

**REPORT  
ON  
IYV PLANING WORKSHOP**

**Committee of Volunteer Organizations on IYV 2001-Bangladesh  
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## **Introduction**

In 1997 the United Nation's General Assembly accepted a resolution to declare the year 2001 the International Year of Volunteers. This action was taken in recognition of the important role volunteers play in national development and in response to the need for increased volunteer effort in the face of such global issues as environmental degradation, drug abuse, disaster preparedness, social welfare and poverty eradication. In addition, volunteerism was seen as being a serious component to the enhancement of caring societies, identified as important to national development in the UNDP Human Development Report 1999.

The UN General Assembly has designated UNV as the International focal point for the year 2001. Therefore, the UNV programme is supporting the development of a network of governments, international and national non-governmental organizations (NGOs), universities and associations, as well as large knowledge on the field of volunteerism.

In Bangladesh Service Civil International-Bangladesh (SCI-BD)- a branch of Service Civil International took the initiative to observe the International Year of Volunteers (IYV) 2001 collectively and accordingly SCI-BD organized a meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2000 where the major actors of the volunteer sectors including UNV were invited. The meeting resulted a Preparatory Committee for IYV 2001 named **PrepCom** On IYV towards forming the National committee. In November 2000 the government of Bangladesh formed the **National Committee** and the PrepCom remained functioning in the name "**Committee of Volunteer Organizations on IYV 2001-Bangladesh**" considering their role to support the **National Committee**.

The official IYV kick-off took place on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2000 under the leadership of the **National Committee** where **Committee of Volunteer Organizations on IYV 2001-Bangladesh** played a key role involving volunteers and civil society. After the kick-off there was no initiative until April 2001 for further development and planning to promote the IYV objectives by the **National Committee**.

Considering the situation the **Committee of Volunteer Organizations on IYV 2001-Bangladesh** took the initiative to organize a planning workshop on May 12, 2001.

The workshop was opened by Mr. Manik Lal Somaddar, Chairman-IYV National Committee and Secretary Ministry of Youth & Sports as Chief guest. Speeches by the honorable special guests Mr. Carlyse A Hessian, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP, Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed, eminent educationalist and Mr. Shamsul Huda, Director, Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB) underscored the need for social mobilization, participation and partnership to highlight the role of volunteers in social change and sustainable livelihoods and to recognize volunteers as an important part of civil society.

### **Objectives of the workshop**

- a) to create a common understanding on the working definition of Volunteerism for Bangladesh.
- b) to plan the activity for the Year 2001
- c) to identify the role for the National Committee, UNV/UN and for the Committee of Volunteer Organizations

### **Working Session**

#### **Issue 1**

There was a general consensus on the definition of volunteerism.

#### **The Definition**

**Volunteerism** is the state of Thinking, Feeling and Actions from the desire to serve others without financial or material benefit.

#### **Issue 2**

To prepare the activity plan, the participating organizations divided into groups and prepared the plan organizational basis which makes the **Year Calendar** for IYV 2001.

<b>Name of the Month</b>	<b>Nature of Activities</b>	<b>Implementing organization</b>	<b>Source of Funding</b>
May 2001	National Youth Conference to discuss on "Youth in creating a self-reliant Bangladesh" on 20 <sup>th</sup> May.	Hunger Free World	Own
	Discussion on "IYV 2001: Youth Changing the World" on 22 <sup>nd</sup> May.	National Federation of Youth organizations in Bangladesh (NFYOB)	Own
	Discussion on "Environment and Volunteerism" on 26 <sup>th</sup> May.	Free Birds Club	Own
June 2001	Blood Donation Program on 1 <sup>st</sup> June.	SCI-Bangladesh	Own
	Discussion meeting on "Environment & Human Rights" on 5 <sup>th</sup> June.	Amnesty International	Own
	Blood Donation Program on 8 <sup>th</sup> June.	SCI - Bangladesh	Own
	Children's Art Competition on Volunteerism	Free Birds Club	Own
	Blood Donation Program on 19 <sup>th</sup> June.	SCI - Bangladesh	Own
	Discussion meeting on "Volunteers role to protect Environment".(last week)	SCI - Bangladesh	Own
July 2001	Monthly Newsletter on IYV2001	FCHE with the support from UNV	Own
	Get-together of Youth	National Youth Council	Own

July 2001	<p>Organization on 1<sup>st</sup> July.</p> <p>Workshop on "Woman Volunteering".(Date is not finalized)</p> <p>Blood donation Program.(Date is not finalized)</p> <p>International workcamp titled "Greening Asia Camp" from 10 July - 22 July.</p> <p>Blood donation Program on 7<sup>th</sup> July.</p>	<p>of Bangladesh.</p> <p>YWCA</p> <p>Society for Elimination of Poverty(SEP)</p> <p>ISDE &amp; BWCA</p> <p>Vratree Sangha</p>	<p>Own</p> <p>Own</p> <p>Own</p> <p>Own</p>
August 2001	<p>Monthly Newsletter on IYV 2001.</p> <p>"Global Volunteers Gathering" at Cox's Bazar from August 5-August 7, 2001.</p> <p>"Youth Leadership Training" focusing Volunteering from August 5-August 9, 2001.</p> <p>Training Program on "Youth Development" on 25<sup>th</sup> August.</p> <p>Blood Donation Program (Date is not finalized)</p>	<p>FCHD with the support from UNV</p> <p>PHALAS</p> <p>Gono Unnayan Prochesta (GUP).</p> <p>National Youth Council of Bangladesh(NYCB).</p> <p>YPSA</p>	<p>Own</p> <p>Own</p> <p>Partial support needed.</p> <p>Own</p> <p>Own</p>
September 2001	<p>Monthly Newsletter on IYV 2001.</p> <p>Seminar on " Volunteerism and Peace" on 17 September.</p> <p>Peace Poster Competition on 21 September.</p> <p>Voluntary Blood Donation Program on 7 September.</p> <p>Youth woman Camp( Date is not confirmed)</p>	<p>FCHD with the support from UNV.</p> <p>Gono Unnayan Prochesta (GUP)</p> <p>NYCB</p> <p>Free Birds Club</p> <p>YWCA</p>	<p>Own</p> <p>Partial support needed.</p> <p>Own</p> <p>Own</p> <p>Own</p>

