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Community Radio Advocacy in Bangladesh so far: Step by Step

Advocacy for Community Radio with the government has started in 1998 in Bangladesh. Mass Line Media Centre applies for permission to establish community radio to the Ministry of Information.

In 1998, AHM Bazlur Rahman drew an advocacy plan regarding community radio in Bangladesh entitled 'Policy Advocacy of Community Radio in Bangladesh'.

Community Radio was discussed as a national issue for the first time in 1999 in the first National Mass Media Conference. The conference was arranged by Centre for Development Communication (CDC).

Community Radio came to the centre point of Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication (BNNRC) after it was established in 2000. BNNRC organises continuous advocacy activities regarding Community Radio with the other concerned organisations.

In 2006, BNNRC, MMC, Focus, YPSA and Voice jointly organised a Three-Day long Round Table on Community Radio as the National Advocacy Meeting. UNESCO, UNICEF and UNDP joined in the advocacy activities for the first time.

After Dr. Fakhruddin Ahmed, the Honourable Chief Adviser of the Non-Party Caretaker Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh, have taken the charge BNNRC organised a Letter Campaign regarding community radio. The objective of the campaign was to open up the community radio as a pilot basis. As the outcome of the campaign Office of the Chief Adviser sent an advice to the Ministry of Information in order to release permission for the pilot basis community radio.

For the first time in the history a high authority meeting is held at the conference room of the Information Ministry regarding community radio on the 23rd July

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in 2007 chaired by the Information Secretary and organised by the Ministry of Information. The Director General of Bangladesh Betar and the Principal Information Officer were present in the meeting along with other high officials.

As the invited discussants former secretary Mr. Abdul Muyeed Chowdhury, Kamrul Hassan Manju, the Executive Director of MMC and AHM Bazlur Rahman-S21BR, the CEO of BNNRC were also present in the meeting in favour of the community radio advocacy group.

After a comprehensive discussion regarding community radio as a pilot basis the meeting takes decision to form a ministerial committee of 8 members convened by the Director General of Bangladesh Betar who would make concept paper, regulatory framework and application form in relation to community radio and would submit to the Ministry by one month. According to the discussion the Ministry issues the circular regarding the 8 members-committee on 22nd May in 2007, Memo No- 382/8.

After a several meeting the Director General of Bangladesh Betar finalise the draft of the concept paper, policy and application regarding community radio. BNNRC and MMC assist the committee in this regard.

The Ministerial Committee officially presents the concept paper, policy and application regarding community radio in a meeting organised by the Ministry on 29th October in 2007. The Information Secretary chaired the meeting. Former secretary Mr. Abdul Muyeed Chowdhury joined in the meeting along with all of the committee members and other high officials.

After a comprehensive discussion on the issue the meeting decides the submitted concept paper, policy and application forms to be sent to the different ministries i.e. Ministry of Home, Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs, Ministry of Local

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Government, Rural Development and Cooperative, Ministry of Science and ICT and Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) for comments and perusal.

It is also decided in the meeting that another meeting would be held after the comments are received.

According to the decision all the papers are already sent to the listed ministries for comments on 25th November in 2007.

An inter-ministerial meeting is held on the last 6th February. Representatives of the concerned ministries were present in the meeting.

At last, the government formally announces the Community Radio Installation, Broadcast and Operation Policy 2008 on the last 12th March 2008.

The Ministry of Information of the People's Republic of Bangladesh invited very rapidly the applications for Community Radio installation, broadcast and operation from the interested organisations.

We congratulate heartily the government for announcing the policy. We also want to express our warm gratitude to the individuals and institutions in home and abroad for assisting us in Community Radio Advocacy.

- AHM Bazlur Rahman, BNRNC, Dhaka, Bangladesh

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Community Radio Installation, Broadcast and Operation Policy - 2008

In terms of availability, immediacy and accessibility, the role of radio as a means of communication is undeniable. Therefore, even after the immense expansion of Science and Information Technology (IT), the importance of this media remains unchanged in developed, developing and least developed nations. Hence, radio in Bangladesh have augmented many times in significance and quality and have reached it's present state since it's small scale inception at Dhaka on December 16, 1939. Besides providing information, entertainment and education as the oldest and single largest public service broadcaster, *Bangladesh Betar* has also been serving the important responsibility of public awareness raising and above all involving the general public of all levels in national development for last seven decades. In the age of free flow of information, commercial FM radio stations are now operating in our country at private ownership to fulfill the demand of multidimensional utility. These mainly city centered channels usually broadcast entertainment programs. But no radio has yet been formed in our country that is fully dedicated to the various grassroots communities and ethnic groups. Community Radio stations may be established and operated in the oral languages of these marginalized communities as well as their full participation and management which will reflect their hopes and aspirations, the indigenous knowledge, resource and culture of local communities and will combine modern knowledge and technologies. Community Radio has been initiated in other South Asian countries like India, Sri Lanka and Malaysia. Under these circumstances it is imperative for the marginalized communities and various ethnic groups of our country to have their (own) Community Radio.

