

NAHAB 1st ad-hoc committee meeting with DG, DDM

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Participants:

1. Md. Reaz Ahmed, Director General, DDM
2. Md. Yousuf Ali, Director, DDM
3. Dr. M. Ehsanur Rahman, Executive Director, DAM
4. Francis Atul Sarker, Executive Director, Caritas
5. Md. Rafiqul Alam Mollah, Executive Director, Unnayan Sangha
6. Anjum Nahed Chowdhury Lucky, Director, GUK
7. Abdul Wadud, Adviser, Shushilan
8. Md. Harun- Ur- Rashid, Vice President, NFOWD
9. Murshed Alam Sarker, Executive Director. POPI
10. Md. Al-Amin Sikder, Deputy Director, UDPS
11. Aznabi Nahid, Programme Officer, YPSA
12. Shamina Akhtar, Programme Manager, Shifting the Power
13. Manik Kumar Saha, Programme Officer, Shifting the Power

Md. Yousuf Ali, Director, DDM, provide a brief discussion and background of NAHAB launching. Then all participants give their introduction and mention their district responsibilities as well. After formally welcoming all the participants, Md. Reaz Ahmed, Director General, DDM explained why he was interested to call this meeting at DDM and what would be his expectation from this platform. He stated that he was so interested to join the launching but due to other priorities he could not join but his representative joined and have updated him accordingly, and he is happy that DDM was involved with the journey of this national humanitarian platform. He also added that DDM will be happy to extend any kind of support NAHAB needed within their capacity. NAHAB can use the meeting room whenever they like to have meeting and DDM will expect representative to be joining the coordination meeting called by DDM.

1. Objectives of NAHAB:

The first agenda of the discussion was to have general understanding about the objective of NAHAB during its formation

- The slogan of NAHAB will be faster and needful response in Bangladesh
- NAHAB should also think about How it can foster innovation and inclusion?
- Use of ICT in humanitarian response should be another priority area
- Murshed Alam Sarker, Executive Director. POPI, illustrate the grand bargain aspect. Carrying cost should be incorporated with the emergency response funding . 25% of the fund should reach to the direct beneficiaries. Need to reflect the aspect of culture.
- Shamina Akhtar Program Manager Shifting the Power put light on that Local organizations should empower and have fund.
- According to Atul Sarker, Executive Director, Caritas; accountability to the community will be the future key.

Md. Reaz Ahmed, DG, DDM mentioned that NAHAB is very necessary platform for Bangladesh. He emphasize that NAHAB should have some fund by its own and should have representative from each division, as it can cover local humanitarian actors from all over Bangladesh. He also provided the future direction of NAHAB by not only concentrating on disaster but NAHAB should also consider the livelihood.

2. Membership:

Then all the participants put their thoughts to outline the governance and modality of NAHAB. There will be two categories of membership in NAHAB. One is general members and another is associate members. No individual can apply for membership.

General Member: To be the general member of NAHAB, the organization must meet the following criteria.

- Originated in Bangladesh and operating as National or Local organizations under the regulation set by the Government of Bangladesh.
- Registered member of Department of Social Services or Joint Stock Society act or Women Affairs and
- Should have approval from NGO Affairs Bureau of Bangladesh.
- Having organisational evidence of managing any humanitarian response or preparedness activities at least two within last ten years, which of which should be within last five years.
- Representative from any network, consortium, forum should have clear decision from their own platform to be presented here.

Associate Member: To be the Associate member of NAHAB, the organization must meet the following criteria.

- Originated in Bangladesh and operating as National or Local organizations under the regulation set by the Government of Bangladesh.
- Trust/foundation can apply in this category
- Having organisational evidence of managing any humanitarian response or preparedness activities at least two within last ten years, which of which should be within last five years.
- Representative from any network, consortium, forum should have clear decision from their own platform to be presented here.

3. Governance mechanism:

- There should have committee at divisional level and representation from all districts should be there. It can be called as "Chapter" like NAHAB Rajshahi Chapter. Chapter executive committee should have representation of all districts.
- Central Executive committee (15)- should include disable, women, child , elderly, street children, IT related, weather related , BMD, SPARSO focus organization,
- Advisory committee (around 5). It should include DG, DDM and other relevant personnel.

4. Working group:

To draft the detail Terms of Reference of NAHAB, a working group has been formed,

- Dr. M. Ehsanur Rahman, Anjum Nahed Chowdhury Lucky, Md. Harun- Ur- Rashid, Murshed Alam Sarker and representative from NIRAPAD are the member of ToR working group
- Zero draft should be done by Manik, circulated through email and Get feedback.

5. NAHAB Secretariat

- From now, Manik Kumar Saha, Programme Officer, Shifting the Power will play the secretariat role of NAHAB

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