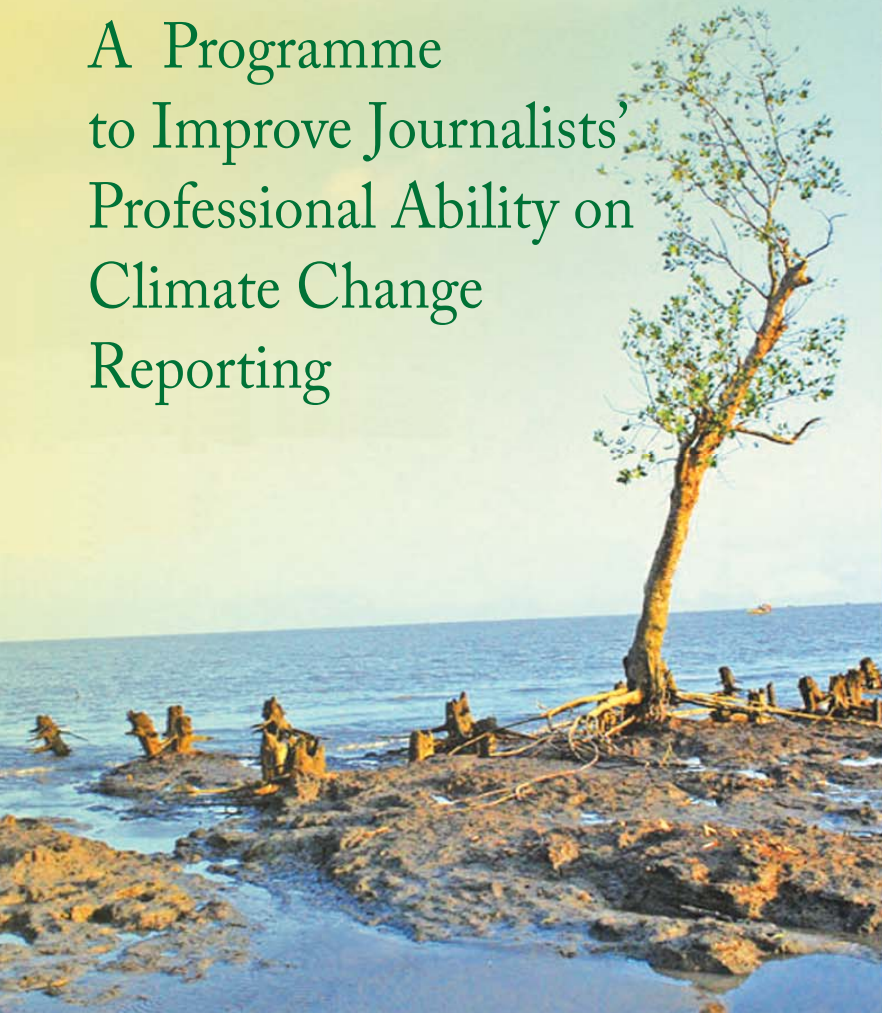


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Bangladesh is one of the world's top 10 countries vulnerable to climate change and global warming. According to media reports and studies, one-third of the country's people are already affected by the climate change and three-fourth its population will face serious crisis by 2050.

Climate-induced cyclonic storms have already claimed the lives of thousands of people and displaced many more, pushing the number of internal climate refugees.

Achieving the country's millennium development goals (MDGs) is very much dependent on how a

government addresses the impacts of climate changes and global warming.

The government of Bangladesh and many organizations are implementing various programmes to tackle and adapt to the challenge of climate change. But more actions are needed to overcome the challenges.

Much needs to be done yet

Bangladesh must ensure the survivors' livelihood, food security, health, safe home, education and justice to its citizens. All these are basic rights of people. It also needs to draw the global attention for cooperation and support.





United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has pointed out four major issues in dealing with the climate change and urged all nations to put their hands together to save the world from the disasters.

- Sound science for decision making
- International cooperation
- International policy setting and technical assistance
- National development planning

The fact is that there is no way for Bangladesh to bypass the issue. All citizens should join hands to face the challenges of climate change and focus on its mitigation and adaptation.

Journalists at all levels have a greater role in making people more aware and create mass opinion on the ways for adapting to climate change. Their news items and articles can greatly



help the policy planners, officials, public representatives to undertake need-based policy planning and implement development activities. Above all, they can play the role of watchdog on environmental issues and governance.

Under the circumstances, News Network has taken up the project titled, “Programme for Journalists on Understanding Climate Change Issues and Quality Reporting” for journalists in different districts to provide them with better understanding on climate change issues and improve their professional ability for quality reporting on the issue.

The project is quite relevant to country’s present context.

German Embassy in Dhaka has come up to support the project, which is also one of their priority sectors to provide assistance around the world to help vulnerable nations face the challenges of climate change.

Beyond the project period News Network is firm to continue the initiative for greater interest of the people.

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