

# RMMRU

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A centre for evidence based research and grassroots action



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## **RMMRU Annual Report 2020**

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### **Abbreviation**

A2i: Access to Information

BMET: Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training

BAIRA: Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies

DFID: Department for International Development

FLM: Fairer Labour Migration

GBV: Gender Based Violence

GMC: Grievance Management Committee

MFA: Migrant Forum in Asia

MJF: Manusher Jonno Foundation

MRPC: Migrant Rights Protection Committee

RMMRU: Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit

SEEM: Social and Economic Exclusion and Migration

WEWB: Wage Earners' Welfare Board

WEWD: Wage Earners' Welfare Desk

## **About RMMRU**

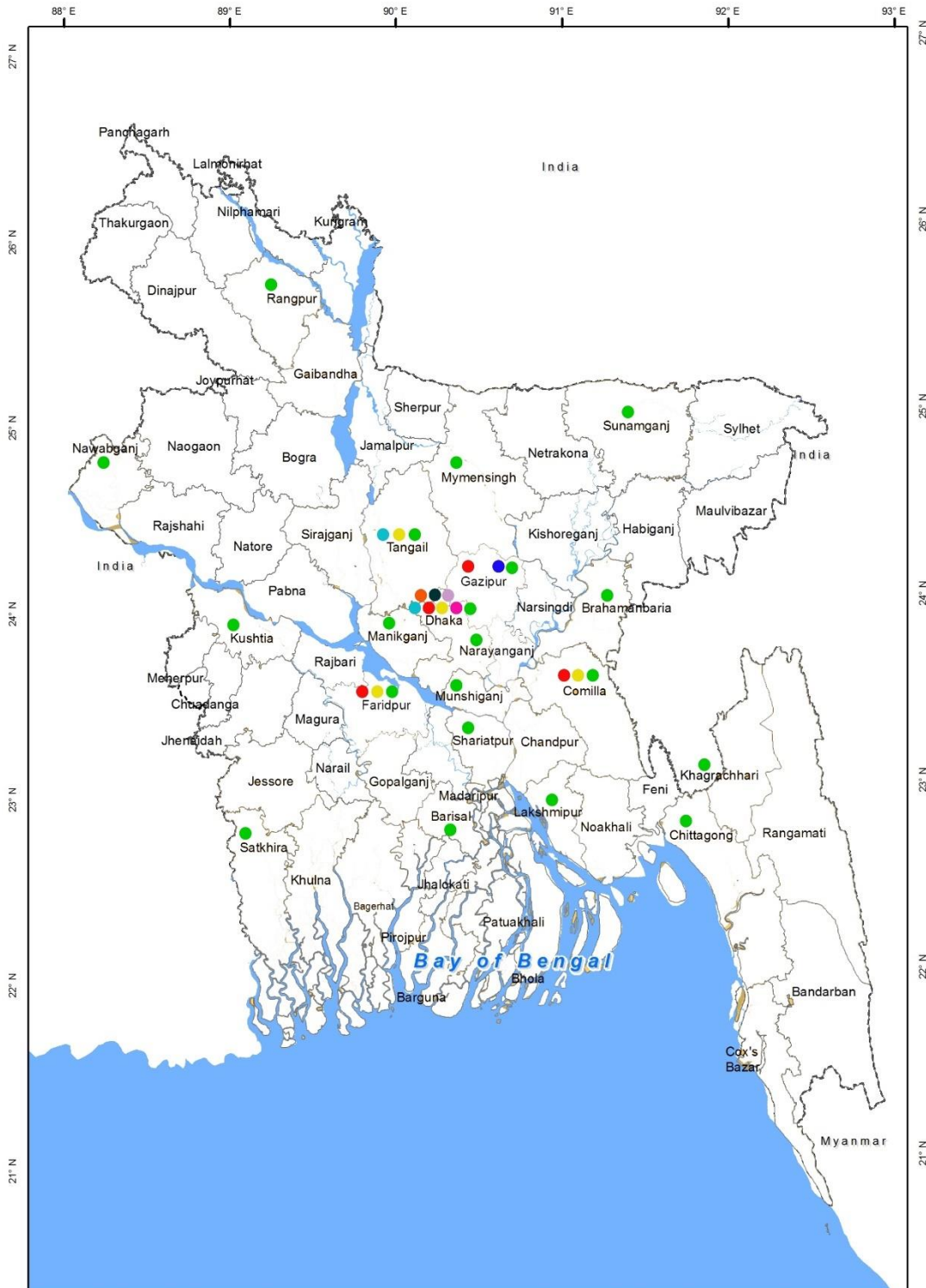
RMMRU is a centre for evidence-based research and grassroots action.

