

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

MINISTRY OF YOUTH & SPORTS

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

AND

VOLUNTARY SERVICE OVERSEAS BANGLADESH (VSOB)

February, 2015

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

Background:

To transform the unemployed youth into organized, disciplined and productive workforce and facilitate the unemployed youths for self-employment and wage employment at home and abroad by providing skill development training and micro-credit support the Government created Ministry of Youth & Sports in 1978 and Department of Youth Development (DYD) in 1981. Since its inception, the Department has been extending multifarious training, guidance and support to the youths. To harness their potentialities properly and transform them into human resource has been the mission of DYD. Since the inception (1981) of the Department of Youth Development and till March 2014 a total number of 41,84,130 youths (male & female) has been imparted skill development training on different trades for involvement in employment and self-employment and out of them 20,03,528 trained youths were engaged themselves in self-employment projects. For establishment and extension of self-employment projects since the inception of the micro credit programme and till March 2014 an amount of Tk. 123559.49 lakh was disbursed to 8,08,863 trained youths as loan from principal amount and revolving fund. The average rate of loan realization is 92%. Income of self-employed youth ranges from Tk.3000/- to Tk. 50,000/-. But in some cases successful self-employed youth earn more than on lakh taka per month. Moreover, a good number of trained youths obtained jobs in different organizations at home and abroad.

Skill development training in different technical and vocational trades is one of the pragmatic programs of DYD. In this regards, Department of Youth Development conducts two types of training programs. 1) Institutional training programs and 2) Non-institutional/ mobile training programs. Institutional training programs are residential and non-residential. Non-institutional / mobile training programs are implemented at upazila level according to local felt needs. Duration of Institutional training courses are 1 month to 6 months and non-institutional training courses are 7 days to 21 days.

The Voluntary Service Overseas Bangladesh (VSOB) is an international voluntary organization which engages to promote volunteering and mobilize volunteers in every sphere of social life to boost up socio-economic development round the globe. The vision of Voluntary Service Overseas Bangladesh (VSOB) is to make a world without poverty in which people work together and can create a better life.

VSO Bangladesh and Department of Youth Development has a formal partnership since 2009 through signing of MoU dated 13th July, 2009 initially for one year with provision of extension. And optimizing the benefit to the MoU, VSOB has placed several International Volunteers at Bagerhat youth training centre for development of youths. Considering the necessity both DYD and VSOB have extended the period of MoU from 13th July, 2010 to 12th July, 2013. The contract period of extended MoU has been over 12th July, 2013 and expressing the interest to further renewal of the MoU between the DYD and VSOB from 25th February, 2015 to 24th February, 2018.

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To put outstanding contribution in youth development and involving youths in nation building activities DYD has been extending its cooperation for building partnership with different government and non-government organizations by signing MoU. In continuation of this approach, DYD agreed to sign MoU with VSOB for the betterment of youth community in the country.

Between

The Department of Youth Development (DYD) of the Ministry of Youth & Sports, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh with its Office at 108, Motijheel Commercial Area, Dhaka- 1000 (1st Party) which expression shall include its successors and representatives.

And

The Voluntary Service Overseas Bangladesh (VSOB) having its Office at House- 382, Road-28, New DOHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1206 (2nd Party) hereinafter referred to as 'VSOB' which expression shall include its successors and assignees.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made on the **25-02-2015** and shall be valid up to **24th February, 2018** and may be extended further upon the agreement of both the parties.

Purpose of MoU:

- i) The Director General of the Department of Youth Development (DYD) and the Country Director of Voluntary Service Overseas Bangladesh (VSOB) entered into a MoU in order to provide training with mutual coordination and sharing of resources to unemployed youths. SK
- ii) To develop innovative programmes/events on mutual understanding and co-operation to promote volunteering and mobilize volunteers in national development process.
- iii) To transform unemployed youths into productive workforce with a view to make them skilled, self-reliant and ultimately mainstreaming them in national development.

