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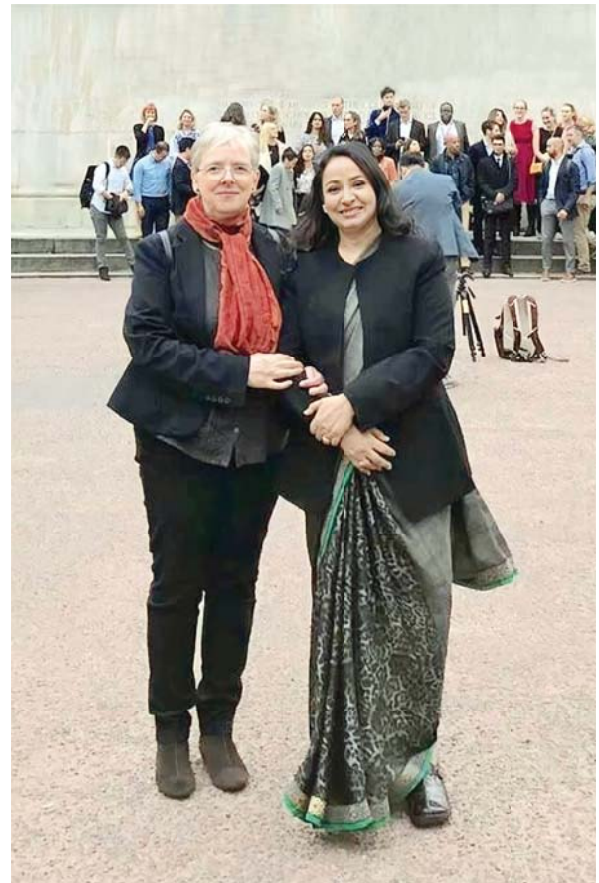
Till June, 2022 we're bringing you lots of exciting project news and event updates.

About GRRIPP South Asia

Gender Responsive Resilience and Intersectionality in Policy and Practice (GRRIPP) is a four-year global collaboration and knowledge exchange project funded by the Global Challenges Research Fund of UK Innovative and Research Initiatives (UKRI). Professor Maureen Fordham, PhD., Centre Director, IRDR Centre for Gender and Disaster at the University College London (UCL), UK, is the Principal Investigator of the global GRRIPP. GRRIPP activities are centrally managed through a dedicated UCL Management Team, Coordinators and Thematic Leads. GRRIPP- the Networking Plus Partnering for Resilience is implemented in three regions: Latin America and the Caribbean, South Africa and South Asia.

GRRIPP (South Asia) was launched in 2020 by signing memorandum of understanding between the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh and University College London, UK and awarded to the Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies (IDMVS), University of Dhaka. Professor Mahbuba Nasreen, PhD. the Co-Founder and former Director of IDMVS, University of Dhaka and a Visiting Professor of the Institute for Risk and Disaster Reduction (IRDR), UCL, is the GRRIPP South Asia Regional Lead. GRRIPP-South Asia aims to bring together theory, policy and practice to promote a gender-responsive approach to disaster management and development. GRRIPP South Asia is awarded to IDMVS as part of the activities of the Gender and Disaster Network (GDN), Bangladesh Country Hub, which was launched in 2018 at IDMVS with the support of UN Women.

GRRIPP South Asia has awarded several commissioning projects to researchers in Bangladesh, India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka to accomplish the goal of making vulnerable communities resilient through intersectional need-based policies and practices. The regional management team of GRRIPP South Asia consists of four advisory board members of home and abroad along with five (05) project staffs.



Prof. Dr. Mahbuba Nasreen is with Prof. Dr. Maureen Fordham at University College London (UCL)

June, 2022

GRRIPP South Asia Final Dissemination event

June was a crucial month for GRRIPP South Asia commissioning projects, as awardees gathered at The Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific Auditorium in Dhaka on June 14-15, 2022 for the 'final dissemination workshop'.



A photograph with the awardees, Global GRRIPP Representatives along with the Regional Management team of GRRIPP South Asia

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Over 167 individuals took part in the two-day programme, including the Honourable Vice Chancellor of the University of Dhaka, the State Minister of the Bangladesh Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR), regional advisory board members of GRRIPP South Asia, UCL management team members, awardees, government experts, professionals working in diverse development sectors i.e., Centre for Women and Children Studies, NAHAB, ADPC, UN Women, Friendship, IFRC, CCDB, REACH, academia (BUET,

BoU, BUP, Jagannath University, Daffodil University), researchers, practitioners, media representatives (The Daily Samakal, The Daily Star, Campus Times, etc.) and students of Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies. The purpose of the event was to build networks and share the expertise, knowledge, and experiences of the seven GRRIPP South Asia projects from India, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

As parallel events, a plenary discussion was also organised on "Rethinking health sector crises through an inclusive lens" along with a book launch ceremony from All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI) titled "Learning and Understanding Intersectionality of Women-Led Disaster Preparedness and Resilience."



Discussion among awardees and special guests



Dr. Md. Enamur Rahman MP, Chief Guest, viewing disaster bioscope created by students



Volunteers along with the Guests of Final Dissemination Event



Book Launching by the Chief Guest Dr.Md. Enamur Rahman MP

"Journey of GRRIPP South Asia" documentary launch

GRRIPP South Asia hosted their Final Dissemination Event with their commissioned projects on June 14-15. During the 'inaugural ceremony,' of the Final Dissemination Event; Professor Dr. Md. Akhtaruzzaman,

honourable Vice Chancellor of the University of Dhaka, served as the chief guest and officially premiered the 'Journey of GRRIPP South Asia' documentary which portrays the journey of GRRIPP South Asia region, along with its commissioning projects from different parts of the region. Watch it on YouTube : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p7epHx_4R68



Training on Intersectionality

Professor Mahbuba Nasreen (GRRIPP South Asia Regional Lead) and Omogolo Taunyane-Mnguni (GRRIPP Africa Communications Officer) were among several leading speakers on the 3-day training programme: Intersectionality Approach for Securing

Women's Livelihoods, Food and Nutrition Security, and Towards Disaster Resilience Building (28-30 June). This event was organised by India's National Institute of Disaster Management in collaboration with the All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (a GRRIPP network member).

3 Day Online Training Programme on
Intersectionality Approach for Securing Women's Livelihoods, Food and Nutrition Security Towards Disaster Resilience Building: Agenda for APMCDRR
Tuesday–Thursday, 28–30, June 2022 15:00– 17:00 (IST)
REGISTRATION AT <https://training.nidm.gov.in/>

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 Executive Director
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Prof. Surya Parkash
 Head, GMRD
 NIDM, MHA, GoI

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 Pro Vice-Chancellor
 Open University, Bangladesh

Ms. Ramona Miranda
 Director
 Durga Mission, Sri Lanka

Mr. Muhammad Tohar
 CEO
 Durgam, Bangladesh

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 UNDRR Regional Coordinator,
 Thailand

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Organized by:
 National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM)
 Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India

In Collaboration with:
 All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI)
 Gujarat

Join the YouTube LIVE Streaming:
 Day 1: <https://youtu.be/TRZIXGew8ys>
 Day 2: <https://youtu.be/1GRFkyHts>
 Day 3: <https://youtu.be/RWSId6hA2w>

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July 2022

Advocating for Tobacco Industry Change

On 21st July, GRRIPP South Asia Regional Lead Professor Dr. Mahbuba Nasreen was a panelist at the National Dialogue on "Smoking and Tobacco Products Usage (Control) (Amendment) Act, 2013. Prof. Nasreen discussed gender differences in the working environment of tobacco production, highlighting wage disparities and domestic and workplace violence women faces. She also discussed how the industry can deal with child labour and how disadvantaged workers can be coerced into criminal activity. She advocated heightened awareness of these gendered challenges and inclusive policy responses.



August 2022

Alumni of Dhaka University in the United Kingdom (UK) organised a webinar to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Dhaka University and Mujib Borsho on July 31, 2022. In the webinar, the regional lead of GRRIPP South Asia, Professor Mahbuba Nasreen, was the keynote speaker of the session 'Role of DU in Achieving Gender Rights and Inclusive Education.' In the session, Professor Nasreen highlighted the need for inclusive education and shared the concurrent challenges that University of Dhaka is facing in achieving gender rights.

Webinars...