Since its inception in 1995, it has become one of the leading organisations specialising in labour migration. Over the years the organisation has worked on the impact of labour migration on poverty and development, female labour migration, diaspora, climate induced migration, refugees, internally displaced and stateless persons. Through establishing Migrant Rights Protection Committees, Grievance Management Committees, Youth Volunteer Committees and Migrant Support Centres at the grassroots and partnerships with local NGOs, RMMRU engages in awareness and information campaign, training, mediation and economic and social reintegration of returnee migrants. It also partners with leading research consortia and both national and international networks to collectively generate new knowledge on migration and uphold the rights of migrants globally, regionally and locally. RMMRU is the secretariat of Bangladesh Civil Society for Migrants.

## General Body of RMMRU



### RMMRU RESEARCH AND ACTION LOCATION



- Social and Economic Exclusion and Migration: Inclusion of Excluded Groups into Migration Process (SEEM)
- Migration, Sustainability and Transformation (MISTY)
- Responsible Recruitment Platform for Safe Migration in Bangladesh (SafeStep)
- Impact of Migration on Poverty and Local Development (IMPD-3)
- Fairer Labour Migration in Bangladesh (FLM)
- Repatriation after Covid-19
- Development on Blended Learning Module
- The Next Frontier of Climate Policy (NFCP)
- Skilling of Returnee Migrants (SRM-SEDP)

## Summary of Field Programmes and Research in 2020 Field Programmes

Projects	Funding Organisation	Total Budget in BDT	Budget in BDT (Jan - Dec 2020)	Project Focus	Partners (s)	Location(s)	Burn rate (Jan-Dec 2020)
Fairer Labour Migration in Bangladesh (FLM)	PROKAS British Council	26,685,220 2019-2021	12,460,461	Reducing fraudulence from grassroots recruitment through regularisation of middlemen	N/A	Dhaka, Tangail	100 %
Social and Economic Exclusion and Migration (SEEM)	UKAID MJF	37,999,635 2019-2021	7,986,792	Increase the opportunity of socially and economically excluded groups to benefit from migration	CCDA and BFF	Dhaka, Cumilla, Gazipur, Faridpur	77%
Responsible Recruitment Platform for Safe Migration in Bangladesh (SafeStep)	Winrock International	3,944,679 2020-2021	1,966,584	Develop a responsible recruitment platform that empowers workers to successfully navigate their migration journey	N/A	Kaliakair Upazila, Gazipur	78%
Skilling of Returnee Migrants (SRM-SEDP)	ILO	15,922,282 2020-2022	617,920	The main goal of this project is to analyse our existing best practices and create a guideline for implementation in the context of Bangladesh	RMMRU UCEP OKUP	RMMRU knowledge generation based in Dhaka but implemented by partners in different districts	100%

## Research

Projects	Funding Organisation	Total Budget in BDT	Budget in BDT (Jan - Dec 2020)	Project Focus	Partners (s)	Location(s)	Burn rate (Jan - Dec 2020)
Migration, Transformation and Sustainability (MISTY)	University of Exeter	7,888,502 2019-2021	2,060,517	To expand knowledge of transformations by incorporating migration dynamics. To know the impact of aggregate flows of people on sustainability.	N/A	Dhaka	100%
Impact of Migration on Poverty and Local Development (IMPD-3)	SDC	12,107,397 2020-2021	5145372	Create a panel data set on migration and to understand the impact of migration on poverty and local level development.		Dhaka, Cumilla, Chittagong, Munshiganj, Khustia, Satkhira, Khagrachori, Manikganj, Narayanganj, Shariatpur, Tangail, Mymensingh, Rangpur, B.Baria, Sunamganj, Gazipur, Faridpur, Laxmipur, Barishal, Chapai Nawabganj	96%
Development on Blended Learning Module	RWI Jakarta Office	2,100,008 2020-2021	1,050,004	Development of Module 10 on urban settlement and Module 11 on Durable solutions.	N/A	Dhaka	36%
The Next Frontier of Climate Policy (NFCP)	Royal Holloway, University of London	1,282,533 2020-2021	779,708	Examines international flows of embodied carbon and the role of international trade in shaping climate impacts, especially in relation to labour rights and working conditions.	N/A	Dhaka, Narshingdi	79%
Repatriation of Bangladeshi workers from Gulf States after Covid-19	MFA	424,088 2020	424,088	Repatriation process of Returnee migrants from the Gulf and other Arab countries during COVID-19 pandemic.	N/A	Faridpur, Cumilla, Dhaka, Tangail	100%

