





# **GRRIPP South Asia**

# Newsletter

Till June, 2022 we're bringing you lots of exciting project news and event updates.

#### Introduction

'Gender Responsive Resilience and Intersectionality in Policy and Practice (GRRIPP) South Asia is a four-year global collaboration and knowledge-exchange project, launched in 2020 through signing a memorandum understanding between University of Dhaka, Bangladesh and University College London (UCL), United Kingdom implemented by the Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies (IDMVS), University of Dhaka. GRRIPP-South Asia aims to bring together theory, policy and practice to promote a gender-responsive approach to disaster management and development. GRRIPP South Asia is awarded to IDMVS as part of activity of Gender and Disaster Network, Bangladesh Country Hub, which was launched in 2018 at IDMVS with the support of UN Women. 'Gender Responsive Resilience and Intersectionality in Policy and Practice (GRRIPP) - Networking Plus Partnering for Resilience' is funded by the Global Challenges Research Fund. Professor Dr. Mahbuba Nasreen, the winner of Mary Fran Myers Gender and Disaster Network Award, 2016 and a Visiting Professor of UCL Institute for Risk and Disaster Reduction (IRDR), is the Regional Lead of GRRIPP South Asia. GRRIPP South Asia have awarded seven (07) commissioning projects to researchers India, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh to accomplish the goal of making the vulnerable communities resilient through intersectional need-based policies and practices.

## July, 2021

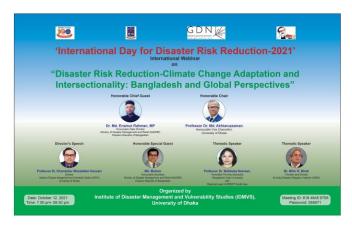
On behalf of the University of Dhaka Honourable Treasurer Prof. Momtazuddin (signatory of GRRIPP-South Asia MOU) Ahmed is receiving overhead Cheque from Prof. Mahbuba Nasreen, Regional Lead, GRRIPP South Asia on July 9, 2021.



### October, 2021

# International Webinar on Disaster Risk Reduction – Climate Change Adaptation and Intersectionality: Bangladesh and Global Perspective

An International webinar on the eve of International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDR) on 12 October 2021 was jointly organized by the Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies (IDMVS), University of Dhaka and Gender and Disaster Network (GDN) Bangladesh country Hub on a very pertinent theme "Disaster Risk Reduction- Climate Change Adaptation and Intersectionality: Bangladesh and Global Perspective."



The event involved more than 170 participants comprising policy makers, researchers, and practitioners from home and abroad.

Dr. Md. Enamur Rahman, MP, honourable State Minister, Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief was the Chief Guest and Professor Dr. Md. Akhteruzzaman, honourable Vice-Chancellor of University of Dhaka was the chair. Professor Mahbuba Nasreen presented the thematic paper. Other speakers include Professor Dr. Khondoker Mokaddem Hossain, Md. Mohsin, Mr. Mihir

R. Bhatt, Professor Dr. Maureen Fordham, one of the

founding members of Gender and Disaster Network (GDN) and Principal Investegetor GRRIPP, joined the introductory session virtually. Professor Nasreen highlighted the background of International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, she emphasized on the mainstreaming importance of gender intersectionality in policies and practices of disaster management. Dr. Nasreen highlighted the activities of 7 commissioned projects of the GRRIPP South Asia region - Bangladesh, Nepal, India, and Sri Lanka. For policy recommendations, she emphasized prioritizing the intersectional communities while providing social safety net support, spreading awareness on adaptive practices. Her recommendations also include conducting more gender inclusive research and development projects to mainstream the need of people who are leaving behind. Distinguished speakers appreciated GRRIPP-IDMVS initiatives for introducing intersectionality approach in DRR issues. Honourable State Minister, MODMR expreseed his satisfaction and thanked the organizers for inviting him at the event. He mentioned that the new concept will support for improving the DRR policy. In his concluding remarks honourable Vice-Chancellor highly acclaimed the organizers on linking the inclusive and intersectional approach in disaster management. He has extended his gratidutes and thanked the honourable State Minister for his positive notes.

## November, 2021

#### Workshop on "Message Sharing on Human Rights"

One of the Bangladesh-based awardees from GRRIPP South Asian Region - "Integrated Environmental Development Society (IEDS)" - organized a workshop on "Message Sharing on Human Rights" at Durgapur Upazila of Netrakona District. This was funded by Gender Responsive Resilience and Intersectionality in Policy and Practice (GRRIPP), under the supervision of Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies (IDMVS), University of Dhaka in November 2021.

Upazila Social Welfare Officer; Md. Sarwar Hossain attended the workshop as the Chief Guest while Officer in Charge (Investigation) Mir Mahbubur Rahman was present as special guest.

The training was inaugurated by Md. Ariful Islam, Assistant Commissioner (AC) of Land on Friday (19th November) at IEDS Hall Room, Durgapur, Netrokona.

# Workshop on Message Sharing of human rights



Nirmolendu Sarker Babul in Durgapur

Various Steps of "Human Rights" were discussed in the training in accordance with UN Declarations on Human Rights. Approximately 30 participants from the civil society of the Upazila took partin the workshop. Shamim Kabir, Executive Director of IEDS, presided over the opening ceremony and Mohammad Asaduzzaman, Documentation Officer, along with Milton Chanda, Legal Advisor, facilitated the sessions.

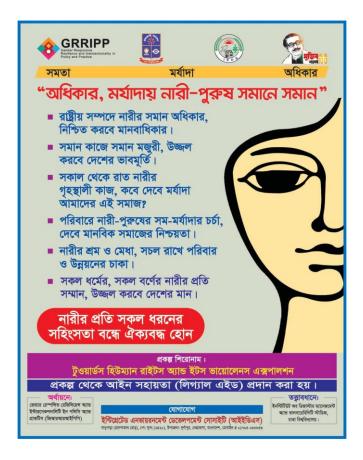
### December, 2021

#### **IEC Material Distribution**

IEC material distribution by one of the leading commissioning projects named "Towards Human Rights and its Violation Expulsion" by Integrated Environment Development Society (IEDS), Bangladesh.

To disseminate and circulate the messages on human rights, under "Towards Human Rights and its Violation Expulsion" project IEDS printed 60,000 leaflets and 2,000 posters for the mass peoples of the area. In this month of November total 15,500 leaflets and 550 posters were distributed for the project beneficiaries.

Through the colorful posters and leaflets, students, teachers, villagers, pedestrians, civil society and project beneficiaries are getting opportunity to learn how to build social resistance against sexual harassment, the equal dignity of women and men and punishment provision law and fines for early marriage from the poster hanging in different strategic locations.







Awareness raising Posters on preventing child marriage, sexual harassment & encouraging gender equity

# 15 days Certification programme on "DRR, Humanitarian Response & Intersectionality"

One of the awardees from Bangladesh project "Development of Curriculum on DRR, Humanitarian Response, and Intersectionality" of GRRIPP South Asian Region, is offering a 15-days Certificate Programme on "Disaster Risk Reduction, Humanitarian Response, and Intersectionality." The aim of this programme has to orient the participants with the aforementioned concepts and their applications in policy and practice. The programme followed a hybrid learning method and the classes held on weekends, which allowed professionals from UN agencies, RCRC Movement, Academia, INGOs, NGOs, Local partners to join the course. On one hand, this course serves as a training programme and pilot project which can be scaled up eventually based on positive responses; on the other hand, this course also helps to obtain feedback from the participants which will beincluded in the syllabus and curriculum of the 01 (one) year post graduationprogramme.



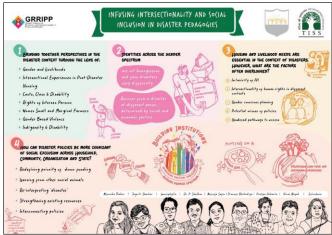
#### **Social Inclusion Consultation**

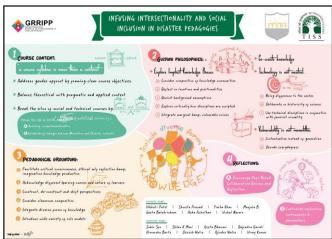
JTSDS,India have been conducting national consultations to enhance gender, intersectionality, and social inclusion perspectives in Disaster Pedagogies. The first consultation took place in December 2021, which gave JTSDS feedback on their own curriculum about the integration of intersectional gender consciousness and social inclusion perspectives. Participants from almost 20 higher education institutions in the Disaster Management and Climate Change higher education sector deliberated on how to make pedagogies more socially inclusive, intersectional and gender-aware.

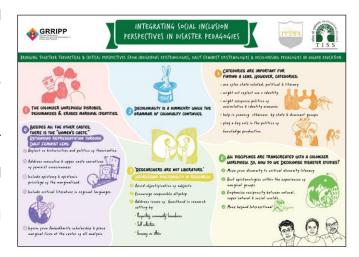
Then, in February 2022, JTSDS conducted a Social Inclusion Consultation. Experts spoke on Dalit feminist

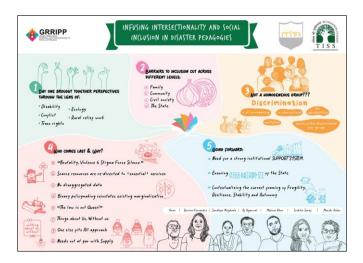
standpoint epistemologies, situated knowledge, and integrating standpoint epistemologies into knowledge production in the Disaster Management discipline, as well as in Indigenous Epistemologies & Decolonial Thought.

In March 2022, JTSDS hosted a third workshop on "Infusing Gender Consciousness, Intersectionality & Social Inclusion Perspectives in Disaster Pedagogies".







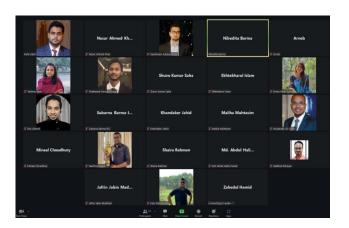


### January, 2022

# A 15-Days Certification Program on "Disaster Risk Reduction, Humanitarian Response and Intersectionality"

The Research team led by a group of reaearchers of different universitis including Bangladesh University of Professonals (BUP), University of Dhaka and Bangladesh Open University launched a 15-Days Certification Programme on "Disaster Risk Reduction, Humanitarian Response and Intersectionality".

The certification programme started in February and was inaugurated by Professor Mahbuba Nasreen, GRRIPP-South Asiain an interactive Zoom session with the participants. The 15-days certification programme has continued over February and March in a hybrid method, both online and offline, and sessions are proving to be dynamic and engaging.



### February, 2022

# Two-month training session in sewing machines for women survivors of abuse

IEDS, Netrokona, Bangladesh has hosted a two-month training session in sewing machines for women survivors of abuse. The training was inaugurated by the Upazila Social Welfare Officer, Netrakona Md. Sarwer Hossain, and presided over by Shamim Kabir, the Executive Director of IEDS. The training was facilitated by Nupur Dhar, who is a renowned trainer from Ministry of Social Welfare. IEDS has also arranged trainings and workshops for school-teachers, students and parents on human rights issues.

GRRIPP South Asia Regional Management Team visited the IEDS project area and remotely evaluated their on-ground activities and involvement with community stakeholders and also paid a visit to Deshbuddhi Disasbility and Autistic School.





### March, 2022

# Roundtable on 'Intersectionality in Redressing Gender & DRR: #BreakingTheBias:

A roundtable on 'Intersectionality in Redressing Gender & DRR: #BreakingTheBias' was jointly organised by Gender Responsive Resilience and Intersectionality in Policy and Practice (GRRIPP) South Asia, Gender and Disaster Network, Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies at Dhaka University, and the Daily Star which was held on 9 march 2022 at the capital's Daily Star Centre, in observance of International Women's Day.





People of the international groups, emminent resarchers, academia, media personnel, dveloppment partners, NGO representives, students participated in the roundtable discussion.



#### Plenary session on 'Disaster and Vulnerability'

The Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies, University of Dhaka organised a National Conference on 'Disaster, Climate and Sustainability' for National Disaster Preparedness Day, 10 March 2022.

Professor Dr. Mahbuba Nasreen, regional lead GRRIPP South Asia, was one of the special guests in the conference and chaired a session named 'Disaster and Vulnerability.' One of the awardees of South Asia, Bangladesh University of Professionals, organised a plenary session 'Curriculum Development on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), Humanitarian Response and Intersectionality' to seek feedback on the draft curriculum from experts and members of diverse communities. Professor Ishrat Shamim, President, Centre for Women and Children Studies, Dr. Towhidul Islam, Dean, Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur, Dr. Dilara Zahid, Director, (Acting), IDMVS also spoke on the occasion.



## Project data collection on maternal healthcare services

In this project, Dhaka University is examining maternal healthcare services during the COVID-19 pandemic in different disaster-prone areas of Bangladesh. The team have completed a mixed-method study in Satkhira Pouroshova, Shyamnagar, and Asashuni Upazilas of Satkhira district. Data has been collected from these key disaster-prone areas, which has helped to draw inferences about the utilization of maternal health care services among women during the COVID-19 pandemic. Further analysis and write ups to follow!



Project data collection on preventing violence against women, worker entitlements, and raising awareness of gender-based violence

SEWA Bharat, India have completed a number of activities in West Bengal, India, centred on preventing violence against women, worker entitlements, and

raising awareness of gender-based violence.