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- (K) ðKingDibiu n̄"Q GKU w̄w̄ Ø RbtMôx h̄vi Aſf ēw̄eM̄ mgagr̄ w̄KQz tj vKR, Av̄_mvgwRK I m̄s̄_w̄ZK t̄i k̄t̄oi Aw̄aKvi x̄ Zvi v w̄b̄ Ø t̄f̄t̄Mw̄j K Aēvb thgb t̄Kv̄b w̄et̄k̄l kni, M̄g w̄Kser gnj -vi ḡtā t̄_t̄K cr̄_ūi K Av̄vb-c̄v̄b AskM̄bY K̄ti ēemv̄-ew̄YR̄, wēcYb, t̄m̄ev̄ I gȳv̄gȳ t̄j b̄t̄ t̄bi ḡvāt̄ḡ GKB Ā_w̄ZK I mvgwRK Rx̄eb̄bi Aw̄fb̄e Askx̄ vi nt̄q _v̄K̄
- (L) ðKingDibiu t̄i WI ñ̄m̄cP̄vi KḡRv̄t̄Ui w̄b̄q̄s̄t̄b _v̄K̄te GKU Aj v̄fRbK t̄m̄ev̄j K c̄Zóvb̄ Gi gw̄j Kv̄b̄q _v̄K̄te w̄b̄ Ø t̄Kv̄b̄ t̄Mw̄x ev̄ `j Ges GU c̄wi Pw̄j Z n̄te Ū-, dv̄Dt̄Ükb Ā_ev̄ t̄Kv̄b̄ Gtm̄w̄mtqk̄t̄bi ḡvāt̄ḡ Gi D̄t̄l̄ K̄ n̄"Q KingDibiu t̄K̄ t̄m̄ev̄ c̄vb K̄v̄ Ges _v̄b̄q̄ t̄j vKR, Av̄_mvgwRK I m̄s̄_w̄ZK Rx̄eb̄-wēKv̄ki m̄jh̄wM %Zvi K̄ti t̄_l̄q̄v̄ GU GK c̄Kvi Rbtmēv̄j K m̄cP̄vi c̄Zóvb̄ hv̄ mḡM̄Rw̄Zi DbīZi c̄wi ēt̄Z̄t̄Kv̄b̄ w̄b̄ Ø RbtMôx t̄K̄ w̄b̄t̄q̄ Kv̄R K̄tē| KingDibiu t̄i WI GKU KingDibiu w̄b̄R̄^m̄ū hv̄ GKU Rbc̄t̄ i w̄b̄R̄^āvb-avi Yv̄, wēPvi -w̄etePbv̄ I w̄P̄s̄t̄PZbv̄i h̄v̄h̄_c̄Zdj b Nv̄te |
- (M) KingDibiu t̄i WI Gb GKU ḡvāḡ hv̄ ZYḡj ch̄t̄qi ḡvb̄t̄i ĀZ̄c̄Kv̄k I wēKv̄ki t̄_t̄i c̄t̄Z K̄ti, c̄s̄-K̄ ḡvb̄t̄i c̄Kv̄k ev̄b Ges Zv̄t̄i th̄Mv̄t̄Mi gj̄ ḡvāḡ w̄n̄m̄te Kv̄R K̄ti | m̄tev̄ēvi GU mḡt̄Ri MYZw̄S̄K c̄t̄q̄t̄K̄ t̄Rvī vi K̄ti |
- (N) KingDibiu t̄i WI n̄"Q GKU m̄cP̄vi c̄xw̄Z hv̄ t̄Kv̄b̄

1. Definition – Community Radio:

- (a) A 'community' is considered to be a group of people who share common characteristics and/or interests such as sharing a single geographical location i.e. a specific town, village, or neighborhood; sharing of economic and social life through trade, marketing, exchange of goods and services.
- (b) A non-profit service will be in charge of 'Community Radio' broadcasting activities. It should be owned by a particular community, usually through a trust, foundation, or association. Its aim is to serve and benefit that community. It is, in effect, a form of public-service broadcasting, but it serves a community rather than the whole nation, as is the usual form of public broadcasting described above. Moreover, it relies and must rely mainly on the resources of the community.
- (c) Community radio is a medium that gives a voice to the voiceless, serves as mouth-piece of the marginalized and is central to communication and democratic processes within societies.
- (d) Community Radio is a broadcasting system established by the efforts of a specific community, operated by the community for the purpose of the community's welfare.

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AiSRñZKfite -KZ I MñYthM KngDibU tiWI òi
gj bñZ,tj v evsj v tkI AbjnZ nte| tKvfbv ms-v ev cIZob
hv KngDibU tiWI cwi Pvj bv KiTZ Pvq Zntj tm ms-v ev
cIZobtK vbgewYZ bñZgj v cIZcvj b KiTZ nte t-

- K. ms-v ev cIZobtK AekB Aj vRbK nte;
- L. KngDibU tiWI òi mñ½ msuk-ó cIZob ev ms-v
KgcP eQi KngDibU chq KvR Kivi AwFÁZv
AekB _KtZ nte;
- M. KngDibU tiWI t-kbtK AekB bñZ I mñw Ø
fite KngDibU tñ vKRbtK tmev cñvb KiTZ nte;
- N. msuk-ó ms-v ev cIZobtbi bñw Ø RbtMvxi aÑbavi Yvi
cIZdj b mgx GKU cwi Pvj bv cl® _KtZ nte |
- O. mñcPvi AbjvbmPtz KngDibU ikv, ~v~ I mgvR,
bvixi AwKvi, Mñgb I Gj vKwfEK Dbaq, cwi tek,
Avenv qv I mñv cIZK weiq AÑFP _KtZ nte Ges
GtZ AekB RbtMvxi msuk-óZv _KtZ nte;
- P. msuk-ó ms-v ev cIZobtbi AekB AwBbMZ eaZv
_KtZ nte; Ges
- Q. mñcPvi ciPvgj K mñcPvi cteMgvY RbtMvxtK
AMñKvi v tZ nte| gj avivi MYgvatgi mñhwm
Ges mñav evAZ RbtMvxi KngDibU tiWI ~vctbi
tPft AMñKvi jvf Kit |