## Services to migrants and their families at the grassroots

In 2020, Migrant Rights Protection Committees (MRPCs), Grievance Management Committees (GMCs), Youth Volunteer Groups (YVGs), Migration Support Centres (MSCs) and Legal Support Cell had provided nine types of services to migrants and their families.



Awareness Campaign on COVID-19, Tangail

Approximately, 200,000 aspirant, departing, and returnee migrants, as well as their family members, received emergency support, information, referrals and legal support, and counseling services from RMMRU (FLM, SEEM, and SafeStep). In 2020, the awareness campaign mostly focused on the impact of COVID-19.



Consultation on COVID-19, Tangail

GMCs of RMMRU recovered Tk.60,34,000 from sub-agents and recruiting agencies through arbitration of BMET and WEWB and local level mediation. 149 aggrieved migrants and members of their families received legal support and referral services.



COVID-19 Counseling in Courtyard meeting at Bhanga upazila, Faridpur

In 2020, 82 applications for mediation were received (FLM and SEEM), of which the GMCs resolved 37 cases. In addition, 19 cases were resolved by the RMMRU Legal Cell in collaboration with BMET.

Through Migration Support Centres at Dakshinkhan and Kaliakair, RMMRU provided emergency support and services to 7,733 returnee male and female

migrants in collaboration with Wage Earners' Welfare Desk. Among them, 7668 returnee migrants received emergency food and conveyance support at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport. Moreover, 11 returnee migrants (6 female and 5 male) received medical treatment from public hospitals. Also, 55 migrants and their families who came to receive them stayed in MSC at Dakshinkhan. Both migrants and their family members received counselling services.



Handover of compensation money to the plaintiff by GMC, Tangail

Unfortunately, migrant households were excluded from the government assistance as it only used the traditional targets of social safety net programmes such as VGF and VGD. A total of 4188 left-behind distressed migrant households which were not receiving remittances were provided with emergency food support in Tangail and Faridpur (FLM, SEEM, BFF). In Cumilla, 3000 distressed left-behind migrant households received cash grant (CCDA), and 2000 migrant households as well as field workers received protection gears like masks, soaps and PPEs (FLM).



Food support for returnee migrants at Dhaka airport

In total, 418 returnee migrants were registered with returnee migrant database of the government. (FLM, SEEM and SafeStep).

Skill development training was provided to 61 male and female migrants, 32 of whom are engaged in income-generating activities based on the newly learnt skills. Training on health and life skill was provided to 73 migrants (SEEM).

From January to March 2020, before the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, 241 received pre-decision and 382 received pre-departure training (FLM and SEEM). The trainings were abandoned and all related funds were diverted to immediate assistance programme to migrants and their households.



Food support, Tangail

6 episodes of Obhibashir Adalat were aired on DBC Channel as a live programme. 16 cases (13 male and 3 female) were presented before the lawyer, government functionary and migration expert. 72 cases were received through telephone. The experts gave the aggrieved migrants advice on how to proceed legally. The TV programme was viewed by around 72,00,000 people.

RMMRU has a collaborative programme with Access to Information programme of the government (a2i). From January to March 2020, through 333 call centre and Union Digital Centres (UDC) of a2i, 292 migrants and their family members have received information on the availability supports.



Food support at Tangail

During COVID-19, RMMRU generated a database of 6,329 returnee migrants (Tangail 700, Airport 5,629). It was done by creating a weblink for the RMMRU website.

<http://www.rmmru.org/newsite/events/returnee-migrants/>

RMMRU also identified and documented the profiles of 500 aspirant and departing migrants, sub-agents,



Distribution of protection gear, Tangail

CTC and UDC and MRPC members (SafeStep).

RMMRU pursued 244 cases of gender based violence on left-behind members of migrant households as well as returnee migrants. In order to equip 32 GMC members, a day-long training on gender based violence was organised in Tangail. Some of the cases have been taken to court.