October 2001	Monthly News letter on IYV 2001.	FCHD with the support from UNV.	Own
October 2001	Training Workshop on "Non-violent Conflict Resolution" from 5 - 7 October.	Gono Unnayan Prochesta (GUP)	Partial support needed.
	International Workcamp from October 5 - October 16 at Dhaka.	Service Civil International (SCI)	Partial support needed.
	International Work Camp from October 5 - October 16 at Khulna.	Service Civil International (SCI)	Partial support needed.
	International Work Camp towards IYV 2001 from October 6 - October 19 at Moulavibazar.	Young Tourist Club - Bangladesh(YTC)	Partial support needed.
	International Work Camp and discussion on "Role of Volunteers in Community Development" from 12 - 22 October at Chakaria, Cox's Bazar.	ISDE & BWCA	Partial support needed.
	International Work Camp from October 19 - 30 at Dinajpur.	BRIF	Partial support needed.
	International Youth Volunteer Camp in Chittagong from October 21 - October 30.	Young Power in Social Action (YPSA).	YPSA & Action Aid Bangladesh.
	International winter Work Camp from October 20-31 October at Madaripur.	Service Civil International (SCI)	Partial support needed.
	International winter Work camp from October 20-31 at Srimangal.	Service Civil International (SCI)	Partial support needed.
November 2001	Monthly Newsletter on IYV 2001	FCHD with the support from UNV.	Own

November 2001	International winter Work Camp from November 04-15 at Jessore.	Service Civil International (SCI)	Partial support needed.
	International winter Work Camp from November 04-15 at Netrakona.	Service Civil International (SCI).	Partial support needed.
	Voluntary Blood Donation Program.(Date is not finalized)	Service Civil International (SCI)	Own
	Blood Donation Program.(Date is not finalized)	YPSA	Own
	International Work Camp from November 01- 12 at Dinajpur.	BRIF	Partial support needed.
	International Work Camp from November 01 - 12 at Nashratpur in Gaibanda.	Bangladesh Workcamp Association (BWCA)	Partial supported needed.
December 2001	Monthly Newsletter on IYV 2001	FCHD with the support from UNV	Own
	IYV Closing Ceremony on 5 <sup>th</sup> December.	Committee of Volunteer Organizations on IYV 2001-Bangladesh & IYV National Committee.	Support Needed.
	International Work Camp from December 20-31 at Shariatpur	Bangladesh Workcamp Association (BWCA)	Partial support needed.
	National Youth Conference on December 28 <sup>th</sup> . .	National Youth Council of Bangladesh (NYCB).	Partial support needed.
January 2002	International winter Work Camp from 04-15 January At Mymensingh.	Service Civil International (SCI)	
	International winter Work Camp from 04-15 January at Rajoir, Madaripur.	Service Civil International (SCI)	

January 2002	International Work Camp from 01 - 14 January at Dakhin Burshi, Patiya, Chittagong.	Bangladesh Workcamp Association (BWCA)	
	International Work camp from 20 - 31 January at Chakaria, Cox's Bazar.	Bangladesh Work camps Association (BWCA)	

### Issue 3

The participants of the workshop proposed the following role for the three key Player's for IYV 2001.

#### For National Committee

- To prepare national plan of action and its implementation immediately.
- To form local committee at district and upazila level and include local volunteer organization, NGOs and Civil Society leaders.
- Introduce awards for best Volunteer and Volunteer Organizations at National, District and Upazila level.
- Publicity in the media to popularize volunteerism and volunteering.
- Declare National Volunteer week
- Prepare National Volunteer Policy
- Inclusion of volunteer actions as extra curriculum activities in schools and colleges.
- Coordinate the IYV 2001 activities at National level.
- Arrange financial support from government to support volunteer activities.

#### For UNV/UNDP Bangladesh

- Facilitate the National Committee activity.
- Coordination between Volunteer sector and National Committee
- Prepare and disseminate promotional materials and training kits for volunteers
- Moral, technical and logistic support
- Support the training of volunteers
- Arrange exposures and exchanges of volunteers
- Recognition of volunteers from UN System
- Establish a volunteer center in Bangladesh.

## **For Committee of Volunteer Organizations on IYV 2001-Bangladesh**

- Liaison with National Committee and UNV/UN system
- More interaction and cooperation among civil society
- Disseminate information on IYV and volunteerism to the members
- Assist member organizations in performing program and whenever necessary.
- Keep close liaison and follow up activities of member organizations
- Advocacy and lobbying with National Committee and other Govt. agencies to promote volunteerism.
- Organize National level program to facilitate volunteerism at all level.

### **GUESTS AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING**

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