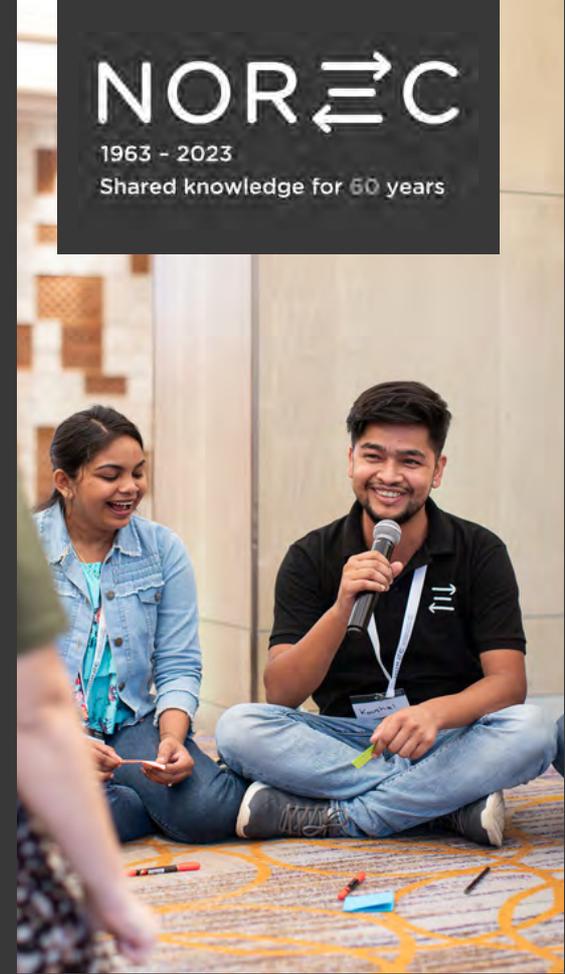


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# NOREC EXCHANGE PROJECTS IN BANGLADESH

An overview over Norec partners, participants and exchange projects in Bangladesh

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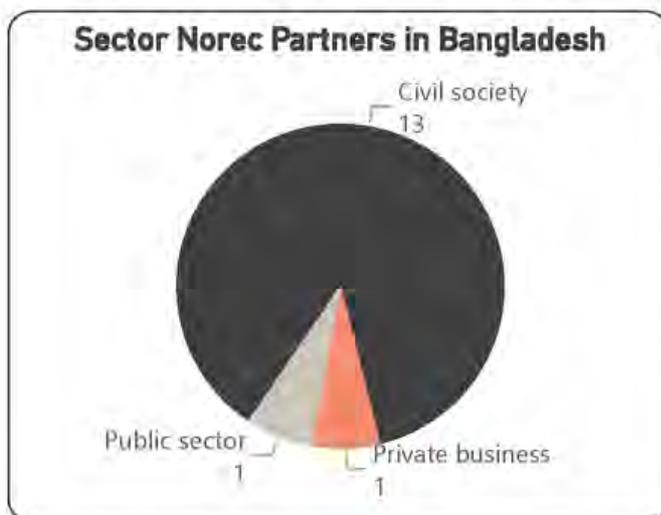
## Content

The aim of this booklet is to give you a thorough, yet concise, overview over Norec support and grants, and our partners, participants and projects in the country. Therefore we have included information in the following order:

- Norec support to partners
- Contact information for Norec partners
- Exchange participants
- Information sheet for each project



