening Balance	-	1,211,358
Add: Net Change during the year		(1,211,358)
Closing Balance	-	-

5.2 ActionAid (AA) Affiliate Organizations: Tk. 4,792,695

ActionAid International	4,503,925	134,983
AA Denmark	223,745	100,318
AA United Kingdom	43,000	5,868
AA Hellas (GREECE)	22,025	
AA Ireland		30,428
	4,792,695	271,597



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	31.12.2014	31.12.2013
	Taka	Taka
5.2.1		
Payments to ActionAid (AA) Affiliate Organizations: Tk. 3,893,728		
Payments during the Year	4,792,695	271,597
Less: Previous Year's Advance Paid	271,597	-
Less: Current Year's Receipts (Note # 8.4)	627,370	(290,583)
As per Statement of Receipts and Payments	3,893,728	562,180
6.0		
Cash and Cash Equivalents: Tk. 92,635,893		
Cash in Hand	75,045	58,623
Cash at Bank (Note# 6.1)	92,560,848	59,931,454
	92,635,893	59,990,077
6.1		
Cash at bank: 92,560,848		
<u>Name of the Bank</u>		
ActionAid Bangladesh- HSBC (GBP 009-062795-016)	38,934,863	25,276,004
ActionAid Bangladesh-HSBC (BDT 009-062795-011)	41,984,924	27,555,682
ActionAid Bangladesh - SCB-(BDT 02-1245236-011)	2,555,647	3,610,996
ActionAid Bangladesh LRP45- DBBL (BDT 1751100007077)	657,369	460,689
ActionAid International Bangladesh- HSBC (BDT 003-007903-011)	6,093,534	2,928,494
ActionAid International Bangladesh Society- MTBL (BDT 0046-0210004070)	99,475	99,590
ActionAid Bangladesh Dynamic Share -HSBC (BDT 009-207214-001)	2,235,036	-
	92,560,848	59,931,454
7.0		
Property, Plant and Equipment Fund: Tk. 2		
Opening Balance	2	1,290,182
Add: Addition during the year	-	-
	2	1,290,182
Less: Depreciation charge for the year	-	1,290,180
	2	2
8.0		
Accounts Payable: Tk. 13,175,951		
Amount due to Employees (Note# 8.1)	4,748,004	374,629
Tax and Social Security Liability (Note# 8.2)	234,680	106,020
Creditors and Accruals (Note# 8.3)	7,565,897	8,234,766
Payable to ActionAid (AA) Affiliate Organization (Note# 8.4)	627,370	-
	13,175,951	8,715,415
8.1		
Amount due to Employees: Tk. 4,748,004		
Opening Balance	374,629	1,212,224
Add: Net Change during the year	4,373,375	(837,595)
	4,748,004	374,629
The break-up of the above is as under		
Salary	(0)	1,421
Gratuity Fund	793,422	293,766
Medical Fund	3,951,664	3,404
Provident Fund	2,918	76,039
	4,748,004	374,629
8.2		
Tax and Social Security Liabilities: Tk. 234,680		
Opening Balance	106,020	2,382,206
Add: Net Change during the year	128,660	(2,276,186)
	234,680	106,020



