

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Between

United International University (UIU) and ADD International Bangladesh.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is executed on this day of 18-19 February 2020.

Institute of Development Studies and Sustainability (IDSS) of United International University (UIU) jointly with a number of Co-Organizers organize the International Conference on Sustainable Development (ICSD) in every February.

ADD International Bangladesh as a Co-Organizer of "The International Conference on Sustainable Development" will host a Parallel Session on Disability and Sustainable Development Goal: Mainstreaming and Way Forward on February 19th 2020.

1st Party

ADD International Bangladesh is a rights based disability focused International Organization having its country office at House 25, Road 06, Block C, Banani, Dhaka 1213, Bangladesh represented its Country Director, Mr. Shafiqul Islam or his Representatives.

2nd Party

Institute of Development Studies and Sustainability (IDSS) of United International University (UIU) a private university with the approval of the Ministry of Education, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, located at United City, Madani Avenue, Badda, Dhaka 1212.

1. ADD International Bangladesh, established in 1985 registered with UK Charity and with NGOAB vide number: 804, dated: February 02, 1994 of house number 25, Road number 06, Block C, Banani, Dhaka 1213(hereinafter referred to as 'ADD') WHEREAS:ADD International has been working to promote the rights of persons with disability, organizing persons with disabilities into grassroots level DPOs and their networks at district and national level. To date, ADD has reached approximately 30,000 persons with disabilities through 197 DPOs across 27 districts of Bangladesh. ADD encourages/supports mainstream NGOs and institutions to work on the rights and issues of persons with disabilities. ADD has a track record of organizing disability rights movement at the local as well as national level and has been recognized as one of the leading organizations in the country to work with/for the persons with disabilities and the DPOs.

2. IDSS at UIU is devoted to quality teaching, interdisciplinary research, producing and disseminating knowledge, engaging in collaborative research with universities and research centers, and organizing actions to promote the greening of Bangladesh. "Sustainable Development" is a core value of IDSS/UIU. IDSS/UIU recognizes that all societies struggle with heterogeneities, conflicts and complexities of development and interventions, and thus require special efforts to develop knowledge-based societies. UIU

research and academic initiatives attempt to address these ambiguities in knowledge - from positively impacting people's livelihoods, using new and traditional practices, and effecting national sustainable development policies. Particularly interested to conduct research work with Disabled Persons Organizations (DPOs) representing persons with disabilities among the most vulnerable, marginalized, socially excluded communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereby enter into a non-exclusive agreement as follows:

Article 1: Purpose and Scope

1.1. The purpose of this Memorandum is to outline Terms of Reference (TOR) for establishing a cooperation agreement between UIU and ADD International, for collaboration and mutual support for future continuation of two organization's work on issues of disability and sustainable development.

Article 2: Agreement to Cooperate

2.1. The parties agree to work together in promoting and protecting the rights of persons with disabilities in Bangladesh and to promote sustainable development practices among persons with disabilities. Building capacity of the DPO members or any Person with Disability, in such a situation where marginalized society lacks knowledge, research based evidences which explores and documents practices of sustainable development. Both the organizations will find out a way to address issues of persons with disability, sustainable use of resources, and building capacity for diversified livelihoods. Both parties also agreed to exchange technical expertise (on disability issue and sustainable development issue) to each other.

Article 3: Location and Beneficiary Communities

3.1 The parties will initially work together with persons with disabilities and DPOs for collaboration in promoting and protecting the rights of persons with disabilities in ADD's working areas which currently covers 11 districts through its direct project interventions and DPO networks and will continue the collaboration as the parties broaden their scope of work with the increase in the number of working areas over the years in the future.

Article 4: Scope and Responsibilities

4.1 purpose

ADD and IDSS, UIU agree to undertake common activities within the two organizations.

The present Agreement aims to set out the respective roles and responsibilities of ADD and IDSS, UIU.

4.2 Nature of co-operation

The MOU is designed to achieve the following aims:

- ✓ Overall objective: To contribute to the implementation of inclusion and sustainable development of persons with disabilities and the DPOs in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD)
- ✓ Specific objective: To improve access to sustainable development practices for persons with disabilities in Bangladesh through research and documentation, capacity development and use of resources of those concerned (DPOs, children or adults with disabilities, and their families, service providers and staff, etc.).

