



HIV/AIDS and STD Alliance Bangladesh



Glimpse on HASAB

HASAB (HIV/AIDS and STD Alliance Bangladesh) is one of the national leading Non Government Organizations (NGOs) devoted in the field on HIV/AIDS/STI for the past fourteen years. It emerged as a specialized agency in HIV/AIDS & STI field with experiences of grant management and capacity building (technical, managerial and administrative) of smaller NGOs, CBOs and Faith-based organizations who are involved in prevention and control of HIV/AIDS including care and support of HIV infected and affected.

HASAB was incepted in the year 1994, as one of the linking organizations of international HIV/AIDS Alliance UK, to support the community responses to HIV/AIDS. Over the years it has capacitated itself to work independently and has received a national status as an independent organization through affiliation with the NGO Affairs Bureau on 1st November 1998.

HASAB's core focus is on HIV/AIDS and STI related issues which entails an wide range of integrative program that relates HIV with Reproductive Health, Gender, Rights and Social Development as cross cutting issues overarching across the high risk and bridging community.

HASAB's credentials include grant management, organizational and technical capacity building of partner NGOs, and implement HIV interventions. HASAB is one of the specialized agencies working in HIV/AIDS field, highly rated by partners for its approach and support with sound financial, programme monitoring and evaluation system.



Organizational Speciality

HASAB is the only National Indigenous umbrella organization in HIV/AIDS field in Bangladesh, has long working experiences with the following specialties:

- An apex level representation and strong voice for many grass-root NGOs working in HIV/AIDS field;
- Has prevention and control programs including innovative demonstration projects with diversified populations in partnership with local community-based NGOs/ CBOs/ FBOs; ;
- Works directly with PLHAs (People Living with HIV/AIDS) and self-help groups of PLHAs; has right-based intervention with various marginalized communities;
- Works for accessing resources and capacity building for community responses to HIV/AIDS;
- Conduct action research on HIV/ AIDS and also takes role as Center of Excellence for specialized area on HIV/ AIDS with its Training and IEC programs;
- Gained positive reputation and confidence of donors, Ministries and other GO stakeholders and civil societies for HIV program implementation, Grant management and Capacity Building of NGOs.

Governing and organizational structure

HASAB policy and program execution and day to day management and administration is run through Executive Director lead team, where the core team comprise the tier of Directors, Team Leaders/ Managers, Coordinators, Program and Technical Specialists and program officers along with supportive staff. The project-oriented team is adaptable and can vary according to the project need. In addition to this, HASAB has links to pool of technical assistance arranged through various International organizations, interns and consultants. Apart from this, HASAB has a governing body of a 15 members General Council who elects a Executive Committee for a term of every two years, who provides policy guidance to the organization.



HASAB's supports to NGOs/ CBOs

An important programmatic mandate of HASAB is to provide technical and financial supports to the local NGOs and CBOs and since 1994 about 250 local NGOs and CBOs came under the direct and indirect partnership approaches of HASAB.

Through direct approach, HASAB with the support of International HIV/ AIDS Alliance and FHI (Family Health International), provided grants and technical supports to a number of NGOs for targeted intervention with sex workers, MSM (Men having Sex with Men), IDUs (Injecting Drug Users), PLHAs (People Living with HIV/ AIDS) and Migrant Workers between the period 1994 to 2003. Since 2004, HASAB started direct intervention, through consortium approach with other NGOs, among the above mentioned most at risk population, general population and bridging populations including young people, adolescents and students. Through the indirect approach, HASAB involves in capacity building of those NGOs and CBOs, those who are not direct partners of HASAB. Capacity building initiatives includes program planning, designing, implementation, mainstreaming of HIV/ AIDS and development of workplace policy.

HASAB has kept focus for Gender and Human Rights promotion in all the programs, specially when programs are focused for the vulnerable population.

Current Donors of HASAB

- Government of Bangladesh- through:
 - Save the Children USA
 - UNICEF Bangladesh
- International HIV/ AIDS Alliance, UK
- Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- Oxfam Novib
- Manusher Jonno Foundation
- Terre Des Homes - Netherlands (TdH)
- German Technical Cooperation (GTZ)

Recent past Donors of HASAB

FHI, Japan Embassy, OSI, UNAIDS

VISION

HASAB thrives for a Bangladesh, where all sectors contribute to minimize the risks, spread and impact of HIV/AIDS and other STIs.

MISSION

HASAB will contribute to reduce the vulnerability of communities for HIV/AIDS and other STIs by inclusive response to the cause and consequences through strategic partnerships.

HASAB's Programmatic mandate

- Direct/Partnership Intervention Focus
 - Targeted high-risk intervention
 - General and bridging population intervention
 - People living with HIV/AIDS
- Creation of enabling environment through-
 - HIV/AIDS Advocacy
 - Legal issues on HIV/AIDS
 - Gender and HIV
 - Women Empowerment & HIV
 - Rights based approach to HIV
- Resource Center (Information & Communication)
 - Establishment of HIV/ AIDS Resource Centre
 - HIV/ AIDS curriculum and other IEC/ BCC material development
 - Capacity building of local NGOs and CBOs
- Capacity building & training
- Operations research
- Quality Care

**HASAB's Ethical standards guided by
the principles of-**

Non-discriminating

Becoming trustworthy

Maintaining confidentiality

Respecting existing values, norms and culture

HASAB's Response in HIV & AIDS



LEGEND

- Prevention of HIV/AIDS among Young People in Bangladesh (GFATM Package)
- HIV/AIDS Targeted Intervention (HATI) - Clients of Sex Workers & MSM Package
- Promoting Rights of the Exterme Socially Excluded People (PRESEP)
- Continuum of Care & Support to HIV Infected and Affected (CCS)
- JIC-OIKKO (Join in Circuit - United Preventing AIDS) Project
- Initiating response on Mainstreaming of HIV/ AIDS in NGOs in Bangladesh
- Strengthening the capacity of NGOs/ CBOs

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