1. Dhaka University — Sunday the 31 July

Chair: Prof Syed Manzoorul Islam
 Noted fiction writer, Bangla academy award & Ekushe Padak recipient

TOPIC # UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA: DEMOCRACY VS MERITOCRACY

Keynote Speaker: Dr Imtiaz Ahmed
 Prof, International Relations Dept and Director, Centre for Genocide Studies, DU

Discussant: Prof Sayed Saikh Imtiaz
 Former Chairman, Women & Gender Studies Dept., DU

TOPIC # ROLE OF DU IN ACHIEVING GENDER RIGHT AND INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

Keynote Speaker: Prof Mahbuba Nasreen
 Pro VC, ED Open University and Visiting Prof, University College, London

Discussant: Dr Zobaida Nasreen
 Prof Anthropology Dept., DU

2. Bangabandhu — Saturday the 13 August

Chair: Dr Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad, Economist, Development Thinker & Chairman, PKSF

TOPIC # STATEHOOD IDEAL OF BANGABANDHU AND THE BIRTH OF BANGLADESH AS A NATION-STATE

Keynote Speaker: Prof Harun-or-Rashid
 Bangabandhu Professorial Fellow, Heidelberg University, Germany & Former VC, NU

Discussant: Mr Mahbub Hassan Saleh
 Ambassador and Head of E/Ursh mission to the EU

Keynote Speaker: Questions & answers after every topic
Discussant:

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4511604441?pwd=T3JkRDNoWVhXT01ka29yWE1Sc0kwZz09>
Meeting ID: 451 160 4441 | Passcode: 1971
 Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/duauk2017/>

Please Join by 3.30pm. All sessions will start at 4pm (UK time) sharp.
 For further information: call 07938508130/07931277001 or email: duauk2017@gmail.com

ALL ARE WELCOME

DHAKA UNIVERSITY ALUMNI IN THE UK

Professor Mahbuba Nasreen, Regional Lead of GRRIPP South Asia, has participated in the International Conference on 'Bangamata: A Paragon of Women's Leadership and Nation-building in Bangladesh' as the discussant on the session "Women's Role in Social and Economic Development: Progress, Challenges, and Way Forward" on 7th August 2022. The conference took place in the Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban organized by Bangamata Sheikh Fazilatun Nessa Centre for Gender and Development Studies, University of Dhaka, to celebrate the birth anniversary of Bangamata Sheikh Fazilatun Nessa Mujib.

On 30th August 2022, Raisa Imran, Regional Monitoring & Evaluation Coordinator, participated in the "Stakeholder Meeting to Promote Child Rights of Sexually Abused and Exploited Children" at the Centre for Women & Children Society (CWCS), Bangladesh.

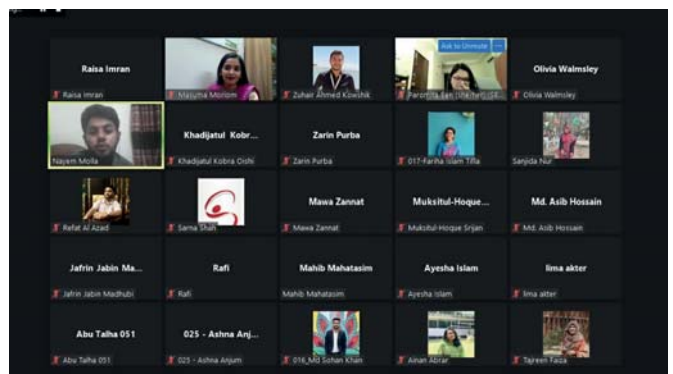
CWCS is one of the GDN network members, and GRRIPP South Asia is exploring the scope of collaborating to ensure child inclusiveness in national policies and practices. CWCS has done this stakeholder meeting under the 'Novel Strategies to Fight Child Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking Crimes and Protect their Victims – HEROES' project funded by European Commission Brussels. It is being implemented by 27 consortium partners from Europe, Latin America, and Bangladesh. GRRIPP South Asia plans to circulate newsletters, blogs, and other exciting news with them to expand the network and area of work.



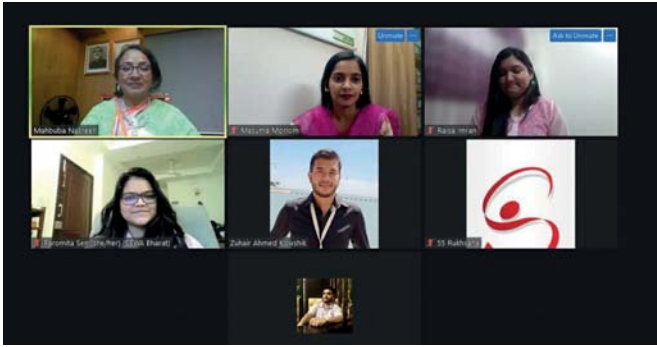
Online Events:

To celebrate International Youth Day 2022, Gender Responsive Resilience and Intersectionality in Policy and Practice (GRRIPP), South Asia, in collaboration with the Gender and Disaster Network (GDN) and Shwapno Youth Development Organization (SYDO), organized a webinar on August 12, 2022, on the broader theme of 'Intergenerational Solidarity to Create a Resilient World.' Professor Dr. Mahbuba Nasreen, Regional Lead, GRRIPP South Asia, was the chief patron of the session. Around sixty (60) audience, including students and professionals from South Asia, along with Olivia Warmsley, GRRIPP & GDN Coordinator from UCL, successfully participated in the discussion session.

The hour-long discussion session covered two themes, 'Intergenerational Solidarity to Create a Resilient World' and 'Contribution of Youth in DRR through an Intersectional Lens.'



Raisa Imran Chowdhury, Regional Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Coordinator of GRRIPP South Asia, delivered the welcome speech of the webinar. She welcomed all speakers and participants and presented an overview of the webinar and the key concept.



The BoU Vice Chancellor (Insert Name) was present at the video editing panel and critically analyzed the recording process and provided his valuable feedback. Watch it here: <https://youtu.be/M6w82joDPMU>



Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of BoU with the Media & Mime Team



GRRIPP South Asia with Dhaka University Mime Association Team

WEBINAR ON
Intergenerational Solidarity to Create A Resilient World
 To celebrate International Youth Day 2022

FRIDAY, 12 AUGUST 2022
 AT 7:00 PM
 VIA ZOOM

Zoom Link: <https://bdren.zoom.us/j/916627268707>
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 Meeting ID: 616 6272 6870
 Password: 176119

Chief Patron
Prof. Mahbuba Nasreen
 Regional Lead, GRRIPP South Asia
 Pro Vice-Chancellor,
 Bangladesh Open University

Speakers

Ranit Chatterjee
 Co-founder, RIKI India and RIKI Institute
 Visiting Associate Professor, Keio University

Paromita Sen
 Research Manager, SEWA Bharat

Nayeen Molla
 Former General Secretary, Physically Challenged Development Foundation

Zuhair Ahmed Kowshik
 Manager, EarthDay Network
 Asia Pacific Regional Facilitator, Children and Youth Major Group of UNEP

Shah Rahnuma Binte Jalal Sarma
 Technical Officer, CEO-DCB Project
 Assistant Coordinator, Centre for Disability in Development (CDD)

Sayed Anwar Hussaini
 Founder, World Young Organization - Mangalore

Jannat Ul Ferdous
 Former GBV Counsellor, Gender Based Violence Department, UN Migration

Welcome Speech
Raisa Imran Chowdhury
 Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Coordinator
 GRRIPP South Asia

Moderator
Masuma Moriom
 Communication Officer, GRRIPP South Asia
 Founder and President, Shwapno Youth Development Organization

Contribution of Youth in DRR through an Intersectional Lens

Intergenerational Solidarity to Create a Resilient World

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Activities

Mime Recording: The primary goal of rolling this activity from GRRIPP South Asia is to eliminate language barriers for the intersectional community. Twelve Dhaka University Mime Association members performed in the mime story titled "cyclone preparedness from an intersectional lens." The recording was conducted on the Bangladesh Open University (BoU) campus, as their Media Department provided technical support.

Time (Bangladesh Time)	Activities	Speakers
07:00 pm- 07:15 pm	Welcome Speech & Concept Sharing	Raisa Imran Choudhury
07:15 pm- 07:45 pm	Discussion Intergenerational Solidarity to Create a Resilient World	Paromita Sen Jannat Ul Ferdous Sayed Anwar Hussaini Nayeen Molla
07:45 pm- 08:00 pm	Discussion Contribution of Youth in DRR through an Intersectional Lens	Ranit Chatterjee Zuhair Ahmed Kowshik Shah Rahnuma Binte Jalal Sarma
08:00 pm- 08:10 pm	Question Answer Session	
08:10 pm- 08:20 pm	Closing Remarks by Regional Lead GRRIPP South Asia	Professor Mahbuba Nasreen
8:20 pm- 8:25 pm	Vote of Thanks by Moderator	Masuma Moriom

September 2022

Professor Mahbuba Nasreen, and one of the regional advisory board member of South Asia, Dr. Saleemul Huq, participated at the "International Conference of Environment Protection for Sustainable Development – ICEPSD 2022" organized by "Forest and Environment Affairs Sub-Committee- Bangladesh Awami League" from 2-4 September 2022 at the Conference Hall of the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP), Dhaka.



