



Women and Peace

A listing of organizations
working for
women's rights *and* peace
in Bangladesh
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WOMEN AND PEACE: AN INCOMPLETE SOUTH ASIAN DIRECTORY

This project originated in a quest to identify potential partners for peace-related projects. That quest shifted shape, but we kept the kernel of the work and expanded its scope to include all SAARC member countries.

We started with the question, “Which women’s organizations work on peace?” But given that feminists define peace as far more than the cessation of conflict and hostilities, the term was hardly a filter. After all, peace is also empowerment, engaged citizenship, good governance, sustainable development and a free flow of information and expression. As we identified organizations across a spectrum of activities, we began to tag them with ‘keywords’:

- Peace and conflict transformation
- Women’s rights and empowerment
- Capacity building and community mobilization
- Governance and policy advocacy
- Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development
- Information and communication

The keywords are simply intended to help in our search to identify resources and partners, not to narrowly define an organization’s work in any way.

The directory is the product of a desk-based Internet search. We invite you to email us with names and website addresses for organizations you think should be included. Email us at prajnyatrust@gmail.com.

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NAME	LOCATION	KEYWORDS	CONTACT PERSON/EMAIL	PAGE
AIN O SALISH KENDRA (ASK)	Dhaka	Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Governance and policy advocacy; Information and communication	ask@citechco.net	8
ASHROY FOUNDATION	Khulna	Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	ashroy.foundation@gmail.com, info@ashroyfoundation.org	9
ASSOCIATION OF DEVELOPMENT FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HELP (ADESH)	Dhaka	Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	adesh@bol-online.com	10
ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTARY ACTIONS FOR SOCIETY (AVAS)	Barisal	Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	rskazal@yahoo.com	11
BANGLADESH LEGAL AID AND SERVICES TRUST (BLAST)	Dhaka	Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Governance and policy advocacy	mail@blast.org.bd	12
BANGLADESH MAHILA PARISHAD (BMP)	Dhaka	Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	info@mahilaparishad.org	13
BANGLADESH NARI PRAGATI SHONGSTHA (BNPS)	Dhaka	Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	bnps@bangla.net	14

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BANGLADESH NATIONAL WOMAN LAWYER'S ASSOCIATION (BNWLA)	Dhaka	Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Governance and policy advocacy	bnwla@hrcmail.net	15
BANGLADESH REHABILITATION CENTRE FOR TRAUMA VICTIMS (BRCT)	Dhaka	Governance and policy advocacy; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	brct@citechco.net	16
BANGLADESH RESOURCE CENTRE FOR INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE (BARCIK)	Dhaka	Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	info@barcik.org.bd	17
BANGLADESH RURAL ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE (BRAC)	Dhaka	Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization	info@brac.net	18
BANGLADESH WOMEN'S FOUNDATION (BWF)	Dhaka	Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	bdwf@bangla.net	19
BOLIPARA NARI KALYAN SAMITY (BNKS)	Chittagong	Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development		20
CARE	Dhaka	Women's rights and empowerment; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development; Capacity building and community mobilization	info@bd.care.org	21

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CHITTAGONG SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM (CSDF)	Chittagong	Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	csdf.bangladesh@gmail.com	22
COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP (CDP)	Dhaka	Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	cdp@cdpdb.org	23
GHASHFUL	Chittagong	Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	ghashful@ghastful-bd.org	24
KAPAEENG FOUNDATION	Dhaka	Peace and conflict transformation; Capacity building and community mobilization; Information and communication.	kapaeeng.foundation@gmail.com	25
KARMOJIBI NARI (KN)	Dhaka	Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	knari@agni.com	26
MANABIK SHAHAJYA SANGSTHA (MSS)	Dhaka	Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	manabik@bangla.net	27

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MANUSHER JONNO FOUNDATION (MJF)	Dhaka	Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Governance and policy advocacy; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	anams@manusher.org, info@manusher.org	28
NAGORIK UDDYOG (NU)	Dhaka	Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	info@nuhr.org	29
NARI UNNAYAN SHAKTI (NUS)	Dhaka	Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	afrojnus@bdmail.net	30
NARIPOKKHO (NP)	Dhaka	Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	naripokkho@gmail.com	31
ODHIKAR	Dhaka	Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	odhikar.bd@gmail.com	32
PRIP TRUST (PRIP)	Dhaka	Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development	info@priptrust.org	33
RUPANTAR	Khulna	Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development.	info@rupantar.org, rup@khulna.bangla.net	34

