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**National Alliance of Humanitarian Actors
Bangladesh (NAHAB)**

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Introduction

National Alliance of Humanitarian Actors of Bangladesh (NAHAB) has been established to 'Promote localization for faster needful and effective humanitarian response'. It visualizes a collaborative networked platform of active Bangladeshi humanitarian actors to ensure representing voice of local and national actors in HA architecture and to share information for real time decision making at local levels reaching the affected communities.

In the journey of NAHAB a Framework of Localization was emerged. The beginning was through a consultation in café mode in flexible setting brainstorming 'what can be done?' with the support of Shifting the Power project under the START Network. At the end a united voice came to form an alliance. A suitable name was explored and finally collectively this name (NAHAB) was chosen. The spirit of working together by various forms of actors was reflected in calling it 'Alliance', rather than 'Association'.

As the issue of localization has been a long-discussed process, in the second Power Café held on 27 April 2016, diverse perspectives around the theme have been discussed. Enthusiastic discussion among actors took place. The range of discussion went beyond 'localisation of aid'. These discussions helped NAHAB to expand the vision of localisation around the local level decision making relating to humanitarian assistance – response through rehabilitation. By the term local levels, NAHAB refers to village level, union/ward level, upazilla level, municipality and district level actions within an affected district. At all levels GO-NGO-Private sector networking for collaboration for complementarities have been stressed upon. Governance and accountability of all institutional actors have been equally emphasized in the discourse of NAHAB for future action planning.

To facilitate developing the institutional structure an ad hoc committee was formed with representation from all eight divisions of Bangladesh and two specialized networks (NFOWD and NIRAPAD). At the beginning, the ad hoc committee with support of the NAHAB Secretariat (located in Shifting the Power project office at Christian Aid Bangladesh) drafted the constitution of the alliance comprehensively covering structural Issues of the organization. It includes, Membership – General and Associate Membership, formation of Executive Board with balanced representatives, articulating divisional/district chapters with similar set-up for local level actions, formation of an Advisory Board with experts/individuals and government officials, etc.

The support from the Department of Disaster Management (DDM) of the government since the process of the committee formation was instrumental. After launching of NAHAB in January 2017, the historical event was DG's Declaration (announcement by formal government circular on 16 February 2017) of NAHAB and endorsement of the alliance as the platform of local HA actors and **at present the total members of NAHAB is Fifty-Six (56).**

Major Activities of NAHAB in 2019

Activity-1: National Disaster Preparedness Day (NDPD) 2019 Observation

NAHAB in collaboration with the DAM-ELNHA project has observed the National Disaster Preparedness Day 2019 on Sunday, 10th March'2019 at Officers Club, Baily road, Ramna, Dhaka to prepare the people to fight disasters. It was arranged by the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief at the Officers' Club Auditorium in Dhaka. **Mr. H. T. Imam**, Political Advisor to the Prime Minister has been presented as Chief Guest at the event. The State Minister for Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR) **Dr. Md. Enamur Rahman, MP** and the Chairman of Standing Committee on Ministry of Disaster Management & Relief, **A. B. Tajul Islam, MP** have been presented as the Special Guests. The theme of the day for this year-2019 is:



**“দুর্যোগ মোকাবেলায় প্রস্তুতি
হ্রাস করবে জীবন ও সম্পদের ঝুঁকি”**



As part of the celebration of the day, the government allocated stalls to the government and non-governmental organizations in the 10 March'2019 at Officers Club, Baily road, Ramna, Dhaka. In the NDPD, the authority has been allocated a single stall for NAHAB, DAM-ELNHA project and OXFAM-Bangladesh where we've displayed our documents and shared our objectives, learnings with the visiting audiences in the stall. NAHAB has represented all three organizations and has also displayed banner, festoons, posters, brochures, modules, and distributed materials to the visiting guests in the event. NAHAB also contributed to print 5,000 poster with the support from DAM-ELNHA project in collaboration with DDM and MoDRM.

On the occasion of the NDPD 2019, the State Minister of MoDMR, the Secretary of Disaster Management and Relief Secretary Md. Shah Kamal; the Director General of Disaster Management Department (DDM), Abu Syed Mohammad Hashim; Md. Mohasin, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief, Director General of Fire Service and Civil Defense Brigadier General Ali Ahmad Khan, Director of Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies, University of Dhaka Professor Dr. Mahbuba Nasrin and electronic & print media visit our stall and has expressed satisfaction. Apart from these, employees, students, teachers, businessmen, people of different ethnic groups, disabled people, professionals and general public spontaneously visit our stall and express their satisfaction also. We have display our stall from 9.00 am to 4.00pm at 10 March'2019 on the day.