Professor Nasreen presented the Keynote titled "Clean and Safe Water: A Gender Analysis in Urban and Rural Areas" at Plenary session 05, where she talked about GRRIPP activities of the Global South as the regional lead of South Asia. Professor Saleemul Huq; also presented a paper on "Green Bangladesh – Prosperous Bangladesh" as a keynote Speaker of Plenary Session 02.



Photo Credit: Raisa Imran & Prof. Mahbuba Nasreen



'World Autism & Ecology Film Forum, Bangladesh' has been organizing a regular programme on filmmaking embracing intersectional perspectives. In the 2nd episode of the programme, Regional Lead of GRRIPP South Asia Prof. Mahbuba Nasreen was the chief discussant on 'Film and Environment.' The programme was held in Pathak Shamabesh Centreon September 9, 2022. By collaborating with a local organization in South Asia that works for autism inclusion, GRRIPP South Asia has expanded its network for GDN Bangladesh Hub.

'Naripokkho নারীপক্ষ has organized an online event 'শোনো বন্ধু শোনো' where the regional lead of GRRIPP South Asia, Professor Mahbuba Nasreen has delivered her speech on 'Neglected women's need in disaster response.' filmmaking embracing intersectional perspectives. In the 2nd episode of the programme, Regional Lead of GRRIPP South Asia Prof. Mahbuba Nasreen was the chief discussant on 'Film and Environment.' The programme was held in Pathak Shamabesh Centreon September 9, 2022. By collaborating with a local organization in South Asia that works for autism inclusion, GRRIPP South Asia has expanded its network for GDN Bangladesh Hub.



The signing of the agreement between GRRIPP South Asia and Bratya Creation (Production House). Masud Pathik, the filmmaker, is one of the renowned national & international award-winner. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Masud_Pathik

GRRIPP South Asia - DUDS Debate Championships

Contract signing between the President of Dhaka University Debating Society (DUDS) and GRRIPP South Asia for organizing a series of debate workshops (Hybrid) in October 2022

Contract Signing for Upcoming Activities:

GRRIPP South Asia is co-sponsoring a film titled 'Bok: The Soul of Nature,' which brings out the community's intersectional lens with a thought-provoking storyline. Some features of the film are closely aligned with the cross-cutting issues of GRRIPP.



October 2022

Observance of International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2022

Early Warning and Early Action for all

In observance of the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDRR) 2022, Gender Responsive Resilience and Intersectionality in Policy and Practice (GRRIPP) South Asia has organized a thematic discussion on 'Early Warning and Early Action for all' and launched the mime titled "Cyclone Preparedness from an Intersectional Lens - Shelter" on 12th October 2022 at Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Building, University of Dhaka. The event aimed to explore early warning and early action opportunities for all.

Professor Mahbuba Nasreen, Regional Lead of GRRIPP South Asia and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Bangladesh Open University, along with Ms. Dilruba Haider, Programme Specialist, Climate Change, DRR & Humanitarian Action, UN Women and the regional board member of GRRIPP South Asia were the special guests.

Subir Kumar Saha, Coordinator of DRR & CCA of Centre for Disability in Development (CDD), Dr. Md. Mizanur Rahman, Deputy Managing Director (Research, Planning, and Development), Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority (WASA), and Ahmadul Haque, Director (Administration), Deputy Secretary, Cyclone Preparedness Programme (CPP), Government of Bangladesh were the discussants. The discussants mainly were policymakers and practitioners of Bangladesh and contributed globally to early warning and actions. Mime Link:<https://youtu.be/M6w82joDPMU>



Professor Syed Humayun Akhter, Ph.D., Vice-Chancellor, Bangladesh Open University, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest;





GRRIPP South Asia Debate Championships

To enhance GRRIPP themes through youth voices, GRRIPP South Asia, in collaboration with Dhaka University Debating Society (DUDS), has organized two debate championships. 14th Nafia Gazi Inter-Department Debate Championship – the University of Dhaka and "GRRIPP-DUDS South Asian Championship 2022" on October 15 and 16, 2022.

The best university debate teams in South Asia competed in GRRIPP-DUDS South Asian Championship 2022, which featured excellent organization, a competitive environment in which one can sharpen their skills for forthcoming major competitions, and a chance to adjudicate among the bests in the circuit.

Disability areas from South Asian perspective. National and international debate teams participated in the GRRIPP-DUDS South Asian Debating Championship 2022. There were 16 teams in total, 9 of which were international and seven national.

The international participating countries were Bangladesh, India, Nepal & Sri Lanka. There were three teams from India, four from Sri Lanka, and two from Nepal. The champion of the event was 'Symbiosis Law School, Pune' from India.



The notion of the debate sessions covered Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change Adaptation, Resilience, Diversity, Inclusion, Intersectionality, Gender, and

Nafia Gazi Inter-Department Debate Competition is the most prestigious debate tournament among the departments and institutes of the University of Dhaka. As always, this time, it included all the departments and institutes of the University of Dhaka. The primary objective of the competition was to raise awareness about road and city safety, particularly for women.

For this purpose, DUDS wanted to arrange such a debate competition where youth can discuss intersectionality, diversity, making a safe city, and so on. After conducting three rounds of debate and a pre-semi and a semi-final round, two teams qualified for the final. And in the final debate, Anthropology Department became the champion.



Research – Publication Fair of University of Dhaka

The University of Dhaka, for the first time in the glorious history of 100 years, organized a two-day long ‘Research and Publication Fair’ on 22-23rd October 2022. All the university's departments, institutes, and centres at the fair displayed their research, publications, projects, and innovations in different sectors. Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies (IDMVS) also had a booth where GRRIPP South Asia presented ongoing seven commissioning projects and other relevant activities through presenting posters and distributing flyers and newsletters. Professor Dr. Mahbuba Nasreen’s ‘Grounded Theory on Gender and Disaster,’ 19 October 2022

<https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780199389407.013.380>





Research-Publication Fair

University of Dhaka



Final Dissemination Event of GRRIP South Asia
A photograph with awardees, Qubad GRRIP Representatives along with the Regional Management Team of GRRIP South Asia
14-15 June, 2022



GRRIP South Asia Region has awarded Seven (7) commensurate projects from Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka.



International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2022



Celebrating World Environment Day 2022 through organizing a seminar on Eco-DRR and Intersectionality in collaboration with Disaster Management Studio
5 June, 2022



GRRIP South Asia has produced minor act with the help of Dhaka University Minor Action (DUMA) and the Media Department of Bangladesh Open University.
12 October, 2022



Some recent activities of GRRIP South Asia



Practical session on 'marginalized group in order to best integrate them to reaffirm the notion of "leaving no one behind."'
25 April, 2022



Book launching at Final Dissemination Event of GRRIP South Asia



Final Dissemination Event of GRRIP South Asia



Cultural teams & winners with global guests of Final Dissemination Event of GRRIP South Asia.
15 June, 2022



In collaboration with GDN Bangladesh Country Hub, GRRIP South Asia is conducting the action research on 'Flood in north-East Bangladesh: Gender and Intersectional Analysis.'
27 August, 2022



Round table discussion at Daily Star
21 October, 2022



A webinar organized by GDN Bangladesh Country Hub and GRRIP South Asia on 'Intergenerational Solidarity to Create a Resilient World' for celebrating the International Youth Day 2022 in collaboration with Shuapine Youth Development Organization.
12 August, 2022



GDM's Disaster Management Studio, University of Dhaka, in collaboration with GRRIP South Asia, has successfully organized special film screening of 'Shute Ki Paal (Are You Listening?)'
9 May, 2022

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Webinar on "Gender and Water Security: towards climate resilience in Bangladesh"

A Webinar on Gender and Water Security: towards climate resilience in Bangladesh was held on 17 October 2022, organised by Oxford University and IWFM, BUET, based on a research project REACH- Water Security for the Poor. REACH is a research programme globally led by Oxford University (BUET is the Country Lead in Bangladesh).