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SOCIAL ASSOCIATION FOR RURAL ADVANCEMENT (SARA)	Nondibari	Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development; Governance and policy advocacy	saramymensingh@gmail.com	35
STEPS TOWARDS DEVELOPMENT (Steps)	Dhaka	Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development.	info@steps.org.bd, steps.bd@gmail.com	36
UBINIG	Dhaka	Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development.	info@ubinig.org	37
UDAYANKUR SEBA SANGSTHA (USS)	Nilphamari	Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development.	info@freedomfound.org	38
WAVE FOUNDATION	Dhaka	Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development.	info@wavefoundationbd.org	39

AIN O SALISH KENDRA (ASK)

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Factfile

- ASK, founded in 1986, provides free legal services to the poor in Dhaka.
- ASK aims to establish law based on the principles of equality, democracy, human rights, justice and gender equity.
- Chairperson: Ms. Hameeda Hossain

Areas of activity

ASK's initiatives promoting human rights and gender equality involve:

- Free legal aid for mediation and filing public interest litigation (PIL);
- Investigation and documentation of human rights violation for conducting research on strengthening human rights laws;
- Disseminating information on human rights through the media and own publication;
- Free counseling for victims of human rights violations;
- Regional networking with other NGOs for improving human rights throughout South Asia.

ASHROY FOUNDATION

<http://www.ashroyfoundation.org/>

Keywords: Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development

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Factfile

- Ashroy Foundation was established in 1995 in the Khulna District by group of women.
- Ashroy focuses on providing quality education, agriculture, food security, good health and human rights.
- Executive Director: Momotaz Khatun

Areas of activity

Ashroy Foundation's work in women's empowerment and capacity building includes:

- The Schools Combat Violence against Girls program;
- Strengthening women's rights through representation in local government;
- Training center with residential facilities for community development seminars and workshops;
- Cultural team for conducting plays, music and dance programs on various social issues;
- Educational programs in schools on sustainable development;
- Free health care support for women;
- Free health camps and classes in cyclone centers.

ASSOCIATION OF DEVELOPMENT FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HELP (ADESH)
<http://www.adeshbd.org/>

Keywords: Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development

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Factfile

- ADESH aims to build a gender-just society and enable participation of both men and women.
- Executive Director: Subrato Dey

Area of Activity

ADESH's women's empowerment and human rights projects include:

- Gender Equality and Dignity (GED) project for training rural people on gender equity and leadership by organizing seminars, workshops and rallies;
- Human rights legal education and aid to victims of human rights violations;
- Training for women in handicrafts, cottage industries and dress-making;
- Constructing latrines and tube wells to improve sanitation and health;
- Environment and climate change project for raising awareness on environmental issues through tree plantation drives and seminars;
- Micro-finance to enable rural women to start small-scale businesses.

ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTARY ACTIONS FOR SOCIETY (AVAS)

<http://avas.page4.me/>

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- AVAS, established in 1998, is an organization for women's rights and leadership.
- AVAS also works on safe water supply, sanitation, legal aid and education for the underprivileged.
- Executive Director: Ms. Rahima Sultana Kazal

Areas of activity

AVAS' activities on women's empowerment and sustainable development include:

- Gender equality awareness through seminars and workshops;
- Free legal aid for victims of gender violence;
- HIV/AIDS prevention project for educating people about the disease through public workshops.
- Establishing Child Rights Protecting from Hazardous Work (ECRPHW) project for preventing child exploitation in Bangladeshi industries;
- Center with residential facilities for community development training programs;
- Micro-finance project for women.

BANGLADESH LEGAL AID AND SERVICES TRUST (BLAST)

<http://www.blast.org.bd/>

Keywords: Women’s rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Governance and policy advocacy

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Factfile

- BLAST, established in 1993, is a free legal services organization.
- BLAST’s Board of Trustees includes jurists, lawyers, and former judges of the Bangladesh Supreme Court.
- BLAST provides free legal aid and undertakes public interest litigation and advocacy activities to ensure access to the justice system for women.
- BLAST’s team includes over 2500 lawyers in various districts.
- Founder: Dr. Kamal Hossain
- Executive Director and head of women’s program: Ms. Sara Hossain

Areas of activity

BLAST’s legal programs for women’s empowerment include:

- Free legal advice and representation in the justice system for women & girls who are victims of violence;
- Legal aid clinic;
- Legal literacy workshops in Dhaka slums;
- Investigation of human rights violations;
- Women in Justice program to promote equal opportunities for women judges and legal professionals;
- SAFE project to raise legal awareness on sexual and reproductive rights for adolescent girls and women in urban Bangladesh;
- SHOKI project to raise awareness on women rights in urban slums.

BANGLADESH MAHILA PARISHAD (BMP)

<http://www.mahilaparishad.org/>

Keywords: Peace and conflict transformation; Women’s rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development

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Factfile

- BMP, established in 1970, is a women’s human rights organization that has worked to protect and uplift the status of women in the aftermath of the 1971 war.
- Founder: Poet Sufia Kamal
- President: Ms. Ayesha Khanam

Areas of Activity

BMP’s activities on human rights and women’s empowerment include:

- The Gender and Human Rights awareness program for professionals, civil society and community people;
- Organizing peace rallies to raise awareness on human rights violations in international conflicts;
- Providing relief and rehabilitation to women victims of violence;
- Annual seminars with women activists of various districts to prevent violence against women;
- Training workshops for district-level women activists;
- Publication of *Mahila Shamachar*, a quarterly journal addressing the various social issues faced by women.

BANGLADESH NARI PRAGATI SHONGSTHA (BNPS)

<http://www.bnps.org/>

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- BNPS, established in 1986, advocates for policy and legal reforms to promote the social, economic and political empowerment of women.
- Chairperson: Ms. Shaymoli Nasreen Chowdhury

Areas of Activity

BNPS programs on women empowerment include:

- Social empowerment program, working to raise awareness, provide legal aid and facilitate women's social mobilization;
- Economic empowerment program, providing income generation training and micro credit training;
- Political empowerment program, training women leaders to participate local and community governance;
- Mapping the implementation of policies and commitments for women;
- Publication of journals and books on gender issues.

BANGLADESH NATIONAL WOMAN LAWYER'S ASSOCIATION (BNWLA)

<http://www.bnwlabd.org/>

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Factfile

- BNWLA, established in 1979, aims to promote the rights and status of women lawyers.
- BNWLA fights for access to justice for all women.
- President: Ms. Fawzia Karim Firoze

Areas of activity

BNWLA's legal initiatives on gender equality include:

- Ending Violence against Women through Community Action (EVAWCA) project, offering legal workshops on preventing violence against women;
- Grassroots Justice Project (GJP), providing a forum for citizens to access to legal services in Dhaka's rural districts;
- Girl Power Project (GPP) in partnership with Dutch Child Rights Alliance (CRA), educating young girls on women rights and self-defence classes;
- Making Women Legal Rights a Reality in Bangladesh (MWLR) project , advocating adoption and enforcement of key women rights-focused legislation;
- Protecting Human Rights (PHR) project, providing free legal services for domestic violence survivors.

BANGLADESH REHABILITATION CENTRE FOR TRAUMA VICTIMS (BRCT)

<http://www.brct.org/>

Keywords: Governance and policy advocacy; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development

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Factfile

- BRCT, established in 1992, works towards rehabilitation for trauma victims and promotes human rights and gender equality.
- Founder: Mr. Akram H. Chowdhury

Areas of activity

BRCT's rehabilitation and human rights work involve:

- Free medical services and counseling for victims of violence;
- Legal and economic assistance for victims through the Integrated Rehabilitation Approach (IRA) program;
- Emergency team providing instant services for victims during violence in riots;
- Victim's Association (VA) for rehabilitated people to support other victims of violence in villages;
- Prevention Program for raising awareness on human rights, peace education, and violence prevention;
- Task Force against Torture (TFT) consisting of journalists, doctors, lawyers, teachers and social workers to educate people against the use of violence.