## Norec support to partners in Bangladesh



### Partner Countries Norec Projects

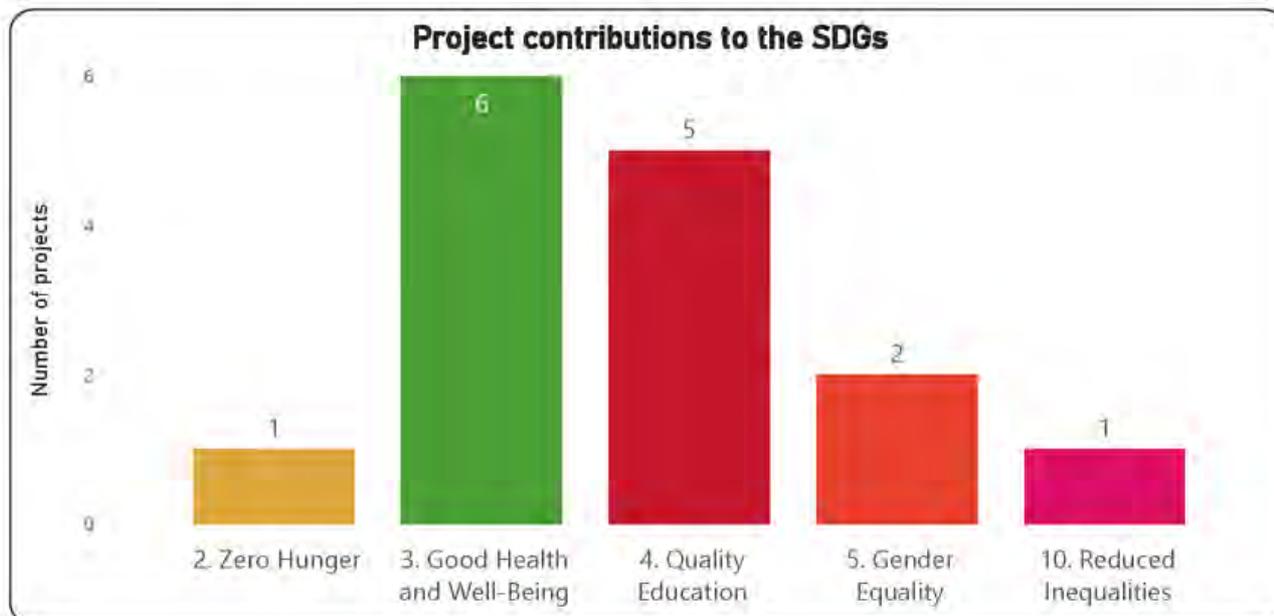
Country	Partners
Nepal	9
Cambodia	3
Madagascar	3
Kenya	2
Norway	2
Uganda	2
Brazil	1
Burundi	1
Colombia	1
Ghana	1
India	1
Indonesia	1
Malawi	1
Myanmar (Burma)	1
Rwanda	1
Tanzania	1
Zambia	1
Zimbabwe	1

### Norec Grants to Partnerships with Bangladesh (USD 2022)

\$600,51K

### Project Participants as of September 2023

<p>16 Project participants from Bangladesh</p>	<p>13 Project participants to Bangladesh</p>
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## Norec partners in Bangladesh

Organisation	Primary Contact	City	Email	Start Year	End Year
Agrogoti Sangstha	Abdus Sabur Biswas	Satkhira	agrogoti@gmail.com	2022	2025
Amra Kaj Kory (AKK)	M.A. Jalil	Jhiltuly	akk.majalil@gmail.com	2023	2025
ASPADA Paribesh Unnayan Foundation	Elias Habib	Dhaka	ed.aspada@gmail.com	2022	2024
Association of Workers for Alternative Rural Development (AWARD)	Kazi Md. Abul Kalam Azad	Sylhet	awardbd@yahoo.com	2022	2023
Bangladesh Girl Guide Association	Fajria Era	Dhaka	bgguidesho@gmail.com	2021	2026
Bible Students Fellowship of Bangladesh (BSFB)	Lasar Banargee	Dhaka	info@bsfb.org	2022	2027
Efforts for Rural Advancement (ERA)	Serajul Islam	Sunamganj	era.haor.org@gmail.com	2023	2026
Jago Nari	Md. Duke Ivn Amin	Barguna	jago_nari@yahoo.com	2023	2025
Nagorik Uddyog	Nadira Pervin	Dhaka	info@nuhr.org	2023	2024
Nobo Jibon	Md. Fahim Khan	Satkhira	nobojibon1998@gmail.com	2023	2024
Prochesta	Ali Naki Khan	Kulaura	prochesta.kulaura@gmail.com	2023	2025
Rupantar	Saki Rejoana	Khulna	rafiq@rupantar.org	2020	2024
Society for Underprivileged Families (SUF)	Tipu Sultan	Dhaka	dhakasuf@gmail.com	2022	2025
The Leprosy Mission Bangladesh	Jiptha Boiragee	Dhaka	dco@tlmbangladesh.org	2023	2027
Zabai Bangladesh Ltd.	Zihanur Raman	Dhaka	post@zabai.no	2023	2026

