

Report on People's Scorecard 2020 and Peoples Assemblies during SDG Week of Actions in Bangladesh

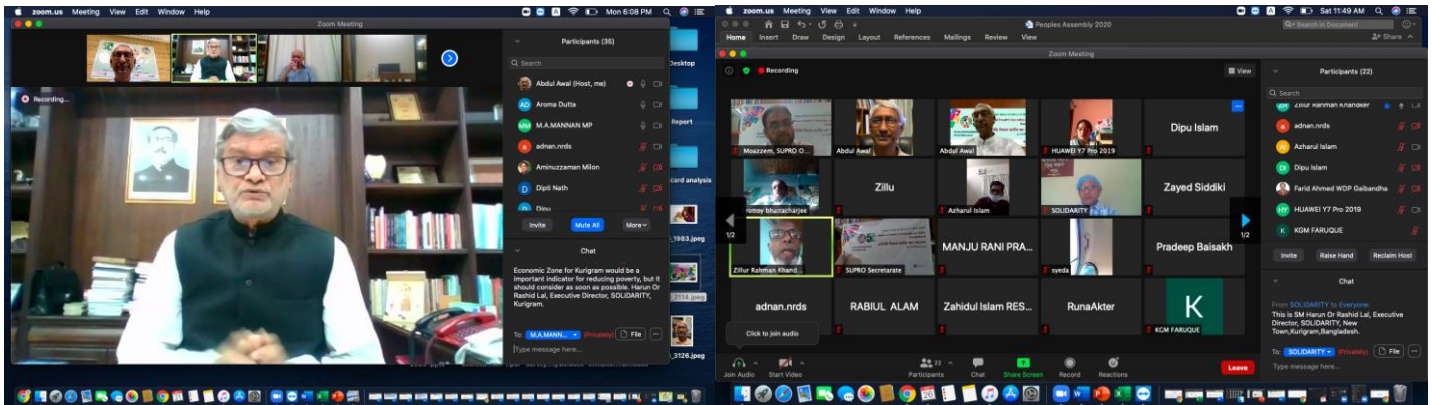
September 2020 is the ending of first five years that has given opportunity to review the progress in achieving SDGs in Bangladesh. The government of Bangladesh declared that the next Five Year National Plan of Bangladesh is to continue accelerates efforts heading to the next decade to achieve SDGs to bring transformative changes. COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted the progress and generated new challenges to address poverty, inequality and universal health coverage for all. The country is now moving forward to ease restrictions due to pandemic outbreak. To attain inclusive and sustainable development the citizen's actors have been experiencing challenges of democratic participation in responding COVID-19 crisis that created crisis for marginalized people in Bangladesh. COVID-19 hampered the original plan of action and mobilization activities from July to September 2020. A revised plan has been formulated to engage in the SDG Score Card process and Week-long mobilizations in September.

GCAP Bangladesh organized a joint Week of Action on 19-26 September 2020 where Campaign for Good Governance-SUPRO, SDG Action Alliance Bangladesh under the assistance of GCAP and A4SD has taken initiative to conduct survey to prepare Peoples Scorecard 2020. SUPRO adapted consultative processes at different levels of expertise including academics, research experts, CSOs, and NGOs for defining the scope and design the SDG scorecard for the quantitative scoring. To avail guidance and input in overall scorecard process, SUPRO formed a National Working Group (NGW) comprising National networks including SDG Action Alliance Bangladesh, Action for Sustainable Development, and six organizations working on six selected goals along with CSOs and expert individuals. These six specialized organizations evaluated the progress of the goals in a qualitative approach to record their perception. Finally, the scorecard questionnaire-based quantitative scores and National Network organizations' qualitative evaluation are combined for an overall finding followed by recommendations for each of the goals. The Peoples Scorecard process has drawn attention of the policy leaders on SDG Actions needed to end poverty, inequality, and climate change. Among other actions, GCAP Bangladesh has joined in the celebration of important days like International Poverty Alleviation Day, International Human Rights Day, International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and International Day for the Elimination of Child Labor.

Virtual Peoples SDG Score Card Launching

A virtual Citizen Scorecard Launching event on SDGs in Bangladesh titled "**Five years of SDG: Citizens' Perspective**" was organized on 21st September 2020. In the program Honorable Minister of Planning, Government of Bangladesh **Mr. MA Mannan, MP** was present as Chief Guest while Ms. Aroma Dutta, MP was present as Special Guest. Mr. Abdul Awal the National Coordinator of GCAP Bangladesh moderated the program where Civil Society leaders, International Development Organization's Representatives, Development workers, SUPRO District Network Members, and SDG Action Alliance Bangladesh members along with journalists were present in the virtual program. A detailed presentation on SDG Scorecard was presented at an event highlighting the people's perception and CSO viewpoints on the SDG progress in Bangladesh. Among other speaker Mr. Ingo Ritze the Global Coordinator of GCAP, Mr. Monjur Rashid the OXFAM Campaign head, Mr. Faisal Bin Majid the Country Director of Asia Foundation and Member of Parliament Ms. Aroma Datta has

spoken in the launching. Speakers at the event discussed current SDG progress and challenges in Bangladesh and several policy recommendations were made to urge the government to adapt for achieving the targets by 2030. The speakers also emphasize that the citizens voice should be counted in taking forward the agenda 2030 in action.