2. Fundamental Principles of Community Radio:

Internationally recognized and accepted fundamental principles of community radio will also be followed in Bangladesh. Any Organization or Institution intending to operate community radio must fulfill the following principle:-

- (a) It should be explicitly constituted as a 'non-profit' organization
- (b) The institution / organization should have a proven record of providing service to local community for at least five years.
- (c) The community to be served by the Community Radio Station should be well specified and defined.
- (d) It should have an ownership and management structure that is reflective of the community that the CRS seeks to serve.
- (e) The program contents should cover educational, social, gender, economic, environmental and cultural fields be relevant to the needs of that particular community. It should not go beyond the community's cultural and historical heritage. Any kind of political, sectarian or doctrinal program shall be prohibited.
- (f) The institution/ organization must be a Legal Entity.
- (g) Preference should be given to rural communities during the pilot phase. The focus must be for communities deprived of the reach of mainstream media outlets.

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3.1 KngDnbU tīWI t̄cb I c̄wi Pj bvi t̄p̄f̄i
m̄t̄gr̄ ms̄v ev c̄l̄obmgn Ātēb Kivi thM̄ n̄t̄
etj w̄et̄PZ n̄t̄

K. mīKwi M̄tel Yv I Db̄qb ms̄v ev c̄l̄ob mgn h̄v̄
2bs Abf̄Qf̄ ēWZ kZ̄ c̄l̄c̄j b Kite;

L. temiKwi Db̄qb ms̄v ev c̄l̄obmgn h̄f̄ i
Kgc̄f̄l̄ c̄l̄P ēQf̄i `w̄i`^ w̄et̄Pb/ MYḡa^ḡ/
Z_ c̄l̄b̄ ms̄uKZ Kv̄Ri Awf̄Azv Av̄Q Ges
h̄nv 2bs Abf̄Qf̄ ēWZ kZ̄ c̄l̄c̄j b Kite|
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n̄t̄|

3.2 w̄bgi w̄LZ ms̄v ev c̄l̄ob KngDnbU tīWI
c̄wi Pj bvi Rb̄ thM̄ etj w̄et̄PZ n̄t̄ bv t

K. ēW3MZ ev thS̄_f̄i c̄wi Pwj Z ēemv c̄l̄ob;

L. īR%w̄ZK `j ev Zv̄i AsMmsMVb thgb Q̄t̄
msMVb, t̄UW BDlbqb BZ̄w̄;

M. t̄ w̄k-w̄k th me t̄Kv̄uwb h̄v̄i ḡw̄j K ev tkqvi
tn̄i vi t̄K j f̄vsk c̄l̄ob K̄i _v̄K̄;

N. Av̄SR%ZK/w̄t̄ kx temiKwi ms̄v ev w̄t̄ kx
m̄c̄Pvi ms̄v/P̄v̄bj ; Ges

O. mīKvi KZ̄ w̄b̄ x t̄Nw̄l Z t̄Kv̄bv c̄l̄ob ev
ms̄v|

3. **Necessary eligibility Criteria to obtain license/permission for the installation and operation of Community Radio in Bangladesh**

3.1 The following types of organizations shall be considered eligible to apply for Community Radio establishment and operation:

- Government research institutions and development organizations, which satisfy the conditions listed at 'Para 2' above.
- Non-government development organizations, with at least five years of operation and involved in poverty alleviation or media & ICT sector, which satisfy the basic principles listed at "Para 2" above. The organization should be a legal entity or registered from NGO bureau.

3.2 The following shall not be eligible to run a Community Radio:

- Individuals and partnership firms;
- Political Parties and their affiliate organizations including students' wings, trade unions, etc;
- Organizations and companies both local and foreign where profits are distributed to the owners/shareholders;
- International NGOs and foreign broadcasters/channels and
- Organizations banned by Government.

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- 4.1 evsj vč tk KngDlbU tčWI tč kb včt b AvMčx thMč
cčZčb ev ms-včK G msprvš-j vBtmY cčBi Rb
vbtgrč cčlqy AbjmiY KičZ nče t

4.1.1 mi Kvi Rb-vč KngDlbU tčWI tč kb včt b AvMčx thMč
cčZčb ev ms-vči vKU nčZ G
msprvš- Abjgvč b cčvčbi Dfč tk vbaWč Z
QčK Avte`b Avnevb Kiče;

4.1.2 MpxZ Avte`bcčmgn hPvB evQvB ceR thMč
Avte`bKvi x vbePčbi Rb-Z gŠYvj q GKU
ti, tčj Uwi KngU I GKU Kwi Mwi Dc-KngU
MVb Kiče;

