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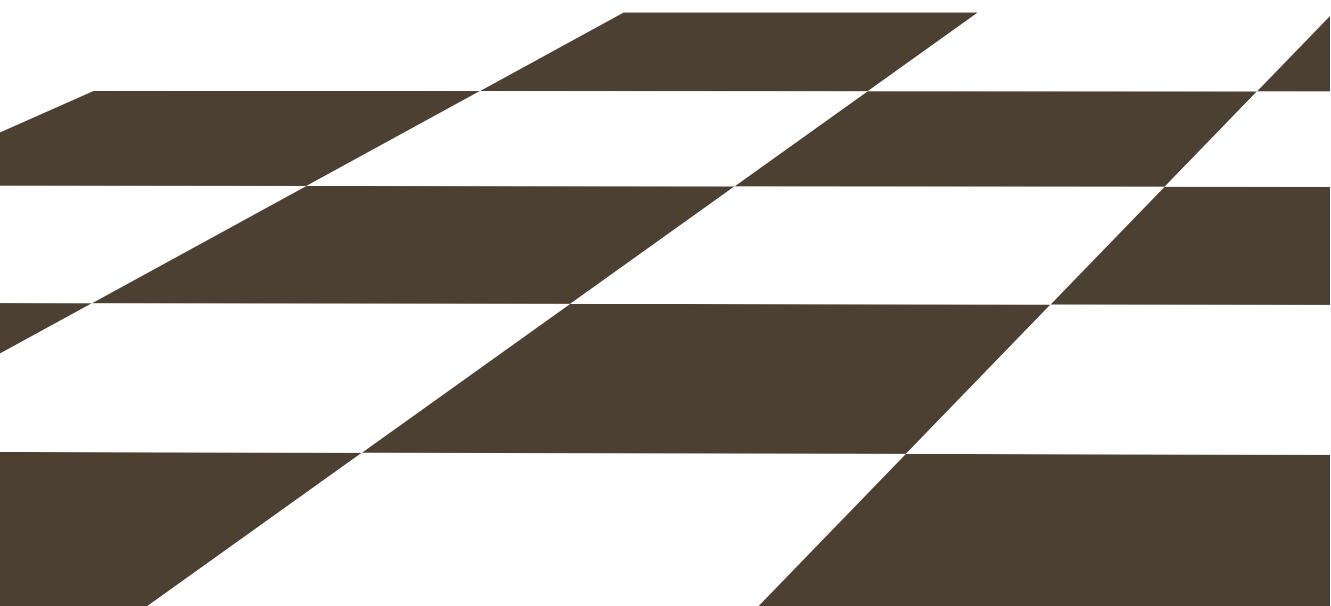
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FOREWORD

It is a privilege for me to present the Annual Report of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) containing a glimpse of the work done by us during the period July 2018-June 2019. This has been another challenging year for TIB and the successful implementation of a comprehensive programme of research, advocacy, outreach and civic engagement, for strengthening the capacity of the State, to prevent and control corruption. Our main focus has continued to be on catalyzing reform and enforcement of laws, rules and policies for integrity, accountable governance and corruption prevention in key areas and institutions of public interest, at the macro level and quality of public service, at the delivery level.

We have presented a snapshot of activities that TIB has implemented under its on-going core project, 'Building Integrity Blocks for Effective Change' (BIBEC). I express my sincere gratitude to the Department for International Development (DFID) of UK, the Embassies of Denmark and Sweden and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) for their generous support and continued trust in the relevance and importance of our work despite many adversities. I also thank both the General Assembly and the Board of Trustees of TIB for their guidance, supervision and support, ensuring our steady progress.

The report shows some examples of our effort to augment resistance against corruption both nationally and locally that led to positive changes in many cases. TIB has continued to conduct research and knowledge-based policy advocacy and has raised voice for change on issues of public interest, even though, on many occasions these were met with unwelcome reactions of various types from a section of power-holders in a civil society space widely considered to be shrinking. In many cases, not only did we navigate through such adverse response, thanks to our relentless efforts and cooperation of many champions for change within the government and political space, we also succeeded to take forward many of our policy stance and recommendations.

