Bandhu Social Welfare Society (Bandhu) established in 1996 to address the concerns of human rights abuse and denial of sexual health rights and provide a rights-based approach to health & social services for the gender diverse population in Bangladesh. Over the years with the support from multiple donors and development partners, Bandhu has scaled up essential (SRHR) program that include HIV prevention, policy development and advocacy with a special focus on the vital needs around targeted communities in terms of ensuring their health care services and uplifting the human rights.
THE DERIVATION OF SRHR PROGRAM INTRODUCING "HIM"

The SRHR initiatives voyaged with an innovation of `HIM` which is a dedicated corner established in Dhaka on 2013 to address HIV and SRHR issues for the Young Diverse population. Later on it expanded replicating the same modality in different geographical locations i.e. Chittagong, Mymensingh and Khulna under UNICEF and UBR program. The aim of the HIM is:

- To provide a venue for the young gender diversity population so that they can socialize with their fellows in a safe and emphatic environment.
- To provide mental and psychosocial counseling, health care services and edutainment facilities.
- To create access for the education, networking using social medias.
- Access to Bandhu resource center for learning and knowledge generation.
- Distribute the health commodities considering their vulnerability.
- Introduce new counseling approach as called "Motivational Interviewing (MI).
- Develop Master Trainers on gender and SRHR Programming.
- Introduce art work therapy with young diverse group.
- Train health workers on youth friendly services at national level.
- Integrate Bandhu expertise with others national and international partners i.e. UCEP Bangladesh, BRAC–IED, KIT, GGD, RUTGERS in the Netherlands.
AWARENESS AND CAMPAIGN

- Education session with the student of different education institutions.
- Airing community voice through FM radio program.
- Film Screening to advocate about the needs/concerns.
- Online campaign on CSE.
- Essay competition and Art therapy.
- Dialogue session on Role of creative Medias and community accountability for social change.
- Cultural event to raise the voice against the vulnerabilities, Human Rights & Gender based Violence.
- Produce and distribute IEC materials.
- Install coffee house campaign for public awareness at different public gathering places such as restaurant, library and coffee shop premises.
- Celebrate the Youth Day and other national and international days.
INTERNATIONAL LINKING, LEARNING AND WORK TOWARDS FOR SDG 3 & 5

- Youth Voice Count (YVC)
- Motivational Interviewing Networks of Trainers (MINT)
- Active participation on International Association for the Study of Sexuality, Culture and Society (IASSCS)
- International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD)
- Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development 2017 (APFSD)
- High Level Political Forum 2017 (HLPF)
- Active participation at Asia Pacific Conference on Reproductive and Sexual Health and Rights (APCRSHR)

CURRENT PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS

- Unite for Body Rights (UBR)
- Right Here Right Now (RHRN)
- Share-Net International
- HIM Star supported by UNICEF
- Building the next generation movement leaders and organizations in South Asia for young people’s sexual and reproductive health and rights in Bangladesh”, supported by ARROW.
- Disparities and socio-cultural impediments: response and responsibilities towards mainstreaming the gender diversified population", supported by Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (EKN).
- Divisional level consultations with young gender diversify people and formation of core groups at all divisions.

- Participation and obtain membership in different SRHR forums both at national and international arenas.

- Form volunteer groups to keep regular contact with local level and motivate them to uptake the health care services as per needs

- Learning circle session on gender and sexuality resource centre and film screening

- Evidence based Advocacy at policy level

- Advocate for the inclusion of gender diversity issue in relation to CSE in Teacher Training Curriculum
PUBLICATION AND DOCUMENTATION

- Research on mental health issues for the young sexual and gender diversify population.
- SRHR related booklet, leaflet, poster, calendar.
- Spotlight based on promising practice.
- Training module on Motivational Interviewing (MI) approach.
- Demonstrate the photography on the vulnerability of gender diverse population in different forum through organizing exhibition under the theme of “Youth Yearn”.

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