Professor Dr. Mahbuba Nasreen spoke about gender and water-based research of Dhaka University (a Ph.D. and an MPhil research) supervised by her as well as GRRIPP activities and South Asia themes. She urged policymakers to include intersectional approaches in their efforts to ensure water security for all. Ms. Zuena Aziz, Principal Coordinator of SDG Affairs (PMO), joined the webinar as the Chief Guest. RAB member Dilruba Haider was also there as one of the discussants.

November 2022

Networking through participating in Events 1:

On 7th November, King's College London organized a webinar on "Who to trust in a pandemic? The local responses of Bangladeshis and other ethnic groups to government actors during COVID-19" where the Regional Lead of GRRIPP South Asia, Professor Nasreen talked about 'Building Resilience: A Gendered and Intersectional Discourse' as the Keynote Speaker. This workshop brought together researchers in London, Stuttgart, Milan, and



Dhaka to report on and discuss findings from projects undertaken between 2021 and 2022. One of the leading projects of GRRIPP South Asia, Durjog Nivaran, has also worked on a similar theme, "Governance in Pandemic and beyond." Professor Nasreen shared some of the project reflections of GRRIPP while providing her speech.

Events 2:

A Seminar on Breast Cancer Prevalence, Prevention, and Management and Eco Fika was organized by Sweden Alumni Network in Bangladesh (SANB) in collaboration with the Swedish Institute at Mukarram Hussain Khundker Biggyan Bhaban, University of Dhaka on the 8th of November 2022.

It was a part of celebrating "Breast cancer awareness day 2022", encouraging all to consume organic foods to become aware of breast cancer prevention and management. Prof. Mahbuba Nasreen, Regional Lead of GRRIPP South Asia, was the seminar's special guest. She spoke about the significance of breast cancer awareness as well as the prevalent precarious conditions of unaware women in South Asia.

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Bangladesh Open University Pro-Vice Chancellor (academic) Professor Dr Mahbuba Nasreen speaking at a seminar on Breast Cancer Prevalence, Prevention and Management and Eco Fika at the Mukarram Hussain Khundker Biggyan Bhaban of Dhaka University in the city recently, organised by Sweden Alumni Network in Bangladesh (SANB)



NEEDS Conference 2022

Raisa Imran Chowdhury, Regional M&E Coordinator of GRRIPP South Asia, participated in the 3rd NEEDS conference in Copenhagen, Denmark, from 1-3 November 2022. The overall theme for the conference was Global Disasters with a focus on Health and Climate Change and disaster risk reduction and its intersections with development.

As a panel speaker of the session titled “Assessing intersectionality: theory, policy, practice - and

realities?”, she reflected her thoughts and experiences through a South Asian lens. This interactive session explored how intersectionality is used in various geographical regions and political contexts, as well as how the integration of intersectionality in policy and practice can be evaluated in terms of its usefulness in challenging notions of power, diversity of knowledge, and social justice.

Event 3:

Professor Mahbuba Nasreen joined the webinar on ‘Gender and Agriculture’ as a discussant organized by Research Initiatives Bangladesh-RIB and Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung South Asia where she reflected on the success and challenges faced by a women worker comparing to a male-dominated livelihood sector. Prof. Nasreen pointed out that despite contributing most to the agricultural sectors, women are not called ‘farmers’ as most of their activities are conducted within the domestic domain. In addition, she urged the researchers to connect their findings to ecofeminist trajectory and conservation strategies.



Webinar on Gender and Agriculture

Zoom Meeting ID: 851 8403 5728

Passcode: 1214

RESEARCH INITIATIVES BANGLADESH

ROSA LUXEMBURG STIFTUNG SOUTH ASIA

16 November 2022

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Welcome Address Dr. Shamsul Bari RIB	Chair Dr. Gitiara Nasreen University of Dhaka	Paper Presentation Suraiya Begum RIB
Discussants Sunzida Sultana karmojibi nari	Dr. Mahbuba Nasreen Bangladesh Open University	Dr. Meghna Guhathakurta RIB
		Pavel Partha BARCIK

Event 4:

Asian Confluence and the US Consulate General, Kolkata, jointly organized a unique Indo-Pacific Conclave on the theme of ‘Reimagine and Reconnect: Indo-Pacific synergies through the lens of Culture,’ in Kolkata, India, on November 21-22, 2022.

The purpose of the conclave was to use culture as a catalyst for policy discussions, thereby contributing to the promotion of an Indo-Pacific region that is free, open, prosperous, and inclusive.

Prof. Mahbuba Nasreen stated that jute is the most environmentally friendly, biodegradable, and compostable fibre. India is the largest producer of jute, while Bangladesh ranks second. As the world shifts towards eco-friendly natural products, the use of jute is also rising steadily. It can replace polythene and other products made from toxic materials. She also discussed the challenges faced by the jute industry and urged policymakers and relevant regional actors to address them. She advised that to meet the region's challenges, it establishes production, distribution, and return-based strategies based on its raw material sources.

Professor Nasreen spoke about 'Strengthening cross-border Supply Chains for resilience and sustainability' theme on the second day of the conclave. Rajiv Bhatia, Distinguished Fellow Gateway House & Member Governing Council, Asian Confluence, chaired the session.



Event 5:

Masuma Moriom, Communication Officer of GRRIPP South Asia, has participated in the 'Bay of Bengal Conversation' as a delegate and represents GRRIPP South Asia. She has tried to incorporate gender and intersectionality at the policy level by negotiating with the policymakers from Multi-Sectoral professionals and practitioners the Bay of Bengal Conversation hosted by the Centre for Governance Studies (CGS), Bangladesh. The dialogue occurred from 21-23 November 2022 in Pan Pacific Sonargaon Dhaka, Bangladesh.



Event 6:

On November 23, 2022, at TSC premises, the University of Dhaka; Prof. Mahbuba Nasreen participated as the special guest at the Closing and Award giving ceremony of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) organized a nationwide campaign titled 'Celebrating Daughters' with the slogan "My Daughter, My Future," in a bid to celebrate the vital role of women and girls in everyday life. The campaign was organized in collaboration with the Dhaka University Film

Society (DUFS) and Concerned Women for Family Development (CWFD), with support from the Norad - the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation. Ms. Kristine Blokhus, UNFPA Country Representative in Bangladesh; HE Espen Rikter-Svendsen, Norwegian Ambassador in Bangladesh; Ms. Lady K. Faiz, Executive Director, Concerned Women for Family Development (CWFD) and other prominent figures were present at the occasion.



Tragic loss of Ela Bhatt:

GRRIPP South Asia Regional Management Team members and all the GRRIPPers worldwide are saddened by the loss of Ela Ramesh Bhatt, a noted Gandhian, leading women's empowerment activist, and renowned founder of the Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA). She was the pioneer in advocating for women workers' rights.

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) is organizing a nation-wide campaign titled 'Celebrating Daughters' with the slogan 'My Daughters, My Future' in an effort to prevent and eliminate son preference attitude and the undervaluing of women and girls in Bangladesh.

The campaign is being organized in collaboration with the **Dhaka University Film Society (DUFS)** and **Concerned Women for Family Development (CWFD)**, with support from **Norad - the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation**.

Marking the launch of 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, the closing ceremony of the campaign will be held at the TSC Premises, University of Dhaka, from 3 PM to 5 PM, on November 23, 2022. H.E. **Espen Rikter-Svendsen**, Norwegian Ambassador in Bangladesh; **Ms. Kristine Blokhus**, UNFPA Country Representative in Bangladesh; **Dr. Mahbuba Nasreen**, Professor, Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies, University of Dhaka; **Ms. Lady K. Faiz**, Executive Director, Concerned Women for Family Development (CWFD) and others will grace the event.

The ceremony will feature a photography exhibition, video screening, youth dialogue, interactive outdoor activities and a lively cultural program.

You are cordially invited.

Closing Ceremony
Wednesday, November 23, 2022
TSC Premises, University of Dhaka

Programme

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM:	Audio-Visual Showcase
3:31 PM - 4:00 PM:	Youth Dialogue in presence of H.E. Espen Rikter-Svendsen , Norwegian Ambassador in Bangladesh, Dr. Mahbuba Nasreen , Professor, Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies, University of Dhaka, development partners and media personnel.
4:01 PM - 4:20 PM:	Open Discussion
4:21 PM - 4:35 PM:	Quiz Session
4:36 PM - 4:45 PM:	Mime Performance
4:46 PM - 5:00 PM:	Award Distribution

The photography exhibition is open for all from 10 AM to 8 PM.



December, 2022

Event 1: Bangladesh Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) Congress 2022



Prof. Mahbuba Nasreen, was the Chairperson at the "Environmental Pollution and Toxicology" session at the Bangladesh Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) Congress 2022 on December 02, 2022. Seven scientific papers were presented at the session.



Event 2: Observance of International Volunteer Day 2022

On the occasion of International Volunteer Day 2022, Volunteer Opportunities, VSO Bangladesh, and the Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies, University of Dhaka,



Event 3: Observance of International Day of Persons with Disabilities & 24th National Day of Persons with Disabilities 2022

On the 11th of December 2022, the 31st International Day of Persons with Disabilities & 24th National Day of Persons with Disabilities 2022 is being celebrated in the Aarpara Jamidar Bari, Savar, which has been organized by the Ward Disaster Management Committee members along with the technical support of GRRIPP South Asia, BRAC, Savar Municipality & CDDIDRM & CCA project of CDD-CBM. The overall management of the event was taken care of by the dedicated team of Centre for Disability in Development (CDD).

The programme was inaugurated by the chief guest, Dr. Professor Mahbuba Nasreen, the Regional Lead of GRRIPP South Asia & chaired by Md. Sharaf Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury, the Chief Executive Officer of Savar Municipality.



invited Prof. Dr. Mahbuba Nasreen, Regional Lead of GRRIPP South Asia as a moderator of the session "Volunteerism to Rebuild the Session." The programme was held on December 5, 2022, at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Building, University of Dhaka.



The programme was moderated by Anika Rahman Lipy, Assistant Director of the Centre for Disability in Development (CDD) Bangladesh.



Event 4: 10th Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics Forum

On that Forum, GRRIPP South Asia Regional Lead Prof. Mahbuba Nasreen was one of the panelists of the session "Reimagining education for next generation environment leaders for the greater Eastern Himalayas (GEH) region", at the 10th

Eastern Himalayan Naturenomics Forum was organized by Balipara Foundation in Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) to discuss Ecology as an Economy for Forests, Farms, Soils, and Rivers of the Eastern Himalayas.



Event 5: Workshop on 'Integrating Intersectionality in Theory and Practice'

On 17th December, the Curriculum Development Team of Bangladesh organised a workshop on 'Integrating Intersectionality in Theory and Practice' at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Building, University of Dhaka.

Multidisciplinary academics and development practitioners around the country graced the occasion. In that workshop, Dr. Dilara Zahid Dola, Associate Professor and Director of the Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies, University of Dhaka, delivered the welcome speech. GRRIPP South Asia's Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator, Raisa Imran, then provided an overview of GRRIPP South Asia.



Professor Dr. Mahbuba Nasreen, Regional Lead of GRRIPP South Asia, was the workshop's keynote speaker and delivered her presentation on Gender and Intersectionality.




On behalf of the curriculum development team, Muhammad Awfa Islam, Assistant Professor, Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies, University of Dhaka, presented their work on 'Curriculum Development on DRR, Humanitarian Response, and Intersectionality.


Finally, Dr. Kazi K. Shahidullah, Assistant Professor of Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP), closed the session by giving a vote of thanks to the guests and participants. The entire workshop was moderated by Zawad Ibn Farid, Lecturer at the Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies, University of Dhaka.





Day Observances:



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INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY
November 19, 2022
Helping Men and Boys




International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women 2022

SDG 5 - ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS



1 in 3
Worldwide, 1 in 3 women have experienced physical or sexual violence — mostly by an intimate partner. When accounting for sexual harassment, this figure is even higher.

Source: Global and regional estimates of violence against women; WHO, 2013; Global Study on Homicide 2019, UNODC, 2019



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'UNITE! Activism to end violence against women and girls.'

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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (IDPD)
December 3, 2022

Transformative solutions for inclusive development: the role of innovation in fueling an accessible and equitable world



<https://www.gripp.net/southasia>



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Happy New Year



January 2023

Contract Signing with Chitrokarkhana for Digital Story Telling

On 19 January 2023, GRRIPP South Asia signed a contract with Chitrokarkhana for 'Digital Storytelling for Community-based Inclusive DRR for Empowerment: Addressing Implications of Intersectionality in Disaster Risk Reduction', in which Chitrokarkhana will bring stories from different intersectional communities that align with the GRRIPP South Asia theme.



Proposal Presentation of CDD

One of the Representatives of the Centre for Disability in Development (CDD), Mr. Subir Kumar Saha, presented their commissioning project proposal to the Regional Management Team of GRRIPP South Asia. The team will finalise the proposal soon.



Initial Meeting with Journalists for Upcoming Journalist Training

Journalists from different print and electronic Media were invited to GRRIPP South Asia to have an initial meeting for the upcoming event Organizing Training, Capacity Building Workshops for Journalists on DRR and Intersectionality. The meeting was taken place on 22 January, 2023.



Initial Meeting of Digital Story Telling for Animation Production

On 22 January 2023, an initial meeting with the team of digital storytelling took place with the Regional Management Team of GRRIPP South Asia for producing animation stories that will represent a resilient and intersectional community of the South Asia Region.



February 2023

Participation at GRRIPP International Seminars: Gender, Care and Livelihoods in times of crisis

Regional Lead of GRRIPP South Asia, Professor Mahbuba Nasreen along with the awardees of SEWA Bharat; Paromita Sen and Punarbhava Banik from India went to London to participate in the first GRRIPP global seminar on 'Gender, Care and Livelihoods in times of crisis' at the United Kingdom (UK) from 06th to 11th of February 2023.



The interactive panel of the seminar have brought together diverse GRRIPP commissioned projects from Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, India and Zimbabwe to discuss Gender, care and livelihoods in times of crisis where SEWA Bharat from India represented GRRIPP South Asia. They provided insights into how they resist everyday risks and disasters, and the strategies they have implemented to produce social change for the policies and practices. GRRIPP South Asia's Regional Lead Prof. Mahbuba Nasreen also had a couple of meeting with global GRRIPP members on the future directions of activities.



March 2023

Audio-visual documentary recording for the Digital Storytelling project on "Exploring diverse aspects of the issues of the Elderly Old Age Home residents of Bangladesh & India and Suggesting steps to deal with these":

The present Digital Storytelling project, conducted by Dr. Sushama Mukherjee, has encompassed the residents of selected old age homes in Kolkata city, West Bengal, India, and Dhaka city, Bangladesh. The findings from these two areas have revealed a concerning lack of proper and adequate medicines and specialized treatments within the residents' own homes. Consequently, in their pursuit of receiving proper care and medical attention, respondents prefer to reside in old age homes (OAHs) where facilities are available and affordable.



Gazipur Bayashko Punerbasan Kendra, Gazipur. The photo was taken by Mr. Ashik in December, 2023

However, OAHs are grappling with the challenge of managing various geriatric ailments and coping with the escalating medical expenses associated with elderly care. Therefore, the implementation of a comprehensive health policy and a robust medical support system becomes imperative to provide essential assistance during times of dire need. Effectively addressing the healthcare needs of the elderly will emerge as a significant challenge for both countries in the foreseeable future.



Swasti Village (Old Age Home) at Rajarhat Sason Police Station, West Bengal, Kolkata. The photo was taken by Mr. Prasenjit Mallick

Filming of Digital Storytelling for Community-based Inclusive DRR for Empowerment: Addressing Implications of Intersectionality in Disaster Risk Reduction: -

For the documentation on Transgender communities, Estiak Prottoy chose Kanaipur Rathkhala and CMB Ghat in the Faridpur district. The Digital Storytelling Part 02 team has endeavored to document the vulnerabilities and challenges faced by the transgender community in their quest for societal sustainability, while also highlighting their stories of resilience through empowerment. The initial filming for this story commenced in February 2023.



Photo 03: The first Shoot was on February 15 at Vangga Bridge, Kanaipur, Faridpur. **Photo Credit:** Foyisal Ahmed (Manager of Chitrokarkhana)

Shapla's was born in a male body, but as she grew, an inner truth gradually emerged – the profound realization that she was destined to live as a woman. In the course of her life, Shapla has witnessed the transformative shifts within her society. She has intimately experienced the arduous struggles faced by transgender individuals, but she has also borne witness to the evolving attitudes of the world, which are increasingly embracing the transgender community as an integral part of our society.