4.1.3 Kwi Mwi Dc-KngU I ti, tčj Uwi KngU KZR
vbePčZ Avte`bKvi x ms-vč ev cčZčb mčutK
-vno^čgŠYvj tqi gZvgZ MčY Kiv nče;

4.1.4 Abjgvč b cčvčbi cčeZ gŠYvj q evsj vč k
tUvj KngDlbKkb ti, tčj Uwi Kngkb
(vewJAvi wM) nčZ vdtKvqY cčcZvi
mčeZvč cčZčte`b MčY Kiče | mčcPvi
Kvhg Avič Kivi Rb Abjgvč b cčZčb
cčZčb ev ms-včK weWU.Avi.wM. tčK
vdtKvqY (Zi½) eivč vbtZ nče;

4.1.5 cixPvgjK mčcPvi cčeGKU cčZčb ev
ms-vč tKej gvč GKU KngDlbU tčWI tč kb
vcb I cwi Pyj bvi j vBtmY cvfe;

4.1.6 cčlqy Abjgvč b cčBi 1(GK) eQti i gta

4. Licensing Process:

4.1 Eligible Organizations or Institutions desirous to install Community Radio Station in Bangladesh will have to follow the following procedure to obtain license:

- 4.1.1 For public welfare, Government shall call for application from eligible Organizations and Institutions in prescribed format to provide approval;
 - 4.1.2 The ministry of Information shall form a regulatory committee and a technical sub-committee for the assessment of applications and selection of eligible applicants;
 - 4.1.3 Opinion shall be received from the Home Ministry on applicant Organization or Institutions selected by technical sub committee and regulatory committee;
 - 4.1.4 Before granting approval the Ministry of Information shall accept a "Probability of Attaining Frequency" report from Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC);
 - 4.1.5 Only one license shall be granted to any institution/organization during the pilot broadcasting phase;
 - 4.1.6 The applicant shall set up Community Radio station within 1 (one) year of receiving approval. Existing laws and regulations must be maintained for

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 j̄t̄P̄ tīWI i h̄sc̄wZ Avḡ w̄b I c̄Z̄v̄ctbi
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 m̄c̄P̄vi Kuh̄ḡ i i` Kit̄e| c̄l̄tḡ cix̄tḡj K
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 eQ̄t̄i i Rb̄ c̄m̄ P̄vḡj K j vBtm̄Y t̄ l̄q̄ n̄te|

- 4.2 j vBtm̄Y c̄m̄bi Rb̄ Avtē` bKvi x̄tK w̄t̄ḡe³ kZ̄f̄ej x̄
 c̄Y Kit̄Z n̄te t̄
- K. t̄Kv̄tbv c̄Z̄v̄b ev ms̄v̄ th Gj vKiq KugDibbU
 tīWI t̄÷kb ḥ̄ctb AvM̄m̄x tm̄LvbKvi ḥ̄bxq
 RbM̄t̄Yi m̄t̄_ Dbābḡj K Kv̄t̄Ri AšZt̄t̄l̄ c̄P̄
 eQ̄t̄i i c̄m̄YZ Avf̄ÁZv̄ _vKt̄Z n̄te;
- L. t̄Kv̄tbv c̄Z̄v̄b ev ms̄v̄ th aīt̄bi Ab̄j̄vb c̄P̄vi
 Kit̄Z B"QK Zvi GKU ms̄v̄B if̄t̄i Lv̄ Zw̄i Kt̄i
 Avtē` b c̄t̄i m̄t̄_ j vBtm̄Y c̄v̄bKvi KZ̄et̄t̄l̄
 w̄KU Rgv̄ w̄t̄Z n̄te;
- M. c̄v̄weZ tīWI t̄÷k̄bi ēē ḥ̄cbv Kv̄v̄t̄gv̄,
 Ab̄j̄vb w̄bḡY Ges m̄c̄P̄t̄i ḥ̄bxq Rb̄t̄M̄v̄xi
 AskM̄t̄Yi ḡv̄i vi w̄l̄q̄U ḥ̄úóf̄t̄e Dt̄ -L _vKt̄Z
 n̄te;
- N. KugDibbU tīWI t̄÷kb ḥ̄ctbi Zn̄et̄j i Drm̄
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the importation and replacement of any radio equipment for the establishment of community radio. Associated organizations and institutions shall fulfill the conditions of BTRC in this regard. Broadcasting activities shall begin only after obtaining the final approval/license. Initially license will be provided for a two year period starting from date of approval as an experimental project.

4.2 Applicants for license must fulfill the following criteria:

- Proven record of community development work for at least five years in the area wished to be served in association of local people with a community radio station;
- A broad outline of the type of program to be broadcast should be prepared and submitted to the licensing authority.
- Indication of the level of community's participation in management structure of the proposed station and its program preparation and broadcasting shall be spelt out in writing.**
- The criteria will also include the sources of funding for the Radio Station. If donor fund is obtained then necessary approval of the NGO Affairs Bureau as per existing law shall have to be obtained.
- Priority will be given to the applicants managed by and/or looking to serve the disadvantaged and backward sec-**

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Rb" j vBtmY wd 20,000.00 (iek nvRvi) UvKv Ges
evtRqvßthM" RvgvbZ 1,00,000.00 (GK j ¶) UvKv
avh^cKiv nq| miKvi th tKvfbv mgq G wd ev
RvgvbZi cwi gib cjt waftYi cY^c¶gZv i vtL|
wdtKvtqYx wd evsj vt` k tUwj thMvthM wbqšY Krgkb
(weiUAviim) KZK wafti Z nte|