## Norec participants exchanging from Bangladesh as of September 2023

Home organisation	Number of participants
Agrogoti Sangstha	3
ASPADA Paribesh Unnayan Foundation	1
Bangladesh Girl Guide Association	3
Bible Students Fellowship of Bangladesh (BSFB)	2
Nagorik Uddyog	2
The Leprosy Mission International Bangladesh	2
Zabai Bangladesh Ltd.	3

## Norec participants on exchange in Bangladesh as of September 2023

Home organisation	Number of participants
Agrogoti Sangstha	2
ASPADA Paribesh Unnayan Foundation	1
Society for Underprivileged Families (SUF)	2
Nagorik Uddyog	2
The Leprosy Mission International Bangladesh	3
Zabai Bangladesh Ltd.	3

## Norec projects in Bangladesh

### Association of Workers for Alternative Rural Development (AWARD)

#### Project period

Start Year	End Year
2022	2023

#### Project key facts

Number of participants of project period	Estimated total budget of project period
4	\$130K

#### Thematic focus

Sustainable Development Goal:	DAC sub sector:
3. Good Health and Well-Being	12261 Health education

#### Project description

The project aims to improve maternal and reproductive health care services in Nepal and Bangladesh. The partner AWARD from Bangladesh will improve their knowledge of reproductive health and on maternal health to prevent maternal mortality, while CDPS from Nepal will advance their skills and knowledge on mother and child care, and adolescent sexual and reproductive health.

#### Partners

Name	Country
Association of Workers for Alternative Rural Development (AWARD)	Bangladesh
Community Development Programme Sindhuli (CDPS) Nepal	Nepal



## Bible Students Fellowship of Bangladesh (BSFB)

### Project period

Start Year	End Year
2022	2027

### Project key facts

Number of participants of project period	Estimated total budget of project period
22	\$2M

### Thematic focus

Sustainable Development Goal:	DAC sub sector:
4. Quality Education	15150 Democratic participation and civil society

### Project description

The project aim to create youth and organisations that are better equipped to address the challenges in their societies. The project works to strengthen young people through multicultural experiences. They support and cultivate young participants, making them more confident in their skills and becoming better leaders for their organisations.

### Partners

Name	Country
Union des Group Biblique de Madagascar (UGBM)	Madagascar
Unidad Cristiana Universitaria Colombia (UCU)	Colombia
Norges kristelige student- og skoleungdomslag (NKSS)	Norway
Fellowship of Christian Unions (FOCUS Kenya)	Kenya
Bible Students Fellowship of Bangladesh (BSFB)	Bangladesh
Allianca Bíblica Universitária do Brazil (ABUB)	Brazil

## Rupantar

### Project period

Start Year	End Year
2020	2024

### Project key facts

Number of participants of project period	Estimated total budget of project period
8	\$263K

### Thematic focus

Sustainable Development Goal:	DAC sub sector:
3. Good Health and Well-Being	12261 Health education

### Project description

The purpose of the project is to enable marginalised and minority citizens understand their public health rights, and make informed demands from local government authorities. The project use community radios and broadcasters to spread the word, and to encourage citizens to demand better public health facilities. The idea is that in turn this will have an effect on the national level in Bangladesh and Nepal.

### Partners

Name	Country
Rupantar	Bangladesh
World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters (AMARC) Asia-Pacific	Nepal

# Bangladesh Girl Guide Association

## Project period

Start Year	End Year
2021	2026

## Project key facts

Number of participants of project period	Estimated total budget of project period
240	\$6M

## Thematic focus

Sustainable Development Goal:	DAC sub sector:
5. Gender Equality	15170 Women's equality organizations and institutions

## Project description

The project aims to aim to create an empowering environment for young women, where young women will be leading, raising their voices and making a difference on issues important to them at local, national, regional and global levels. The project exchanges both professional staff and volunteers.

