



Institute of Hazrat Mohammad SAW

**COMMUNICATION
OF
ENGAGEMENT (COE)**

FOR THE PERIOD

FROM : October 1, 2018

TILL : May 30, 2022



Institute of Hazrat Mohammad (SAW)

STATEMENT OF CONTINUED SUPPORT

13 June, 2022

To our stakeholders:

Greetings from Institute of Hazrat Mohammad (SAW).

I am pleased to confirm that Institute of Hazrat Mohammad (SAW) reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti Corruption etc. This is our Communication of Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome feedback on its contents.

In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organisation has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its principles as suggested. We also commit to share this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

Sincerely yours,



Institute of Hazrat Mohammad (SAW)
President
Lt. Gen (Retd.) Mohammad Nooruddin Khan, PSC
(Former Chief of Army Staff)

Actions taken by the Institute of Hazrat Mohammad (SAW) in support of UN Global Compact Principles

The Institute of Hazrat Mohammad (SAW) is a research think tank based in Bangladesh and registered as a non-profit Society with the Government of Bangladesh. The Institute is committed to work for the establishment of socio-economic justice by promoting peace and human development. A key focus area of the Institute is upholding human rights including rights of persons with disabilities. In this context the Institute conducts various IT and professional trainings programs, research and advocacy events to promote human development with emphasis on assisting the disadvantaged members of the society.

Training Programs for Visually Impaired

Institute of Hazrat Mohammad (SAW) provides various free training for visually impaired persons and persons with disability to improve their livelihood and prospect for job and self-development. Training programs are focused on Information Technology, PABX & Call Center, technical and professional training and spoken English. The main components of the IT program are to acquaint students to use computer and access information superhighway and for visually impaired persons to access IT technology by using screen reading software to be able to do web surfing, use Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint through.

These training programs are aimed towards helping persons with disability to gain better access to information, enhance their knowledge, increase mobility and help self development and employment. The Institute has also started training on PABX operation and call center operations, Mushroom cultivation to help visually impaired persons gain employable skills. Till date the Institute has provided training for over 600 visually impaired trainees since its inception in 2003.



It may further be noted that the Institute has expanded its training programs to all over the country through collaboration initiative with various local and national partners. Under the initiative the Institute has expanded its training experience and support to other non-profit organizations working in this field where the local entity provides the training center and Institute provides operational and technical assistance including training staff.

Research, Awareness & Advocacy :

The Institute provides pro-bono legal assistance to the destitute, free legal counseling on family matters, redress of grievances and career counselling for the visually impaired and disabled persons. It conducts various advocacy programs in order to generate greater awareness on the rights of visually impaired persons, disabled persons and on human rights. It also conducts engagement programs such as nationwide talent competition for the visually impaired every year and observes international events targeted towards this section of society such as World White Sticks Day and the UN International Day for Disabled Persons etc. Other activities of the Institute are regular discussion sessions and round table meetings on social issues, awareness building on human rights including right of migrant workers, rights of persons in police custody, means to address human trafficking, climate induced migration etc.

It may be noted that during the period of the current COE (October 3, 2018 to May 30, 2022) many of our outdoor events had to be curtailed due to movement restrictions for COVID and therefore many events were organized via online platform. The Institute has conducted the following programs in support of the United Nations Global Compact Principles:

- 1) An Information Session on occasion of 70th Anniversary of Universal Declaration of Human Rights – organized by the Delegation of European Union for students of Institute of Hazrat Mohammad (SAW) titled **European Unions’ Policy on Human Rights** : 10 December 2018
- 2) **Nationwide Essay Competition for Visually Impaired Students 2018** – 21 November 2018
- 3) **International Summer School on Human Rights 2019** : 21-25 June 2019
- 4) **Mushroom Cultivation Training Program for Visually Impaired Persons** : 9 March 2019
- 5) **Nationwide Essay Competition for Visually Impaired Students 2019** - 10 November 2019
- 6) **Nationwide Essay Competition for Visually Impaired Students 2020** : 30 October 2020
- 7) **Talent Competition for Visually Impaired Students 2021** : 16 October 2021
- 8) **Launching of Joint Collaboration Training Programs at Rajshahi and Pabna**

DETAILS:

1. Information Session on occasion of 70th Anniversary of Universal Declaration of Human Rights: European Unions’ Policy on Human Rights : 10 December 2018

To express its solidarity with the 70th Anniversary of Universal Declaration of Human Rights Institute of Hazrat Mohammad (SAW) organized an Information Session with the Delegation of European Union in Dhaka on 10 December 2018 at the Lakeshore Hotel in Dhaka.