5. Kwi Mwi KwWtqv t

- 5.1 c̄l̄Z̄ K̄l̄U K̄ngD̄b̄l̄U t̄i w̄l̄ t̄÷k̄b̄i ēw̄B n̄t̄e Gi
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 m̄t̄ēP̄P̄ 100 | q̄Ū m̄c̄P̄v̄i k̄w̄^3 i ŪȲḡŪi ēēn̄v̄i
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 K̄nḡŪ I R̄v̄Z̄x̄q̄ t̄i t̄j̄ Ūw̄i K̄nḡŪi m̄c̄w̄i k̄ m̄v̄t̄c̄t̄P̄
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 t̄P̄t̄t̄i ŪȲḡŪt̄i i P̄ḡZ̄ 100 | q̄Ū n̄t̄Z̄ ēp̄x̄ K̄t̄i
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5.2 ḠḡŪb̄ Ūv̄l̄ q̄t̄i i D̄P̄Z̄v̄ n̄t̄ f̄ḡ t̄t̄K̄ m̄t̄ēP̄P̄ 32
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tions of the population (with special consideration to women).

4.3 Licence Fee:

Reasonable license and spectrum fees have been fixed by the government considering the fact that Community Radio is a development initiative and non profit entity. Initially license fee for each station has been decided to be 20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Taka) **[286 US\$]** and seize-able deposit is 1, 00,000 (One Lac Taka) **[1429 US\$]**. The Government reserves all rights to redefine this fee and deposit at any time. Frequency fees shall be decided by Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC).

5. Technical Structure:

- 5.1 Each Community Radio Station will cover a range of 17 km. from its centre. Maximum limit for transmitter power could be 100 watts. The permitted power could be decided on the basis of the licensee's area of work and/or geographical dispersion of the target audience. In this case an ERP of maximum 250 watts can be considered. Requests for higher transmitter power above 100 watts and up to 250 watts will require approval by the Committee constituted under the Ministry of Information;

5.2 The antenna tower's height from ground level will not exceed 32 meters. But in sparsely populated areas such as islands, the mentioned height can be restructured with prior approval of the licensing author-

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cvnmo Gj vKtZ KvnZ KrfviR cvl qui Rb Dfj -nLZ
D" PZri Zvi Zg" ntZ cvti | mKj tPtit GwUbv tMBb
Aek" B 6 nWe -Gi gta" mnigZ iLtz nte;

5.3 Gd. Gg. eñtU bñkvbj wdtKvqñY Gñtj vtKvb
c-vb Abjhqz KngDibU ti nWI t+kb cwi Pvj bvi Rb
"vb nW @ Kti wdtKvqñY (Zi½) cñvb Kiv nte|

6. bñZgyj vi Abñvb kZej xt

6.1 Abtgv` bcñB cñZob ev ms" vtK nboZ Kitz nte th
mxcñPwi Z Abñvbi gta" Ggb nKOB Añf® nte bv
hv-

6.1.1 Ab" t`tki mgvjt vPbv Kti ev evsj vt`tki mt½
Ab" t`tki eÜZcYmñúK@K TñZMñ-Kti;

6.1.2 cñKvñk" A_ev AcñKvñk" th tKvñb ag®
mxcñvq A_ev RñZñMñxi cñZ KvnZ Kiv nq,
hñtZ mxcñvq ev RbñMñxi gta" nñt01 Zñi
nq, hvi dtj Dc` j xq `ñofñi cñKvK NñU, hv
RñZMZ AmñSH Zñi Kti Ges mxcñvqK
mxcñZ nebo Kti;

6.1.3 Ak-xj , gubnñbKi th tKvñb nñl q A_ev tKvñb
eññ3 (eM®), `j ev ms"vi neitx fñ Z_
cwi tekb ev `j xq `ñofñi cñKvK Kti;

6.1.4 nsmv ev tñl tK DrmnñZ ev cñiñPZ Kiv
AvksKv _vtK A_ev AvBb-k;Lj v cwi cñk A_ev
neRvZxq avi Yv ev gtbvfvetK DrmnñZ Kti;

6.1.5 Av`vñZ Aegvbbv A_ev t`tki HK" bo Kti;

ity to achieve the desired coverage. In all cases antenna gain must be kept limited under 6 DB;

5.3 Frequency shall be allocated in FM band as per National Frequency Allocation Plan after selecting the place of Community Radio station;

6. Other Conditions of the Policy:

6.1 The Permission Holder shall ensure that nothing is included in the programme broadcasts which:

6.1.1 Offends decency, criticizes other countries or endangers the friendly relations of Bangladesh with other countries.

6.1.2 Openly or in veiled manner attacks any religion, community or ethnic group or in any way created animosity between communities or groups of people or tries to promote sectarian views which may lead to communal discontent or disharmony.

6.1.3 Contains anything obscene, defamatory or false information against person (s), groups or institutions or is partisan in nature.

6.1.4 Is likely to encourage or incite violence or contains anything against maintenance of law and order or which promotes anti-national feelings/attitudes.

