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Q1 Name of the organization:

Resource Integration Centre (RIC)

Q2 The purpose of the organization:

RIC's Mission includes specific broader purposes which are directly related to the goals of programme implementation:

- Support for realizing and promoting vulnerable older people human rights in Bangladesh
 - To support the overall Economic Social Cultural ESC rights of marginalized communities in Bangladesh through the provision of Income generating and social support services.
 - Organize campaign and supporting implementation of the rights to education for all in the society
 - To ensure the effective utilization of local resources for social development of the marginalized and the excluded groups
 - Promoting the landless and wage labor rights to livelihood
 - To promote the programme relating to child rights conventions and CEDAW
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Q3 Information as to the programmes and activities of the organization in areas relevant to the human rights of older persons:

1. RIC's Self-funding for vulnerable older people's protection rights to livelihood with an aim to contribute to the lives and livelihood of the poor and vulnerable older people in Bangladesh RIC has been facilitating social and health services for the older people through providing economic and material support to the poor and vulnerable older people to solve their problems and meeting up their specific needs.

Currently, a fund is being created from the regular monthly contribution of RIC' microcredit operation services, contributions from its staffs and donations from personal and organizations. Gradually the fund will be generated from other sources like NGOs and Corporate sectors and other educational institutions.

At present in RIC is providing eye care particular organizing eye camp and cataract operation are done for the older people in different parts of the country.

Under the initiative, there is a plan to provide health services to the older people by appointing Physician in each of the working areas of RIC.

2. Supports for the vulnerable older people rights to housing: Housing is one of the basic rights of the people, older people always suffer more due to lack of adequate housing facilities. Their sufferings increase during monsoon and in the winter season. Taking this into account, housing repairing or construction support will be provided to the older people those who cannot afford their expenditure or cannot arrange their financial support from their families. Housing support will also be provided to the older people who become the victim in the natural disasters

3. Realizing excluded older people rights to livelihood: RIC will identify the excluded vulnerable older people and will provide them with livelihood arrangements. These arrangements include cash for food and medicines, help to engage them in the old age-friendly income

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generation activities, etc

4. Realizing the older people rights to credit: To engage the older people more active and alleviating their poverty and establishing self-sustainability, initiatives will be taken for involving the older people in their income generating activities. To support the initiatives, the older people who are physically active and interested to earn by investing capital and has experiences they will be supported from this fund with less interest.

5. Promoting older people political rights through organization building and voice raising: Formation of OP Organization: The areas where OP groups already have been formed, the OP members of the RIC's Microcredit programmes will be included in the OP groups. Besides, in the RIC's Microcredit programme areas where there is no OP group existed, new OP group will be formed following the ideal OP group formation structure. The purpose of the forming group is to increase of awareness of older people issue and including the older people in the development process and justify their contributions in a sustainable manner

6. OPLI- Improving Older People's Livelihood through Community Initiative: RIC is working with older people at Arial, Baligaon union of Tongibari upazilla. Project duration is 02 years (September 2015-August 2017). Project activities are Baseline survey, Older Peoples Association (OPA) formation, Monthly meeting of Older People Committee, Health Service for Older people, physiotherapy training, Eye camp as well as medicine support, Grants & microcredit support for IGA, IGA training, Microcredit support, Older friendly material support (Stick & Commode chair), Day observation on older persons, workshop on inter generational solidarity.

7. Uplifting the lives of Elderly People Program: In Munshigonj, RIC is implementing the project at Arial, Baligaon union under Tongibari Upozilla. The project goal is to "Improvement of older people's livelihood". Specific objectives are to form a community based older people committee, include of older people in older people friendly Income Generating activities, increase the older people access to social and recreational activities and in health service, and to build inter-generation solidarity. Activities are: Conduction of Baseline survey, formation of Older People's Association (OPA) Coordination among the OP and other stakeholders through organizing meeting, Leadership development through skill development training, establishment of Older People's Centre (OP centre), providing Old Age Allowances, Providing health service and Para physiotherapist training, Awarding for Older people for contributing in the society, Microcredit training for OP, Loan support for older people friendly IGA, Funeral support for the poor OP's, Material support for frail vulnerable older people (Walkingstick, blanket commode chair etc.) and Social awareness campaign on Elderly issues.

