

# 2020 BI ANNUAL PROGRESS UPDATE

A SNAPSHOT OF THE KEY ACHIEVEMENTS FROM JANUARY - JUNE 2020

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## ENSURE QUALITY OF UNDP RESEARCH OUTPUTS

- Conducted Peer Review of Social Protection (SSPS) papers- including studies on barriers to social protection, demographics and social protection, and mid term review of the National Social Security Strategy
- Undertook Quality Assurance/Peer Review of 30 research papers for EALG. on different issues relating to local governance (upazila parishad, standing committees, government services, institutions, etc.)
- Categorized and analyzed close to 5,000 responses for UNDP's country wide Covid-19 rapid survey to better understand the effects of the pandemic on the most vulnerable populations in Bangladesh
- Peer reviewed National Job Strategy Report, 8FYP Urban Strategy Document, Urban Poverty and Social Protection Diagnostic Report, K4DM pro doc, HRP and a report on climate change and migration
- Reviewed a situation analysis report of PWDs in Bangladesh.

## DEVELOP KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS AND SUPPORT THEIR OUTREACH

- Led the formulation of a thematic studies/CCAs on the impacts of the fourth industrial revolution (4IR), urbanization, migration and climate change
- Presented to the country office and external partners the research findings on the development mega-trends for Bangladesh at the high level event on the occasion of the UN Assistant Secretary General Kanni Wignaraja's Dhaka visit



The RF team with UN ASG Kanni Wignaraja after the presentation on Megatrends

- Produced Think Pieces to inform the wider policy dialogue and programme development on various impact areas related to Covid-19. The Think Pieces are available in the UNDP Bangladesh website under the following links:

### RMG sector

<https://www.bd.undp.org/content/bangladesh/en/home/stories/covid-19--a-high-stakes-test-for-the-rmg-sector.html>

### Healthcare

[bd.undp.org/content/bangladesh/en/home/stories/a-reality-check-for-bangladesh-s-healthcare-system.html](https://www.bd.undp.org/content/bangladesh/en/home/stories/a-reality-check-for-bangladesh-s-healthcare-system.html)

### Migration

<https://www.bd.undp.org/content/bangladesh/en/home/stories/covid-19--an-uncertain-homecoming-for-bangladeshi-migrant-worker.html>

## SUPPORT COUNTRY OFFICE PROGRAMMING AND PARTNERSHIPS

- Drafted and edited Common Chapter and Pillar narratives of Socio-Economic Response Framework - a document being created to better necessary programmatic interventions in Bangladesh in the short-medium term-12 to 18 months to recover from the covid-19 pandemic
- Conducted KAP Survey Analysis, peer review and editing for DOLPHIN project, which included review of both literature and the quantitative aspects of the report (variance figures, standard deviation, etc.)
- Assisted in preparing concept note for LOGIC insuresilience solutions fund
- Supported in drafting integrated national financing framework (INFF)
- Partnered with the Global Chamber to conduct a series of webinars with subject matter experts on emerging development issues in the context of Covid-19, including the impact of the lock-down on SMEs, sustainability post pandemic and good communication practices during crises. The banners for the events with speaker and session titles are below and the webinar recordings are available on the Global Chamber website and at: <https://www.facebook.com/letsdisrupt/videos/911579639330491/>

### 'Let's Disrupt' Webinar 1

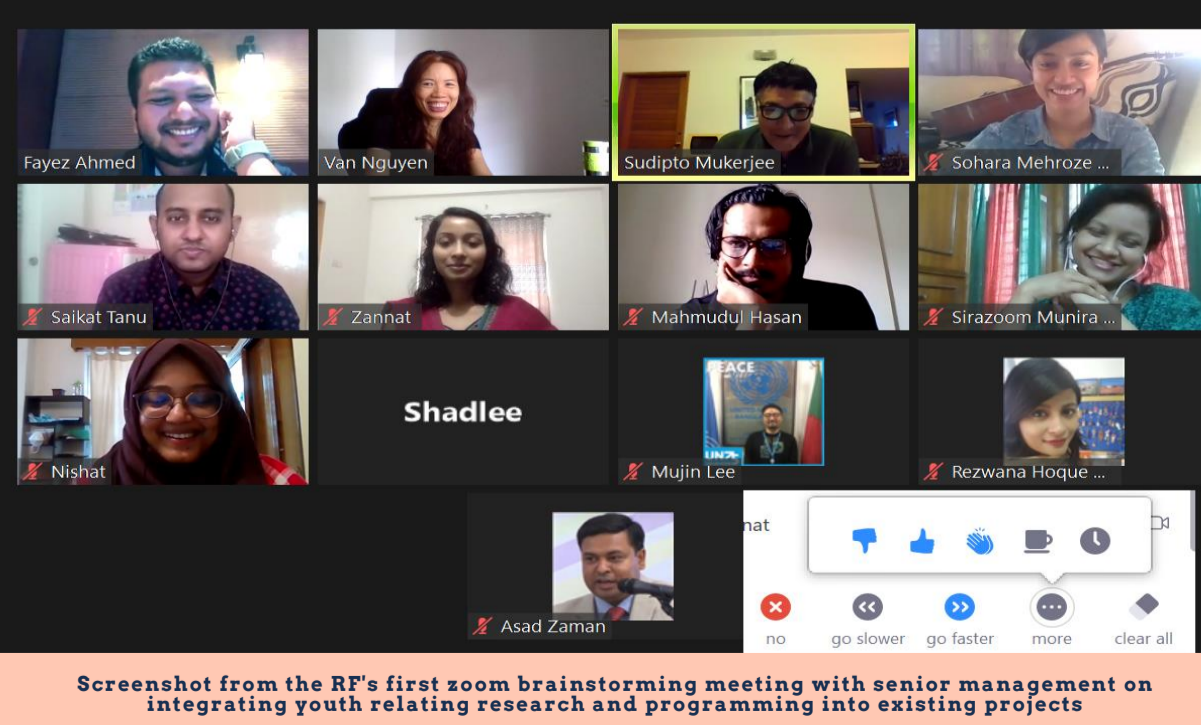
### 'Let's Disrupt' Webinar 2

### 'Let's Disrupt' Webinar 3

The research facility is exploring the possibility of future webinars and an in person Let's Disrupt 4IR conference post pandemic.

## VARIOUS CONTRIBUTIONS

- Provided research support for RR and Senior Management on different issues including gender budget, OIC youth capital & future of work
- Acted as a panelist for various positions including SWAPNO project officer and ICBA-AR community development assistant recruitment
- Drafted concept note for the flagship conference Bangladesh Development Forum 2020's technical sessions and on BIMSTEC collaboration with UNDP
- Currently supporting country office youth programming in collaboration with BRH.



Screenshot from the RF's first zoom brainstorming meeting on integrating youth relating research and programming into existing projects

## NEXT STEPS

For the rest of the year, the team plans to continue working on supporting Covid-19 related research and programming, as well as exploring new avenues for partnerships, resource mobilization and research on emerging development challenges of Bangladesh.

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