Webinar to observe International Women's Day and National Disaster Preparedness Day 2023:

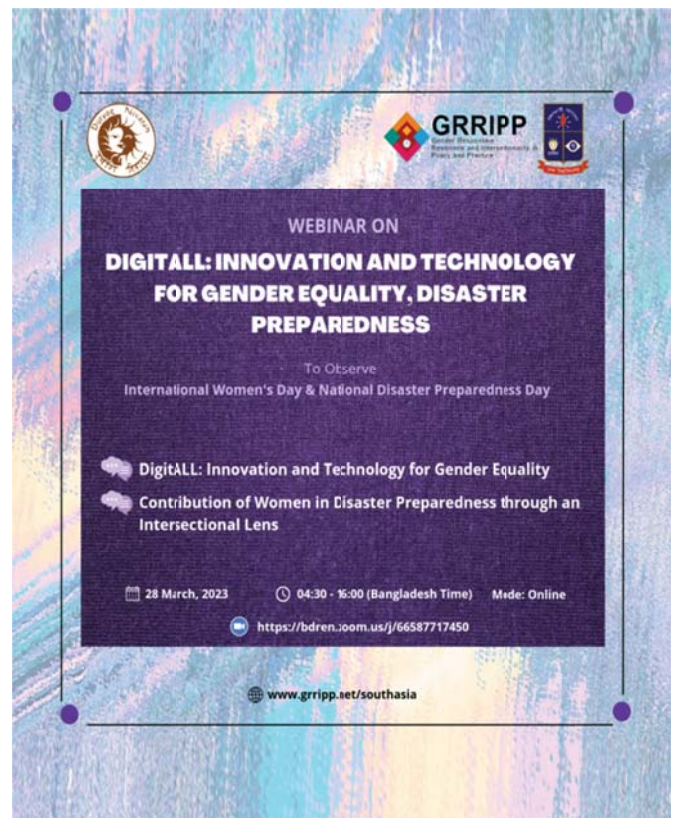
To celebrate International Women's Day, a webinar was organized by GRRIPP South Asia on March 28, 2023, in collaboration with Duryog Nivaran. The

webinar was focused on two themes, 'DigitALL: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality' and 'Contribution of Women in Disaster Preparedness through an Intersectional Lens.' The event brought together scholars and development practitioners from South Asia for a day-long program.

The first session on 'DigitALL: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality' featured Prof. Upama Kabir from the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, and Dr. Sushama Mukherjee from India. The session was moderated by Prof. Mahbuba Nasreen, the Regional Lead of GRRIPP-South Asia.

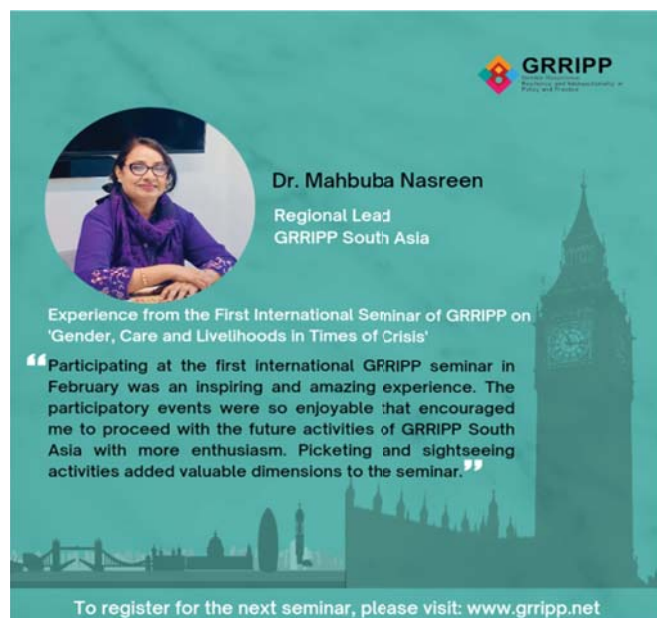
The last session on 'Contribution of Women in Disaster Preparedness through an Intersectional Lens' had Madhavi Ariyabandhu from Sri Lanka and Mihir Bhatt from AiDMI, India, as distinguished speakers. Ramona Miranda, from Duryog Nivaran, moderated the session.

We also heard from Prof. Maureen Fordham from Global GRRIPP, Ms. Dilruba Haider from UN Women, and Prof. Anup Kumar Bhartiya from the University of Lucknow, India.



Experience sharing of the South Asian participants from the 1st International Seminar:

The Regional Lead of GRRIPP South Asia, Prof. Mahbuba Nasreen, and one of the representatives of SEWA Bharat, Punarbhava Banik have shared their beautiful experiences from the first International Seminar of GRRIPP on 'Gender, Care, and Livelihood in Times of Crisis'.



April 2023

1. New Phase, New Commissioning Projects:

Under the "Gender & Disability" and "Curriculum Development" themes, GRRIPP South Asia is commissioning two (02) projects in the second phase of the global collaboration and knowledge exchange initiative funded by UKRI and the Global Challenges Research Fund.

On March 25, 2023, GRRIPP South Asia signed a contract with the Centre for Disability in Development (CDD) Bangladesh to implement a project titled "Participation of Persons with Disabilities in Disaster Risk Reduction: Developing a Theoretical Model for Gender-responsive Resilience and Intersectionality." The broad objective of the project is to develop a people-centric model through an effective Disability inclusive DRR practices for integrating persons with disabilities in Gender Responsive Resilience and Intersectionality.



Photo Credit: Abdullah Al Zubayer (Programme Assistant, GRRIPP South Asia)

On April 11, 2023, another significant contract signing ceremony took place, involving individual researchers from the esteemed Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP). This event marked a crucial milestone in the implementation of a sub-project titled "Reimagining Disaster Pedagogies: Towards Gender-Transformative, Socially Inclusive & Intersectional South Asian Didactics."



2. Events organized by Awardees:

One of the 'Action Research' awardees of India, Professor Subhabrata Dutta organized a one-day consultative meet on 'Disaster in Barak Valley: Gender Issues and Way Out'.

The programme was held at PMG Hall, Administrative Block, Assam University, Silchar

(AUS) with the presence of eminent dignitaries explicitly Prof. Rajiv Mohan Pant (Vice Chancellor AUS), Prof. M. Faruque Hussain (Dean School of Earth Science, AUS), Mr. Shamim Ahmed Barbhuiya District Programme Manager District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) CACHAR, Mr. Anand Prakash Kanoo (Risk and Resilience Specialist associated with UNICEF) and esteemed Professors from the Department of Social Work, AUS followed by the student participants and research scholars of the department.



The first technical session was carried out by Prof. M. Faruque Hussain, who threw enlightenment on the topic Occurrences of Urban Flood within Silchar, Municipal Area, Cachar Assam: A Preliminary Geohydrological perspective. The second technical session was carried by Mr. Shamim Ahmed Barbhuiya DDMA CACHAR, who shared his views on "Mainstreaming women in DRR," which included the role of women in the risk reduction process of any disasters as women are involved in every field starting from the grassroots level to the mainstream therefore involving women in risk reduction becomes an important strategy. The third technical session was carried out by Mr. Anand Prakash Kanoo, Disaster Risk and Resilience Specialist associated with UNICEF, who threw enlightenment on "Engendering Disaster Risk Reduction in Barak Valley," which included discussion on gender as a broader spectrum and not just as binary.

After the technical sessions, the house was open for discussion. The speakers addressed various questions by students and research scholars, followed by the Professors sharing their views on multiple questions. The detailed event report will be uploaded to the GRRIPP website (stay connected).



Project Inception Meeting organized by the Centre for Disability in Development (CDD)

Centre for Disability in Development, one of the awardees of South Asia, implementing the project 'Participation of Persons with Disabilities in Disaster Risk Reduction: Developing Theoretical Model for Gender Responsive Resilience and Intersectionality', has organized a 'Project Inception Meeting' on April 04, 2023, at R C Majumdar Arts Auditorium, University of Dhaka.

Habibun Nahar MP, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, while the Director General of the Department of Disaster Management., Md. Mijanur Rahman, Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR), and the Regional Lead of GRRIPP South Asia, Professor Dr. Mahbuba Nasreen, were the special guests. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Dilara Zahid, Director of the Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies (IDMVS), University of Dhaka.



Photo Credit: Md. Ashish Sarker, Technical Officer (IDMVS)

This inception meeting was organized to share overall information, objectives, activities, and targets of the project with the critical stakeholders of GRRIPP South Asia, IDMVS-CDD partnership project consisting of 68 participants, including 07 persons with disabilities.

News Coverage Link of the 'Project Inception Meeting' - https://banglapratidin.net/.../%e0%a6%a6%e0%a7%81%e0%a6...

Training on 'Disability, DRR, CCA and Field Engagement':

Three-days long residential training programme on 'Disability, DRR, CCA and Field Engagement' was conducted from April 05 to April 07 for the staff and volunteers (a total of 16 participants [Female =07, Male = 06, Persons with Disability = 03]) as a part of the commissioning project activities of Centre for Disability in Development (CDD) at CDD Training Centre, Savar where regional members of GRRIPP South Asia were present and articulated the emergence of GRRIPP initiative & the importance of disability-inclusive DRR & intersectional policies and practices.