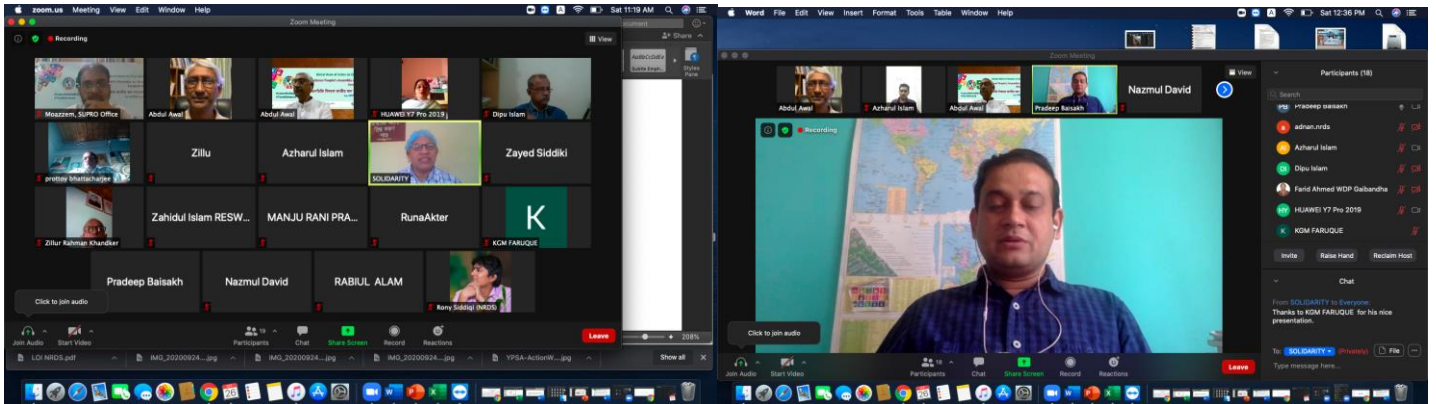


Mr. Abdul Mannan, the honorable Minister of Planning in Bangladesh spoken as the Chief Guest of online Launching of SDG Score Card in Bangladesh

SDG Action Week in Bangladesh:



The Week of Action in September 2020 provided key moment to highlight priorities of agenda 2030 and people's needs and demands in Bangladesh. A National People's Assembly along with several local Peoples Assemblies has taken place in different districts of Bangladesh during the week. The Virtual National People's Assembly participated by 55 participants from different districts who are the leading actors from among the CSOs and different marginalized communities in Bangladesh. The participants highlighted the situation of social exclusion of different marginalized social groups from who needs social protection and economic inclusion in mainstream economy. Participants demanded for increased financial allocation for community health services in all the remote areas in Bangladesh.



Peoples Assemblies at different Districts:

SDG Action Alliance partners organized a total of twenty Peoples Assemblies in different districts, where CSOs and community participants from different marginalized groups representatives has spoken on their issues and priorities. People demanded for taking actions to accelerate SDG actions end poverty and inequality. The speakers also demanded to take action for effective health service for all, specially the pandemic related health service for marginalized people and communities.





Participation in Different Peoples Assemblies:

	Survey on Peoples Score Card on SDGs				Citizen Scorecard Launching, 21 September 2020				Peoples Assembly 22-26, September 2020			
	Participants				Participants				Participants			
	Ma le	Fema le	Othe rs	Total	Ma le	Fem ale	othe rs	Tot al	Ma le	Fe mal e	othe rs	Total
Dhaka National					38	20	7	65	31	19	4	54
Noakhali	28	18	4	50					38	13	6	57
Jhenaida	30	17	3	50					31	12	4	47
Shariatpur	30	17	3	50					35	16	3	54
Natore	32	14	4	50					29	10	4	43
Tangail	28	19	3	50					40	17	3	60
Kurigram	30	15	5	50					31	14	5	50
Kushtia	31	16	3	50					29	15	2	46
Chuadang	34	12	4	50					27	12	4	43
Bogra	32	16	2	50					29	19	6	54
Chittagong	35	11	4	50					32	10	2	44
Comilla	35	10	5	50					33	12	3	48
Rajshahi	32	15	3	50					29	10	2	41
Netrokona	33	15	2	50					35	9	5	49
Pabna	38	7	5	50					28	11	3	42
Satkhira	34	13	3	50					34	12	5	51
Barishal	34	12	4	50					37	8	1	46
Borguna	36	12	2	50					29	13	5	47
Rajbari	32	13	5	50					34	11	4	49
Sunamgonj	34	13	3	50					24	10	2	36
Lakshmipu r	37	10	3	50					25	14	1	40
		Total		1000				65				1001

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