Learning:

- On the day, the State Minister for MoDMR, Dr. Md. Enamur Rahman, MP opted that “if I’m not visiting all the stalls, I’m unable to learn so much things and works done by different organizations for the betterment of the country. We work for the people and organizations are helping us to implement government mandate and reduction of human sufferings”.
- The Secretary of MoDMR and Director General of DDM mentioned to the State Minister that we know NAHAB is doing well and we are also part of them.

Activity-2: NAHAB Localisation Café (Thematic)

NAHAB have organised a series of Café to promote and practice localization in the humanitarian program in Bangladesh in the year of 2018. Café is an advocacy device of NAHAB for interaction of humanitarian actors in a flexible setting on selected strategic topics relating to humanitarian actions to explore way forward for a balanced humanitarian architecture in the country. Over last one year ten such Café have been organized focusing on Localisation, Media in Humanitarian Action, Charter for Change, Grand Bargain, Partnership, Volunteerism in Humanitarian Action and Resource Mobilisation of Humanitarian Action among others. In 2019 we will organise one more cafe on Accountability and localisation in the month of September with support from Christian aid. We are planning to implement this activity in the month of January, 2020 in consultation with OXFAM-ELNHA team.

A. Cafe on Volunteerism in Humanitarian Action

NAHAB Cafe on Volunteerism in Humanitarian Actions has been jointly organized by NAHAB and DAM-ELNHA project on 24th March’2019 in Golden Tulip Hotel, Banani, Dhaka. The event has been started at 3:00 pm and participants have been invited from GO, UN, NGOs, INGOs, Private Sectors, CBOs, CPP, Urban Volunteers, Media, etc. The objectives of the cafe are:

- Integrate and promote volunteerism into national humanitarian architecture for effective humanitarian response.
- Enhance relationships between diverse actors and volunteers that can lead to a more rapid response and effective outcomes in humanitarian actions
- Popularize volunteerism to create an environment for a holistic approach of community people engagement in the humanitarian program
- Build ownership, collaboration on volunteerism and potential linkage to localize the SDGs as volunteers help leave no one behind by reaching out to people, including those marginalized or difficult to reach, to bring people’s voices and knowledge into collective actions.

This cafe has improved knowledge and understanding of volunteering operations and achievements and also encourage taking up initiatives for further strengthening and improving the state of coordination in volunteerism in the country. Also the formal volunteering need to be more proactive to propagate its welfare rolls to more and more individuals and families and should be pursued broadly under the government guidelines and regulations. Finally, the cafe has opened a window to think about establishing a national volunteer’s agency that will be responsible for coordinating and guiding all volunteering activities of the country.

The cafe is moderated by Dr. M. Ehsanur Rahman, Chair of NAHAB and ED of DAM. The concept note presented by Mr. Abdul Latif Khan, Technical Adviser of NAHAB and about volunteerism presented by Mr. Kazi Shahidur Rahman, Humanitarian Affairs Specialist, UNRC; M. A. Halim, Director, BDRCS and Md. Nur Islam Khan, Director (Ops), CPP. After the presentation all the participants contributed to enhance their knowledge through open discussion.