On the other hand, we have succeeded in engaging greater number of people in 45 different areas out of Dhaka where TIB operates to raise voice against corruption. This programme of civic engagement, especially of youth participation through the Committees of Concerned Citizens (CCCs) and Youth Engagement and Support (YES) as well as their affiliates like Shochhotar Jonno Nagorik (Citizens for Transparency - Shojon) and YES Friends has continued with greater robustness and enthusiasm. Credit goes to them for successfully contributing to improving transparency and accountability in selected public service delivery institutions by applying various social accountability tools. In many cases the relevant authorities have also formally adopted the TIB-introduced good practices for replication. In the meantime, TIB's model of civic and youth engagement is being introduced with local variations in a number of other Transparency International chapters in Africa, Asia and Europe.

TIB has aligned its work with the National Integrity Strategy (NIS 2012) and Sustainable

Development Goals (SDG 2030), especially goal 16 focusing in particular on accountability and corruption control as *sin qua non* for achieving the motto of 'leaving no one behind'. This reinforces our longstanding policy that our work has always been and will always be aimed at strengthening the capacity of the government of the day in areas of TIB's interest.

All that we present here as examples of our never-ending effort is only a few drops in the ocean of the massive transformation needed to effectively control the grave menace of corruption and accountability deficits. These are so deeply and widely institutionalized that real change required to have positive impact on life and society remains far away. We are, nevertheless, convinced and committed that the demand side of the fight against corruption must be further sustained and strengthened. If TIB has learnt any lesson from its work over the years, it is that risks and challenges are a way of life in anti-corruption movement, and such risks and challenges are also there to be converted into opportunities for positive change. We invite you to feel free to provide us any suggestions, criticisms and guidance which will inspire and strengthen us as we move forward.

Iftekharuzzaman
Executive Director

WHO WE ARE

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) is an independent, non-profit, non-partisan and non-government organisation which envisions a corruption-free Bangladesh where government, politics, business, civil society and daily lives of people shall be free from corruption.

In the context of the international movement against corruption, TIB partners and cooperates with the Berlin-based Transparency International (TI) as its fully accredited national chapter in Bangladesh.

Values

TIB is committed to values of democracy, justice, rule of law, transparency, accountability, integrity and impartiality.

Mission

TIB's mission is to catalyze and strengthen a participatory social movement to promote and develop institutions, laws and practices for combating corruption in Bangladesh, and to establish an efficient and transparent system of governance, politics and business.

Goal

The goal of Building Integrity Blocks for Effective Change (BIBEC) II, the ongoing extended project of TIB is to promote a more enabling environment for reducing corruption and its objectives are:

- To advocate for reforms in laws, policies, processes, practices and oversight for improving governance in targeted institutions and sectors.
- To generate peoples' demand for good governance and strengthen citizens' capacity to challenge corruption.

Approach

TIB uses a three-pronged approach in its work. It engages in:

- Research for knowledge-based advocacy aimed at law/policy reform;
- Engagement with local level stakeholders for generating demand for transparent, effective and accountable governance; and
- Outreach and communication for fostering citizen's support and building networks, alliances and partnerships for driving the anti-corruption movement.

EVIDENCE BASED RESEARCH

TIB's anti-corruption research has significantly contributed towards identifying types, magnitudes and causes of corruption in relevant sectors and institutions with concrete recommendations, which in turn, continued to inform and reinforce TIB's advocacy, engagement and communication initiatives during the reporting period. The outcome of the research studies has succeeded in informing citizens about governance challenges, amplifying demands for fighting corruption and establishing transparent and accountable governance.

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**RESEARCH
REPORTS
RELEASED**
(JULY 2018-JUNE 2019)

1. NGOs of Bangladesh Funded by Foreign Donations: Governance Challenges and Way Forward

2. Corruption in Service Sectors: National Household Survey 2017

3. Governance and Integrity in Election Manifestos of Political Parties in Bangladesh

4. Burimari Land Port & Customs Station and Mongla Port & Custom House: Governance Challenges in Import-Export and Way Out

5. Working Environment and Workers' Rights in Tea Garden: Governance Challenges and Way Forward

6. Election Process Tracking: The Eleventh National Parliament Election

7. Indigenous Peoples and Dalits in Bangladesh: Challenges of Inclusive Service Delivery and Fulfillment of Rights and Way Forward

8. Dhaka WASA: Governance Challenges and Way Forward

9. Good Governance in RMG Sector: Progress and Challenges

10. Status Report on Goal 16 (prepared for the National Consultation on the Progress of SDGs in Bangladesh in the Context of HLPF 2019)

11. Integrity in Public Administration: Policies and Practices

সমস্যা আলো

টিআইবির দাখল আনন্দে আদিবাসী ও দলিত জনগোষ্ঠী বৈষম্যের শিকার

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The Daily Star

TI CORRUPTION INDEX 2018

Bangladesh slips six notches

Ranked second most corrupt in South Asia; AC chief says steps will be taken if TI specifies sector

Bangladesh slipped down six notches in the Transparency International's global Corruption Perceptions Index 2018 to a rank of 143 out of 180 countries surveyed last year from 149 in 2017.