Credit: Md. Sarker, Photographer of CDD

Experience sharing of the South Asian participants from the 2nd London Seminar:

The Regional M & E Coordinator of South Asia, Raisa Imran Chowdhury, and four awardees from India, Nepal, and Bangladesh have shared their wonderful experiences from the second International Seminar of GRRIPP on Gender and Intersectionality Approaches to Resilience.

May 2023

London Seminar (April 30 – May 05):

Along with LAC and South African awardees, South Asian awardees, members of the regional advisory board, and regional finance and communication leads participated in the London Seminar on 'Discussing Gender, Climate Change and Sustainable Development organised by GRRIPP. Besides the public event, GRRIPPers were involved in various other exciting networking activities throughout the week. There were workshops on financial issues and communication strategy development with all three regions' regional employees.

The communication officer for GRRIPP South Asia penned an essay for Prothom Alo on May 22, 2023, expressing his or her experiences during the organisation's final international .

Article Link:

<https://www.prothomalo.com/lifestyle/rbssn2np32?fbclid=IwAR0eWXO14Dk1E4bN1743xNogs54hMFnu-Lsk7rxklZRm5lm82XljZQ1bHk>

Events organized by Awardees

2.1 Module Validation Workshop by the 'Curriculum Development Team'

One of the awardees from the second phase of GRRIPP South Asia, named 'Reimagining Disaster Pedagogies: Towards Gender-transformative, Socially Inclusive & Intersectional South Asian Didactics' has organized a 'module validation workshop' on May 13, 2023, in the GRRIPP-IDMVS office, University of Dhaka. The main objective of this workshop was to validate the training module that the curriculum development team has designed and receive insights from the experts (academia, development practitioners, curriculum experts) to integrate the concept of intersectionality in disaster pedagogy.



2.2 Two-day long National Workshop by the 'Curriculum Development Team'

The Curriculum Development Team of GRRIPP South Asia has organized a two-day long national workshop on "Reimagining Disaster Pedagogies: Towards gender-transformative, socially inclusive and intersectional South Asian didactics" on 21-22nd of May 2023 at Hotel Sarina, Banani, Dhaka.

The screenshot shows a news article on the Prothom Alo website. The main headline is "মতনে অনুষ্ঠিত সম্মেলনে যেভাবে অংশ নিলাম" (Participated in the meeting as follows). The article text is in Bengali and discusses the author's experience at the London Seminar. There are two photographs: one showing a group of people standing together, and another showing a woman in a red sari standing in front of a large classical building with columns. The article is dated May 22, 2023.



The main objective of this workshop was to impart training following a participatory approach to integrate the concept of intersectionality in disaster pedagogy. On the 1st day of the workshop, the Regional Lead of GRRIPP South Asia, Prof. Dr. Mahbuba Nasreen took two sessions on 'Understanding Intersectionality' along with 'Gender and Disaster'.

One of the regional board members, Mr. Mihir Bhatt graced the workshop with his presence & delivered a brief speech on the GRRIPP networking activities & a way forward for the integrated curriculum. The BUP team has invited representatives from Jamsetji Tata School of Disaster Studies (JTSDS), India, who have worked in the 1st phase of GRRIPP South Asia under the curriculum development theme. On the 2nd day, Ms. Lavanya Arvind from JTSDS took a session on 'Infusing Gender Consciousness in Disaster Pedagogies.'

Curriculum specialists from several prestigious institutions, including the University of Dhaka, Begum Rokeya University, Bangladesh Open University, Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP), and Jashore University of Science & Technology (JUST), actively participated in the workshop as sub-grantees under this specific project. During this workshop, they gained valuable insights into the comprehensive process of implementing the curriculum fellowship programme.



On the second day of the workshop, Dr. Dilara Zahid, Director of the Institute of Disaster Management & Vulnerability Studies (IDMVS) at the University of Dhaka, joined the event. She delivered her concluding remarks, encapsulating the key takeaways and insights gathered during the workshop's deliberations. Dr. Zahid's participation and remarks added depth and perspective to the collective efforts to advance disaster management and education within the project's framework.

Field Visit Activities

Centre for Disability in Development (CDD) as one of the awardees of GRRIPP South Asia who has been implementing the project titled 'Participation of Persons with Disabilities in Disaster Risk Reduction: developing a theoretical model for gender-responsive resilience and Intersectionality' conducted a field visit at the Southkhali Union of Sarankhola Upazila, Bagerhat, Khulna from 15th to 18th of May 2023 as a part of their commissioning activity. To create and document Inclusive Community Risk Assessment (CRA) and Urban Risk Assessment (URA) Guidelines, the Community Development and Disaster (CDD) team, in collaboration with a consultant, initiated a series of activities. These activities involved conducting Key Informant Interviews (KIIs), Focus Group Discussions (FGDs), and community consultations with a wide range of stakeholders.



The list of participants included government officials, members of the Union Disaster Management Committee (UDMC), Union Parishad Chairman, elderly individuals, women and children with disabilities, as well as marginalized groups such as the fishermen community.



Additionally, Cyclone Preparedness Programme (CPP) volunteers, the Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO), and the Social Welfare Officer (SWO) of Sarankhola Upazila were actively engaged in these consultations.

Furthermore, Raisa Imran Chowdhury, the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Coordinator of GRRIPP South Asia, undertook a field visit on May 17. Her visit aimed to observe and assess the ongoing activities related to the development and documentation of Inclusive CRA and URA Guidelines. She also interviewed the community to know their perception of gender and intersectionality and the need for such an inclusive model for building resilience.

June 2023

GRRIPP South Asia observed 'World Environment Day 2023' by collaborating with Bangladesh Open University. The Vice-chancellor of Bangladesh Open University, Prof. Dr. Syed Humayun Akhter, the administrative staff, faculty members, and students were present in the tree plantation programme and the rally along with the Regional Management Team of South Asia region.



Photo Credit: Media Department of Bangladesh Open University

The Regional Management Team of GRRIPP South Asia organized the monthly briefing meeting with the Centre for Disability in Development (CDD) Bangladesh at GRRIPP-IDMVS office, University of Dhaka.



Under the Curriculum Development Team of GRRIPP South Asia a workshop on "Intersectionality in Humanitarian and Disaster Discourse: Issues to Address in a Curriculum" was organized by the Department of Coastal Studies and Disaster Management, University of Barisal.



Photo Credit: Curriculum Development Team

The awarded project of GRRIPP South Asia, 'Participation of Persons with Disabilities in Disaster Risk Reduction: Developing Theoretical Model for Gender Responsive Resilience and Intersectionality' which is being implemented by Centre for Disability in Development (CDD) Bangladesh, organized three Local Level Findings Validation Workshop at Southkhali Union Parishad, Sharankhola Upazila Parishad, Bagerhat and Savar Municipality.



Photo Credit: Centre for Disability in Development

July 2023

Centre for Disability in Development (CDD):

On July 10, 2023 (Monday), the Centre for Disability in Development (CDD) Bangladesh, an awardee of GRRIPP South Asia, organized a 'National Level Research Findings Validation Workshop on Recommendations for Inclusive URA/CRA and Contingency Plan Guideline' as a part of the project titled

'Participation of Persons with Disabilities in Disaster Risk Reduction: developing a theoretical model for gender-responsive resilience and intersectionality'. A total of 56 participants (Male: 41, Female: 15) attended the workshop, where 04 persons with disabilities represented the need for inclusive guidelines in the community. Professor Dr. Mahbuba Nasreen graced the workshop as the chief guest.

Many other government and non-government representatives, such as - Anika Rahman Lipy; Assistant Director of CDD, AHM Noman Khan; Executive Director of CDD, Mr. Moloy Chaki; Consultant, Professor Dr. Mohammad Nurul Islam; Institute of Social Welfare and Research, University of Dhaka, Mr. Nazmul Bari; Director of CDD, Md. Jowaherul Islam Mamun; Chairman of CDD, Government officials - Social Welfare Officer, Project Implementation Officer, Upazila Women Affairs Officer, Upazila Sub-Assistant Agriculture Officer, Upazila Social Worker; INGO representatives from Oxfam and HI; NGO representatives from BRAC, GUK, SWID Bangladesh, NAHAB consortium; FSCD Representatives, Women Counselors, WDMC and UCV members, Consultant team and CDD Team were also united at the workshop.