8. Supports to the human rights of Rohingya Refugee: with the objective to improve access to life-saving and life-improving integrated humanitarian services for older men and women and their families amongst the Forcibly Displaced Myanmar National RIC is implementing the project with Help Age International (HAI) in Ukhiya Upazila with the funding support from DEC. Main activities under the project is to establishment of Age-Friendly Space, networking with service providing agencies, referral services for Food, Health, WASH, Shelter, Protection etc. health (Primary health and referral services) and NFI support (Warm and traditional cloth distribution, Mosquito net and bed distribution) About 2500 Older people are providing services under the project. An extended intervention of the same is implementing with the financial support of DFID

9. Implementation of Vulnerable older people Rights to Health Project: RIC is implementing the project in Goala union of Sapahar under Naogaon district with the financial support from CIDA since January 2009. The project objective is to improve health services for the vulnerable Older People. The project intended to start a community initiative for providing health services for the older people of the community.

To start the intervention a baseline survey was conducted to assesses the socio-economic status of the older people. During the reporting period, 57 older people groups organized one in each village as a part of project implementing strategy. The older people committee formed from the organized older people groups will act as community health service providers to the older people. Selected community older people imparted training on prevention and curative measures of the older people health. 237 Satellite clinics were organized during the reporting period. Thirteen consultation session with local government, Upazila administration, and civil surgeon were organized to increase older people's access to existing public and private health service facilities. Organizing Consultation and Lobbying with Union, Upzilla& district level health services act as an eye-opening for the government and NGO health services providers.

Nine committees under the leadership of the UP chairman were formed to help older people in access to health services. So the project at least adds the practices which will be instances for the NGO and Government health service networks working in this area. They

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could initiate geriatric care for older people in these areas.

10. Facilitation to promoting the rights of older people social services in Bangladesh: To improve quality of living older People through facilitated access to Health, Social and Social Services RIC has been implementing the project in 4 Unions, (2 unions from Mohehskhali, Cox's Bazaar; BoroMoheshkhali, Pourosova and 2 Unions from Gazipur -Pubail, Nagori) with the financial support from Bangladesh Bank.

Main activities of the project are interactive sharing & discussion with community groups at Ward level and Follow up monitoring of vulnerable Older people's inclusion of safety net, Organize OP fairs, cultural events and sports, Productive asset supports the economically vulnerable groups, Survey of identifying sick, bed-ridden vulnerable older people, organize regular Satellite clinic – conducted by trained paramedic, organize eye and physiotherapeutic camp, Special WATSAN Supports. The expected result of the project was: Total Active 36 Ward Based Self Help Groups, 4 Unions Older People's Association OPA's give older people a more participatory voice for inclusion of Social and Health Services.

At least 5400 most Vulnerable Older Women and male are the level Social and Health Services improved. (health service for the older people through satellite clinic)

11. Realization and promotion of older people rights to home care in Bangladesh: RIC has been providing home care services and satellite clinic-based health services for the older people in 32 Unions of 3 Upazilas with the support from HelpAge International and RIC own fund. Service is providing through appointing Paramedics/Rural medical Practitioners and in collaboration with Private Health Service providers, the services include counseling, therapy, treatment of chronic diseases, organizing eye camp and referral services.

12. Implementation of older people's human rights project focusing rights to development: With an aim to empower village-based civil society organisations led by older people to engage with local authorities for more effective, transparent, and inclusive local services addressing their poverty and health RIC has been implementing the project since 2009 with the financial support from European Union under the partnership with HelpAge International. The project is implementing in Gangachara is one of a manga prone upazila of Rangpur district and in Moheshkhali is the most remote coastal island.

To achieve the objective, the project is supporting older people's greater participation in the community's economic, social and political life by establishing and strengthening their own organizations. The project is also contributing to the capacity building of the older people, as a result, they would be capable of effectively negotiating with the local authorities to better access poverty reduction and health care facilities. The project is also to address older people's vulnerability in natural disasters the project is preparing older people and sensitizing community and is ensuring older people's meaningful inclusion in the local disaster management committees. The project is also enhancing capacities of the older people for advocating and lobbying with national policymakers for more inclusive entitlements

13. Sponsor a Grand Parents –SAG: With the technical assistance of 'HelpAge International' and with the financial support of 'Help the Aged' RIC has been implementing the SAG project in three unions of Nazirpur Upazila of Pirojpur district. The project is, directly and indirectly, helping the vulnerable and marginalized older people of this area to gain fair access to poverty reduction programmes and empowerment through measurable improvement of the living condition.

The project formed "Older People's Associations" (OPAs) and build their capacity to monitor their local services and benefits. At first, the OP leaders identified the destitute older people through a socio-economic survey.