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Bangladesh slides down Transparency graft scale

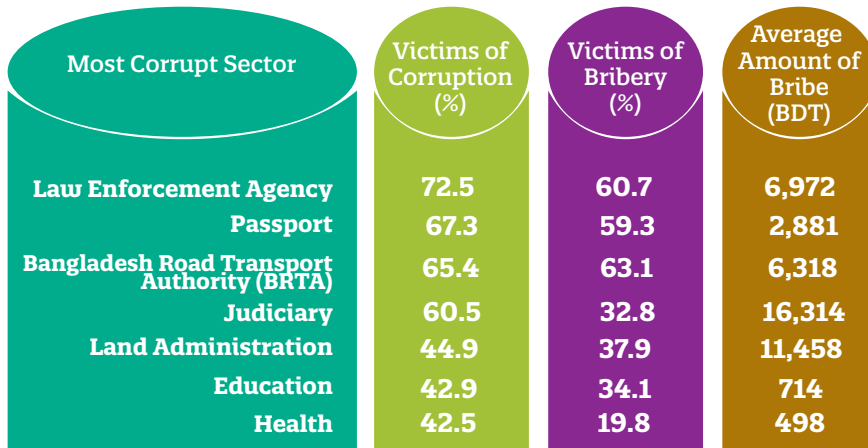
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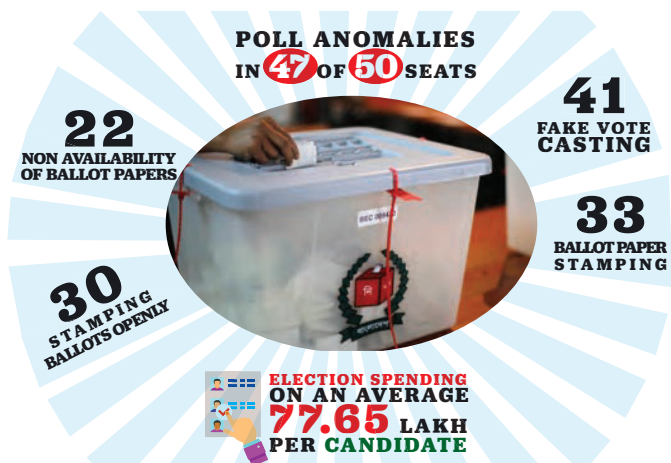
Corruption in Services Sectors: National Household Survey 2017

TIB has been conducting the National Household Survey since 1997 to identify the nature and extent of corruption in major service sectors. This 2017 survey is the eighth in the series. The survey findings reveal that 66.5% of households experienced corruption while receiving services from different public and private sectors or institutions.



Tracking the Eleventh National Parliament Election 2018

The Election Process Tracking report observed that partaking in the 11th national parliamentary polls by all registered political parties may be deemed as 'participatory', but it cannot be termed as 'competitive'. According to the study, the Election Commission (EC) failed to ensure its impartial role which made the election controversial. A section of the polling officers and law enforcers were found to be biased in their role during the election day, which engendered violation of electoral regulations. Consequently, all voters did not get an equal opportunity to cast their ballots. Identifying noticeable anomalies with allegations of different types of electoral irregularities, the study demanded a neutral judicial inquiry into the reported irregularities including violence and use of force in the elections. The study was an evidence-based assessment of lack of fairness in the election process and the questionable role of the Election Commission.



17th April
Report on **Dhaka WASA**
Good Governance and
Way Forward
Released

51.5%

Filthy Water



41.4%

Smelly Water



34.5%

Poor Water
Quality



91%

People Drink
Boiled Water



TK332
Gas
Burnt

core
to Boil
Water



23rd April
Protest by Citizens



100%
Drinkable

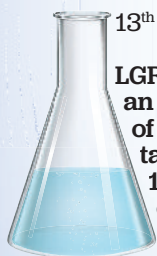




25th April
Human
Chain



7th May
Safe Water Rally



13th May
LGRD submits
an estimate
of 75.52 lakh
taka to test
1065 samples
of WASA water



7th May
Public
Hearing



8th May
High Court Division sought WASA water quality report

16th May
WASA admitted that water supplied in 57 areas of 10
zones is polluted.

