

Terms of Reference (ToR)

for Share-Net Bangladesh Young Researcher Fellowship

A STUDY ON VIOLENCE AGAINST TRANS-WOMEN COMMUNITY IN DHAKA

1. ABOUT SHARE-NET BANGLADESH

Share-Net Bangladesh is a knowledge platform on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) that brings together the Community of Practice (CoP) and experts in the field of SRHR. The community consists of SRHR practitioners, activists, policy makers, social and medical researchers, development practitioners, government officials, legal experts, students, and members of vulnerable and underserved groups.

Share-Net Bangladesh works with the vision of universal access to and utilisation of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights. It's mission is to create evidence-informed policies and practices to enable everyone to have a satisfying and safe sex life, the freedom to decide how many children they want, when and with whom, and access to good-quality care to ensure their sexual and reproductive wellbeing. Share-Net Bangladesh generates knowledge from experts and practitioners to disseminate it through effective communication tools that could create space for finding solutions and supporting advocacy.

Share-Net Bangladesh involves young people in the platform to ensure their contribution in SRHR and gender. In this light, Share-Net Bangladesh is offering

the Share-Net Bangladesh Young Researcher Fellowship.

This unique opportunity is provided to the young researchers so that they can contribute in knowledge generation and share the findings with the international and national Community of Practice.

2. BACKGROUND

Transgender is a broad term which is implied for describing people with gender identities, that are different from the sex assigned at birth. According to WHO, "People whose gender identity and expression does not conform to the norms and expectations traditionally associated with their sex at birth. It includes individuals who have received gender reassignment surgery, individuals who have received gender-related medical interventions other than surgery (e.g. hormone therapy) and individuals who identify as having no gender, multiple genders or alternative genders."^a However, trans-woman is a woman who was assigned male at birth. Countries such as Australia, Bangladesh, India, Ireland, Germany, Nepal and Pakistan recognise transgender as third gender both in their laws as well as cultural traditions.

Trans-women people are mostly subject to various social injustice in case of employment, housing etc. Trans-women from all over the world remain discriminated and neglected of their civil rights.^b

^a Blondeel, K., de Vasconcelos, S., García-Moreno, C., Stephenson, R., Temmerman, M., & Toskin, I. (2018). World Health Assembly». *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*, 96, 29-41L.

^b Sinha, S. (2016). Social Exclusion of Transgender In The Civil Society: A Case Study Of The Status Of The

Moreover, they often become victims of violence at various degrees. Being abused is an everyday incident for a transwoman in Bangladesh. Transwomen face violence from their own family, society, as well as the authorities such as the police. Due to violence and abuse, transwomen people form their own community and they live closely together.

There are numerous studies that have concluded that trans women are more likely to be victims of sexual and physical violence than other people. Although there are a lot of research and findings on violence against women, only a few are found to be on transwomen. Much of this violence comes from poor knowledge and lack of awareness among the mainstream population. Before making awareness campaigns, it is important to understand the nature and places of violence faced by transgenders in our society as well as to identify the people who are responsible for such behaviour. Nonetheless, without proper support mechanism properly specified towards transgender community, it is difficult to attain an inclusive Bangladesh.

3. GOAL

The goal of the research study is to explore the nature and variant of violence and abuse faced by the transgender community from different types of people and various places in Dhaka.

4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Share-Net Bangladesh invites the young researchers currently pursuing Masters or PhD on areas such as social science/public health/development studies/gender studies/anthropology in a reputed university in Bangladesh to apply for this call together with her/his supervisor. More than one young researcher can apply as a team for the proposal. Supervisor has to be from the same university that the young researchers is pursuing the masters programme.

Proposal without supervisor will be disqualified.

Transgender In Kolkata. *International Journal of Sociology, Social Anthropology and Social Policy*, 2(1), 58-73.

Students from both public and private universities are encouraged to apply.

5. CONTENTS OF THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL

- Name of the primary researcher
- Name of the supervisor and designation
- Name of the Masters Programme
- Name of the University
- Title of the research
- Background
- The objectives of the study
- Research questions
- Hypothesis
- Conceptual framework
- Research methods and procedures
 - Methodology
 - Population
 - Data collection method
- Significance of the study
- Dissemination plan
- Workplan
- Budget breakdown
- Bibliography
- Annexes:
 - Recommendation letter from supervisor
 - CVs of the primary researcher and supervisor

5 Research Grant & Mode of Payment

- Share-Net Bangladesh will fund one proposal for the period of August 2019 - November 2019. Grant is limited to 250,000 BDT.
- 30% payment will be made upon signing the contract.
- 20% payment will be made upon receiving the first progress report.
- 50% payment will be made upon receiving the final research paper and the report.

6. DELIVERABLES

Following are the deliverables:

1. The young researchers to submit the first progress report after collecting data
2. The young researchers to present the draft paper to the supervisor and Share-Net Bangladesh secretariat
3. The young researchers to deliver the final paper after incorporating feedback from the supervisor and Share-Net Bangladesh secretariat
4. The young researchers to submit the final report
5. The young researchers to present the paper during the Knowledge Fair 2019

7. TIMELINE

- The last date to send queries to Share-Net Bangladesh secretariat is on 15th of July, 2019.
- The last date to submit the proposal is on the 18th of July, 2019.
- Share-Net Bangladesh will announce and contact the winner on 25th of July, 2019.

- The contract will be signed by 31st of July, 2019.
- The research project will start from 1st of August, 2019.
- The final report and research must be delivered by 30th October, 2019.

8. SUBMISSION:

Research proposal must be submitted

- via email in pdf form
- the size should not be more than 10 MB
- to Share-Net Bangladesh Coordinator

9. CONTACT DETAILS:

For your queries, please contact-

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Share-Net Bangladesh Coordinator

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