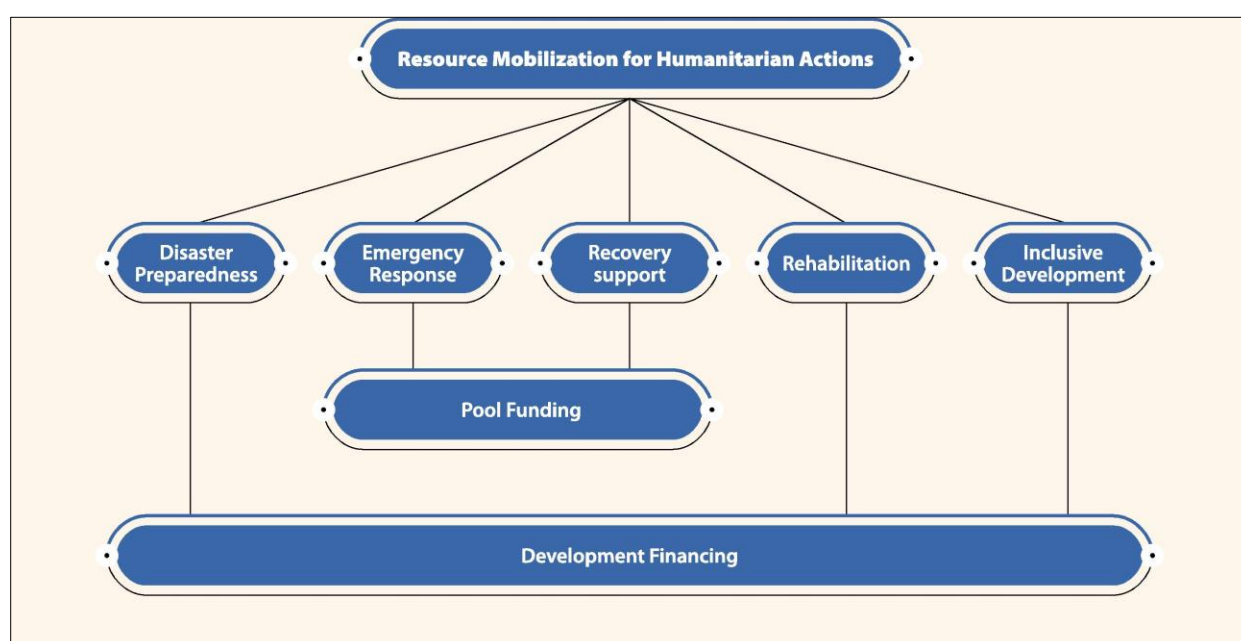
Total participants of the cafe is **40 (female- 05 & male- 35)**.

Learning:

Cafe is an informal issue-based discussion platform where selected a topic which is needed for faster and needful humanitarian actions. The findings of the cafe is more useful for finalizing the collective voice and work on it.

B. Cafe on Resource Mobilization for Humanitarian Action

The National Alliance of Humanitarian Actors, Bangladesh (NAHAB) have organised a series of Café to promote and practice localization in the humanitarian program in Bangladesh in the year of 2018. Café is an advocacy device of NAHAB for interaction of humanitarian actors in a flexible setting on selected strategic topics relating to humanitarian actions to explore way forward for a balanced humanitarian architecture in the country. Over last one year ten such Café have been organized focusing on Localisation, Media in Humanitarian Action, Charter for Change, Grand Bargain, Partnership, and Volunteerism in Humanitarian Action among others. The second Café of this year will be organized on 19 June, 2018 at Hotel Lake Castle, Plot 1A, Road 68/A, Gulshan 2, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh from 03.00 pm-05.00 pm. We are thankful to Christian aid for generous support to organise this Café. The cafe focused on “**Pool Funding for faster and need-based emergency response**” with the NAHAB thematic Framework shown in the below:



This Localization Café is dedicated to talk about Resource Mobilisation in Humanitarian Action. NAHAB works to promote collective efforts of humanitarian actors at sub national, national and international level for mobilising and accessing cash and in kind resources by local actors as an important aspect for effective humanitarian response. Therefore, Resource Mobilization in broader terms entails both emergency funding and development financing. However, from localization perspective NAHAB precisely considers Pool Fund as a strategic choice to ensure faster real time support and service to the disaster affected community to meet emergency needs and earliest possible recovery from suffering.

The relevant selective stakeholders from Government, Development partner, INGO, N/LNGO and UN agencies, private sectors, Media will participate in the Café and discuss about their understanding on Resource Mobilisation. We are expecting Mr. Abu Syed Mohammad Hashim, Director General, Department of Disaster Management will join with us and share the insight of Government. This Cafe will



NAHAB Chair, Dr. M. Ehsanur Rahman given briefing in the Cafe

contribute to the initiative in developing an institutional local system of coordinated and joint operational fund mechanism as a starting point for deeper engagement with humanitarian stakeholders in strengthening collective national capacity as well as enabling local and national NGOs to exercise leadership.