Now therefore, the parties here to agree on as follows:

1. Department of the Youth Development (DYD) and Voluntary Service Overseas Bangladesh (VSOB) will work under Public Private Partnership (PPP) programme.
2. The second party (VSOB) will operate its programmes in the Bagerhat, Dinajpur, Rangpur, Khagrachori and Shatkhira districts and first party (DYD) will extend its possible assistance and cooperation to the second party to make the programme a success.
3. The second party (VSOB) will arrange necessary funds to organize programmes and first party will provide necessary and possible logistics and technical support to the second party.
4. Both the parties agreed to help each other where over is possible to provide skilled resource persons in conducting training programmes.

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5. The second party (VSOB) will conduct research on volunteering in development and the first party (DYD) will assist and cooperate to the second party.

6. The first party will work with youth clubs of the Department of Youth Development. The participating youth clubs must be registered with related government departments of Bangladesh.

7. The second party will organize a one day "orientation course" with the help of first party for the members of the participating youth clubs, Upazila Youth Development Officers, Deputy Directors, Assistant Directors and Deputy Co-ordinators in the concerned operational areas. The second party will bear necessary expenditure for it.

8. The Deputy Directors, Assistant Directors and Upazila Youth Development Officers of the first party will help to select the youth clubs and they will oversee and monitor the activities running by the participating youth clubs.

9. The Deputy Directors/ Assistant Directors and Upazila Youth Development Officers will send the progress report to the "focal person" in every three months and the second party will provide necessary inputs and logistic support to the officers of the first party. Deputy Director (Planning) of DYD will be the focal person of DYD and Mr. Shafiqur Rhaman, Partnership and Grant Manager of VSOB will be the focal person of VSOB and Director (Planning) of DYD will be responsible for supervision of the programmes on behalf of Director General of the Department of Youth Development.

10. Both parties agreed upon to organize seminars/ workshops on different aspects of volunteering/national or international issues and the contribution of volunteerism in national development. The second party will bear all kinds of expenses for organizing seminars/ workshops and the first party will provide possible logistic support and cooperation to make the seminars/ workshops a success.

11. Both parties agreed to develop innovative programmes/events on mutual understanding and cooperation to promote volunteering and mobilize volunteers in national development process.

12. Both the parties agreed that the second party will consider/bear all expenses of all activities as a result of the MoU.

13. Finally, DYD & VSOB will abide by all the terms and conditions of this MoU.

Contact Person of DYD & VSOB:

For fulfilling the objectives, on behalf of DYD the Director (Planning) and on behalf of VSOB the Partnership and Grant Manager will be the responsible as well as contact person regarding on these activities.

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Monitoring and Reporting:

01. VSOB through its authorized representatives will visit training centers and interact with local authorities to oversee programmes and resolve local issues.
02. Department of Youth Development will also monitor through their own mechanisms.
03. Both DYD and VSOB shall sit together at National level on six monthly basis to review progress and or find out new opportunities.
04. Both the parties will send the progress report to the "focal person" in every six months.

Dispute Settlement:

Any dispute related to this MoU will be settled through mutual discussion and understanding between the DG, DYD and the Country Director, VSOB and their decision will be final.

Termination of MOU and Notice:

Both the parties will have the right to terminate this MoU after failing to resolve any issue between DG, DYD and the Country Director, VSOB in writing and will be sent to the relevant party at its address set out above or as notified by the party in accordance with this clause.

In witness whereof the parties here to have signed this MoU in Dhaka, Bangladesh on **25th February 2015**, subject to bringing necessary amendments as and when necessary, based on mutual understanding.

(Shahana Hayat)
Country Director

Voluntary Service Overseas Bangladesh (VSOB)

Date:

(Anwarul Karim)
Director General

Department of Youth Development
Ministry of Youth & Sports.

Date:

Witnesses:

1. Signature & date:

Name & Address:

M. D. SHORIBOR ROHMAN
VSO Bangladesh.

Witnesses:

25.2.15
Md. Eshad-Ur-Rahim
Director, DYD

1. Signature & date:

Name & Address: