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To
Ad-Hoc Committee Members
National Alliance of Humanitarian Actors, Bangladesh (NAHAB)

Subject: **Declaration of National Alliance of Humanitarian Actors, Bangladesh (NAHAB) launching and way forward**

Dear Concern,

Greetings from the Department of Disaster Management, Ministry of Disaster Management & Relief.

It is our pleasure to inform you that the "**National Alliance of Humanitarian Actors, Bangladesh (NAHAB)**" started its journey on 26 January, 2017 with the national level launching programme. It is one of the considerable milestone of Shifting the Power Initiatives for better representation and stronger role of local actors towards creating a balanced humanitarian system.

The increasing frequency and multidimensionality of emergencies putting more and more people in adverse situation and current humanitarian system is being strained to its limit. Hence, collaboration with Local/ National Non Governmental Organisations (L/NNGOs) will be the future key to enhance the effective, proper, accountable and balanced humanitarian system globally. A disaster champion country like Bangladesh, even though the individuals, Local and National Non-Government Organisations (L/NNGOs) have improved knowledge, skills, systems and processes, their voices are hardly being heard often limit the appropriateness, connectedness and timely humanitarian support. In this context, the necessity of humanitarian platform correctly understood and realize through the initiation of NAHAB. We strongly believe that, this platform will facilitate local and nationals not only to have a stronger voice and representation in humanitarian platforms, networks and national disaster management structure but also create access to financial and non-financial resources in collaboration with respective ministries and departments. Moreover, it will help the L/NNGOs to create a platform for identity to be recognized by international humanitarian actors.

We are also very happy that an ad-hoc committee/organization has been selected where 11 organizations from all division and forum of Bangladesh has been agreed to carry forward the process for next six months jointly with the Department of Disaster Management. The ad-hoc committee (table 1) will also be responsible for the following endeavor in upcoming six months.

1. Will arrange the launching programme and select representative at division level in collaboration with Department of Disaster Management and local administration within March 30, 2017.
2. Select the chairmanship and secretariat of the platform on interim basis.
3. Will detail out the full management and governance mechanism of the platform.
4. Will figure out the membership process and eligibility based on the general member's decision.
5. Will design and select a logo of NAHAB through ad-hoc committee approval
6. Will arrange a convention to form the full committee within six months.




7. Shifting the Power will bear the necessary cost of the ad-hoc committee for six months with support from Department of Disaster Management. However, the platform should come forward with its own sustainability plan.

Table 1: Ad-hoc committee of NAHAB

Sl #	Name of the Division/Forum	Organization
1	Barishal	Association of Voluntary Actions for Society (AVAS)
2	Chittagong	Young Power in Social Action (YPSA)
3	Dhaka	Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM)
4	Dhaka	Caritas
5	Khulna	Shushilan
6	Mymensing	Unnayan Sangha
7	Rangpur	Gana Unnayan Kendra, GUK
8	Rajshahi	Uttara Development Program Society, UDPS
9	Sylhet	People's Oriented Program Implementation, POPI
10	Disability Forum	The National Forum of Organization Working with the Disabled, NFOWD
11	DRR Knowledge Platform	Network for Information, Response And Preparedness Activities on Disaster, NIRAPAD

I hope NAHAB will be able to perform the above responsibilities successfully.


 16/2/17
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Attachment 1: Participants list of launching of NAHAB

Copy forwarded for kind information and necessary action to: (Not according to Seniority):

1. Director (Research and Training), Department of Disaster Management
2. Director (Planning and Development), Department of Disaster Management
3. Executive Director, AVAS
4. Chief Executive, YPSA
5. Executive Director, DAM
6. Executive Director, CARITAS
7. Chief Executive, Shushilan
8. Executive Director, Unnayan Sangha
9. Chief Executive, GUK
10. Chief Executive, UDPS
11. Executive Director, POPI
12. President, NFOWD
13. Chairperson, NIRAPAD
14. Director of Cooperation, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
15. Country Representative, DFID
16. Head of Mission, Bangladesh, European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations
17. Mission Director, USAID
18. First Secretary, Development Cooperation, Australian High Commission in Bangladesh
19. Country Director/Representative, all International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGO)
20. Head of the organization, all general members of NAHAB (Those who participated in the launching, please find the attachment)
21. Office copy