C. Cafe on Accountability

Cafe on Accountability has been held in this quarter with the objective to talk about accountability for humanitarian Action. In the cafe participants have discussed about local organization actors and implementing humanitarian actors' obligations for efficient and effective service delivery and reporting. Accountability involves in government, NGOs, beneficiaries, UN agencies and every stakeholders. Accountability towards the localization, accountability towards the grand bargaining, towards the C4C accumulating all this where the authority stands and we stand on the basis of accountability. In the open discussion all these manners were discussed and finding out issues for further development of the accountability process of the humanitarian sector was focused as well. The cafe also focused on the following issue and the Conceptual Framework of NAHAB.,

“Humanitarian Actors are primarily accountable to Affected Communities”

NAHAB visions disaster resilient communities in Bangladesh. It works for capacity strengthening of local communities and humanitarian actors around, so that a responsive contextually appropriate humanitarian actions mechanism is developed at the local level.

NAHAB advocates for localisation as a key strategy for effective and real-time humanitarian response. It pleads that all Humanitarian Actors are accountable for delivery of quality faster need-based emergency services to the affected people.



The government and donors are accountable to ensure faster decision making, allocation and availability of resources. The local actors and all implementing humanitarian actors are obligated for efficient and effective service delivery and reporting. In the Accountability Framework, NAHAB differentiates Humanitarian Actors' Accountability and Obligation to segregate their roles, functions and responsibilities. The Cafe on Accountability has been organized on 16th October'2019 at Hotel Lake Castle, Gulshan-2, Dhaka. The cafe is an informal discussion session involving representatives from L/NGOs, UN, INGOs, private sectors and other stakeholders to capture common understanding among the humanitarian actors and finding of advocacy initiative for future work.

Activity-3: Scaling up Localisation in Dhaka, Barguna and Sirajgonj District

To promote localization of humanitarian action, NAHAB aims to develop contextually appropriate models of localization in 5 demo districts in Bangladesh. The districts are identified covering diversity of disasters in the country. The selected districts are Sunamgonj, Sirajgonj, Barguna, Kurigram and Dhaka South City Corporation. Under this activity we will work in mentioned 5 districts. Already we have started model establishing in Barguna, Sunamgonj and Sirajgonj district under DAM-ELNHA project-phase 1 and in 2019 we started DSCC localisation model with support from Christian aid. The evolving models will illustrate a generic process how the National and Local NGOs play active roles in humanitarian response in diverse rural & urban scenario. This activity will also enhance understanding of local, national and international humanitarian actors on localization process and practices in building resilient communities and also developing a sustainable architecture of humanitarian actions. DAM-ELNHA project is supporting to establish localization model districts and NAHAB has also got support for the Dhaka District from Christian Aid Bangladesh. In each district one of the NAHAB member took the lead to establish localization model district, i.e. Dhaka- Sajida Foundation, Barguna- Sangram, Sirajgonj- NDP, Sunamgonj- ERA and Kurigram- MJSKS.

A. Dhaka District- Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC), Ward no. 54

DSCC Localization Model for Disaster Risk Reduction activity has been almost at the end. The activities are implemented by SAJIDA Foundation, member organization of NAHAB. Majority of the activities of localization model has been accomplished with success. Several activities like workshop on facilitate the implementation of the RRAPs, Refreshers training, Awareness raising through DMCs to build community resilience and involvement in Disaster Management has been organized. Few more activities will be done with close observance.

Scaling up DSCC Localization Model is on progress in this quarter. SAJIDA Foundation as lead organization has accomplished majority of the activities, and few activities can be done thoroughly with close observation in more sustainable and effective way.

Challenges:

- Activities of the localization model are almost done but there are several activities need to be continued. On the other hand, some activities need to be incorporated with the implementation plan.

Learnings:

1. Localization model for disaster risk reduction establishment in DSCC ward no. 54

- The project activity create an environment for the youth to come forward volountarily and established Agrabami 54.
- Community people has identified some issues to plan and implement for mianstraming the initiative with the present structure of disaster management system. However, due to resource and time constraint it was not possible to plan and implement the porposed activities. Sajeda Foundation and NAHAB are trying to mobilize the resources.

B. Barguna District

SANGRAM one of the member organization of NAHAB established localization district in Barguna District. The demand of the district focuses on to “Develop GIS Based Disaster Management Information System of Barguna district”. The process started from November-December’2019. A Geographic Information System (GIS) is a system designed to capture, store, manipulate, analyze, manage, and present spatial or geographic data. GIS applications are tools that allow users to create interactive queries (user-created searches), analyze spatial information, edit data in maps, and present the results of all these operations. GIS (more commonly GI Science) sometimes refers to geographic information science (GI Science), the science underlying geographic concepts, applications, and systems.

Disaster occurrence, as if, is a normal matter in Barisal Division. Disaster Management is an important factor for the people of the districts under Barisal Division. As a result, Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) is one of the most important factor of this Division. For the sake of different stakeholders working in Local, National and International levels on DRR or Disaster Management, the Client (SANGRAM, a local NGO) has planned to establish an Information HUB in the name of “GIS Based Disaster Management Information System” in their Head Office located at Barguna. This HUB, in short, will contain the following information:

1. A Geographic Presentation of Barguna district.
2. Cyclone Shelters of 6 Upazilas of Barguna district.
3. Cyclone and salinity vulnerable location of Barguna district.
4. A visitor either national or international will able to see all relevant information at a glance in the Head Office of SANGRAM.
5. Internal physical communication system of Barguna district.

The GIS bases information Hub established in Barguna district work for humanitarian organizations and also accessible to all. Model district focused on coordination and collaboration among the humanitarian organizations in the local level and benefited each other for better humanitarian preparedness and response. The initiative taken by NAHAB and executed by SANGRAM contributing to achieve envision of ELNHA EO2 and also supporting to achieve the EO4.

Learning:

- The GIS information hub is used and accessible to all which will be more iterative.
- Humanitarian organizations will be helpful with the information provided in the hub.

C. Sirajgonj District

NAHAB has also focused to establish Localization Model District in Sirajgonj district through its member organization. Three of the members organization agreed to execute the model district approach and NDP took the lead for the district. National Development Programme (NDP), Manab Mukti Sangstha (MMS) and Somaj Unnoyan Karjocrom-SUK jointly has been implemented the Localization Model Establishment Project in Sirajganj district at different union under Chouhali, Sirajganj sadar and Kazipur upazila. The main activities was Vulnerable HH data collection for anticipation alert and Disaster related Information HUB establishment. Both organization has been completed the all sorts of activities. Under this project we found 3511 vulnerable HH from 8 unions and established one disaster information HUB center. The eights union are Chargrish, Tekani, Natuarpara and Sisshintapur under Kazipur Upazila, Mesra and kawakhola under Sirajganj Sadar Upazila and Sthal and Ghorjan union under Chowhali upazila of Sirajganj district.

In the model district humanitarian actor collaborated and coordinated among each other's to establish a "Localization Model District". The approach is accepted the local organizations working in the district and recognized by the government official of the district. The model district now has database of the most vulnerable HHs and established disaster information center at NDP office which will help the humanitarian organizations now and in future. This activity ensures to achieve the EO2 and also contributing in EO4.

Learning:

- Available information helps to gain knowledge
- Helps fund raising by using information
- It helps to brings the related people together

Activity-4: Workshop on Localization with Media for Institutionalizing Better Understanding of Humanitarian Response at Local Level

Media plays a vital role during the humanitarian response. However, the role of media in supporting the localization process does not exist in the country. NAHAB worked closely with the Press Institute of Bangladesh in developing a strategy for media on the humanitarian response especially on localization and building the capacity of the media personals in Sunamgonj district and also organised a seminar in Dhaka for sharing the findings from local level. NAHAB wants to promote this initiative further and wants to organise this kind of training in Kurigram district for better contextualization of media in humanitarian action at local level.

National Alliance of Humanitarian Actors Bangladesh (NAHAB) is one of the Lead Actors of DAM-ELNHA project who are working with different organizations for issue based influencing initiatives. NAHAB in collaboration with Press Institute Bangladesh (PIB) organized two workshops, one in 2018 at Sunamgonj for two days and another in 2019 at Dhaka of one under this theme. PIB has initiate the whole process and ELNHA project has given the financial support to execute these workshops. In 2018, the first two days' workshop has been organized in Sunamgonj Circuit House on 7-8 November. The link of the first workshop TV news can be found in: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FQhy_F9X7zM. The learnings of the first workshop has been shared on 9 January 2019 at PIB conference room. In the workshop it has been discussed that being a disaster-prone country, Bangladesh is not yet well prepared with the logistic equipment to protect disaster. **Md. Shah Alamgir**, Director of PIB was in the chair while Abdul Latif Khan, Technical Adviser of NAHAB, Md. Mofizur Rahman, Professor, Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, Iftekhar Mahmud, Senior reporter of Prothom Alo, Dr. Abdun Nur Tushar, CEO of Nagorik TV also take part in the discussion.