4.3. Specific responsibilities:

IDSS of UIU will provide the following support and services:

- Sharing information on findings of research/studies, publications and other documents(education materials) of IDSS, UIU and its affiliated/partner organizations on sustainable development practices and on the ground experiences
- Provide technical support and expertise on inclusive and sustainable development practices for DPO members/persons with disability
- Provide technical support and resource person for the capacity building training of ADD staffs and DPO/DPO network leaders
- Provide support as co-partner to design and implement sustainable development programs/projects for persons with disability
- Provide technical support and participate in National Advocacy related activities on disability issues and sustainable livelihoods related issues.
- Provide technical support to relevant research/study to be used as evidence for policy advocacy with law maker, policy maker and to raise voices of marginalized and CSOs • Provide partnership support in organizing forums, seminar, dialogue etc. in the areas of mainstreaming the disability in SDGs implementation processes.

ADD will provide the following support and services:

- Share information and experiences related to ADD's work with persons with disability and DPOs
- Provide necessary logistical/technical support to persons with disabilities/DPOs practicing sustainable development in ADD working area
- Provide logistical and management support in arranging any events related to dissemination of research findings and advocacy.
- Provide field level support for conducting research involving DPOs and persons with disabilities
- Participate in capacity building activities for staffs, service providers and DPO members/leaders, social development practitioners/activists at the working areas
- Share disability related technical expertise training facilitation, session lectures, field work support to appropriate student groups

- Provide technical support towards creating disabled friendly UIU campus
- Provide support in creating disability awareness among students and teachers
- Provide the UIU students with opportunities of field work for internship or as part of academic purpose in ADD International's field/projects. Provide the UIU Students' Clubs to join voluntary work
- Provide technical assistance to build capacity of teaching on disability issues.

The above support provisioning will depend on the resource, time availability and based on mutual discussions between the parties. Besides, both the organizations if agree in any common understanding may jointly develop and submit project proposal/research proposal to any donor partner/s

4.4. The Consortium agrees to mutually share expertise and best practices as relevant to the implementation of the programme.

Article 5: Settlement of Disputes

5.1 Every effort shall be made to resolve any dispute arising in connection with this MOU in an amicable and informal manner.

Article 6: Duration

6.1 This MOU becomes effective from 18 February, 2020 and will remain in place until both the parties wish to discontinue the cooperation agreement. Both the parties agree to sit and discuss on issues arising in implementation of the cooperation agreement and to have necessary amendment/changes, if require in agreement of both parties.

Article 7: General Provisions

7.1. This Memorandum may be amended or modified by written agreement by the duly authorized representatives of both Parties.

7.2. Either Party may terminate or suspend this Memorandum by giving 30 (thirty) days written notice. Termination of this Memorandum will terminate all responsibilities of the Parties on and after the date of termination.

7.3 This MOU does not mean or intend to have any financial benefits/implication on either the party. Each party is responsible to carry out its specific roles and responsibilities in accord with its own capacity and resources.

Article 8: Confidentiality and ethics

Each party respects the other's philosophy and ethical principles.

- a. The parties shall respect each other's philosophy and ethical principles.
- b. The two parties shall respect, in accordance with the professional codes of ethics and the legislation in force in Bangladesh, the confidentiality of the

documents produced for whatever reason in relation to the Project and of the work and reflections discussions of the management.

- c. The parties hereby agree on the need to act in keeping with the rules of ADD and UIU concerning the protection of beneficiaries against sexual abuse and the rules of ADD relative to the protection of children.

Budget:

The total cost of the program will be borne by UIU, But as a Co-organizer ADD International will contribute:

Price and payment schedule:

Particulars:	Total in TK.	Remarks
50,000.00	50,000.00	Including VAT & Tax NA

Payment: Payment will be made in advance

Bank Details:

Name of account: UIU-ICSD

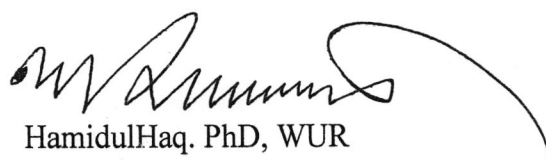
Bank name: Dutch Bangla Bank Ltd

Bank address: Satmasjid Road Branch, Dhanmondi, Dhaka 1209, Bangladesh

Account number: A/C number 171.120.2389


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties, acting through their duly authorized representatives, have caused this Memorandum to be signed in their names below:

Shafiqul Islam
Country Director
ADD International, Bangladesh
and


Hamidul Haq. PhD, WUR
Professor and Director,
Institute of development studies
sustainability (IDSS), UIU

WITNESS:

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25/02/2020

2. Md. Saleh Al Mahmud, IDSS, UIU