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SDGs: Leaving No Woman and Girl Behind

"The real number is far greater as majority cases of rape are not reported"

-- Ayesha Khanum, President of Bangladesh Mahila Parishad

CAN the next 15 years change the lives of women and girls to become free from violence and exploitation, moving forward to gender equality?

Today's second special edition on the new Sustainable Development Goals takes a look at how gender equality and women's empowerment is integrated into the new guiding development document.

On Sunday 3 August 2015, Member States of the United Nations came to a conclusion of the final inter-governmental negotiations for the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), by agreeing on the outcome document titled "Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development". This final agreement is expected to be formally adopted at the upcoming UN Summit for the adoption of the Post-2015 Development Agenda, which starts on 25 September 2015 in New York. The new development agenda makes a commitment not only to eradicating poverty and protecting the environment of the planet, but it calls on an ambitious agenda for gender equality and women's empowerment.

The UN Member States' commitment is a reflection of the voices of women and girls in the world who demand that every girl and woman should be able to live free from fear and discrimination, and universally have access to information and services for sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights. Gender equality was also included in a proposal for the Post-2015 Development Agenda submitted by the Government of Bangladesh back in 2013. The new SDGs and targets require every country to take measures to eliminate violence against



women and harmful traditional practices including child marriage and also make provisions for reducing maternal mortality. It will ensure that women and girls will finally be able to make decisions about their bodies, their families, their futures. Looking towards 2030, the world's new development agenda can change - and save - many lives of women and girls, and transform their lives into better ones with more choices and capabilities.

According to UNFPA's recent Demographic Impact Study (2015), the population of Bangladesh will reach 190 million by around 2031 and 200 million before 2040. This means a country of 100 million women and girls. They represent half the human capital base of the country to support and drive its growth.

Evidence is overwhelmingly clear - when women and girls suffer from inequality and inequity, their country's economic growth, poverty eradication, and social development are slowed down. On the other hand, when women and girls are empowered - socially, economically, and politically - all citizens including men and boys will benefit and flourish. Women are the foundation of a strong country, resilient community and family.

And yet, women and girls in this country still face systematic challenges and structural violence preventing them from fulfilling their potential, their human rights and freedoms.

In addition, women's social and political participation is still low. Women's labor force participation rate (60% in 2013, World Bank) is almost 30% lower than that of men, and they are more likely to be paid less than men, engaging in less-secure and thus more vulnerable jobs, more often working in

the informal sector without any social protection and a lack of protection of their labour rights. In addition, women occupy fewer positions in parliament, fewer high ranking official posts in government ministries, and less senior management positions in the private sector, than men.

There have been notable achievements with regards to the policy and legal framework for gender equality and gender-based violence prevention and mitigation in Bangladesh, including a High Court Directive on Sexual Harassment (2009), the Domestic Violence Act (2010), the Women Advancement Policy (2011) and the Action Plan on Violence Against Women (2013). However, it is only when these sets of policies and laws are actually implemented that they can indeed change and save the lives of women and girls. In addition, in order to address gender issues, which is quite complex and has many different dimensions, stakeholder coordination, especially inter-ministerial coordination and central-local coordination, needs to be enhanced. Targeted interventions from a human rights perspective along with political commitment, government leadership, human resources development, adequate financing and a functioning monitoring and evaluation system, should be among the additional steps necessary to achieve gender goals and targets.

The agenda is being set right now; what is now needed are actions to implement it, so as to ensure that no woman and girl is left behind.

Source: UNFPA Team

"In my 35 years of professional experience never have I seen such levels of cruelty and barbarism", says Ayesha Khanum as she discusses the status quo of gender based violence in Bangladesh.

She paints a stark picture, explaining how the number of reported cases of violence against women has alarmingly increased. She presents me with a graph of the reported cases of violence against women collected from 14 different newspapers in Bangladesh. The tallest column indicated 492 reported cases of rape from January to June. As she tells me about some of the recent incidents that the lawyers at the One Stop Crisis Centre have encountered, it becomes hard to fathom how a 45 year old man can rape a 7 year old. Social issues that gain momentary attention reduce temporarily but then again flair in numbers, such as is the case of Child Marriage, a phenomenon now being termed as an "epidemic" in Bangladesh. Her take on dowry, even amongst the educated class of people, is thoughtful. "Even though dowry is illegal it has morphed into more of a social formality or obligation. Parents of brides still feel the need to buy whole sets of furniture even if the groom's parents make no such demands.", Ayesha Khanum explains. So the practice of dowry is very much present in today's society regardless of which social class a woman belongs to. When asked to share her thoughts on the existing laws that are there to protect women from violence, she emphasizes the lack of proper dissemination of information. "Yes, educating the people is at its core but most of our magistrates and law enforcers are not even aware of the existence of these laws and their supporting clauses out there", states Ayesha Khanum. She explains that the means of disseminating informa-



tion have to be strengthened and more direct. She suggests using billboards and other multi-dimensional methods alongside education to make women more alert about their rights. "This is the down side of belonging to a patriarchal society. Women are always the victims. Her chastity is directly associated to her family's honor and reputation" says Ayesha Khanum.