Credit: Abdullah Al Zubayer, Programme Assistant (GRRIPP South Asia); Professor Nasreen giving her opening remarks as the chief guest



Anika Rahman Lipy, Project Lead; moderating the workshop

Before the national-level workshop in June 2023, the CDD team organized a local-level validation workshop at Southkhali Union Parishad and Sharankhola Upazila Parishad, Bagerhat Upazila, with the assistance of community volunteers and project staff.



Credit: Anamika Afroz, social welfare officer of Southkhali Union Parishad, giving a speech during the inaugural session

Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP):

One of the sub-grantees of the curriculum development project, the Department of Coastal Studies and Disaster Management, University of Barisal organized the 'Final Dissemination Program addressing the curriculum development on Intersectionality and Humanitarian Response' on July 21, 2023, at the Hotel Grand Park in Barishal with the assistance of GRRIPP South Asia.



August 2023

Prof. Mahbuba Nasreen presented a paper on the seven projects and other activities of Gender Responsive Resilience and Intersectionality in Policy & Practice (GRRIPP) in South Asia at the seminar organised by GRRIPP Latin America & Caribbean region in Columbia from August 04 to 10, 2023.



Academicians, researchers, and practitioners from Amazon, Argentina, Brazil, Chilli, Columbia, Cuba, Check Republic, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Peru, UK and other from LAC-Caribbean & South Asian regions are participating at the seminar.



In the 4th National Social Work Week 2023, today the Regional Lead of GRRIPP South Asia, Prof. Dr. Mahbuba Nasreen delivered her speech as the Key Note Speaker on 'Gender and Disaster Risk Reduction: Linking Resilience and Intersectionality'.



4th National Social Work Week 2023

AUGUST 15TH TO AUGUST 21ST, 2023

17th August 2023

04 p.m. to 05 p.m.

TOPIC

GENDER AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION: LINKING RESILIENCE AND INTERSECTIONALITY



Opening Remarks by
Prof. Ankur Saxena
Secretary
NAPSWI



Convener
Prof. Anoop K. Bhartiya
Head,
Department of Social Work
University of Lucknow



Key Note Speaker
Prof. Mahbuba Nasreen
Pro Vice Chancellor
Bangladesh Open University

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SAMAKAL has introduced a Media Award jointly with the SUPER project for journalists and private sector entities on earthquake and fire preparedness in Bangladesh. to promote and recognize the private sector and media participation and leadership in Disaster Risk Management To encourage awareness, preparedness, and collaboration, the project focused on public perception regarding earthquake preparedness for the private sector to create a more resilient urban community.



The SUPER-SAMAKAL Media Award Ceremony and a public perception analysis on Earthquake Risk were organised on August 23,, 2023 (Wednesday) at Hotel Lake Shore's new venue, Gulshan-1. The regional lead of GRRIPP South Asia, Professor Dr. Mahbuba Nasreen, , was one of the competition's adjudicators and was a distinguished guest at this event. The Honourable State Minister, Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR), Dr. Md. Enamur Rahman, MP, was present as the chief guest of the ceremony.

1. The Centre for Disability in Development (CDD) Bangladesh organized a Local Level Validation Workshop at Southkhali Union Parishad and Sharankhola Upazila Parishad, Bagerhat, under the awarded project 'Participation of Persons with Disabilities in Disaster Risk Reduction: developing theoretical model for gender-responsive resilience and intersectionality.'



Chitrokarkhana, one of the awardees of Digital Storytelling of GRRIPP South Asia, has been implementing the project titled 'Digital Storytelling for Community-based #InclusiveDRR for Empowerment: Addressing Implications of Intersectionality in Disaster Risk Reduction' conducted a field visit for documentation at the De Headman 1 and 2 of Bandarban Upazila, Bandarban from 21st to 23rd of July 2023 as a part of their commissioning activity. Masuma Moriom, Communication Officer of GRRIPP South Asia, also visited the field during their ongoing shoot to observe their actions.



Chitrokarkhana has progressed with the final shoot for the third story of the awarded project 'Digital Storytelling for Community-based #InclusiveDRR for Empowerment: Addressing Implications of Intersectionality in Disaster Risk Reduction'. As a part of these commissioning activities, they went to Munshiganj and Faridpur on this August with the whole team.

2. The Curriculum Development Team from the second phase of GRRIPP South Asia organized a two-day workshop in Nepal on 'Reimagining Disaster Pedagogies: Towards Gender-Transformative, Socially Inclusive and Intersectional South Asian Didactics' on 18 & 19 August 2023. The workshop participants were faculty members from different universities in South Asia. The India and Nepal teams from the first phase also worked to complete the workshop successfully.



3. An exciting activity is going on under GRRIPP South Asia, a film named 'The Soul of Nature' which is based on a day eight years ago by poet Jibanananda Dash. Bratto Creation is directing the film. News Link: <https://www.dainikamadershomoy.com/post/459872>

রুনা খানকে নিয়ে মাসুদ পথিকের নতুন চলচ্চিত্রের গুটিং শুরু



অভিনেত্রী রুনা খানকে নিয়ে মাসুদ পথিকের 'বক' নামের চলচ্চিত্রের গুটিং শুরু হয়েছে। চলচ্চিত্রটির পরিচালনা করছেন মাসুদ পথিক।

আমাদের আত্মপীড়ন, আমাদের আত্মঘাতী মনোভাব, প্রকৃতির ভেতরও একে অন্যকে খেয়ে ফেলার যে মনোপুষ্টি সেই বিষয়গুলো নিয়ে চলচ্চিত্রটি নির্মাণ করছি।

সিনেমা : তার নতুন ছবি 'বক' ছাফক ওয়াশিংটনে তুলে ধরছেন।



Runa Khan in movie based on poem of Jibanananda Das



A central character in the story in the movie is Sobha. National film award winning actress Runa Khan is playing the role of Sobha. Runa Khan told this correspondent that she was busy with the shooting of 'Bok' since last month. On August 26, she will complete the shooting of this movie. Masud Pathik's team is working on the movie 'Bok' for a long time in extreme heat and



Runa Khan in the shooting spot of 'Bok'

Sheikh Arif Bulbon
'Ati Beshbar Ager Eklai' is the best poem of poet Jibanananda Das. If anybody says the title, many people may not understand that this is a poem. Saying a few lines make it easy. The first few lines of the poem 'Ati Beshbar Ager Eklai' by Jibanananda Das are: 'Shona gela lakshata ghora, Nij gorbhe tane; Kal naiti Falguner naiter andhanne;'

National Film Award for her performance in Inaugure Ahmed's 'Haidar'. She is now recognised as a versatile actress.

4. Centre for Disability in Development (CDD) Bangladesh organized a Learning Sharing Workshop at the conference room of the Directorate of Disaster Management (DDM) on August 29, 2023, under the awarded project 'Participation of Persons with Disabilities in Disaster Risk Reduction: developing a theoretical model for gender-responsive resilience and intersectionality.'



Participants were the DG, Director (MIM), Director (Planning), and others from DDM, representatives from BCCT, Savar Municipality, PIO and WAO from Sharankhola upazila office, panel Chairmen from Southkhali and Dhan Sagor union, CF and Volunteers from Southkhali and Savar, representatives from INGO/NGOs and OPD, consultant team, representatives from GRRIPP South Asia Regional Management Team and CDD team.

5. The Curriculum Development Team of Bangladesh Open University (BOU) organized a 'Validation & Dissemination Workshop: Certificate Programme on Gender, Intersectionality and Disaster Risk Management' on August 30, 2023, at Teachers' Seminar Hall, Bangladesh Open University, Gazipur, under the project titled 'Reimagining Disaster Pedagogies: Towards Gender-Transformative,

Socially Inclusive and Intersectional South Asian Didactics.' The main objective of this workshop was to finalize a curriculum for a certificate course through open and distance learning methods.

6. The GRRIPP South Asia Seminar 2023 on 'Gender, Intersectionality & DRR'

GRRIPP South Asia is organizing the 'GRRIPP South Asia Seminar 2023' on 'Gender, Intersectionality & Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)' to be held from the 16th to the 18th of September 2023 at Hotel Sarina, Banani, Dhaka. Team members of Global GRRIPP, University College London (UCL), partners from Latin America & Caribbean (LAC) and South Africa regions will also participate at the seminar.

Awardees of South Asia region (Bangladesh, India, Nepal & Sri Lanka) will share project findings on Gender & Disability, Employment, Reproductive Health, Violence against Women, Curriculum Development, Disaster Governance & Community inclusive DRR mechanisms at the event.



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