21st May
Court directed to test the water quality of 34 areas at
BUET and DU laboratories

7th July
LGRD submitted a report that water supplied in 4 out of
10 zones is bacteria contaminated

ADVOCACY INITIATIVES AND ACHIEVEMENTS



Transparency and Accountability in
Bangladesh's **Gold sector**

Gazette on 'Gold Policy 2018'
Published

Circular on Gold Dealer licensing for
importing gold and ornaments issued



NGO
Governance



→ NGOAB instructed all NGOs
registered under the Bureau
to implement TIB's recommendations

→ Action plan developed by TIB
in consultation with NGOAB and NGOs



Government earned
BDT **1.8 billion**
revenue from whitening
undeclared gold

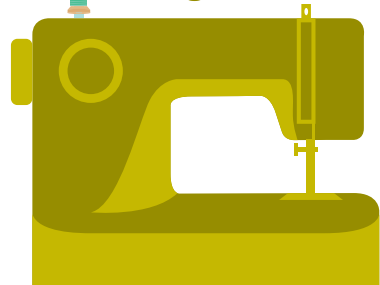


**Dalit and Ethnic
Minority Rights**

50 small ethnic communities
(23 new) recognized by the
Ministry of Cultural Affairs

RMG

working environment



The Labour Law (Amendment)
2018 circulated Bangladesh Export
Processing Zone (EPZ)
Labour Ordinance 2019
promulgated

Port Governance

A full-fledged Custom House set up near Mongla Port.



Road Safety

The Road Transport Act, 2018 enacted



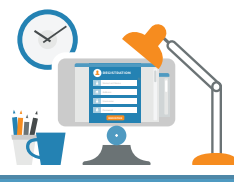
Health Care Improvement



Online mechanism introduced in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for submission of complaints and feedback



Online licensing application and renewal processes along with fixed registration and renewal fees introduced for private healthcare providing organizations



Biometric machine introduced to ensure registration and attendance of staff in public health service providing centers



Climate Finance Governance

Image: Nayeema Zerin, 2018

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The Government of Bangladesh (GoB) allocated BDT. 2,000 Million to the Bangladesh Climate Change Trust Fund (BCCTF) for FY2019-2020. TIB's advocacy engagement contributed in fund disbursement from Green Climate Fund (GCF) for the Climate Resilience Infrastructure Mainstreaming (CRIM) project.

The BCCTF Trustee Board and the Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation Department (IMED) of GoB agreed to evaluate 27 completed projects funded by BCCTF to examine whether proper vulnerability assessment had been carried out and adaptation had been targeted properly.

TIB and the Asian Center for Development jointly carried out a study to examine the synergy between climate change and development projects, which concluded that BCCTF projects might benefit from following the project implementation and monitoring process of the projects, implemented under the Annual Development Programme (ADP). The study further recommended that, since many of the ADP projects have climate components, there is also a need to carefully segregate climate activities of the development projects in order to access global climate funds.

TIB published the research on "Climate Adaptation Finance Governance Standards - A New Approach Piloted in the Maldives and Bangladesh" in collaboration with the Adaptation Watch partners and TI. The study identified the importance of prioritising need-based projects, aligning national & international policies, adopting a strong code of conduct & supporting communities to hold stakeholders accountable. The UN Development Programme has shown interest in adopting the framework in their assessment of climate governance.

The Bangladesh Water Development Board and other Local Government Institutions of Chandpur have taken initiatives to increase participation of the community and disclosed the project related information for enhanced transparency. Meanwhile, in Shatkhira, the municipal authority assigned an independent consultant to form the Citizens' Monitoring Committee involving TIB's CCC members to ensure transparency, accountability and participation in project implementation.

TIB organized a workshop on “Improved Access to Green Climate Fund-GCF: Designing Appropriate Project for Direct Access Entities and Executing Entities (DAEs)” to provide potential DAEs with assistance and guidelines to develop robust and fundable project proposals for GCF.



DAE workshop 2018

Dhaka Integrity Dialogue 3

National and international experts stressed on the need to ensure transparency and equity in securing Green Climate Funds (GCF) by implementing policies at par with global standards at a day-long international dialogue titled ‘Dhaka Integrity Dialogue 3: Equity and Transparency in Green Climate Funding’ held in the capital. Experts from Bhutan, Nepal, Australia, South Korea, Germany and Bangladesh reiterated the necessity of monitoring the implementation of projects at the grass root level, and ensuring community participation in the monitoring of the implementation process.