Gender based violence training, Tangail

### Major Achievements

To inform the national and global actors of the hardship of Bangladeshi migrants RMMRU prepared a situation analysis report as early as 1st April 2020 on “*Protection of Migrants during COVID-19 Pandemic Situation Analysis of RMMRU and Tasks Ahead*” [www.rmmru.org/newsite/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/COVID-19-Situation-Report.pdf](http://www.rmmru.org/newsite/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/COVID-19-Situation-Report.pdf)

A virtual press conference was organised on April 4, 2020, to present the situation analysis report. Its 3 recommendations on BAIRA were later taken up by the Bangladesh Human Rights Commission. MFA articulated many of its demands at the regional level.

Under the leadership of RMMRU, Bangladesh Civil Society for Migrants (BCSM) wrote an open letter to the Prime Minister of Bangladesh to allocate resources for the distressed migrants and left-behind members of their families adversely affected by COVID-19 pandemic. Twenty days after the appeal, the Prime Minister announced a package of Tk. 500 crore (\$58,823,530) to be used as reintegration loan



Handover of a sick migrant to her family  
MSC Dakshinkhan



Sick returnee migrant at Migrant Support Centre at Dakshinkhan

at 4 percent interest (RMMRU and BCSM).

<http://www.rmmru.org/newsite/wpcontent/uploads/2020/04/Open-Letter-to-PM-in-English.pdf>

BCSM submitted a memorandum to the United Nations Secretary-General highlighting the plight of the Bangladeshi migrants amidst the COVID-19 pandemic (RMMRU and BCSM).

[www.rmmru.org/newsite/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/BCSM-Memorandum-to-Secretary-General-of-UN.pdf](http://www.rmmru.org/newsite/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/BCSM-Memorandum-to-Secretary-General-of-UN.pdf)

For its role during the COVID-19 pandemic, RMMRU received a formal letter of appreciation from the Minister of MoEWOE.

RMMRU also received a letter of appreciation from UNO, Kalihati Upazila, Tangail for its timely food assistance and other forms of support to migrants and members of their families in the Upazila.

Wage Earners' Welfare Board requested RMMRU's assistance in identifying vulnerable returnee migrants to provide reintegration loans (100 women migrants).

As a member of the Migrant Forum in Asia, RMMRU has been successful in internationalising the issue of wage theft of workers during COVID-19. It has been campaigning to set up a transitional justice mechanism.

The authorities had detained 219 and 63 returnee migrants from the Gulf and Vietnam respectively under section 54. BCSM issued a press statement



ToT on Health and Life Skill Training for the departing female migrant workers, Cumilla



Demonstration of the SafeStep application, Kaliakair



1<sup>st</sup> webinar on 'COVID-19, Arbitrary Return of Bangladeshi Migrants and their Unpaid Dues'

against such rights violation and demanded their immediate release. RMMRU along with two rights activists facilitated the filing of a writ petition by a returnee migrant that ultimately led to the withdrawal of the case against all the accused.

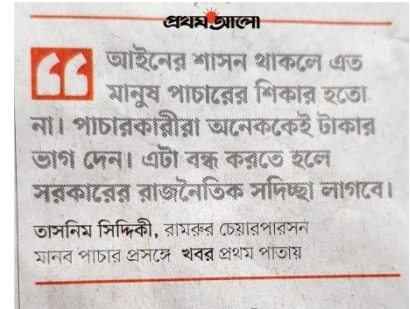
The study shows 74 percent of returnees revealed that they left-behind a significant amount of resources (mostly unpaid wages) when they returned home. "On average the affected migrants lost Tk.175,000." Many returnees claimed that they did not get full salaries or wages for several months before they returned due to the COVID-19 crisis

It has organised six webinars under the e-symposium series titled 'Build Back Better' to protect the rights of the migrants amid the pandemic. 40 electronic and print media had covered news on the outcomes and recommendations drawn from the webinars.

RMMRU developed a training module for the departing female migrant workers on Health and Life Skills. It is pursuing with the government to incorporate the module with the regular training sessions conducted by TTC (SEEM).

## Innovation

Due to lockdown during COVID-19, conducting research on the state of migrants and left-behind members of their families became difficult. RMMRU innovatively combined KoBo Toolbox application and mobile phone interview and collected data of about 6600 migrant households. KoBo Toolbox provided



Quotation in the daily Prothom Alo

*Julekha, went to Jordan with housekeeping visa. "After two months, I asked for my salary but my employer denied paying me any salary. With the help of my relatives I returned home. At that time, I was financially ruined. There was the pressure of loan. One day I attended a courtyard meeting of SEEM project and after that I attended several interventions of SEEM project. SEEM arranged a cow rearing training for me and organised donation of cows valued one lac taka and now I am raising cattle. Julekha, Daudkandi, Cumilla*

paperless online option and cellphones created opportunity to avoid face to face research. It was an important innovation in research technique for future work of RMMRU (SDC and RMMRU, BCSM and RMMRU, MFA and RMMRU).