BANGLADESH RESOURCE CENTRE FOR INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE (BARCIK)

<http://www.barcik.org.bd/>

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Factfile

- BARCIK, established in 1997 by a group of development researchers and social workers, works on sustainable development and women's rights.
- Founder and executive director: Mr. Sukanta Sen

Areas of activity

BARCIK's activity includes:

- Meetings, seminars and workshops to raise awareness on women's rights among rural populations.
- Institutional development program for training members of local NGOs, CBOs and farming communities.
- Disseminating information on biodiversity and sustainable cultivation through posters, leaflets, booklets and periodic journals like Grassroots Voice and Trinamul Uddog.

BANGLADESH RURAL ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE (BRAC)

<http://www.brac.net>

Keywords: Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization

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Factfile

- BRAC, established in 1972, is one of the largest NGOs in Bangladesh, with over 100,000 employees and offices in Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Tanzania, Uganda, South Sudan, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Haiti and Philippines.
- BRAC works to empower the poor and especially women.
- Founder and chairman: Sir Fazle Hasan Abed

Areas of activity

BRAC's activities in women's empowerment and poverty alleviation include:

- Gender justice program to address gender discrimination and exploitation of women;
- Legal rights, community empowerment and advocacy projects;
- Free legal services to the poor;
- Health and education program with 97,000 community workers, providing free healthcare, doorstep medicine delivery and healthcare/sanitation education in slums and villages;
- Disaster relief through free health and educational camps to people affected by cyclones;
- Microfinance and financial literacy training for women and farmers.

BANGLADESH WOMEN'S FOUNDATION (BWF)

<http://bdwf.org/>

Keywords: Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development

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Factfile

- BWF, established in 2003, works on enhancing the leadership and political empowerment of the rural women.
- BWF aims to increase the self-reliance of other women's groups working on gender equality.
- President and CEO: Ms. Mashuda Shefali

Areas of activity

BWF's activities for the social and political empowerment of rural women include:

- Project to support and strengthen women representatives in local government;
- Five-day training program for women representatives on gender, human rights and leadership development;
- Two-day training program on advocacy skills, budget preparation and other organizational skills for municipal district-level women representatives;
- Partnerships with local women's organizations, groups and leaders to ensure the proper allocation of money and resources to women empowerment activities;
- Stop Violence against Women (SVAW) project, working to prevent violence against women in rural areas;
- Awareness workshops, rallies and training programs to reduce gender disparities and discrimination across social groups.

BOLIPARA NARI KALYAN SAMITY (BNKS)

Keywords: Peace and conflict transformation; Women's rights and empowerment; Capacity building and community mobilization; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development

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- BNKS, established in April 2012, promotes the socio-economic status of women, primarily tribal women in Chittagong, through sustainable development programs.
- BNKS's projects focus on water and sanitation, social awareness and women rights.
- Executive Director: Ms. Hla Shing Nue

Areas of activity

BNKS's projects on women's empowerment, sustainable development and conflict management include:

- Individual leadership training to empower tribal women of Chittagong;
- Establishment of safe water services and sanitary latrines in rural areas;
- Free health camps in the tribal districts of Chittagong;
- Efforts to improve ecological balance through social forestry and alternatives to deforestation;
- Conflict management project, providing peace education in tribal districts through workshops.

CARE

<http://www.carebangladesh.org/>

Keywords: Women's rights and empowerment; Gender, welfare, relief and sustainable development; Capacity building and community mobilization

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Factfile

- CARE, an international organization established in 1945, has been active in Bangladesh since 1949.
- CARE is active in more than 70 countries and aims to economically and politically empower women through promoting education for underprivileged girls.
- Director (CARE Bangladesh): Ms. Jamie Terzi

Areas of activity

CARE's activities in women's empowerment and capacity building include:

- Media center and research and publication center for disseminating information on women's empowerment;
- Program for training women leaders and supporting them to participate local governance;
- Economic and technical support for women's self-employment and entrepreneurial initiatives;
- Protecting rights of over 30,000 women employees in 15 factories across Bangladesh through Global Women's Economic Empowerment Initiatives (GWEEI);
- Raising funds through the Nijera cottage and village industries established in 2008 which employ women artisans;
- Pathways project for increasing the number women farmers by providing training and monetary support.