Dhaka Integrity Dialogue 3

PARTNERSHIP

During the reporting period, TIB's partnership and alliance with other NGOs at both national and sub-national levels continued with increased joint initiatives. These included implementation of the Right to Information Act, day observance, campaigns and capacity building initiatives with the Cabinet Division, Anti-Corruption Commission and Information Commission.



TIB organised a workshop on 'Sustainable Development Goals, Good Governance and Women' for female UNOs with assistance from the Cabinet Division to mark the International Women's Day 2019

During this period, TIB and different authorities and agencies took at least 150 joint initiatives at the local level. Under the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ACC, TIB inaugurated Sotota Stores (seller-free shop) at two schools in Munshiganj and Chakaria. In addition, TIB introduced different social accountability tools like public hearings; face the public and multi-stakeholder meetings in local level institutions.



TIB organised an advocacy meeting on Indigenous and Dalit Peoples of Bangladesh: Challenges and Way Forward for Inclusion in Rights and Services

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Local level interventions of TIB focus on promoting institutional integrity through improved service delivery and resisting corruption through citizens' mobilization. During the reporting period, Committees of Concerned Citizens (CCC) and Youth Engagement and Support (YES) along with auxiliary groups SWAJAN, YES friends and Young Professionals against Corruption (YPAC) continued to extend technical support to concerned authorities, and inform and engage citizens in creating awareness for ensuring their rights. As a result, nearly 250 authorities instructed their subordinate institutions to replicate TIB's proven tools in improving different governance indicators.



TIB reviewed a total of 1,86,215 beneficiaries of the Vulnerable Group Development (VGD) from 900 Union Parishads under 96 Upazilas of 45 Districts, and identified 6,817 ineligible beneficiaries. Subsequently, 3,794 (56%) ineligible beneficiaries were replaced.

Image: Abu Md Khalidul Kabir, 2017



Satellite Advocacy and Legal Advice Centers (ALAC)

Being instructed by the Civil Surgeons and Deputy Directors of the Local Government Division, different Upazila health authorities introduced various governance tools in their respective institutions, i.e., Information Board, Complaint Box, DIO's name plate, list of services for females, complaint and RTI register, etc. Meanwhile, TIB's Advocacy and Legal Advice Centers (ALAC) provided services to 334 citizens.

At least **1,378**
Active Mothers Forums
have been formed in
different Government
Primary Schools involving
approximately
25,000
mothers.