14. Implementation of the project promoting older women human rights and empowerment: To reduce the vulnerability of the older women, RIC has been implementing the project .in Pubail since May 2009 and later on extended in more four unions at Kawltia union of Gazipur, Kadamtola and ShikdarMollik union of Pirojpur and Holdia union of Munshigonj since May 2010 with the financial support from HelpAge Germany. The specific objective of the project is to improve the material condition of vulnerable women through the transfer of assets, providing health services, repairing houses and extending other support services. As a part of the strategy, the older women of all classes of the project area were organized in groups and imparted training for their capacity building to raise their voice in the society

15. Realizing the Rights of the Marginalized and Vulnerable Older People (RROP) programme: RIC has been implementing the programme since 2006 with the support of Help Age International, Help the Aged, Cord Aid and World Granny. The project is currently running in eighteen unions of eleven upazila in six districts across the country. This includes five unions in Pirojpur, four unions in Dhaka, three unions

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Under the project older people, as rights holders, are assisting to organize groups and they have imparted training for monitoring leadership, lobbying and on the art of advocacy. These groups are monitoring access to, inclusion in and delivery of social protection mechanisms identified in Bangladesh which are social safety net programmes, health services, and micro-credit programme. These groups are using the evidence from monitoring activities to lobbying with the concerns for the effective delivery of their entitlements as well as for inclusion in government decision making and budgetary allocation processes.

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

National level: RIC membership of the following network confirms; RIC are doing diversified development activities, right based work. Because this are very strong NGO network, so membership of these network are certification of RIC right based works.

1. Network for information, Response and Preparedness Activities on Disaster (NIRAPAD)
2. Coalition for Urban Poor (CUP)
3. Disaster Forum
4. Credit Development Forum (CDF)
5. Coalition for Environmental NGOs (CEN)
6. COFCON
7. Ageing Resource Centre (ARC-B) [working as a secretariat of ARC-B]
8. Federation of NGOs in Bangladesh (FNB)
9. Forum for the Rights of the Elderly, Bangladesh (ProbinAdhikar Forum, Bangladesh)

International Level: Globally HelpAge international is champion of older people rights. RIC's long partnership with HelpAge International proves high involvement in activities on older people's rights. Apart from HelpAge International, Forum Asia membership also indicate RIC's programme experiences on human rights. The similar way IFA membership also indicates RIC proven commitment for the Older People's rights.

1. HelpAge International (Associate Member)
2. FORUM ASIA
3. International Federation on Ageing

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

List of board members for the period 2017-2020

Sl #	Name	Professional Affiliation (organization, title)	Nationality
1	Ms. KaziRozana Akhter	Chairperson	Bangladeshi
2	Mr. Shakawat Hossain	Vice-Chairperson	Bangladeshi
3	Ms. Sabrina Haque	Treasurer	Bangladeshi
4	Mr. Abul Haseeb Khan	Member Secretary	Bangladeshi
5	Mr. M. A. Mubin Chowdhury	Member	Bangladeshi
6	Mr. Md. Shahidul Haque	Member	Bangladeshi
7	Ms. Shafia	Member	Bangladeshi

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

RIC fund sources are mainly Projects Grants. Major funding /project partners are continuing funding support for a long time to different projects. RIC is operating micro-credit in large volume with the financial support from PKSF, and different Public and Private bank. RIC has been working with different donors since 1984. Last 05 years RIC is implementing projects with the following funding partners

1. World Food Programme (WFP)- 86,319,849 BDT (Bangladeshi Taka)
2. Save the Children- 164,415,815 BDT
3. Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development (LGRD)-Govt. of Bangladesh-164,415,815 BDT
4. HelpAge International-15,731,334 BDT
5. General Accounts- RIC- 2,285,000 BDT
6. European Commission-EC- 90,706,418 BDT
7. Department of Primary Education- Govt. of Bangladesh- 963,094 BDT
8. Department of Women Affairs- 515,922 BDT
9. CARE-Bangladesh- 13,745,676 BDT
10. BRAC- 2,446,640 BDT

Q7 Copies of the annual or other reports of the organization with financial statements (File size limit is 16MB):

Audit Report 2018.pdf (2.9MB)

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

Respondent skipped this question

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:

Resource Integration Centre (RIC) is a single organizational entity not like network organizational entity, so no other organization is a member of RIC.

But RIC has own organizational outreach in a large number of district and rural areas. RIC also the member of the different network, RIC currently are members 9 national and international sponsored networks. In terms of governance, there are two type members are belonging to RIC governing body. First, General body which is the highest decision-making body. About 25 members belong to the body. Members are mostly activists and social workers. Another executive committee, 7 members belong to the body. The members of the executive committee are multidisciplinary -lawyers, social workers, and researchers. Membership of RIC's depend on commitment in human rights and participatory democracy and empowerment of poor marginalized groups and finally working on gender equality and equality precondition for the RIC membership.

Q11 A copy of the constitution and/or by-laws of the organization (File size limit is 16MB):

RIC Constitution English.pdf (3.3MB)

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

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

Respondent skipped this question

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