- In Nadia, a judge from the District Court lead an awareness camp on the legal rights available to women when facing gender-based violence, and their rights and entitlements under various legislations to prevent violence against women.
- In Murshidabad, an awareness camp was held on 'Provident Fund of Beedi Workers' where officers from the Provident Fund office shared important information and addressed the issues related to access and withdrawal of Provident Fund among beedi workers.
- In Raghunahganj, Nastara Nawaz, a district level police office, facilitated an event on gender-based violence. A special emphasis was given to the rights of young women, with a goal of increasing awareness of forced marriages.
- In Lalgola, a District Court judge facilitated an awareness camp on the legal rights of women to lead a safe, dignified and violence free life.
- In Behrampore, an awareness camp was organised on 'Addressing Domestic Violence' with the domestic workers in the presence of the Protection officer.



Data collection team of Sarvekshan, SEWA Bharat's social enterprise in Phulia, India

## April, 2022

# Completion of Data Collection of the Tribhuvan University, Maharajgunj Nursing Campus, Kathmandu, Nepal

The research team of Maharajgunj Nursing Campus (Dr. Muna Sharma, Dr. Hridaya Devkota, and Prof. Chandrakala Sharma) has completed data collection through IDI, KII, and three FGDs. Two Workshops were conducted with local stakeholders including the head and the local leaders in Marshyangdi Rural Municipality and Palungtar Municipality of Nepal which were the areas hit by earthquake and flood.



# Session on "Understanding Disability and Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Management (DiDRM)"

Disseminating the concept of intersectional approaches amid relevant & diverse stakeholders is the prime focus of April 2022. Even the youth were also incorporated in the knowledge sharing platforms (video showcasing on "Prohibiting Child Marriage" was an activity of IEDS project for increasing awareness).

#### May, 2022

#### Special film screening of "Shunte Ki Pao"



Disaster Management Studio, Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies (IDMVS), University of Dhaka, in collaboration with GRRIPP South Asia, organized a special film screening of Shunte Ki Pao! (Are You Listening!) on May 9, 2022, at RC Majumdar Arts Auditorium, Lecture Theater, University of Dhaka premises.



The award winning film by Kamar Ahmed Simon revolves around a small village in coastal region of Bangladesh and Gender based resilience

#### **Documentary Launch of GRRIPP South Asia**

In the final dissemination event, the final version of the documentary which is prepared by GRRIPP South Asia will be launched. Commissioning projects of India, Bangladesh and Nepal have also recorded their on ground activities which will be a part of the documentary. The flavor of South Asia as well as the unheard voices of many rural intersectional people will come forward through this initiative.



Place: Shyamnagar Upazila, Satkhira District (South Bangladesh)

Recording of the voices of female farmers from Shyamnagar Upazila on the impact of climate change in their lives and their adaptation techniques towards resilience. This clip will be launched on 5th of June 2022, at the observance of "World Environment Day 2022".

observance of "World Environment Day 2022". Professor Mahbuba Nasreen, Regional Lead, GRRIPP, South Asia, has participated as the 'Guest of Honor' in the Consultation Workshop of Menstruation Hygiene Day 2022, organised by Menstrual Health and Hygiene Management- MHM Platform and Water Aid Bangladesh. She emphasised on the inclusiveness of intersect population in the policy level and shared her long experiences on water. sanitation hyginemanagement challanges during and post disaster situation. As the theme of MH Day 2022 is 'Making Menstruation a Normal Fact of Life by 2030', she proposes some sustainable approaches to ensure availability, accessibility and affordability during Menstruation hygine from South Asian Perspective. In this Consultation Workshop, MHM App named 'Ononna' was launched which is developed as a "Knowledge Hub" for women and girls and can be used across the globe.



#### June, 2022

#### Seminar on "ECO-DRR and Intersectionality"

On June 5, 2022, the Gender and Disaster Network (GDN) and Gender Responsive Resilience and Intersectionality in Policy and Practice (GRRIPP), South Asia in Collaboration with Disaster Management Studio organized a seminar based on the major objective of the event is to inspire youths to take action from the individual and community level to protect the environment and to learn more about intersectionality approaches in nature smart DRR.



GRRIPP South Asia and Disaster Management Studio, Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies, University of Dhaka has jointly celebrated World Environment Day 2022 through organizing a seminer on Eco-DRR and Intersectionality. Regional Lead of GRRIPP South Asia, Professor Dr. Mahbuba Nasreen shared her thoughts, experiences and knowledge in the seminar as the Keynote Speaker.



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