6.1.5 Contains anything amounting to con-

- 6.1.6 ivó^aGes mi Kvti i weifc mgvjtj vPbv I AtnZK i Ubv Kti;
- 6.1.7 t^tki KvDtk e^{w3}MZ, `j xq A_ev mgvRi tKvb Asktk Acer ev Krmv i Ubvi ga^w tq mgvjtj vPbv Kti;
- 6.1.8 Kms⁻vi I AÜ wekjt^m Drmvn t^t q;
- 6.1.9 bvi x mgvR^tK Ae^tnj v Kti;
- 6.1.10 lk^ktk Ae^tnj v Kti;
- 6.1.11 c^lZeÜ^tK Ae^tnj v Kti;
- 6.1.12 G^vj tKvnj , gr` K I agc^rb Drmvn c^lvb Ges mg^{_} Kti;
- 6.1.13 R^wZ^tMv^o, RvZxqZv, wj ½, ag^oeY^oeqm A_ev kvi xvi K ev gvbimK c^lZeÜZvi KvitY tKvtbv e^{w3}, `tj i weitx D⁻mb t^t I qv, Krmv i Ubv Kti ev Ny^v c^lkvk Kti ev Kivi Dt^t M tbq;
- 6.1.14 ag^q Abf^wZ ev mste` bkyj Zv^tK nx^b⁻^t^o e^{en}t^ti i tPov Kiv nq Ggb lkQz Ges
- 6.1.15 tKvtbv lbi^t ag^q `wof^tx I wekjm^tK LvtUv Kti t^t Lv nq |

7. Ab^wb^t lbt^t Rvej x t

- 7.1 KugDibwU ti^wI ci^wPij bvi tg^wj K D^t K^t nte Dv^w ó RbtMv^oxi tmev Kiv Ges Zv^t i^tK teZvi Ab^wb m^cC^pvti A^sf^o Kiv |

tempt of court or anything affecting the integrity of the Nation;

- 6.1.6 Contains aspersions against the dignity of the State and, Government.
- 6.1.7 Criticizes, maligns or slanders any individual in person or any group or segment of society in the country;
- 6.1.8 Encourages superstition or blind belief;
- 6.1.9 Degrades women;
- 6.1.10 Degrades children;
- 6.1.11 Degrades human in disabilities;
- 6.1.12 Encourages or supports the use of drugs including alcohol, narcotics and tobacco;
- 6.1.13 Stereotypes, incites, vilifies or perpetuates hatred against anyone or any group or attempts to demean any person or group on the basis of ethnicity, nationality, race, gender, sexual preference, religion, age or physical or mental disability;
- 6.1.14 Tries to exploit religious sentiments or susceptibilities;
- 6.1.15 Undermines religious views and beliefs of those belonging to any particular religion or religious denomination.

7. Other Terms & Conditions:

- 7.1 The basic objective of operating the com-

7.2 tKej Aj vRbK ms- cÖZövb vbgewYz KZcY
mvtct¶ KngDibU ti WI t÷kb vcb I cwi Pvj bv
Ki‡Z cvi te t

7.2.1 j vBtmY cØB cÖZU t÷kbi Rb GKU
e-e-vcbv KngU_vKte| t÷kb cwi Pvj bv Ges
e-e-vcbvq Dm'ó RbtMwôx m`m' i mjq
AskMhY vboZ Ki‡Z nte| Abpb vbg@Yi
t¶t vbxq RbtMwôxi AskMhYi weiqU
vboZ Ki‡Z nte;

7.2.2 cÖZU t÷kbi vbxq cikmb, thgb- DctRj v
vbeñx Awdmvi (UNO), AwZni³ tRj v
cikmk (thLvtb t÷kbU tRj v kni Aew-Z),
AwZni³ cij k mpcvii mggh®vi cij k
KgRZ®, RmZ MVbj K KvR vbtqwrZ
vfvMmgj thgb- Kj , grm', cimqú, eb I
cvi tek, Avenl qv Aia` Bi, " ", evsj vt`k
teZvii vbxq t÷kbi cÖZiba, vbxq
mi Kvii vbeñPZ cÖZiba Ges msik-ó
temi Kwi cÖZövbi KgRZ®i AskMhY
GKU Kti Dct` óv KngU MVb Ki‡Z nte;

7.2.3 AbgWZ/j vBtmY cØB t÷kb e-e-vcbv I
Abpbv mgZv I b vquePvi mgbz ivL‡Z
RmZ, eY® ag® kvixi K cÖZvUzv I ij½
vetePbv mvtct¶ cÖSK RbtMwôxK vekl
AMvkaKvi cib Kite;

7.2.4 AbgWZ/j vBtmY cØB t÷kb AbpbvK I
AbpbvK cik¶Yi gva tg KngDibU

munity radio is to serve the target community and the people to meet their causes by involving them in the programs broadcast from the station.

7.2 The CRS shall be owned and managed only by nonprofit institutions/organizations.

7.2.1 Each licensed station will have a Management Committee. Active and inclusive participation of the target community members is to be ensured in the operation and management of the station. It would be taken as a key indicator of success particularly in case of their involvement in content creation.

7.2.2 An advisory committee will be formed for each station with the participation of local level government representatives such as Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO), Additional Deputy Commissioner (where the station is located at a district headquarter), Police officers of the level of Assistant Superintendent and appropriate level representatives of nation building departments such as Agriculture, Fisheries, Livestock, Forests and Environment, Health, concerned Regional Director of local public radio station and NGOs working in the relevant field etc.

