

## Preamble:

We, the undersigned stakeholders and representatives of Bangladesh, recognize the critical importance of addressing our nation's specific challenges and opportunities while fostering sustainable development and inclusivity. We understand the need to tailor our strategies to the unique needs and circumstances of Bangladesh. In this context, we hereby declare our commitment to a comprehensive and inclusive agenda for sustainable development.

### 1. Disaster Preparedness and Climate Adaptation:

#### Concerns:

- Bangladesh's extreme vulnerability to climate change, leading to frequent cyclones, floods, and rising sea levels.
- Lack of resilient infrastructure to withstand climate-related disasters.
- Insufficient early warning systems to protect vulnerable communities.
- Displacement of populations due to climate-induced events.

#### Demands:

- Investments in resilient infrastructure to withstand climate-related disasters.
- Strengthened early warning systems for timely alerts and response.
- Comprehensive disaster risk reduction measures tailored to local communities.
- Climate adaptation strategies that prioritize the protection of vulnerable populations.

### 2. Water and Sanitation:

#### Concerns:

- Limited access to safe drinking water, particularly in remote areas.
- Inadequate sanitation facilities leading to health hazards.
- Challenges associated with water quality and sustainable water resource management.

#### Demands:

- Initiatives to improve access to safe drinking water, especially in rural and underserved regions.
- Development of sanitation facilities that meet international standards.
- Sustainable management of water resources to ensure long-term availability.
- Implementation of measures to guarantee the sufficient sources of safe water.

### 3. Education:

#### Concerns:

- Unequal access to quality education, especially for marginalized groups.
- High dropout rates, particularly among girls.
- Limited opportunities for lifelong learning.
- Financial barriers hindering educational attainment.

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Demands:

- Improvement of education quality across the country.
- Strategies to reduce dropout rates, with a particular focus on retaining girls in schools.
- Promotion of lifelong learning opportunities for all age groups.
- Introduction of a national scholarship program to provide financial support to deserving students.

#### **4. Gender Equality:**

Concerns:

- Persistent gender-based violence and discrimination.
- Economic disparities between genders.
- Underrepresentation of women in decision-making processes.

Demands:

- Comprehensive efforts to combat gender-based violence and promote gender equality.
- Initiatives to empower women economically through skills development and financial inclusion.
- Measures to increase women's participation and leadership roles in decision-making.

#### **5. Employment and Livelihoods:**

Concerns:

- Limited job opportunities, particularly for the youth.
- Lack of skill development programs.
- Challenges faced by small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

Demands:

- Creation of employment opportunities through public and private sector initiatives.
- Promotion of skill development programs to enhance employability.
- Support for SMEs to foster economic growth and job creation.

#### **6. Infrastructure Development:**

Concerns:

- Inadequate transportation, energy, and digital infrastructure.
- Lack of access to modern infrastructure in rural areas.

Demands:

- Investment in critical infrastructure projects to improve connectivity and access to services.
- Prioritization of sustainable and inclusive infrastructure development to benefit all regions.

#### **7. Healthcare Access:**

Concerns:

- Gaps in universal healthcare coverage.
- Challenges related to healthcare quality and financing.

Demands:

- Expansion of universal healthcare coverage to ensure access for all citizens.
- Enhancements in healthcare quality through better facilities, equipment, and healthcare worker training.
- Strategies to address healthcare financing challenges.

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## **8. Sustainable Agriculture:**

### Concerns:

- Unsustainable farming practices affecting agricultural productivity.
- Hike of production cost
- Lack of fair prices for farmers.
- Food security challenges.

### Demands:

- Promotion of sustainable farming practices and modernization of agriculture.
- Mechanisms to ensure fair prices for farmers.
- Strategies to enhance food security through efficient agricultural practices.

## **9. Corruption and Governance:**

### Concerns:

- High levels of corruption affecting public trust and governance effectiveness.
- Insufficient transparency in government operations.
- Weak governance institutions.

### Demands:

- Vigorous efforts to combat corruption and strengthen integrity.
- Promotion of transparency in government operations through open data initiatives.
- Strengthening of governance institutions to improve service delivery and accountability.

## **10. Digital Inclusion:**

### Concerns

- Limited access to digital technologies and internet services.
- Challenges in digital service delivery.
- Need for innovation and entrepreneurship.

### Demands:

- Expansion of access to digital technologies and affordable internet services.
- Enhancement of digital service delivery for efficient public services.
- Support for innovation and entrepreneurship in the digital sector.

## **11. Migration and Diaspora Engagement: (Displacement)**

### Concerns:

- Ensuring the rights and welfare of migrants.
- Leveraging remittances for national development.

### Demands:

- Protection of the rights and welfare of migrants, both within and outside Bangladesh.
- Utilization of remittances for sustainable development projects benefiting the nation.

## **12. Cultural Heritage and Tourism:**

### Concerns:

Preservation of cultural heritage and promotion of sustainable tourism.

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Demands:

- Preservation and promotion of Bangladesh's rich cultural heritage.
- Sustainable tourism development to contribute to economic growth while safeguarding cultural treasures.

In addition to the above, our commitment to:

### **Universal Social Protection:**

Concerns:

- Lack of social protection for vulnerable and marginalized groups.

Demands:

- Establishment of a comprehensive Universal Social Protection (USP) system, encompassing social insurance, social assistance, and labor market policies.
- Provision of financial support and services for all citizens, with a particular focus on vulnerable and marginalized groups.

### **Transgender Rights:**

Concerns:

- Discrimination against transgender individuals.
- Limited access to education, healthcare, and employment opportunities.

Demands:

- Protection of the rights of transgender individuals, including equal access to education, healthcare, and employment.
- Implementation of anti-discrimination laws and policies to address the unique challenges faced by the transgender community.

### **Rights of Sex Workers:**

Concerns:

- Stigmatization and criminalization of sex work.
- Lack of access to healthcare and social services.

Demands:

- Efforts to work towards the decriminalization and destigmatization of sex work.
- Implementation of harm reduction strategies.
- Provision of access to healthcare and social services for sex workers.

### **Enhancing Community Clinics:**

Concerns:

- Insufficient healthcare infrastructure in rural areas.
- Limited access to quality healthcare services.

Demands:

- Strengthening and expanding the network of community clinics.
- Offering a wide range of healthcare services, including maternal and child health, family planning, nutrition, and mental health support.
- Focusing on training and equipping healthcare workers to provide quality care.

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## **Targeting Marginalized Communities:**

### Concerns:

- Marginalized populations facing geographical isolation and discrimination.
- Lack of access to basic facilities and services.

### Demands:

- Development of targeted programs especially healthcare and social protection and policies to reach marginalized populations, including those living in remote or geographically isolated areas and minority communities.