Professor Md. Mofizur Rahman said that "the main challenge of disaster journalism is lack of logistic support. There was many training to counter-disaster, but the quality did not increase. Information should be shared at the time of disaster. PIB may be the focal point at this regard. In order to counter the disaster, eastern traditions have to be raised instead of western traditions".

Dr. Abdun Nur Tushar said that "effective steps will be taken prior to combat the disaster. Because TV stations have no underwater camera and have no sufficient training to capture the real scenario of ship siege accident. So it needs for quality and sufficient of disaster journalism training by the government".

Challenges:

- NAHAB is working to unite all stakeholders in the district for better humanitarian response. Journalists is playing a vital role to coverage the humanitarian issues in electronic and print

Medias. If government institutes work in collaboration with NGOs and INGOs things become easier to work at the local level.

- Activities of the localization model are almost done but there are several activities need to be continued. On the other hand, some activities need to be incorporated with the implementation plan.

Learnings:

The major learning for the capacity building of media are as follows:

- A number of booklets were developed for the media professionals under CDMP program. These booklets need to revise considering the current context. Particularly, how to report focusing the issues of climate change and localization.
- Special course should be developed for the concern journalist of community radio.
- The training duration for the journalist will be 5-6 days.

Activity-5: Publication of Yearly Country Disaster Report

The state of humanitarian actions 2017-2019 will be a biennial situation report on disaster risk reduction in Bangladesh covering two years of disaster and response scenario of 2017 and 2019. The report will document all disasters occurring and affecting throughout the country as well as initiative taken for the Disaster Risk Reduction activities in these two years. The report will be largely a civil society report (reflection of Non-Government Humanitarian Actors) on HA situation in the country. It will be prepared by NAHAB with active collaboration of the Directorate of Disaster Management (DDM) of the government and technical support of the Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies (IDMVS) of Dhaka University. NAHAB is expecting the launching of Report on March 2020, On the occasion of National Disaster Preparedness Day (NDPD), 2020. NAHAB has support from DAM-ELNHA project and Christian Aid Bangladesh for preparing the report.

Humanitarian Action Status Report is under review and editorial board has been formed. From first hand peer review feedback it has been decided that some scenarios of 2019 will be included in the report. Some best practices and elements of localization process have been identified throughout the year in different humanitarian response. These will be documented in the Humanitarian Action Status Report.

Challenges:

- As Government is a big stakeholder, we need to maintain their protocol and schedule that sometimes-delayed process of working.
- The contributors/ volunteers of Humanitarian Status Report 2018 are extremely busy for their own business, it was challenging to collect write up within given time frame.

Learnings:

- The report was planned to contribute for 2017 and 2018 humanitarian activities. But, considering the context and present requirement, the EC members of BNAHAB has taken decision to include the response scenario of 2019 in the report.
- Professionals/contributors are very busy, so it's hard to collect the write-up timely.

Activity-6: International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDR) 2019

The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction was started in 1989 and celebrated worldwide, Bangladesh is one of them. The IDDR-2019 has celebrated on 13th October 2019 and on behalf of Bangladesh Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR) executed the event at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC). The event is inaugurated by the Honorable Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina, MP. The theme of this year is “নিয়ম মেনে অবকাঠামো গড়ি, জীবন ও সম্পদের ঝুঁকি হ্রাস করি” and in English “**Build to Last**”.



IDDR-2019 Stall at BICC. Visitor asking about the NAHAB and ELNHA.

National Alliance of Humanitarian Actors Bangladesh (NAHAB), together with **Dhaka Ahsania Mission (DAM)** & **OXFAM Bangladesh** exhibited a stall and contributed to print posters with Department of Disaster Management (DDM) for flagging up the visibility of its members' profile/activities at national level.

This is a collaborative and coordinated event managed by MoDMR and Department of Disaster Management (DDM) along with all the government ministries, departments, INGOs, NGOs, Academia, private sectors and other stakeholders of the country. Through this event ELNHA process contributed to achieving EO2 and strengthen the coordination and collaboration among the national and local level humanitarian actors. The event is leaded by NAHAB, a platform with 55 members where exhibited NAHAB members humanitarian works and shared information to the visitors about the ELNHA process prevailing in the country.

Challenges:

- It is hard to collect documents from all NAHAB members to display in the stall and share their experiences at the national level.