RMMRU has established two migration service booths at District Employment and Manpower Office (DEMO) in Faridpur and Cumilla to ensure safe migration. The service-booths are designed with a pictorial message on COVID-19 prevention measures and safe migration-related information. From the service booths, migrant workers get information and referral services in collaboration with government institutions (SEEM). RMMRU plans to replicate this in other areas.

RMMRU also demonstrated the SafeStep mobile application among 200 aspirant and returnee migrants, sub-agents, Counter-Trafficking Committee (CTC) members, and Union Digital Centre (UDC) members (SafeStep), etc.

The organisation developed an Arbitration Model for BAIRA and formally handed over the model to the President of BAIRA in the presence of some of the members of the Executive Committee in February 2020.

RMMRU as the secretariat of BCSM innovatively led a research engaging 9 member organisations. This

*Congratulations to BCSM and RMMRU for accomplishing such a great task in such a short time. I commend this book as a real time research for a real time problem.*

- Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman, PPRC.

*'As the Chairperson of the Parliamentary Caucus, I treat this book as evidence in advocating for the migrants in parliamentary session'.*

- Shameem Haider Patwary, Chair, Bangladesh Parliamentarians Caucus

*'It is a magnificent piece of work. I will definitely feed this rich local knowledge into my global advocacy'.*

- Colin Rajah, Civil Society Action Committee Coordinator, ICMC

resulted in the publication of an e-book titled “*The Other Face of Globalisation: COVID-19, International Labour Migrants and Left-behind Families in Bangladesh*”. The hardcopy and Bangla translation of the book will be published in first half of 2021. This initiative proved that migration organisations can work together voluntarily and produce a major output. It has also demonstrated that grassroots workers of BCSM partner organisations can be trained to use online programmes of data generation.

### **New Knowledge**

Norms and standards of ethical globalisation in case of migrant workers are yet to emerge. The international standards and normative guidelines are unable to provide protection to the migrant workers during emergency situation. No mechanism is available to document migrant workers’ grievances during crisis (Situation Report, April 2021).

Gender based violence increased during crisis and women (as migrants as well as left-behind spouse) experienced both physical and mental torture (The Other Face of Globalisation: eBook).

For 57 percent of households, remittance was the only source of income. During months of June to August, 61 percent of migrant households did not receive remittances. These families maintained their expenditure through loan, income of other members of families, decreasing average expenditure from Tk. 17,000 to Tk. 7,700 (Arbitrary Return of Bangladeshi Migrants and their Unpaid Wages, Policy Brief 30,

*‘The book provides a compelling account of what it means to be a migrant during the COVID-19 under current form of globalisation’.*

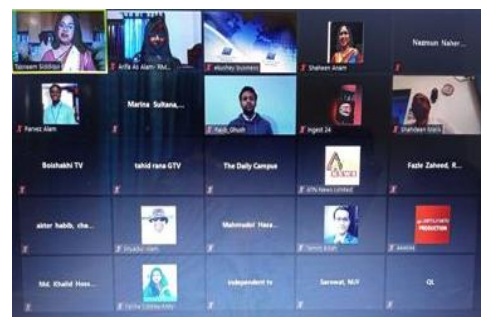
- Ignacio Packer, Executive Director, ICVA and former GFMD Civil Society Coordinator

*‘A remarkable achievement – full of practical recommendations to support positive change. This is a must read for policy makers and practitioners alike’.*

- Gerry Fox, Team Leader, PROKAS, British Council, Bangladesh



6<sup>th</sup> webinar on Regularisation of Sub-Agents



Annual Migration Trends Analysis 2020, Press Conference of RMMRU

SEEM).