## Partners

Name	Country
Bangladesh Girl Guide Association	Bangladesh
Burundi Girl Guides Association (BGGA)	Burundi
Fanilon'i Madagasikara	Madagascar
Ghana Girl Guides Association	Ghana
Kenya Girl Guides Association (KGGA)	Kenya
Malawi Girl Guides Association (MAGA)	Malawi
Mpanazava Eto Madagasikara	Madagascar
Nepal Scouts	Nepal
Rwanda Girl Guides Association	Rwanda
Tanzania Girl Guides Association	Tanzania
The World Association of Girls Guides and Girls Scouts (WAGGGS)	Uganda
Uganda Girl Guides Association (UGGA)	Uganda
Zambia Girl Guides Association	Zambia
Zimbabwe Girl Guides Association	Zimbabwe





## Amra Kaj Kory (AKK)

Project period	
Start Year	End Year
2023	2025

Project key facts	
Number of participants of project period	Estimated total budget of project period
8	\$241K

Thematic focus	
Sustainable Development Goal:	DAC sub sector:
2. Zero Hunger	31165 Agricultural alternative development

**Project description**

Bangladesh and Cambodia both countries' economies depend on agriculture and more than 70% of the population is directly or indirectly engaged in this sector, while also facing challenges because of climate change. Through this agricultural project, the partners will cooperate to overcome these challenges and to work to ensure food security in their countries. They will cooperate to introduce environmentally friendly production methods and technol...

Partners	
Name	Country
Amra Kaj Kory (AKK)	Bangladesh
Building Community Voices (BCV)	Cambodia

## Jago Nari

### Project period

Start Year	End Year
2023	2025

### Project key facts

Number of participants of project period	Estimated total budget of project period
8	\$129K

### Thematic focus

Sustainable Development Goal:	DAC sub sector:
5. Gender Equality	15170 Women's equality organizations and institutions

### Project description

The overall aim of the project is to work for gender equality and the eradication of poverty, as well as economic empowerment of women and promotion of female leadership. The partners are sharing knowledge to reach a common goal: Jago Nari will learn about family economic programmes and group businesses from PKPA. PKPA will learn about how women group's can empower women to take on leadership positions in their communities and become in...

### Partners

Name	Country
Jago Nari	Bangladesh
Yayasan Pusat Kajian dan Perlindungan Anak (PKPA)	Indonesia

## Nagorik Uddyog

### Project period

Start Year	End Year
2023	2024

### Project key facts

Number of participants of project period	Estimated total budget of project period
8	\$158K

### Thematic focus

Sustainable Development Goal:	DAC sub sector:
10. Reduced Inequalities	15160 Human rights

### Project description

The project, 'Promoting Dalit Rights through Mutual Learning' aims to promote the human rights of Dalits and marginalised communities collectively in Nepal and Bangladesh by mutually sharing and learning between the partner organizations.

### Partners

Name	Country
Nagorik Uddyog	Bangladesh
Samata Foundation	Nepal



## Society for Underprivileged Families (SUF)

Project period	
Start Year	End Year
2022	2025

Project key facts	
Number of participants of project period	Estimated total budget of project period
8	\$250K

Thematic focus	
Sustainable Development Goal:	DAC sub sector:
4. Quality Education	11230 Basic life skills for youth and adults

**Project description**

The partners aim to improve the economic situation for disadvantages groups. While SUF in Bangladesh work with providing income-generating skills to young people, EWN in Nepal educate and create employment opportunities for Nepali women through training in adventure tourism, entrepreneurial skills development and educational scholarships. Through the project, they will share knowledge on tourism-based skills development activities, administrative skills and competency in ICT.

Partners	
Name	Country
Empowering Women of Nepal	Nepal
Society for Underprivileged Families (SUF)	Bangladesh

## Efforts for Rural Advancement (ERA)

### Project period

Start Year	End Year
2023	2026

### Project key facts

Number of participants of project period	Estimated total budget of project period
12	\$495K

### Thematic focus

Sustainable Development Goal:	DAC sub sector:
3. Good Health and Well-Being	12220 Basic health care

### Project description

The partners will share ideas and practices on how to promote health and nutrition in local communities. The partner ERA will learn how partner RICOD uses existing networks and schools to reach its target groups, despite challenges created by the regions' mountainous terrain, while RICOD intends to adapt how ERA works with volunteers, how they mobilise communities and work with women's groups to reach their goals.

