



EXCLUDED PEOPLE'S RIGHTS (EPR) IN BANGLADESH



Project Goal

Poor, marginalised and vulnerable people enjoy a better quality of life in an environment of democratic freedom and security.

Manusher Jonno Foundation (MJF) is one of the largest national non-governmental organisations in Bangladesh disbursing funds and capacity building support for human rights and governance work. With UKAid as its main donor, MJF began its journey in 2002 and has so far supported over 250 Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) with funding and capacity building programmes. MJF support is directed at building capacity of poor and marginalised people to demand basic services and raise voice against rights violation. MJF also works with public institutions to ensure their responsiveness towards marginalised people. Policy advocacy is another feature of MJF's work and it has been directly involved in some of the most progressive and pro-poor laws and policies enacted over the last 16 years.

In October 2017, MJF was awarded a five-year Project titled 'Excluded People's Rights in Bangladesh' (EPR) by UKAid through DFID. EPR Project will promote rights, ensure entitlements and dignity of 2.09 million people. MJF will channel grants to more than 100 CSOs who are committed to working with marginalised groups in Bangladesh.

FIVE THEMATIC AREAS OF EPR



Through five programmatic interventions across various locations of Bangladesh, the EPR is reaching out to the most marginalised and excluded people, such as persons with disabilities, sex workers, dalits, ethnic minorities, *char* people, garment and migrant workers and working children in hazardous labour. Acting as catalyst, MJF is committed to empowering the voices of these excluded communities to claim their entitlements and rights. The five-year EPR Project will end on 30 June 2022.

The EPR Project is conceptually and strategically consistent with the relevant provisions of the Constitution of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, as well as Perspective Plan 2011-2021: Making Vision 2021 a Reality; the National Integrity Strategy (2012); the Seventh Five Year Plan (2016-2020); and the Sustainable Development Goals. MJF enjoys consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations since 2017.

Key Outcome

Enhanced rights of the poor and marginalised people to access economic, social, political, and legal entitlements including quality public goods and services.



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