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Q1 Name of the organization:

Forum for the Right of the Elderly, Bangladesh (FREB)

Q2 The purpose of the organization:

The main purpose of the organization is to protection and promotion of older people's human rights in Bangladesh (Page 1, Clause 6 of Bengali Constitution of the Organization. The purpose also involves the rights of elderly to enjoy tension free dignified lives. It also includes the rights of older people participating in socio-economic development works by utilizing their earned rich experiences in this field. The purpose also focuses ensuring older people rights to food, rights to housing, rights to health, rights to free mobility and enjoy poverty free and secured old age lives. The purpose also emphasizes older's right to social and economic empowerment and get involved in both in income generating activities and social voluntary works. The organization also exercise the rights to promote inter-generational works at all level of society. The organization also promises to work for realization of the rights to ensure age-friendly infrastructure both in rural and urban areas. The organization also work to ensure and realize the international human rights at national level. Finally the organization tries to focus on the rights of older women at rural and urban level in Bangladesh.

Q3 Information as to the programmes and activities of the organization in areas relevant to the human rights of older persons:

FREB is a networking organization. Its prime responsibilities are to promote elderly rights keeping human rights perspectives of country's constitution. FREB also follows the principals and objectives of 1982 and 2002 convention for the older people. At head quarter level it works for raising awareness for elderly people and work at policy level for formulation and up taking of appropriate policies and programs for older people by the state. It also works for protecting elderly rights at grass root level through its member organization. There are 27 community based organizations who are associate member of the FREB and through them FREB undertake elderly rights related activities at community level.

Campaign and awareness raising against ageism

The organization is network based so it has extra advantages to raise the older rights related issues and protested against the violation of rights. The FREB involves media and tries to identify the older people human rights violations at different levels. Based on the findings of elderly right violation FREB made plan to protest such violations at policy making and levels. During last years of activity 10-15 such cases of protest took place.

Publication and communications: The organization published news letters to focus the human rights of older people in Bangladesh. It mainly focused the theme rights to health , rights participation etc. It also published member's works and policy response of the government

Facilitation and promotion of National advocacy of older people human rights

This is the network organization which undertook the following works to strengthen human advocacy in Bangladesh:

i) Idea and concept develop jointly : Network members are working on older people rights in diversified so the organization has developed idea and concept how older people rights in Bangladesh could be realized and promoted . One of the idea is to make some educated retirees the trainers of older people rights through TOT and deploy them to disseminate older human rights issues in different community and society

II) Review the progress of government actors : The organization will form team and asses the progress of its commitments (expressed in policy and declarations) ad shared findings with minister and other accountable actors

Finally capacity building of the partners

Finally the organization finalize the action plan focused on the members capacity building through i) training , ii) Compiling their activities information iii) identify their good practices

Q4 Confirmation of the activities of the organization at the national, regional or international level:

National confirmation:

The organization is registered with Government Social Welfare Ministry and this registration confirmed the organization has activities across the national level. The Ministry of Social Welfare in every year take the responsibility to implement the International Day of Older Persons. The ministry includes the organizational representation from FERB in their steering committee.

Regional confirmation

Dr. Sharifa Begum joined the GAROP initiated South Asian Training on Human Rights on November, 2019 . Dr. Sharifa also a part to the “Kerla Declaration” and confirmed regional organization’s participation and representation.

International confirmation.

Organization in principle confirmed and accepted the declaration, policies at international level, but it has not directly participated in any event outside South Asia. So the organization desires to participate in the OEWG process.

Q5 A list of members of the governing body of the organization and their countries of nationality:

Composition of the EC members of FREB for AGM 2019-2020

President : Major General Jibon Kanai Das (Retd)

Vice President (1) : Dr. Sharifa Begum
(2) : Ghulam Mostofa Dulal,

Secretary General : Abul Haseeb Khan

Joint Secretary (1) : Md. Shahidul Haque
(2) : Md. Ziarul Islam

Treasurer : Khondker Rebaka Sun-Yat

1) Member : Md. Abdul Quayyum Thakur

2) Member : Dr. Samnun Farukh Taha

3) Member : M. Nazmul Azam David

4) Member : Tofazzel Hossain Monju

5) Member : Ferdoushi Begum

6) Member : Hasan Ali

7) Member : Yasmeen Ara Baby

8) Member : Kazi Rozana Akhter

Note: All members are Bangladeshi nationals.

Q6 List of financial sources and contributions, including governmental contributions:

The source of fund for FREB are as follows-

- Annual membership fee from organizations and individual members.
 - Individual donation
 - Donation/ contributions from different organizations, donors, government etc.
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Q7 Copies of the annual or other reports of the organization with financial statements (File size limit is 16MB):

Compiled Annual Report.pdf (3.3MB)

Q8 Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB):

FREB Audit report.pdf (2.2MB)

Q9 Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB): **Respondent skipped this question**

Q10 A description of the membership of the organization, indicating the total number of members, the names of organizations that are members and their geographical distribution:

Forum for the Rights of the Elderly, Bangladesh(FREB) is an umbrella organization of the following NGOs:

Name of the Organizations:

1. Age Well Foundation Bangladesh
 2. Ageing Support Forum
 3. Bangladesh Association for the Aged and Institute of Geriatric Medicine (BAAIGM)
 4. Bangladesh Women Health Coalition (BWHC)
 5. Bangladesh Retired Government Employee Welfare Association
 6. Bangladesh Centre for Development Program (BCDP)
 7. BoyoshkoKallayonSamitee
 8. BoyoshiKallayonSamitee
 9. BRAC
 10. CCDR
 11. Care First Foundation
 12. GhashPhool
 13. Gonoshasthaya Kendra
 14. Nobanno
 15. Probin Kallayan Parishad
 16. Poriborton Khulna
 17. Probin Bandhu
 18. Resource Integration Centre (RIC)
 19. Saheed Sheba Sangastha
 20. Sir William Beveridge Foundation
 21. Social Reconstruction Action (SORA)
 22. Step For Human Asset Development
 23. Subarta Trust
 24. Social Assistance and Rehabilitation for the Physically Vulnerable (SARPV)
 25. Senior Citizen Well-Fare Association
 26. ISTD
 27. SACO
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Q11 A copy of the constitution and/or by-laws of the organization (File size limit is 16MB):

FREB Constitution.pdf (3.8MB)

Q12 Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB):

Respondent skipped this question

Q13 Please attach additional copies if needed (File size limit is 16MB):

Respondent skipped this question

Q14 Contact information:

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Q15 Website

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