

CSOs and NGOs working for Human Rights¹



Name of Organisation: ActionAid Bangladesh, 1983

Website of Organisation: <http://www.actionaid.org/bangladesh>

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Organisation of DTP Alumni Y/N: Yes

ActionAid Bangladesh is a NGO that seeks to fight poverty in the country. ActionAid came to Bangladesh in 1983 to support an orphanage in Bhola named 'For Those Who Have Less' (locally known as 'Bittohin'). Today, ActionAid is committed to changing the capacities of people and groups whose rights have been denied of attaining justice and a life of dignity. ActionAid Bangladesh also assists and builds capacities of actors of civil society and partner communities' whom are engaged in safeguarding and promoting people's rights.

ActionAid Bangladesh strives to accelerate support for anti-poverty initiatives and improve the development of sustainability.

Vision

- A world without poverty and injustice in which every person enjoys their right to a life with dignity.

Mission

- To work with poor and marginalised people to eradicate poverty and injustice.

Values

- Mutual respect, requiring ActionAid Bangladesh to recognize the innate worth of all people and the value of diversity
- Equity and justice - ActionAid Bangladesh works to ensure equal opportunity to everyone, irrespective of race, age, sex, sexual orientation, etc
- Honesty and transparency - ActionAid Bangladesh being accountable and transparent at all levels for the and disclose their judgements and communications with others
- Solidarity with the poor, powerless and excluded in the fight against poverty
- Non-religious or party-political affiliation

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¹ The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) is an NGO affiliated with the Faculty of Law at UNSW in Sydney. Since 1990, it has provided training to over 2600 human rights defenders and community advocates. These individuals work for a wide range of organisations working to promote shared values of human rights – in different ways. This profile is part of a series developed by DTP (www.dtp.unsw.edu.au) to illustrate the richness and diversity of the organisations working to promote human rights more broadly.