Image: Moniruzzaman Sazal, 2016



Meeting of Active
Mothers Forum

WHERE WE WORK

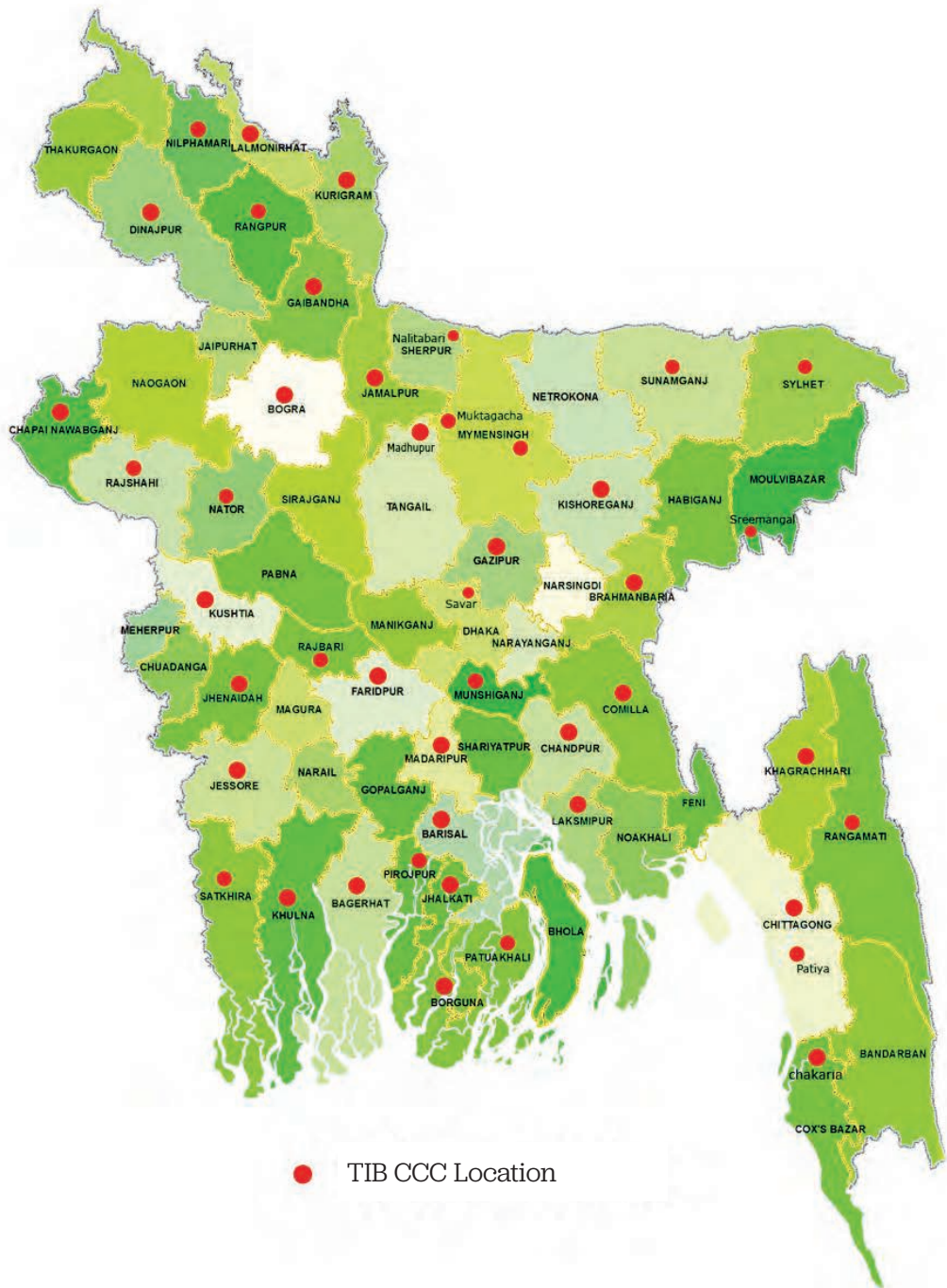




Image: Partha Banik, 2016

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

The youth engagement programmes of TIB continued to persuade and engage the youth across the country in resisting all types of corruption. Youth Engagement and Support (YES) members and YES Friends, both in Dhaka and CCC areas, undertook anti-corruption activities round the year through different public awareness campaigns and initiatives.



To streamline the role of youth with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), TIB organized four two-day long anti-corruption youth camps involving YES volunteers from CCC areas. Around a thousand of YES and YES friends from 45 CCCs along with non-YES students from different educational institutions took part in these camps.

Campaign activities led by the youth included anti-corruption oath-taking by students, anti-corruption cartoon and photography exhibitions, game shows, street theatre shows etc. Similarly, different YES and YES Friends groups organized workshops and quiz competitions focusing on creating awareness around consumers' rights, road safety, Corruption Perceptions Index, etc.

YES activists organized diversified anti-corruption activities to observe national and international days as part of on-campus and off-campus awareness raising events. During the reporting period, YES and YES friends observed the International Right to Know Day and International Anti-Corruption Day 2018 and organised diversified set of programmes, i.e., public awareness, campaigns including rallies, human chains, street theatres, fairs, satellite Advice and Information desks, study circles, seminars with support from the Cabinet Division, Anti-Corruption Commission and Information Commission, local government authorities and educational institutions.

Two new YES groups were formed at the Daffodil International University, Dhaka and the Patuakhali Science and Technology University during the reporting period.



Images of Anti-Corruption Youth Camp 2018





First Prize Winner (Group A)



First Prize Winner (Group B)



Anti-Corruption
Cartoon and Photography
Exhibition 2018

MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

TIB regards media and journalists as its key stakeholders, especially to influence and inform citizens on anti-corruption and governance issues, and push the government to implement and/or reform the laws/policies. TIB's training on investigative journalism continued to enrich journalists with timely and advanced investigative techniques during this digital era.