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	31.12.2014	31.12.2013
	Taka	Taka
The break-up of the above is as under		
Withholding Tax from Salaries and Allowances	95,762	-
Withholding Tax from Contractors	2,881	98,457
Withholding Tax from Suppliers	18,771	-
Value Added Tax (VAT) Withheld	117,266	7,563
	<u>234,680</u>	<u>106,020</u>
8.3 Creditors and Accruals: Tk. 7,565,897		
Opening Balance	8,234,766	15,430,324
Add : Net Change during the year	<u>(668,869)</u>	<u>(7,195,558)</u>
	<u>7,565,897</u>	<u>8,234,766</u>
The break-up of the above is as under:		
Human Resource Cost	1,223,238	729,803
Direct Program Cost	5,371,571	4,209,389
Grants to Partner Organization	-	1,056,708
Travel Cost	139,115	461,908
Legal and Financial Management Cost	-	566,128
Office Operation Cost	127,926	116,559
Equipment Cost	95,940	1,027,465
Green Fund	72,857	66,807
Audit Fee	535,250	-
	<u>7,565,897</u>	<u>8,234,766</u>
8.4 Payable to ActionAid(AA) Affiliate Organizations: Tk.627,370		
Opening Balance	-	290,583
Add: Net Change during the year	<u>627,370</u>	<u>(290,583)</u>
	<u>627,370</u>	<u>-</u>
9.0 Unutilized Fund: Tk. 103,873,968		
Opening Balance	76,553,694	122,158,204
Fund Received during the Year (Note# 9.1)	<u>471,305,137</u>	<u>412,618,301</u>
	547,858,831	534,776,505
Less: Unutilized Balance Refund to Donor (Note# 9.2)	42,477	174,370
Add: Other Income (Note # 9.3)	900,000	-
Less: Grant Income (Note# 10.0)	<u>444,842,387</u>	<u>458,048,441</u>
	<u>103,873,968</u>	<u>76,553,694</u>
9.1 Fund Received: Tk. 471,305,137		
Local Donor (Note# 9.1.1)	24,036,360	9,282,077
Project Donor (Note# 9.1.2)	135,393,924	95,071,508
ActionAid International (Note# 9.1.3)	<u>309,741,231</u>	<u>310,759,874</u>
Gross Fund Received	469,171,515	415,113,459
Add/Less: Expenses incurred for ActionAid International	<u>(2,133,623)</u>	<u>2,495,159</u>
	<u>471,305,137</u>	<u>412,618,301</u>
9.1.1 Local Donor: Tk. 24,036,360		
Asia Food Security Network-AFS	-	106,032
Cyclone Mohasen Affected Community at Kalapara (DCM)	-	4,255,300
Community Base Flood Early Warning System (CBFEWS)/ IUCN	2,701,184	368,687
Assessment of Rana Plaza Victims Rehabilitation (GIZ)	-	1,459,400
Livelihoods & Employment RANA Plaza (LES)	6,750,000	-
Health, Hygiene & Sanitation KCF (HHS)	2,180,496	-



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	31.12.2014	31.12.2013
	Taka	Taka
Empowering Women RMG Workers project (RAG)	9,238,630	-
Shapla Kuri Child Development Centre (SKD)	1,227,625	-
HAPPY HOMES	1,938,425	-
Improving lives in Baniashanta (ILB)	-	1,605,995
Rana Plaza (SVR)	-	1,486,663
	24,036,360	9,282,077
9.1.2 Project Donor: Tk. 135,393,924		
Disaster Risk Reduction through School (DRF)	16,701,605	6,178,418
Happy Homes (HHV)	-	12,491,075
Health, Hygiene & Sanitation - KCF (HHS)	-	7,345,422
Empowering Women RMG Workers (RAG)	-	8,652,034
Removing Culture Barrier and Promoting Rights (RCB)	18,654,522	13,825,733
Shapla Kuri Child Development Centre	-	1,443,961
UBICO	-	113,750
FORUM SYD (FS2)	-	6,339,884
Flood Resistant Shelter (FRESH)	276,595	(7,017,719)
Asia Food Security Network-AFS	-	1,531,240
Building a Disaster Resilient Bangladesh - Depicho VII	27,179,750	14,762,008
Emergency Response Mohasen (ERM)	-	3,638,184
Emergency Humanitarian Water Logging Phase 2	-	7,638,858
Millennium Development Goal (MDG)	-	7,127,377
Supporting Vulnerable Community flood Resilient shelter and Sanitation in Bangladesh (RAM)	-	3,331,904
Setu Bandhan Gori (SBG)	-	1,210,036
Strengthening Women's Collectives in Bangladesh (SWC)	9,848,293	6,459,345
Fiscal Governance (FGV)	37,382,088	-
National Development Strategies (NDS)	2,895,684	-
People 4 change HRBA Denmark (P4C)	10,019,997	-
Promoting Bud/Account-TAX GOV (PBA)	4,349,385	-
Safe City Campaign (SCT)	2,173,314	-
Strategic Education Fund (SEF)	2,303,920	-
Shapla Kuri Child Development Centre (SKD)	841,567	-
Chanpara Community Clinic (CCC)	2,767,202	-
	135,393,924	95,071,508
9.1.3 ActionAid International: Tk. 309,741,231		
ActionAid International for Regular Giving Income	304,538,336	307,055,904
Regular Giving Income Allocated to DIPECHO VII	2,006,196	1,614,469
Regular Giving Income Allocated to SWC	3,196,699	2,089,501
	309,741,231	310,759,874
9.2 Unutilized Balance Refund to Donor: Tk. 42,477		
DANIDA Climate Change Project (CBA)/ Refund	-	12,772
SHIREE (PJG)/ Refund	-	161,598
Improving lives in Baniashanta (ILB)/ Refund	42,477	-
	42,477	174,370
9.3 Other Income: Tk. 900,000		
Sale of Old Vehicle	900,000	-
	900,000	-
10.0 Grant Income: Tk. 444,842,387		
Total Expenditure as per Income & Expenditure Statement	444,842,387	459,338,621
Less: Non-current Assets Fund Released to Income (Depreciation)	-	1,290,180
	444,842,387	458,048,441



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11.0 Human Resource Cost: Tk. 139,892,221

	31.12.2014	31.12.2013
	Taka	Taka
Staff Salary	110,849,858	118,259,762
Festival Bonus	7,852,256	8,528,904
Mobile Phone Allowances	838,927	903,727
Responsibility Allowance	1,320,705	1,433,867
Modem Allowance	223,930	242,677
Medical Expenses	2,623,427	2,722,759
Provident Fund	5,195,378	5,731,751
Group Insurance	2,607,619	2,909,691
Gratuity Fund	8,654,238	9,261,715
Leave Encasement	636,147	878,854
Recruitment Expenses	538,763	441,099
Staff Training & Workshop	1,680,739	2,805,412
Relocation	1,832,804	716,624
As per Statement of Comprehensive Income	144,854,792	154,836,842
Add. Previous Year's Payable and Current Year Advance Paid	1,104,432	2,369,762
Less. Current Year's Accrue and Last Year Advance Adjusted	6,067,004	1,971,703
As per Statement of Receipts and Payments	139,892,221	155,234,901

12.0 Direct Program Cost: Tk. 79,475,410

Community Input	13,162,406	40,078,742
Community Capacity Building	34,402,267	32,246,780
Community Workshop & Seminar	8,817,675	6,555,578
Community Study, Program Evaluation Cost	23,834,396	16,750,470
Publications & Photograph	338,680	508,199
Policy Development and Review	115,067	498,595
As per Statement of Comprehensive Income	80,670,491	96,638,363
Add. Previous Year's Payable and Current Year Advance Paid	4,315,408	4,991,562
Less. Current Year's Accrue and Previous Year Advance Adjusted	5,510,489	4,315,408
As per Statement of Receipts and Payments	79,475,410	97,314,517

13.0 Grants to Partner Organization: Tk.173,080,580

Agrajattra	-	1,139,039
Association for Integrated Socio-Economic Development for Under-Privileged People (AISEDUP)	-	2,158,051
Amra Kaj Kori (AKK)	141,934	4,356,403
Assistance for Slum Dwellers (ASD)	15,857,962	11,948,379
Association of Voluntary Action for Society (AVAS)	4,339,366	6,243,648
AWAJ Foundation	-	2,416,731
Bangladesh Association for Community Education (BACE)	-	1,484,839
Barendra Development Organisation (BDO)	2,310,910	599,553
Barendrabhumi Samaj Unnayan Sangstha (BSDO)	2,144,541	1,256,807
Bhumija Foundation	3,681,165	6,715,465
Bangladesh Institute of Theatre Arts (BITA)	3,353,116	2,629,608
Bolipara Nari Kalyan Somity (BNKS)	5,140,111	3,448,271
CARING GLORY	-	65,061
Centre for Services and Information on Disability (CSID)	7,224,348	2,552,124
Chinnomukol Bangladesh	471,395	2,162,679
Dabi Moulik Unnayan Sangstha	-	1,000
Dalit	2,167,327	2,008,596
Disabled Rehabilitation & Research Association (DRRA)	2,166,665	3,840,288
Eso Desh Gori	-	3,800,152
Fire Service & Civil Defense (FSCD)	2,627,088	-
Ganaunnayn Federation	-	39,514
INCIDIN	1,768,108	-
Jagroto Jubo Sangho	4,875,948	1,169,865
Karmajibi Nari	-	1,401,475



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	31.12.2014	31.12.2013
	Taka	Taka
Manab Mukti Shangstha (MMS)	-	379
Mukti Nari O Shishu KS	4,285,301	4,436,760
Nari Maitree	4,472,243	4,040,195
National Association of Sports for the Persons with Disabilities (NASPD)	-	375,330
National Forum of Organization Working with the Disabled (NFOWD)	-	1,283,073
Not Analysed to NGO Partner	-	33,727
OWDEB	-	716,617
Palli Nari Unnayan Sangtha PNUS	-	1,064,366
Population Service & Training Centre (PSTC)	10,919,733	15,199,027
PUABUS- PUAMDO	4,237,885	3,124,852
Racine	-	1,060,482
Sachetan	10,696,849	5,856,840
SAMAJ KALLYAN SANGSTHA-SKS	18,853,623	5,554,862
SAPLA MOHILA SANGSTHA (SMS)	7,888,957	8,202,636
SEID	-	2,456,343
SHUSHILAN	4,633,352	4,527,300
SOCIO HLTH & REHAB PRG [SHARP]	6,678,247	6,278,393
SoDESH	-	1,184,650
South Asian Partnership	8,498,855	10,920,560
Society for Participatory Education and Development (SPED)	2,634,256	600,000
SYLHET JUBO ACADEMY	3,521,038	2,113,379
UD- Unnayan Dhara	1,101,901	174,000
Udayankur Seba Sangstha-USS	5,600,229	4,523,540
Ulashi Srejon Shingha (USS)	11,981,575	6,361,976
University of Liberal Arts BD	-	681,169
VARD	2,687,711	2,575,170
WAVE-Welfare org for Vill. Env	3,894,000	3,993,391
Young Power in Social Action	2,866,827	3,250,808
Zabarang Kallyan Samity	-	365,464
As per Statement of Comprehensive Income	176,467,080	162,392,837
Add. Previous Year's Payable Paid	1,056,708	210,173
Less. Current Year's Payable	-	1,056,708
Less. Previous Year's Receivable Adjustment	19,975,758	20,468,470
Add. Current Year's Advance	15,532,549	19,975,758
As per Statement of Receipts and Payments	173,080,580	161,053,590
14.0 Travel Cost: Tk. 21,468,714		
Local Travel, Accommodation and Perdiem	9,995,076	8,333,919
International Travel, Accommodation and Perdiem	6,910,712	8,447,500
Vehicle Fuel Costs	1,663,482	1,376,165
Vehicle Repair, Maintenance and Insurance	1,851,613	1,742,698
As per Statement of Comprehensive Income	20,420,883	19,900,281
Add. Previous Year's Payable Paid	461,908	234,138
Less. Current Year's Payable	139,115	461,908
Less. Previous Year's Receivable Adjustment	442,737	1,241,899
Add. Current Year's Advance	1,167,776	442,737
As per Statement of Receipts and Payments	21,468,714	18,873,349
15.0 Operation Cost Tk. 21,706,193		
Equipment Cost (Note# 15.01)	1,786,809	2,758,550
Legal & Financial Management Cost (Note# 15.02)	3,163,513	3,997,834
Office Operation Cost (Note#15.03)	17,478,819	17,523,734
As per Statement of Comprehensive Income	22,429,142	24,280,119
Add. Previous Year's Payable Paid	1,776,959	11,086,387
Less. Current Year's Payable	831,973	1,776,959
Less. Previous year's Receivable Adjustment	4,588,940	7,032,157
Add. Current Year's Advance	2,921,006	4,588,940
As per Statement of Receipts and Payments	21,706,193	31,146,330



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		31.12.2014	31.12.2013
		Taka	Taka
15.01	Equipment Cost: Tk. 2,718,334		
	Purchase Non Capital Items under 5K GBP	627,370	1,520,447
	IT Equipment	1,159,439	1,238,103
		1,786,809	2,758,550
	Add. Previous Year's Payable Paid	1,027,465	1,238,103
	Less. Current Year's Payable	95,940	1,027,465
		2,718,334	2,969,188
15.02	Legal & Financial Management Cost: Tk. 3,194,391		
	Consultant Fees	95,833	191,666
	Legal Fees	1,104,327	1,974,661
	Audit Fees	1,120,090	799,110
	Bank Charges	53,946	69,594
	Constitutional Compliance/ Board Exp	780,289	958,303
	Membership Fees	9,028	4,500
		3,163,513	3,997,834
	Add. Previous Year's Payable Paid	566,128	333,434
	Less. Current Year's Payable	535,250	566,128
		3,194,391	3,765,140
15.03	Office Operation Cost: Tk. 15,793,468		
	Office Rent	6,103,199	6,170,083
	Office Maintenance	3,977,507	4,439,552
	Office Securities and Utilities	1,639,305	1,830,882
	Printing & Stationery	1,742,811	1,459,483
	Entertainment/Public Relations	529,231	523,465
	Newspapers and Periodicals	67,309	63,624
	Communication Expenses	1,861,164	1,789,215
	IT Accessories and Maintenances	321,965	486,445
	Software and License	1,236,329	760,986
		17,478,819	17,523,734
	Add. Previous year's Payable Paid	183,366	7,215,230
	Less. Current year's Payable	200,783	183,366
	Less. Previous year's Receivable Adjustment	4,588,940	7,032,157
	Add. Current Year's Advance	2,921,006	4,588,940
		15,793,468	22,112,381
16.00	Expenditure Analysis on the basis of Priority, Function and Project:		
	Priorities and Functions wise expenditure		
	Women right and Gender Equity	10,222,301	10,950,824
	Education	5,407,163	6,861,520
	Youth	6,729,116	5,333,727
	Disaster Risk Reduction & Climate Justice	8,760,279	10,425,599
	Food Right & Sustainable Livelihood	4,574,595	5,985,682
	Right to Just and Democratic Governance	4,087,463	6,018,197
	Justice for Excluded and Marginalised	7,808,604	6,977,719
	Land Rights	7,917,800	5,875,282
	Local Rights Programme Directorate	12,063,675	10,639,445
	Grants to Partner Organizations	99,181,845	108,255,683
	Emergency Response	4,344,770	4,692,088
	CD's General Fund	7,818,895	4,814,542
	International Campaign	-	741,819
	Programme Quality and Impact	20,202,460	16,206,894
	Finance	10,304,728	12,237,095
	Administration	21,259,757	29,844,464
	Communication	2,928,827	8,177,594



