

**Equity and Justice Working Group Bangladesh
(EquityBD)
Plan of Operation - 2011**

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1. Vision, Mission and Rationales

Equity and Justice Working Group Bangladesh (EquityBD) is a right based NGO/CSO alliance that has been established in August 2007 with a vision of “a world of equity and justice where human rights and democracy is the social culture”. The mission of this alliance is “to promote policy debate and practice changes through campaign and mobilization linking local, national and international level”. The Rationales of establishing this alliance are; a) to strengthen NGO/CSOS position and campaigning against the neo-liberal economic policies, (b) to initiate contemporary need based campaign following a quick process of decision making and (c) to build alternative non partisan CSO movement against the flawed development paradigm

2. Campaign Strategies

The group emphasizes on campaign and advocacy for policy and practice changes with micro and macro linkages. EquityBD follows a systematic approach in all its campaign and mobilization initiatives; (i) policy research and specific positioning, (ii) influencing high level political policy makers in national level (iii) intensive effort for media coverage both in print and electronic media, (iv) web-based campaign (electronic newsletter) for wider coverage of stakeholders both in national and international level and, (v) alliance with relevant regional and international network to strengthen voices. Part of policy campaigning EquityBD regularly produces policy papers, study reports and analyses on the key issues facing the developing countries in relation to multilateral discussion and negotiation.

3. Past Campaigns

Since the beginning the group has conducted following major campaigns (i) opposing policy support instrument of IMF, (ii) critical review of PRSP and plea for a sovereign planning process, (iii) debt cancellation, (iv) climate impacts and claiming compensation and reparation on the eve of Bali conference, G8 German and Japan summit, (v) pre and post budget series discourse in view of food sovereignty and climate justice in national level, (vi) aid accountability (vii) protesting G 8 and G20 exclusive process for reforming global financial governance and supporting UN process in this regard, (viii) building pro poor opinions for financing for development and participation in UNFFD process in Doha (ix) claiming rights for climate migrants, (ix) protesting World Bank involvement on MDTF during UK Bangladesh climate conference in 2008, this and some of other campaigns are still going on (x) campaigning for sovereign democratic and responsible financing during Bangladesh Development Forum Meeting in Bangladesh in February 2010, (xi) UK-Bangladesh joint campaign opposing the donor’s condition on MDTF. In all these campaigns seminars, press briefing, signature collection; post card writing and human chain in the street etc. were the major events. Details of all those campaigns are available in www.equitybd.org.

4. EquityBD Actions in 2010

The major activities of EquityBD in 2010 have focused the climate change issue especially rejecting the WB in MDTF (Multi Donor Trust Fund) management, recognizing the rights of climate migrants. Apart from this, we have campaign on the issue of national budget process, debt cancellation and CSO governance. EquityBD has conducted 25 events in total, targeting the above issue during the year 2010.

5. Milestone Achieved

In order to support in adaptation program for Bangladesh, the MDTF is established in 2007. Since the inception World Bank is being supported by some donors especially UK based organization DFID to involve him of MDTF management. EquityBD has protest the persuasion of DFID through organizing campaign with its national and international supporters. EquityBD also campaign and lobby to influence our finance minister during the BDF (Bangladesh Development Forum) meeting and successfully to make a declaration by our minister to keep the MDTF under government management.