7.2.3 Regarding station management and programming, the licensee will promote equity and social justice with

tj vKt` i ` ¶Zv evx mboZ Kite|

7.3 `jeQti i Rb` j vBtmY cōvb Kiv nte| Abfgv` tbi
wewa l kZqtgb Pj tj Ges tKutbv weva f½ bv Kitj,
mdj mgwB tkil mi Kwi m̄mxvš- Abh̄vqz c̄e²³
mgqmkgvi ḡZv Abfgv` tbi mgqmkgv M̄xZv ms vi
Avte` tbi tc̄l̄tZ berqb Kiv h̄te|

7.4 j vBtmY -E; n̄vsi Kiv h̄te bv| M̄xZv c̄Zōtbi
tKb msMvibK cwi eZD ntj Zv Zvr¶ibK wj LZf̄te
mi Kvi -tK AevnZ KitZ nte|

7.5 evsj vt` k teZti hw` vbxq weI q msik-ó tKutbv Abp̄vb
m̄cPvi nq Zntj weifbœKngDibU tiWl t-k̄bi
gta` Abp̄vb weibgtqi Abguzt` qv th̄Z cuti | RvZq
i "ZCY® A_ev tKb wbow Gj vKv m̄uKZ tKb
Abp̄vb evsj vt` k teZti m̄cPvi Z nl qui ci msik-ó
Gj vKv KngDibU tiWl t-kb, t̄j vtZ tm Abp̄vb
c̄p:cPvi KitZ nte| thgb RvZi D̄t̄tk̄ ivot̄Z,
c̄vbgš/Dct` óvi fviY, tKutbv RvZq w em
D` hvc̄bi t̄t̄k̄ wek̄l Abp̄vb | Avenvl qv msev,
mi Kvi ev evsj vt` k teZti KZK tc̄l̄tZ Abp̄vb m̄vni
m̄cPvi ev c̄p:cPvi KitZ nte| GQvor
Gj vKv/KngDibU wf̄EK Abp̄vgyj v KngDibU tiWl
t-k̄bi gva`g weibgtj m̄cPvi KitZ nte|

7.6 KngDibU tiWl i Abp̄vgyj vi weI qe`i gta` Kwl,
eq`i l wki wkp̄v, tRÜvi Bm`y c̄uK -r-, cwi tek
l Avenvl qv, mgvR Kj viY, eZgvb evRvi `i, Kwl RvZ
c̄tY`i Pwn`v, M̄gY Ges Gj vKv wf̄EK Dbq, wki i
hZp̄ gyZ... -r- tmev, cwi evi cwi Kí bv, evsj vt` k

special priority to the marginalized communities in terms of their race, caste, religion, physical disability and gender.

7.2.4 The licensee will ensure capacity building for and within the community through formal and / or informal training as required.

7.3 The license will be granted for an initial period of 2 years. Based on performance of the licensee and provided that no violation of the terms and conditions has occurred during the period, the license can be renewed for such periods as the government may decide. The pilot projects have to be evaluated on mid term basis as well as at the final stage of its operation.

7.4 The license shall not be transferable. There should have provision to conduct midterm and final evaluation of performance.

7.5 Permission may be provided on pilot basis to share programs among different Community Radio Station if the programs consist of locally relevant content. Programs of Bangladesh Betar (Radio) would be relayed or re-broadcast in the Community Radio Station as and when these are of national importance or of relevance to the people of the area. Special program such as address of the president, prime minister, special program of national days celebrations and weather bulletin. Community based broadcasting program has to be broadcasted through community radio stations.

- teZtii i RvZiq msev` , ~vbxq RbtMwói Avq ejxi
weIq, tj vtK cIavb ~tZ nte| A_F KngDibU
ti WI i Abjvbgij vq msik-ó RbtMwói ~t_@ekl fite
cZdij Z nte|
- 7.7 KngDibU ti WI ðZ mxcPwi Z Abjvbtb msik-ó
RbtMwói m` m` i AskMóY ibDZ Ki tZ nte|
A_F msik-ó RbtMwóx KngDibU ti WI ði mKj
Abjvbtbi cwi Kí bv, ev-evqb, cwi Pij bv I gj ~vqt
Ask MóY Ki teb|
- 7.7.1 j vBtmY MóxZv msik-ó KngDibU tctU Zv
ti WI tZ mxcPwi Z Abjvbgij vi gj ~vqtbi
cvkvcw k KngDibU RbMtb Ask MóY ejxi
Rb ~vqtboemthwM-mjeav t`qi gva"tg Zt`i
AvMó evontbvi cwi Kí bv Ki teb;
- 7.7.2 Dbq b Bm`y I bxiZi eivcti DcRj v chqj
mi Kwi KgRZA e3e" KngDibU ti WI
t÷ktb mxcPwi Z nte;
- 7.7.3 AskMóYgj K cIaqi gva"tg GKU ibw~
Abjvbtb ~vbxq Z_ , NUv Ges cIAvcb
(tbwUwdtKkb), ~vbxq ms~Z, cwi Pq Ges
~vbxq fvI vtK Ztj ai tZ nte;
- 7.7.4 Abjvbt KvVtgv, weIqe~, Dc~vcbv I fvIv
e'enfii tPfI AekB ~vbxq ms~Zi
cZdij b NUtZ nte|
- 7.8 KngDibU ti WI thtnZz ~vbxq gva"g wntmte KvR Kti
ZvB ~vbxq Dbq b msev` mxcPvti i AbjvZ t`q nte|