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	31.12.2014	31.12.2013
	Taka	Taka
Internal Audit	3,897,996	3,905,135
CD's Unit	10,907,148	9,723,045
Information Technology	6,145,954	5,600,844
Human Resources	9,914,635	11,313,995
Resource Mobilisation	21,741,289	20,977,018
Board and Governance	4,449,015	3,786,794
Expenses against Regular giving Income	290,668,312	309,345,006
Project Wise Expenses:		
Asia Food Security Network (AFS)	3,764,373	924,762
Chanpara Community Clinic- Improved primary and Reproductive Health care for Slum Dwellers (CCC)	922,826	-
Building a Disaster Resilient BD (DRB)	38,838,360	17,724,313
Community Based Flood Early Warning System (FEW)	3,046,844	23,028
Empowering People for Creating and Enabling Environment towards pro-poor Fiscal Governance (FGV)	25,365,616	-
Health, Sanitation & Hygiene - Chanpara Clinic (HHS)	3,218,175	8,174,491
Happy Homes (HHV)	18,075,673	12,911,620
Institute of Development Studies HANCI (IDS)	730,845	-
Livelihoods & Employment RANA Plaza (LES)	6,972,798	-
Capturing Alternative Views around post MDG Framework (MDG)	441,664	1,267,091
National Development Strategies (NDS)	591,288	-
People 4 change (P4C)	2,809,820	6,809,271
Promoting Bud/Account Tax Governance (PBA)	3,813,108	-
Removing Cultural Barriers (RCB)	13,230,675	15,337,750
Stopping Child Marriage (SCM)	342,380	-
Safe City Campaign (SCT)	2,009,604	-
Strategic Education Fund (SEF)	1,498,833	-
She Can - DFID Aid Match II (SHE)	491,351	-
Shapla Kuri Child Development Centre (SKD)	9,433,493	1,077,552
Strengthening Women Collective in Bangladesh (SWC)	18,576,349	6,984,754
Cyclone Mahasen Affected Community at kalapara (DCM)	-	4,125,822
Emergency Response Mohasen (ERM)	-	2,182,628
Improving the Socio Economic Status of Women and Adolescent girls in Bangladesh (FS2)	-	4,749,721
Flood Resistance Shelter for South West Region (FSH)	-	35,214,509
Assessment of Rana Plaza Victims Rehabilitation (GIZ)	-	1,380,200
EQUIP YOUNG DISABLED WITH SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE (IGA)	-	272,800
IGT In-country Training in Accountability (IGT)	-	2,274,883
Improving Lives in Bani Shanta	-	1,563,518
Liberation and Empowerment: Attaining Dignity and Rights	-	5,573,827
Empowering Women RMG Workers project	-	15,973,977
IECT - Disaster Preparedness and Response Fund	-	3,708,683
Setu Bondhon Gori Network	-	1,684,415
UBICO (UBC)	-	54,000
Total Project wise Expenses	154,174,075	149,993,615
Total Expenditure for the Year	444,842,387	459,338,621

ActionAid Bangladesh
Schedule of Property, Plant and Equipments
for the year ended 31 December 2014

SL #	Particulars	Cost				Depreciation				Written down value		
		Addition during the year		Disposal during the year	Closing balance	Rate of Depn.	Opening balance	Charged during the year	Disposal during the year		Closing balance	
		Cost Price	Taka									
01	Equipments	-	-	-	-	1,450,000	33.33	1,449,999	-	-	1,449,999	1
02	Motor Vehicles	12,911,827	-	-	-	12,911,827	33.33	11,621,646	1,290,180	-	12,911,826	1
	Balance as at 31 December, 2014	-	-	-	-	14,361,827	-	13,071,645	1,290,180	-	14,361,825	2
	Balance as at 31 December, 2013	14,361,827	-	-	-	14,361,827	-	13,071,645	1,290,180	-	14,361,825	2

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