The session discussed the importance of UDHR and in particular European Unions' Policy on Human Rights and the initiatives taken by EU towards promoting a more inclusive society.

2. Nationwide Essay Competition for Visually Impaired Students 2018 - 21 November 2018

The Institute of Hazrat Mohammad (SAW) organized a nationwide Essay Competition for the Visually Impaired on November 2018 and the award was granted on a ceremony at the Lakeshore Hotel on 21 November 2018. The competition provided a platform for visually impaired persons to showcase their talents.

Begum
Rawshan
Ershad MP,
Honorable
Leader of
Opposition in
Parliament
graced the
ceremony as
the Honorable
Chief Guest.



3. International Summer School on Human Rights 2019 : 21-25 June 2019

The Institute of Hazrat Mohammad SAW in collaboration with Knowledge Steez, India and Daffodil International University, Dhaka jointly organized the 2nd International Summer School on Human Rights for a second year from on June 21-25, 2019 in Dhaka. The summer school was organized with the aim to act as a platform for delegates from various countries to come forward and create awareness about human rights.

4. Nationwide Essay Competition for Visually Impaired Students 2019 - 10 November 2019

The Institute of Hazrat Mohammad (SAW) organized a Nationwide Essay Competition for the Visually Impaired students during the month of November 2019. An Award giving ceremony was held at the Lakeshore Hotel 10 November 2019 to distribute prizes among the talented winners of the event. The competition provided a platform for disadvantaged visually impaired students to express their talents and concern.



5. Mushroom Cultivation Training Program for Visually Impaired Persons : 9 March 2019

A professional training program for the visually impaired and disabled persons was organized at Institute of Hazrat Mohammad (SAW). The 2-month long training course aimed to give visually impaired persons a practical training on how to farm mushroom indoors and commercially market the products. The training program aimed to help students become self-employed and self-reliant by pursuing business activities.



6. Nationwide Essay Competition for Visually Impaired Students 2020 : 28 October 2020

Institute of Hazrat Mohammad (SAW) organized a Nationwide Essay Competition for the Visually Impaired students during the month of October 2020. Due to pandemic the Award giving ceremony was held at the Institute premises on 28th October and participants attended from across the country via online. The competition provided a platform for disadvantaged visually impaired students to express their talents and concern.



7. Talent Competition for Visually Impaired Students 2021 : 16 October 2021

The Institute of Hazrat Mohammad (SAW) organized a Nationwide Essay Competition for the Visually Impaired students during the month of October 2021.

Participants from different schools, colleges and universities attended the competition in various age groups and presented their talent through online and at the venue.



An Award giving ceremony was held at Institute premises to distribute prizes among the talented winners of the event. The competition provided a platform for disadvantaged visually impaired students to express their talents and concern. The Managing Director of Northern Electricity Supply Company Ltd., Mr. Zakiul Islam attended the event as Chief Guest and distributed stipends amongst the winners.

8. JOINT COLLABORATION TRAINING PROGRAMS at TONJI, RAJSHAHI AND PABNA

To expand the outreach of our various training courses the Institute has recently started to provide its training services throughout the country in collaboration with various local partners. Under the collaboration program the Institute extends its training programs to likeminded organizations working in similar field and enables them to provide similar training by overcoming logistical, financial or technical limitations and provides necessary teaching staff and assistance.

This program helps various local or national organizations to enhance their capacity and reach out to local community easily. Subject to local needs the Institute provides teaching staff assistance, teaching materials and programs, operational facilities and expenses.

The Institute is currently working in collaboration with National Training and Rehabilitation Center for the Blind (NTRCB), Tongi- run under Department of Social Services of Government of Bangladesh; Northern Electricity Supply Company Ltd (NESCO), Rajshahi and ManobKallayan Trust, Pabna.



MoU Signing Ceremony with NESCO at Rajshahi- 15.01.2022



Opening Ceremony of Training Program at Manobkallayan Trust, Pabna