[www.rmmru.org/newsite/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Policy-Brief-30.pdf](http://www.rmmru.org/newsite/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Policy-Brief-30.pdf)

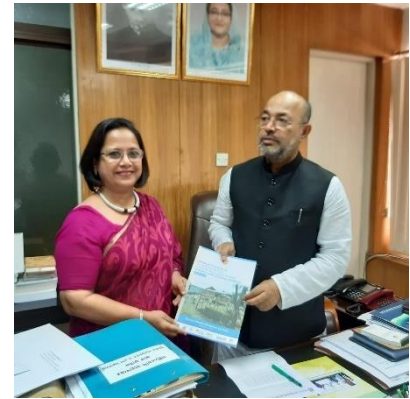
## Change in Policy

The Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief has adopted the National Strategy on the Management of Internal Displacement. The strategy document was prepared by RMMRU team. RMMRU has now begun the task of preparing the Action Plan for the Strategy following a request from the ministry.

Following a strong advocacy by RMMRU and BCSM, twenty days after the submission of the Open Letter, the Prime Minister announced the allocation of Tk 500 crore as soft loan for the returnees through the Probashi Kollyan Bank.

Ministry of EWOE has formed a committee to implement the prime ministerial directive to bring *dalals* under legal cover. RMMRU presented its model for regularisation of *sub-agents* to the Ministry of EWOE, parliamentary standing committee and the Parliamentarians' Caucus on Migration and Development. The parliamentary standing committee has advised RMMRU to incorporate some changes to the model so that they could pursue it.

The outcome of the RMMRU initiated writ petition is likely to set a major legal precedence that would deter state authorities to detain returnee migrants



Handing over the National Strategy on the Management of Internal Displacement to Dr. Md. Enamur Rahman, State Minister of MoDMR

'We use our migrants only as remittance machine. In this crisis situation we must bring them under social safety network'.

- Ms. Shaheen Anam  
Executive Director, MJF

*'Kindly hand me over the revised document on sub-agent registration as soon as possible and I will place it as suggestion of Parliamentary Standing Committee'.*

- Barrister Anisul Islam  
Mahmood, MP, Chair  
Parliamentary Standing  
Committee

without credible and justifiable grounds and keep them under detention for more than fifteen days.

### Campaign in 2020

The foremost campaign was for the allocation of resources to migrants in distressful condition in the destination countries and left-behind members of migrant families.

The one-minute silence campaign honouring Bangladeshis who lost their lives due to COVID-19, both at home and abroad, has been largely successful in drawing attention to the plight of migrants who are bearing the brunt of pandemic as frontline workers. The campaign was covered in almost 40 print and electronic media.

After the brutal killing of 26 Bangladeshis in Libya, RMMRU launched a campaign for bringing the perpetrators of labour trafficking to justice.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=VjOIASUIVmU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VjOIASUIVmU)

### Intervention tools used by RMMRU in influencing policy at the national level

- Conducting research on impact of COVID-19 on migrants in destination, publishing Policy Brief 29, and 30. Publishing the National Strategy on Internal Displacement, BAIRA model of Arbitration.
- Organising 6 international webinars, 2 virtual



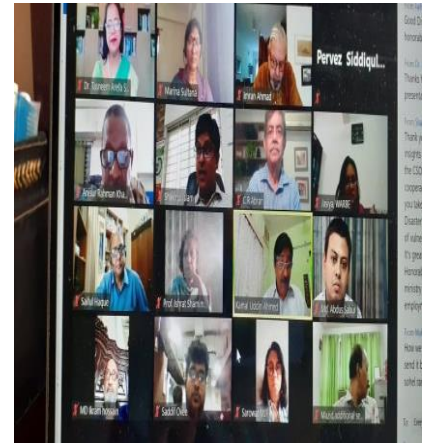
Prof. Neil Adger of University of Exeter and Caroline Zickgraf of University of Liège observing one-minute silence to respect the deceased migrants



6<sup>th</sup> webinar on Regularisation of Sub-Agents

press conferences by engaging policymakers and stakeholders as well as the press.

- Presentation on global forums such as the UN platform on disaster displacement, the UN ESCAP, South and South-East Asian forums.
- Observing special days such as International Migrants' Day, International Women's Day etc.
- Meeting with policymakers, Parliamentary Caucus and government stakeholders.
- Appearance in national and international media as opinion leaders.
- Interviews published by Forum Asia, Prothom Alo, Shomokal, Desh Rupantor, Bonik Barta, Jugantor etc. Interview by the BBC, Voice of America (VoA) and Deutsche Welle (DW).
- Dissemination of policy brief and infograph
- Dissemination of the RMMRU Annual Migration Trends Report 2020, nationally and internationally.
- Media advocacy through 6 episodes of Obhibashir Adalat.
- Writeup of Op-Ed, and issue-based editorials in both English and Bengali daily newspaper.