TIB awarded Investigative Journalism (IJ) Awards 2018 to six journalists and two tv documentary programs

To mark the IACD 2018, the Investigative Journalism Awards were conferred in 7 categories, i.e., print media (local, national, national-Climate Finance Governance) and electronic Media (TV Report, TV Report-Climate Finance Governance, TV documentary, TV documentary-Climate Finance Governance). The honours have become a highly commended catalyst to strengthen media capacity on investigative reporting on corruption. Also, investigative reports on health, land and climate change issues have been published and broadcast in electronic, print and online media, under the Investigative Journalism Fellowship 2018.



TIB organised training on Investigative Journalism for the journalists of Law Reporters Forum with a view to enhancing their skill and capacity



Towards SDG

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB), has continued to align its agenda with the SDGs with particular reference to the thematic and sectoral focus of TIB's core project.

TIB has attached highest priority to Goal 16, e.g., promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels, not only for the importance of goal 16 per se but also for its cross-cutting implications for all other goals.



Ensure healthy lives and promote well being for all, at all ages

123 meetings held in 45 CCCs involving **2,893 individuals** (Male - 1735, Female - 652 and Marginalized - 506). **1,368 service** recipients (Male - 763, Female - 419, Marginalized - 186) participated in the Face the Public, multi-stakeholders meetings.

Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote life long learning opportunities for all



1,378 Active Mothers Forums formed involving approx. **25,000** mothers to ensure quality education for all. **74 mothers/parents** gatherings held where **2,726 parents** (Male - 542, Female - 1808, Marginalized - 376) participated. **123 consultation** meetings with local-level education authorities organized in 45 CCCs where **1,868 individuals** (Male - 1,129, Female - 484, and Marginalized - 255) participated.



Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

In collaboration with the Cabinet Division of GoB, a workshop on 'SDGs, Good Governance and Women' was organised where **14 female UNOs** participated. **58 consultation** meetings with local government representatives held involving **1,182 citizens** (Male - 819, Female - 221, Marginalized - 142).



6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



Ensure availability and sustainable management of water & sanitation for all

“Dhaka WASA: Governance Challenges and Way forward” released.

Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



Study reports on the garments sector, working environment and workers' right in tea garden released.

13 CLIMATE ACTION



Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

11 advocacy meetings took place at local level where 321 males and 48 females participated. **157 campaign** activities took place where **10,416** males and **4,794** females participated. Three public hearings on climate adaptation project took place where **545** males and **337** females participated. Tracking of one Climate Finance project at Cox's bazar conducted.

Promotes peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provides access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTION



Eight research reports released.

22 policy briefs and **38 policy** stances disseminated.

ACC and TIB jointly produced an anti-corruption TV Commercial (TVC) on **‘Women’s liability against illegal income and wealth’**.

Four youth camps organised.



UN
SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS

Governance



The 2nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the General Assembly of TIB was held on 31 October 2018

TIB'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES (as of 30 December 2019)

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Independent Auditors' Report To the Board of Trustees

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of **Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB)**, which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2019, and the Statement of Income and Expenditure, Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the Financial Position of the organization as at 30 June 2019, and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs), the Foreign Donation (Voluntary Activities) Regulation Act 2016 and other applicable laws and regulations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the organization in accordance with the ethical requirement that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Bangladesh, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with IFRSs, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the organization's financial reporting process.



Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that gives a true and fair view.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Report on other legal and Regulatory Requirement,

We also report the followings:

- a) we have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit and made due verification thereof;
- b) in our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the Organization so far as it appeared from our examination of these books; and
- c) the statement of financial position, statement of income and expenditure, and statement of receipts and payments dealt with by the report are in agreement with the books of account.

Dated: Dhaka
24 September 2019




MABS & J Partners
Chartered Accountants

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB)
Statement of Financial Position
As at 30 June 2019

Particulars	Notes	Amount in Taka	
		30 June 2019	30 June 2018
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipments	5.1	6,139,461	15,858,452
Intangible assets	5.2	41,500	1,504,820
Investment in FDR		2,000,000	2,000,000
		8,180,961	19,363,272
Current assets			
Advances, deposits & pre-payments	6	5,500,538	6,304,190
Receivables	7	1,114,420	229,877
Cash & cash equivalents	8	72,271,587	60,209,071
		78,886,545	66,743,138
TOTAL ASSETS		87,067,506	86,106,410
LIABILITIES AND FUNDS			
Liabilities	9	9,343,693	4,879,904
Represented by:			
Due to donor	10	64,876,174	57,195,329
TIB General Fund	11	6,666,677	6,667,905
Fixed asset fund- unfunded	12	6,180,962	17,363,272
Total funds		77,723,813	81,226,506
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUNDS		87,067,506	86,106,410

The accompanying notes from 1 to 27 and annexure 1 to 7 form an integral part of these financial statements.