She goes on to say that the only way to bring these issues under control is by having the parliament address them strongly. "The perpetrators need to be arrested on the spot and punished for the offence as quickly as possible. We live in a society that responds well to 'shock'. So what we need to do is process the charges at the earliest hour so that it sends a shock throughout society to take heed."

As the interview concluded Ayesha Khanum imparted some words that were thought-provoking as well as insightful; "Women will always be targeted until reproductive rights are acknowledged as their fundamental right by the society". One can only hope and have faith that women will not always be termed as "vulnerable" and "voiceless".

Written by Supriti Sarkar

According to the Violence Against Women Survey conducted in 2011 by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, 87% of currently married women have experienced some form of violence by their husbands - an astounding 65% of women even experienced physical violence. Bangladesh has the second highest prevalence of child marriage in the world: 62.8% of women aged 20 to 24 were married before the age of

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Office of the Inspector General  
Bangladesh Police  
Police Headquarters, Dhaka



Invitation for Re-Tender

Memo No. K/28-2015/3006 Date: 14 September 2015  
For financial year 2015-2016, sealed tenders are hereby invited from the manufacturers/suppliers in their official pad for the purchase of the Uniform items for Bangladesh Police.

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Police.
3	Procuring entity name	Assistant Inspector General (Supply), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.
4	Invitation for	Police Uniform Item.
5	Invitation Ref. No.	K/28-2015/3006
6	Date	14 September 2015

**KEY INFORMATION**  
7 Procurement method Open Tendering Method (OTM).

**FUNDING INFORMATION**  
8 Budget and source of fund Revenue Budget (GOB).

<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>		
9	Tender publication date	14 September 2015
10	Tender last selling date	4 October 2015
11	Tender closing date and time	5 October 2015 at 11:30am.
12	Tender opening date and time	5 October 2015 at 12:00 noon.

<b>Name &amp; address of the office</b>		
13	Name & address of the office	Police Headquarters, Phoenix Road, Fulbaria, Dhaka-1000.
	-Selling tender document	i) AIG (Supply), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka-1000. ii) AIG (Admin), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka-1000.
	-Receiving tender document	AIG (Supply), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka-1000.
	-Opening tender document	Conference Room (1 <sup>st</sup> Floor), NCCOM Building, 6, Phoenix Road, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.
14	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	20 September 2015, at 12:00 noon. Conference Room (3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor), NCCOM Building, Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.

**INFORMATION FOR TENDERER**

15 Eligibility of tenderer 1) Up-to-date trade license, 2) Current income tax certificate, 3) VAT registration, 4) Bank solvency certificate and 5) other requirements described in the standard tender document (PG-2/PG-3).

16 Brief description of goods				
Item	Quantity	Price of tender document (non-refundable)	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time
Combat Jacket (Including FPU)	5500 pcs	800/-	1,62,000/-	75 days
T-Shirt (Combat)	9350 pcs	700/-	69,000/-	75 days
Cotton Vest (Including FPU's Requirements)	52800 pcs	800/-	1,30,000/-	105 days
Ground Sheet (Including FPU's Requirements)	27500 pcs	1000/-	3,37,500/-	105 days
Rain Coat (Blue/White) (Including FPU's Requirements)	22000 pcs	1000/-	7,55,500/-	120 days
Reflecting Vest (Special Type) for PBI & Others	11000 pcs	800/-	1,47,500/-	90 days

Name of official inviting tender Md. Rezaul Karim.  
Designation of the official inviting tender Assistant Inspector General (Supply).  
Address of official inviting tender Assistant Inspector General (Supply), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.  
Contact details of official inviting the tender Phone & Fax: 9567001, E-mail: aigsupp@police.gov.bd

**Special Instructions**  
a) No tender will be received after the deadline of submission.  
b) The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender process without assigning any reason.  
c) The procuring entity also reserves the right to omit, increase and/or decrease the quantity of any item(s) from the tender.  
d) If not possible to receive/open the tender on the schedule date for any unavoidable circumstance, the same will be received/opened on the next working day at the same time & same venue.  
e) The procurement will be performed according to the Public Procurement Act-2006 and Public Procurement Regulation 2008.

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The Security Printing Corporation (Bangladesh) Ltd.