5th e-Symposium on Impact of Covid-19 on Left-behind Migrant Families



*'During COVID-19 RMMRU has been working as the teacher of the teachers at regional level'.*

- Shabari Nath Nair, ILO South Asia office, May 2020

## Media Intervention

Print Media Coverage

### **Pandemic and prisons: the powder keg**

The Daily Star

C R Abrar

April 07, 2020

Link: [www.thedailystar.net/opinion/human-rights/news/pandemic-and-prisons-the-powder-keg-1890220](http://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/human-rights/news/pandemic-and-prisons-the-powder-keg-1890220)

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### **Yanghee Lee: Champion of justice for Rohingyas**

The daily Star

C R Abrar

May 19, 2020

Link: [www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/yanghee-lee-champion-justice-rohingyas-1903789](http://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/yanghee-lee-champion-justice-rohingyas-1903789)

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### **Covid-19 And Migrant Workers: The great wage robbery**

The Daily Star

C R Abrar

June 16, 2020

Link: [www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/covid-19-and-migrant-workers-the-great-wage-robbery-1914953](http://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/covid-19-and-migrant-workers-the-great-wage-robbery-1914953)

কোভিড-১৯ এবং অভিবাসী কর্মীদের মজুরি ডাকাতি

The Daily Star

C R Abrar

জুন স্বস্ত্র- সন্ত্রাস্ত্র

Link: <https://bit.ly/3nsmdr3>

**"Documentation of wage theft and violations is the need of the hour"**

The Daily Star

Dr Tasneem Siddiqui

June 30, 2020

Link: [www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/migrant-workers-coming-home-what-1922477](http://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/migrant-workers-coming-home-what-1922477)

**"It is time for a proactive approach, rather than a reactive one"**

The Daily Star

C R Abrar

June 30, 2020

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**Covid-19 And The Rohingya: Hunger, exploitation, hate crimes and xenophobia**

The Daily Star

C R Abrar

July 14, 2020

Link: [www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/covid-19-and-the-rohingya-hunger-exploitation-hate-crimes-and-xenophobia-1929817](http://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/covid-19-and-the-rohingya-hunger-exploitation-hate-crimes-and-xenophobia-1929817)

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### **Pardoned in host countries, incarcerated in Bangladesh**

The Daily Star

C R Abrar

August 18, 2020

Link: [www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/pardoned-host-countries-incarcerated-bangladesh-1946653](http://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/pardoned-host-countries-incarcerated-bangladesh-1946653)

### **Conjuring victims into villains**

The Daily Star

C R Abrar

September 08, 2020

Link: [www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/conjuring-victims-villains-1957505](http://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/conjuring-victims-villains-1957505)

### **পাচার হওয়া অভিবাসী এবং দেশের ভাবমূর্তি**

The Daily Star

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Link: <https://bit.ly/32LiDyp>

### **'It's not easy but our voices and the voices of the marginalised need to be heard,' – Interview with Dr Tasneem Siddiqui**

8 October 2020

Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development

Link: <https://www.forum-asia.org/?p=33136>

### **Inside The Rohingya Refugee Camps: Circumstances beckon prudence and vision**

The Daily Star

C R Abrar

October 28, 2020

Link: [www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/inside-the-rohingya-refugee-camps-circumstances-beckon-prudence-and-vision-1985253](http://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/news/inside-the-rohingya-refugee-camps-circumstances-beckon-prudence-and-vision-1985253)

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দেশ রূপান্তর

সি আর আবরার

৩০ অক্টোবর, স্তম্ভস্তু

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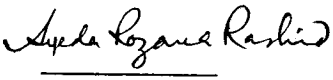
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Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU)  
Statement of Financial Position  
As at 30 June 2020