CHITTAGONG SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM (CSDF)

<http://www.pciaonline.org/chittagong-social-development-forum>

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Factfile

- CSDF, established in 1996, works on thematic areas like gender equality and ending violence against women in Chittagong.
- CSDF collaborates with other NGOs and CBOs of the district.
- Project coordinator: Ms. Shamap K. Nahar

Areas of activity

CSDF’s activities on gender equality and human rights include:

- Capacity building program for rural women through vocational and entrepreneurial training;
- Leadership training for selected women to increase women’s participation in local government;
- Social change maker groups consisting of youth, women activists and students to facilitate local community initiatives and civil society efforts on women empowerment;
- Partnerships with 63 other NGOs working to counter violence against women (VAW);
- Working with the Partnership for Clean Indoor Air (PCIA) to provide rural women with improved cook-stove models to reduce air pollution.

COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP (CDP)

<http://www.cdcbd.org/>

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- CDP, established in 1997, focuses on environmental activism and women’s empowerment.
- CDP aims to empower activists for social peace, human rights, environmental justice and sustained poverty reduction in Bangladesh.
- Founder: late Mr. Ashraf-ul-Alam Tutu, a freedom fighter for Bangladeshi independence
- Executive Director: Mr. Jahangir Hasan Masum

Areas of activity

CDP’s activities include:

- Social Peace, Economic Justice & People’s Empowerment (SEE) program, working with grassroots NGOs to reduce social conflict through community peace education;
- Gender-sensitive Research, Education, Advocacy & Training (GREAT) project, conducting research and training on methods to promote gender equality;
- Climate Eco program, working to educate coastal communities on environment protection and causes of degradation;
- Innovative Community Micro-Enterprise (INCOME) program, offering microfinance to poor women for starting small-scale businesses.

GHASHFUL

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- Ghashful, established in 1972, provides free medical facilities to women, adolescent boys and girls.
- “Ghashful” means “grass flower” in Bangla, symbolizing the organization’s work at the grassroots level.
- Founder: Mrs. Shamsun Nahar Rahman Paran
- Chairman: Dr. Golam Rahman, supported by a 21-member General Committee (GC)

Areas of activity

Ghashful’s activities on women’s empowerment and healthcare include:

- Seminars and workshops on human rights;
- Ghashful Health Program, providing healthcare services to the urban and rural poor;
- Adolescent Reproductive Health (ARH) program, providing education on family planning, safe birthing techniques and AIDS awareness;
- Non-Formal Primary Education (NFPE) project, ensuring children’s basic primary education need;
- Adult education through the Regenerated Freirean Literacy through Empowering Community Techniques (REFLECT) program;
- Poverty alleviation through micro insurance policies;
- SHOUBOUGH project, imparting gardening skills to rural women.

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- Kapaeng, established in April 2004, works to protect and promote the rights of indigenous peoples of Bangladesh.
- Kapaeng is one of the few NGOs that focus exclusively on indigenous people's rights.
- Chairperson: Mr. Rabindranath Soren

Areas of Activity

Kapaeng Foundation's activities on indigenous people's rights include:

- Human rights training programs and conferences for indigenous youths, to build capacity and leadership skills;
- Lobbying, campaigns and advocacy programs for indigenous people's rights;
- Legal support for victims of violence against tribal people;
- Systematic documentation of human rights violations against indigenous peoples;
- Resource centre for research work on indigenous life and livelihoods.

KARMOJIBI NARI (KN)

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- KN, established in 1991, focuses on protecting the rights of women workers and laborers and providing equal status to women in the workforce.
- President: Ms. Protima Pal Mojumdar

Areas of activity

KN's activities empowering and protecting women workers include:

- Integrated Development Project for Working Women, forming an organizational structure of women workers in urban and rural areas;
- Advocating women-friendly government policies through the Labour Law Reform and Women Worker's Leadership Development Program;
- Providing higher education and skills training to women workers;
- Initiative to Empower Women Workers for Development project, promoting equal status for women;
- Annual seven-day 'protest stay campaign' to raise awareness on preventing violence against women.

MANABIK SHAHAJYA SANGSTHA (MSS)

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- MSS, established in 1977, works on poverty alleviation, education and health services, promoting human rights and good governance/democracy.
- President: Mr. Rafique Sajjad
- Executive Director: Mr. Noor Emam Hasanath

Areas of activity

MSS’ activities on women’s empowerment and self-sufficiency include:

- Human Rights Education project;
- Women’s Credit Program (WCP), providing microfinance to women of urban slums to start businesses;
- Basic treatment facilities for women through the MSS health program;
- Non-Formal Primary Education (NFPE) project, providing education to rural and urban women and children;
- Computer skills classes for women and children under the Training and Capacity Building program;
- Community Based Resource Center (CBRC) for local employment skills training;
- Reports and publications on MSS’ gender development projects.

