



NEWS
NETWORK

*working for
social change and
empowering people*

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In 1994, a group of young journalists, media experts and human rights defenders (HRDs) established News Network as a non-profit organisation. It is registered under the country's T (Voluntary Activities) Regulation Act.

In 2022, the organisation achieved the UN ECOSOC Special Consultative Status in recognition of our commendable work.

News Network is dedicated to ensuring freedom of the press and expression, human rights, particularly the rights of the minorities and ethnic groups and access to information.

We believe in good governance, accountability and transparency at all levels.

News Network envisions a stable and prosperous nation, where the media is free, citizens are aware of their rights, enjoy the freedom of expression and gender equality and live with dignity.

Our Areas of Work

News Network has a wide range of activities across the country. Over the years, the organisation has gained extensive knowledge and developed expertise in the field of improving capacity of journalists, HRDs and CSOs, right to information, digital and physical safety and security, combating gender-based violence (GBV) and violence against women (VAW).

It also supported and continue to support media people, HRDs and CSOs to promote human rights, governance and development issues, food security, climate change and environment, health and sanitation as well as some other crucial rights-based issues. Apart from these it works for improving media's capacity on investigative journalism. Besides, News Network has been implementing special programmes for development of women journalists in Bangladesh over the last two decades.

All of its activities have a strong social impact on empowering the people socially, culturally and economically. These activities also add values to the society by promoting sustained, inclusive economic growth and help the country achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Governance Structure

The organisation is governed by a seven-member Executive Council (EC).

The EC consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary General, Finance Secretary and three Executive members.

The EC's main responsibilities are to make policies, provide advices and take major decisions to run the office and activities. The body is democratically elected by a 21-member General Council (GC) every four years.

On behalf of the EC, the Secretary General plays the role of Editor and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of News Network.

Our Goals

1. Strengthening democracy, human rights and independent media
2. Promote freedom of expression and freedom of press
3. Develop professional ability of journalists
4. Support and encourage young women to take up journalism as their profession
5. Promote investigative journalism and reduce impunity for crimes against media people and HRDs
6. Promote digital and physical safety and security of media people, HRDs and CSOs
7. Promote activities to face the challenges of disaster management, climate change, poverty alleviation and environment
8. Promote women empowerment and gender equality
9. Promote religious freedom, social inclusiveness of marginal people, rights of the religious minority and ethnic community people
10. Sensitise media people on crucial social and national issues
11. Promote access to justice and right to information (RTI)
12. Support media people, HRDs and CSOs to protect and promote democracy, human rights, women's and girls' rights, child rights, good governance, transparency and accountability
13. Building teenagers as good citizens
14. Conduct research, study, case investigation and in-depth reporting
15. Organise dialogues, seminars, workshops and discussion meeting on issues of national importance



We support good governance for bright future

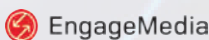
Development Partners

News Network's programmes and initiatives have greatly impacted the media and the society. With the resources and dynamism, the organization has witnessed a slow but steady growth to become a credible national organisation in Bangladesh.

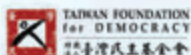
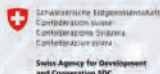
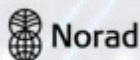
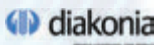
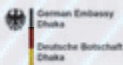
Since inception in 1994, News Network has attracted funding assistance from various national and international donors and organisations.

These include Ford Foundation, Diakonia, SDC, NORAD, DANIDA, Plan International, Free Voice, The American Center, The World Bank, Taiwan Foundation for Democracy (TFD), UNESCO, UNDEF, UNDP, European Union, Canadian High Commission, The Netherlands Embassy, German Embassy, Internews, EngageMedia, Counterpart International and Janata Bank.

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