Learning:

- Showcasing of ELNHA process need to be documented properly and distributed among the LNHA's.
- Involvement of platforms in the ELNHA process also need to improve.
- Oxfam need to ensure participation of Bangladesh Women Humanitarian Platform (BWHP) in this type of national events.

Activity-07: Provide Joint Needs Assessment (JNA) /Coordinated Needs Assessment (CNA) training to NAHAB Member Organizations

In a disaster-prone country like Bangladesh emergency response is a highly emphasized arena in disaster management sector. For effective emergency response need assessment is a mandatory process for understanding the necessity of the effected population. With a view to better response under emergency circumstances and capacity building of local organizations a training on Joint



Needs Assessment (JNA) was organized by NAHAB (National Alliance of Humanitarian Actors, Bangladesh) for the member organizations. The training has been supported by ELNHA-II Project DAM, Oxfam and technical support has been given by Needs Assessment Working Group (NAWG) Bangladesh team lead by Care Bangladesh. It was 5 days residential training held on 24-28 November, 2019 at CCDB Hope Foundation, Savar, Dhaka. The participants were selected from the disaster-prone areas of Bangladesh and the training provided to the NAHAB member organizations. They participants become the district focal and lead the JNA/CNA process at the district level if any disastrous situation happed. After completing the training participants acquired knowledge about concept of disasters and JNA process in depth. They are able to use the technology (KoBo Tools) to collect information from field. Other outcomes of the training are given below:

- ✓ Establishing a national level JNA resource pool of 26 personnel who have been trained and have experience regarding need assessment sector. The resource pool will work to increase the effectiveness of emergency response through conducting emergency need assessment or joint need assessment when it is required.
- ✓ Mainstreaming the learnings of the training at the organizational level of each of the participants
- ✓ Strengthening the capacity of Bangladesh disaster management system to reduce unacceptable risk and improved response and recovery management at all levels Building a strong and effective emergency response ground that will bring a paradigm shift in disaster management from conventional response and relief to a more comprehensive risk reduction culture

Challenges:

- Members have shown less importance due to presence of experienced staff.

Learning:

- Right initiative can help us to motivate others. NAHAB takes the lead and Needs Assessment Working Group (NAWG) join with this training free of cost.
- Only 26 member organizations out of 55 NAHAB members received the training, but it requires more initiatives to training the National and Local organizations.

Activity-08: Develop of NAHAB website

NAHAB secretariat has taken initiative to develop the website of NAHAB. The address of the website: [www: nahab.org](http://www.nahab.org).

Activity-09: Organize Executive Committee (EC) meeting

In this reporting period, four Executive Committee (EC) meeting was held accordingly. The major discussions of the meeting have shown below:

Name of meeting and date	Major discussions of the meeting
NAHAB 5th Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, 12 March, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• District Disaster Preparedness Workshop• NAHAB_CAid joint initiative• Upcoming localization cafe• NAHAB Humanitarian actors Profiling• AGM Date
NAHAB 6th Executive Committee Meeting: Wednesday, 19 June, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Decision on NAHAB Membership (Saint Bangladesh, RSDA, VSDO, SMS, Crescent, RWDO, CDDF)• NAHAB Membership Fee• NAHAB activities with ELNHA (Localization Model)• Coast Trust's initiative on Localisation• Humanitarian Status Report-A state of Humanitarian action Bangladesh, 2018• Localization Demonstration Model in Selected Districts• NAHAB Registration Progress• NAHAB Membership Fee Updated Status
NAHAB 7th Executive Committee Meeting: Wednesday, 16 October, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reporting of Activities of NAHAB 2019• Lessons from 2019 Flood Response by LINGOs• Localization Demonstration Model in Selected Districts•
NAHAB 8th Executive Committee Meeting: Wednesday, 11 December, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update reporting of activities of NAHAB 2019• Humanitarian Action Status Report Publication Update• Formation of Editorial Board for Humanitarian Action Status Report• NAHAB Visibility and Logo Placement Issue• Discussion on Endorsers Charter of Accountability• Reporting on NAHAB Registration Progress

Activity-09: 2nd Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The 2nd AGM was held on 27th April 2019. The meeting was hosted by Caritas Bangladesh. The meeting minutes is circulated in this 3rd AGM.

Activity-10: Blanket Distribution

Dhaka Ahsania Mission has taken initiative to collect Blanket from different donors and it was an ample opportunity to distribute 500 Blanket to the cold wave affected peoples of Kurigram District through VIEW members of NAHAB.