MANUSHER JONNO FOUNDATION (MJF)

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- MJF, established in 2006, works on critical issues related human rights and governance.
- MJF focuses mainly on women from religious and ethnic minorities and women from Its main focus is on women from religious or ethnic minorities and fisher women.
- Executive Director: Ms. Shaheen Anam

Areas of Activity

MJF’s activities in women’s empowerment and social development include:

- Combating Violence Against Women program, empowering women to know and claim their rights;
- Workshops with policy makers to improve the legal framework for addressing violence against women;
- Collaborating with other civil society organizations to provide social and economic support to women from marginalized communities;
- Socio-economic Development of Chittagong Hill Tracts program, improving financial security through sustainable income generation activities;
- Policy research on human rights and good governance in Bangladesh.

NAGORIK UDDYOG (NU)

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- Nagorik Uddyog (NU), established in 1995, works on human rights and gender equality, focusing specifically on empowering rural women.
- Chairperson: Dr. Farzana Islam

Areas of Activity

NU's activities on human rights and women's empowerment include:

- Human rights training programs for community leaders, activists and NGO workers;
- Research on women's rights and human rights issues in Bangladesh, both locally and within an international context;
- Development and facilitation of training programs for youth on relevant social issues;
- Capacity building and promotion of women's participation in local development committees and community mediation;
- Community-level legal and human rights education.

NARI UNNAYAN SHAKTI (NUS)

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- NUS, established in 1992, supports around 1,50,000 people in the Rampura district in areas like health programs, combating violence against women, child rights and policy advocacy.
- Executive Director: Afroja Parvin

Areas of activity

NUS' initiatives on gender equality and preventing gender violence include:

- Supporting victims of violence through free legal aid and logistical/livelihood assistance;
- Life skill training project, developing leadership skills among women;
- Income Generating activities (IGA) project, promoting women's self-reliance through savings and employment training;
- Health and Nutrition Program, ensuring access to free healthcare and education for women and children;
- Vocational training with linkages to various companies.

NARIPOKKHO (NP)

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- NP, established in 1983, is a membership-based organization working to advance women’s rights build resistance against violence, discrimination and injustice.
- Director: Ms. Samia Afrin

Areas of activity

NP’s activities relating to prevention of violence against women (VAW) involve:

- Monitoring State Interventions to Combat Violence against Women project, which monitors police stations, hospitals and courts;
- Women Friendly Hospital Initiative, engaged in setting a protocol for government hospitals’ management of VAW cases;
- Raising awareness through campaigns, cultural events, training, research, lobbying and advocacy;
- Free healthcare for women under the Women’s Health and Reproductive Rights (SRHR) program;
- Establishing a national referral system to help rural women access emergency obstetric care.

ODHIKAR

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Factfile

- Odhikar, established in 1994 by group of human rights activists, works to protect the civil, political, social, cultural and economic rights if the people of Bangladesh.
- President: Dr. C.R. Abrar, a Professor in the University of Dhaka

Areas of activity

Odhikar’s human rights and gender equality development activities include:

- Human rights-related awareness building, documentation, fact finding, monitoring and research;
- Consulting with network members to incorporate gender sensitivity in strategic planning of all programs and projects;
- Making documentaries and publishing journal articles on human rights issues;
- Offering internship programs to train students as human rights defenders.

PRIP TRUST (PRIP)

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Factfile

- PRIP, established in July 1996, aims to promote a gender-equitable society through social development and good governance practices.
- Chair: Mr. Fazle Hasan Abed
- Executive Director: Ms. Aroma Dutta

Areas of Activity

PRIP's activities on gender and sustainable development include:

- Training women in policy-making and leadership;
- Coaching and mentoring workshops for social workers and volunteers on disaster management and climate change;
- Small Initiatives by Local Innovative NGOs (SMILING) project, building local NGOs' capacity and framing policies for sustainability and poverty reduction.