### Partners

Name	Country
Efforts for Rural Advancement (ERA)	Bangladesh
Rural Institution for Community Development (RICOD)	Nepal

## The Leprosy Mission International Bangladesh

### Project period

Start Year	End Year
2023	2027

### Project key facts

Number of participants of project period	Estimated total budget of project period
33	\$903K

### Thematic focus

Sustainable Development Goal:	DAC sub sector:
3. Good Health and Well-Being	12220 Basic health care

### Project description

The project will improve treatment and inclusion of people with leprosy and other disabilities. The partners will do so through working with local communities and groups, improving their research capacity, improving their online services and focusing on social integration directly with patients.

### Partners

Name	Country
The Leprosy Mission International Bangladesh	Bangladesh
The Leprosy Mission International Myanmar	Myanmar (Burma)
The Leprosy Mission Nepal	Nepal

## Nobo Jibon

### Project period

Start Year	End Year
2023	2024

### Project key facts

Number of participants of project period	Estimated total budget of project period
8	\$216K

### Thematic focus

Sustainable Development Goal:	DAC sub sector:
4. Quality Education	11110 Education policy and administrative management

### Project description

The overall objective of the project is to enhance quality education in Bangladesh and Cambodia through mutual learning and cooperation, and capacity building of educational institutions in the two countries. The two partners will exchange teachers in an effort to enhance the education the respective schools offer.

### Partners

Name	Country
Kampuchea Action to Promote Education (KAPE)	Cambodia
Nobo Jibon	Bangladesh

## ASPADA Paribesh Unnayan Foundation

### Project period

Start Year	End Year
2022	2024

### Project key facts

Number of participants of project period	Estimated total budget of project period
6	\$137K

### Thematic focus

Sustainable Development Goal:	DAC sub sector:
3. Good Health and Well-Being	12261 Health education

### Project description

The partners are raising awareness and knowledge about nutrition. Through this South-South partnership between India, Cambodia and Bangladesh, the partners share knowledge and pass on skills related to nutrition-enriching activities.

### Partners

Name	Country
ASPADA Paribesh Unnayan Foundation	Bangladesh
Krousar Yoeung Association (KrY)	Cambodia
Pahal Jan Sahayog Vikas Sansthan	India

## Agrogoti Sangstha

### Project period

Start Year	End Year
2022	2025

### Project key facts

Number of participants of project period	Estimated total budget of project period
12	\$210K

### Thematic focus

Sustainable Development Goal:	DAC sub sector:
3. Good Health and Well-Being	13020 Reproductive health care

### Project description

The project promotes sexual and reproductive health education. The exchange participants will share knowledge on good practices on menstruation, puberty changes and prevention of sexually transmitted infections, and share this knowledge with their organisations. Additionally, the project will work on how the partners can ensure reproductive health for specially challenged people and vulnerable groups in the face of natural disasters or other crises.

### Partners

Name	Country
Aawaaj	Nepal
Agrogoti Sangstha	Bangladesh



## Prochesta

### Project period

Start Year	End Year
2023	2025

### Project key facts

Number of participants of project period	Estimated total budget of project period
8	\$102K

### Thematic focus

Sustainable Development Goal:	DAC sub sector:
4. Quality Education	16010 Social/ welfare services

### Project description

Both in Bangladesh and Nepal, the perception of people with disabilities are largely negative, especially in rural areas. To increase quality of life for this group, the partners work to promote disability inclusive societies. They focus on disability inclusive education, advocacy and responsible media coverage in both countries.

### Partners

Name	Country
Nepal Disabled Human Rights Center (DHRC-Nepal)	Nepal
Prochesta	Bangladesh

## Zabai Bangladesh Ltd.

### Project period

Start Year	End Year
2023	2026

### Project key facts

Number of participants of project period	Estimated total budget of project period
18	\$768K

### Thematic focus

Sustainable Development Goal:	DAC sub sector:
4. Quality Education	25010 Business support services and institutions

### Project description

The partners Zabai AS in Norway and Zabai Bangladesh cooperate to increase access to digital basic education, and technical and vocational education and training courses. Additionally, the partnership believes that digital learning solutions in developing countries represents untapped pedagogical potential. The partners will cooperate to develop a digital learning platform and digital content within basic education and skills training.

### Partners

Name	Country
Zabai AS	Norway
Zabai Bangladesh Ltd.	Bangladesh