Particulars	Note	Amount in Taka	
		30 June 2020	30 June 2019
<b>PROPERTY &amp; ASSETS</b>			
<b>Non - Current Assets</b>			
Fixed Assets (At Cost less Accumulated Depreciation)	03.00	11,864,357	11,871,030
<b>Total Non - Current Assets</b>		<b>11,864,357</b>	<b>11,871,030</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash & Cash equivalents	04.00	1,016,168	1,569,763
Investment in FDR	05.00	-	-
Loan to Project	06.00	-	700,000
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>1,016,168</b>	<b>2,269,763</b>
<b>Total Property &amp; Assets</b>		<b>12,880,525</b>	<b>14,140,793</b>
<b>FUND &amp; LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Fund &amp; Reserves</b>			
Fund Account	07.00	12,880,525	14,140,793
<b>Total Fund &amp; Reserves</b>		<b>12,880,525</b>	<b>14,140,793</b>
<b>Non -Current Liabilities</b>			
<b>Total Non -Current Liabilities</b>		-	-
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Fund Transferable to projects	08.00	-	-
Audit Fee current year		-	-
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		-	-
<b>Total Fund &amp; Liabilities</b>		<b>12,880,525</b>	<b>14,140,793</b>

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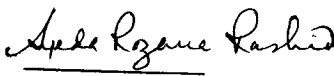


Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU)  
Statement of Income and Expenditure  
For the year ended 30 June 2020

Particulars	Notes	Amount In Taka	
		1 July 2019 To 30 June 2020	1 July 2018 To 30 June 2019
<b>Income:</b>			
Office Rent received from projects	10.00	960,196	938,161
Utilities received from projects	11.00	192,000	217,096
Donation received	12.00	2,000	297,088
Overhead received from projects	13.00	111,861	1,066,687
Equipment Rent Received	14.00	-	27,391
General Body Membership Fees	15.00	-	10,000
Interest received from Bank		14,059	23,235
Interest on FDR		-	556,092
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>1,280,116</b>	<b>3,135,750</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>			
Office Rent		1,110,526	1,336,713
Utilities		279,558	330,979
Audit Fee		30,000	60,000
General Body Meeting, EC Meeting, Annual Party		402	4,525
Accounting Maintenance fees		-	15,000
Income Tax		18,722	304,389
Bank Charges		9,051	37,663
Use o Remittance Training & Field work		1,029,954	-
Travel allowance, Local conveyance		15,467	19,723
Miscellaneous		19,032	19,927
Website Hosting		21,000	21,000
Stationery & Supplies		-	533
Depreciation		6,673	11,137
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>2,540,385</b>	<b>2,161,589</b>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>(1,260,268)</b>	<b>974,162</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,280,116</b>	<b>3,135,750</b>

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**Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU)  
Statement of Receipts and Payments  
For the year ended 30 June 2020**

Particulars	Notes	Amount In Taka	
		1 July 2019 To 30 June 2020	1 July 2018 To 30 June 2019
<b>Receipts:</b>			
<b>Opening Balance</b>			
<b>Cash &amp; Cash equivalents</b>			
		<b>1,569,763</b>	<b>2,071,792</b>
Cash in hand		5,000	5,000
Cash at bank		1,564,763	2,066,792
Fund received	09.00	28,903,272	51,016,513
Office rent received from projects	10.00	960,196	938,161
Utilities received from projects	11.00	192,000	217,096
Donation received	12.00	2,000	297,088
Overhead received from projects	13.00	111,861	1,066,687
Equipment rent received	14.00	-	27,391
General Body Membership Fees	15.00	-	10,000
Loan refund from Project		1,820,000	4,410,000
Interest received from bank		14,059	23,235
Interest on FDR		-	556,092
FDR Encashment		-	3,685,000
<b>Total :</b>		<b>33,573,152</b>	<b>64,319,055</b>
<b>Payments:</b>			
Fund transferred to projects	16.00	28,903,272	52,696,544
FDR		-	1,185,000
Office Rent		1,110,526	1,336,713
Accounting software		-	117,296
Accounting Maintenance fees		-	15,000
Utilities		279,558	330,979
Audit Fee		30,000	60,000
General Body Meeting, EC Meeting, Annual Party		402	4,525
Loan to Project		1,120,000	2,600,000
Bank Charges		9,051	37,663
Income Tax		18,722	304,389
Land Purchases		-	4,000,000
Travel allowance, Local conveyance		15,467	19,723
Website Hosting		21,000	21,000
Use o Remittance Training & Field work		1,029,954	-
Stationery & Supplies		-	533
Miscellaneous		19,032	19,927
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>32,556,984</b>	<b>62,749,292</b>
<b>Closing Balance:</b>			
<b>Cash &amp; Cash equivalents</b>			
		<b>1,016,168</b>	<b>1,569,763</b>
Cash in hand		5,000	5,000
Cash at bank		1,011,168	1,564,763
<b>Total:</b>		<b>33,573,152</b>	<b>64,319,055</b>

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