Gazipur  
Website: www.spclb.org.bd

International Tender for Supply of 92,000 Reams Non-Judicial Stamp Paper

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the manufacturers/suppliers for supply of the above paper for this Corporation as per under noted schedule. Tender document showing terms and conditions with specification will be available from the office of The Security Printing Corporation (Bangladesh) Ltd., Gazipur or its Liaison Office at Annex Building-1, 6th Floor, Bangladesh Bank, Dhaka-1000 during Sunday to Thursday between 10.00am to 4.00pm against an application in the letterhead pad from the respective firm. Necessary information is given below:

- Selling of tender : From 17.09.2015 to document 08.10.2015
- Last date & time for : 26.10.2015 up to 3.30pm. submission of tender
- Date & time for : 27.10.2015 at 11.00am. opening of tender
- Value (non-refundable) of per set schedule : Taka 5,000/- (five thousand) only.

Earnest money @ 3% (three percent) of the total quoted price shall have to be submitted with the tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order/ Irrevocable Bank Guarantee from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh. Irrevocable Bank Guarantee may also be given from any international commercial bank abroad having counter guarantee from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh along with the tender in favour of the Managing Director, The Security Printing Corporation (Bangladesh) Ltd., Gazipur. Tender(s) without earnest money shall not be acceptable. Besides, bidder may collect the schedule from Corporation website. In this case bidder needs to pay the price of schedule to any one of the abovementioned two stations and collect receipt or a Cheque/Pay-Order/DD amounting to Taka mentioned above shall have to be attached with the tender (tender will be acceptable after encashment). The tender(s) under sealed cover addressed to the Managing Director, The Security Printing Corporation (Bangladesh) Ltd., Gazipur shall have to be dropped in the tender box kept at Corporation's Office in Gazipur and its Liaison Office at Annex Building-1, 6th Floor, Bangladesh Bank, Dhaka-1000 but all the tender(s) to be received will be opened together only at Corporation's Office, Gazipur in presence of tenderer(s) if any. Tender may be sent also through postal/courier services which must reach on or before the scheduled deadline. One tenderer can offer more than one alternative offer(s); in that case separate tender schedule (original) & separate earnest money shall have to be submitted for each alternative offer(s). The authority reserves the right to reject or accept any tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever. Submission of tender after the specified time shall not be acceptable under any circumstances.

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Office of the Project Director

Establishment of Jhenidah Government Veterinary College Project (2<sup>nd</sup> Phase), Jhenidah  
Ref. No. JGVCP/Transport-1/2015/301 Date: 16/09/2015

Invitation for Tender

Sealed tender invited from the eligible bidders as defined in the tender documents for the undermentioned good(s) as per terms & conditions stated below.

01.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Fisheries & Livestock.		
02.	Project name	Establishment of Jhenidah Government Veterinary College Project (2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase).		
03.	Procuring entity	Project Director.		
04.	Procurement method	Open Tender Method (OTM).		
05.	Budget & source of fund	GOB (Annual Development Budget).		
06.	Invitation for	(1) Supply of Microbus & (2) Supply of Furniture.		
07.	Invitation Ref. No. & date	JGVCP/Transport-1/2015/301, Date: 16/09/15		
08.	Tender package No.	(1) GD1 & (2) GD3		
09.	Tender documents selling place	1. Office of the Project Director, Jhenidah. 2. Department of Livestock Services (DLS), Farmgate, Dhaka. 3. Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka.		
10.	Last date and time of selling documents	14-10-2015 (office hour).		
11.	Receiving place of tender documents	1. Liaison Office, Establishment of Jhenidah Government Veterinary College Project (2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase), DLS, Dhaka. 2. Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka.		
12.	Last date and time of receiving the documents	On/before: 01:00pm, 15-10-2015.		
13.	Opening place, time & date of tender documents	Liaison Office, Establishment of Jhenidah Government Veterinary College Project (2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase), DLS, Dhaka. On: 2:30pm, 15-10-2015.		
14.	Eligibility of bidders	Contractors firm with eligibility stated in tender document as per Public Procurement Regulations-2008, having experience of supply of similar type of goods within the previous 03 (three) years.		
15.	Price of tender documents (non-refundable)	750/- (seven hundred fifty) taka each.		
16. Information of goods				
Package No.	Description of item	Quantity	Tender security (Tk)	Completion time
GD1	Supply of Microbus at Jhenidah Government Veterinary College	01 (one) No.	1,50,000.00	90 (ninety) days
GD3	Supply of Furniture at Jhenidah Government Veterinary College	Mentioned in schedule	1,45,000.00	

The tender security must be Bank Draft/Pay Order from the schedule bank in favour of undersigned (PD & Project). The next normal official day & time will be effective for receiving & opening of tender documents if any unavoidable circumstances occurs as on mention date. The procuring authority reserves the right to accept or reject any portion or all tenders without assigning any reason.

Dr. Hires Ranjan Bhowmik  
Principal Cum Project Director  
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