Treasurer


Executive Director


Chairperson

This is the Statement of Financial Position referred to in our separate report of even date.

Dated: Dhaka
24 September 2019




MABS & J Partners
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Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB)
Statement of Income and Expenditure
For the year ended on 30 June 2019

Particulars	Notes	Amount in Taka	
		1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019	1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018
INCOME			
Grants income	13	428,872,135	463,583,396
Income for general fund (Annexure # 5)		714,498	397,365
Total income		429,586,633	463,980,761
EXPENDITURE			
Salary and allowance	19	291,194,773	266,242,390
Travel cost	20	6,467,988	8,262,480
Staff training and capacity building cost	21	417,847	1,202,793
Operating cost	22	75,783,929	78,423,744
Activity cost	23	54,058,684	89,801,999
Capacity building of CCC, YES, YES Friends and Partners	24	1,160,816	19,762,309
Property, plant and equipment (Non capitalized expenditure)	25	278,697	198,796
Technical support and consultancy cost		223,900	86,250
Total expenditures		429,586,633	463,980,761

The accompanying notes from 1 to 27 and annexure 1 to 7 form an integral part of these financial statements.


Treasurer


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Dated: Dhaka
24 September 2019


MABS & J Partners
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Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB)
Statement of Receipts and Payments
For the year ended on 30 June 2019

Particulars	Notes	Amount in Taka	
		1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019	1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018
Opening balance			
Cash in hand	8	278,718	230,169
Cash at bank		59,930,353	86,392,564
		60,209,071	86,622,733
Receipts			
Foreign grants	10.1	425,137,736	423,319,882
Other Foreign Grants		619,172	156,603
Membership fee	14	27,200	59,100
Other receipts	15	1,109,775	1,025,258
Bank interest	16	230,829	833,817
Other income	17	145,414	797,126
Received against capital expenditure	18	459,932	85,650
Total receipts		427,730,058	426,277,436
Total		487,939,129	512,900,169
Payments			
Salary and allowance	19	288,533,801	266,360,292
Travel cost	20	6,267,579	8,226,508
Staff training and capacity building cost	21	417,847	1,202,793
Operating cost	22	63,267,618	62,454,303
Activity cost	23	52,867,868	90,175,077
Capacity building of CCC, YES, YES Friends and Partners	24	1,160,816	19,762,309
Property, plant and equipment (Non capitalized expenditure)	25	278,697	198,796
Technical support and consultancy cost		223,900	86,250
Property, plant and equipment (capitalized expenditure)		1,196,109	2,009,669
Investment- FDR for Staff welfare		-	2,000,000
Other adjustment	26	1,453,309	215,102
Total payments		415,667,543	452,691,098
Closing balance:			
Cash in hand	8	295,074	278,718
Cash at bank		71,976,513	59,930,353
		72,271,587	60,209,071
Total		487,939,129	512,900,169

The accompanying notes from 1 to 27 and annexure 1 to 7 form an integral part of these financial statements.


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Dated: Dhaka
24 September 2019

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ANNEXTURE

Designated Officers of TIB

As a stakeholder in people's right to information and in accordance with the RTI Act 2009 TIB's designated information request channels are: info@ti-bangladesh.org, or by phone or letter to: Manager- Resource & Information Centre phone: 01713065016.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ACA	Anti-Corruption Agency
ACC	Anti-Corruption Commission
AI Desk	Advice and Information Desk
ALAC	Advocacy and Legal Advice Centre
ALRD	Association for Land Reform and Development
BCCTF	Bangladesh Climate Change Trust Fund
BIBEC	Building Integrity Blocks for Effective Change
CAG	Comptroller and Auditor General
CCA	Climate Change Adaptation
CCC	Committee of Concerned Citizens
CFG	Climate Finance Governance
CPCs	Corruption Prevention Committees
CSO	Civil Society Organization
DFID	Department for International Development
EOD	Embassy of Denmark
F&A	Finance and Administration
FtP	Face the Public
IYD	International Youth Day
KUDS	Khulna University Debating Society
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
NIS	National Integrity System
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
RMG	Ready-made Garment
RTI	Right to Information
SDC	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
SWAJON	Swachhotar Jonno Nagorik (Citizens for Transparency)
TI	Transparency International
TIB	Transparency International Bangladesh
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