Bandhu has been working as a technical partner in Unite for Body Rights (UBR) Alliance, Bangladesh since 2016; a youth SRHR focused intervention supported by the Embassy of the Kingdom of The Netherlands. As a part of its current advocacy initiatives, Bandhu hosted an ‘Inclusion of Transgender and gender diverse population in SRHR Interventions and Healthcare System’. 

1st segment from 9:30AM-1:30pm: Workshop with Youth Representatives to prepare youth recommendations for gender diversity/3rd gender inclusive service approach.
2nd segment from 2:00PM-4:30PM:
Consultation with stakeholders/gatekeepers including the aforementioned participants. Approximately 80 participants took part in the event and the youth cluster of population also took part from Dhaka and outside as well.

Representatives from Govt. authorities, embassy of The Netherlands and Sweden, GO and INGO working on SRHR issues, development partners, Govt. health service providers, transgender community, youth organizers, media personnel took part.

Major outcomes:
- The youth communities have become aware and known with the opportunity to work with gender diverse community and vice-versa which will facilitate and increase the social space and tolerance.
- The upper echelon officials of concerned government bodies assured to take necessary steps towards creating provision and access of 3rd gender communities in public health facilities.
- Assured to strengthen the collaboration between the GOs and NGOs that will create positive impact in terms of integrating the service doe the 3rd gender community.

The event ended with the vote of thanks from Md. Fosiul Ahsan and a dance performance of the “Essence of Soul” dance group.