RUPANTAR

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Factfile

- Rupantar, established in 1995, focused initially on cultural and socio-economic degradation and later moved to issues like women’s empowerment, environment and disaster management.
- Rupantar is supported by national and international organizations like the Ministry of Education, USAID, UNICEF and UNESCO etc.
- Mr. Swapan Guha is the Executive Director of Rupantar.

Areas of activity

Rupantar’s activities on women’s empowerment and environmental protection include:

- Grassroots women’s leadership training program;
- We Can Alliance to end Domestic Violence, conducting public workshops to raise awareness on violence against women under;
- Innovative art- and performance-based cultural interventions to publicize social issues;
- Free legal assistance and rehabilitation for victims of violence;
- WASH project, ensuring clean water and sanitation facilities, especially for women;
- Disaster management cell, conducting mock drills and monitoring the quality of evacuation facilities.

SOCIAL ASSOCIATION FOR RURAL ADVANCEMENT (SARA)

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- SARA, established in 1983, works on gender development in the rural areas, especially among tribal communities.
- Founder and Executive Director: Mr. Tushar Daring

Areas of activity

SARA's work on gender development involves:

- Gender awareness-raising workshops for rural villagers;
- Free healthcare facilities, especially for rural people.
- Education and training to develop rural women's leadership skills;
- Vocational training camps in rural areas, providing handicrafts and employment skills training to rural women;
- Publication of journals and articles in local dailies on women's empowerment.

STEPS TOWARDS DEVELOPMENT (Steps)

<http://www.steps.org.bd/>

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- Steps, established in 1993, aims to promote gender equality.
- Steps works to protect women’s and girls’ human rights and to increase women’s participation in decision-making and governance.
- Chairperson: M. Habibur Rahman

Areas of activity

Steps’ activities on gender equality involve:

- Gender and Development Communication Center (GDCC), consisting of skilled staff working on developing communication with gendered perspectives;
- Audio-Visual Center, creating media and workshops to enhance gender equity awareness;
- Documentaries on women’s issues;
- Center for Development Training (CDT), building the capacity of volunteer networks, NGOs and program staff;
- Research and Monitoring Component (RMC), working collect, collate, analyze and verify research on gender inequalities;
- Steps Knowledge Centre, providing training to government officials, universities students and activists on women’s rights.

UBINIG

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- UBINIG, established in 1984, supports people's movements for social, economic, political and cultural transformation.
- UBINIG started as a study circle on alternatives to mainstream development intervention.
- Executive Director: Farida Akhtar

Areas of activity

UBINIG's initiatives on women's empowerment and sustainable agriculture development involve:

- Narigrantha Prabartana, a Women's Resource Centre working to gather information and collect research materials for gender equality, and providing a space for meetings and discussions;
- Organizing cultural events to raise gender awareness;
- Publishing books by women authors and on women's issues;
- Working on women's health care through free medical camps in rural districts.

UDAYANKUR SEBA SANGSTHA (USS)

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- USS, established in 1997, aims to raise awareness on poverty, health, education, gender equity and sanitation in poor communities.
- USS works in the northern part of Bangladesh to promote self-sufficiency in poor communities.
- Executive Director: Mr. Alauddin Ali

Areas of activity

USS' activities on gender equality include:

- Meetings, gatherings, training and workshops on gender equality;
- Girl Power Project, improving the legal protection system for girls and young women;
- Awareness-raising to reduce social discrimination through the Participatory Community Capacity Enhancement (PCCE) project;
- Free legal aid support to underprivileged victims of violence;
- Alternative Livelihood Opportunity (ALO), providing employment skills training to women;
- Educational scholarships for selected female students.

WAVE FOUNDATION

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- WAVE, established in 1990, aims to empower poor and marginalized people in the Chuadanga district through increasing income and promoting women’s and children’s rights.
- WAVE also works on responsive governance.
- Executive Director: Mr. Abul Hossen

Areas of activity

WAVE’s activities in women’s empowerment and community development include:

- Local- and national-level awareness-raising to prevent violence against women and domestic violence;
- Breaking the Silence of Violence (BRAVE) project, building volunteers’ capacity to negotiate violence against women issues at the family and community level;
- A legal services department, engaging in legal advocacy to stop violence against women;
- Enhancing Resources and Increasing Capacities of Poor Households towards Elimination of their Poverty (ENRICH) program, providing microfinance to women entrepreneurs.