- 7.6 The program contents of the community radio broadcast service will focus on agriculture, both adult and children education, gender, primary health, environment, social welfare, current market prices, demand for agro products, rural and community development, baby care, maternity health care, family planning (radio bulletin), income generation etc. The programming should reflect the special interests of the community to be served.
- 7.7 The programs should ensure community peoples' inclusion from the point of participation, choice and sharing. The community people will participate in program planning, implementing, operating and evaluating.
- 7.7.1 The licensee will develop plans to facilitate and promote community participation besides setting out the station's programmatic values in context to the community to be served.
- 7.7.2 Speeches of government officials at upazilla level on development issues and policies would be broadcast by the CRS.
- 7.7.3 Through participatory process a specific program should set its spotlight on local information, events and notifications, local culture, identity, and local language.
- 7.7.4 The format, subject, presentation and language of programs must reflect the local culture.

Zte th tKvibv ai tbi iR%WZK weI q mæcPvi, mKj cKvi weIPbx cPvi I weÁvcb KfVvi fute wbl x Ki vntel| KngDnbU tiWl t÷kb iay t`wK-wet`wK tiKWRZ wetbv` bgj K l cÖgvY Abpib teZvi tmYi bwZgij v AbjmiY mytctP mwgZfute cPvi KitZ cvite| wet`kx mæcPvi ms~vPvbtj i msev` I Pj WZ NUbwfEK Abpib, Avtj vPbv I UK tkv mivmwi ev tiKW^Kti mæcPvi KitZ cvite bv|

7.9 wbtge eWZ kZmvtctP Dbaqbj K tmev msWk-ó weÁvcb cPvi Ki v hte:

7.9.1 weÁvcb Dbaqbj K tmev msWk-ó ntZ nte Ges wbl ó tPfT mwgve x _KfZ nte;

7.9.2 KngDnbU tiWl t÷kb wblOZ Kitel th Abpib A_qbKvixiv msWk-ó Abpib ev Abpibgij vi weI q-e-`wKsev ÷vBj Ges t÷kibi bwZgij vi e'vcitl tKib cPvi we~vi KitQ bv;

7.9.3 weÁvcb cPvii tPfT mi Kvlii we~gvb wbt`Rbv AbjmiY KitZ nte|

7.10 cÖgvRtb th tKib mi Kwi KZEP th tKib KngDnbU tiWl t÷kibi Kvhpq wblqSY I gwbUi KitZ cvite| ZvB j vBtmY MñZvK G aitYi th tKib wblqg-Kvbj tgjb Pj fZ nte|

7.11 j vBtmY MñZv Z_ gšYij tq msWk-ó t÷kibi Kvhpq m¤útK© t'gwmK wi tcvU© tcöY Kitel| j vBtmY cÖB cÖZövb ev ms~v cÖngK chq cPwiZ Abpibgij vi ti KWET msiP Y Kitel| G tPfT th

7.8 As the community radio serves the purpose as local medium, thus, local development news will be permitted. Nonetheless, any kind of political broadcasts will be strictly prohibited.

7.9 Advertisements related to development services will be permitted while community radio program broadcasting based on the following conditions:

7.9.1 The commercials should be related to development services relevant and limited to the specified area.

7.9.2 Community stations will ensure that the sponsors of programs do not influence the content or the style of individual programs or the overall programming of the Community Radio Station and its code of conduct.

7.9.2 Existing government regulations shall be followed for commercials.

7.10 Any Government authority may regulate or monitor the activities of any community radio station if necessary.

7.11 The licensee should provide quarterly report to the ministry of information. The licensee will preserve records of broadcasted programs during the piloting phase. In case of failure, the Government will have the liberty to revoke the license.

7.12 The Government or its authorized representative shall have the right to inspect the broadcast including other Community

tKvfbv ai‡Yi e„_Zvi Rb mi Kvi c‡qRb ntj ,
msilk-ó RgvKZ RgvbZ ev‡RgvBKi Ymn AbgvZ/
j vBtmY ewZj KitZ cvite|

- 7.12 mi Kvi wKsev mi Kvi Abtgw Z c‡zbira th tKvfbv
KvgDibU tiWI †-kb I Gi †vcbv ci‡`kD Ges
DwI ó RbtMoxi †‡msilk-ó Z_ msMö KitZ cvite|
- 7.13 RvZxq wbcvEv ev Ri„wi Ae„/hj A_ev netivagi K
cwiw-Z A_ev G RvZxq tKvfbv cwiw-Zi Kvi‡Y
mi Kvi th tKvfbv msL^K ev mKj KvgDibU tiWI
†-kb AwamöY ev Gi/G, tj vi Kvhp‡MZ KitZ
cvite| GmKj †¶‡† mi Kvi th tKvfbv msL^K ev
mKj KvgDibU tiWI †-kb-Gi AbgvZ/j vBtmY
ewZj Kivi Awakvi Ges msilk-ó c‡zöb, ms-` ev
eW‡K cPj Z AvBtbj AvI Zvq Avbvi ¶gZv i‡L|
- 7.14 tKvb Gj vKv ev RvqMvq m‡cPvi tKv‡` †vc‡bi
AbgvZ c‡vb Kiv nte fm t¶‡† mi Kvi ii wmxvSB
Povš-n‡e| tKvfbv netkl evZP m‡cPvi i Rb ev
c‡KvZK †h‡Mi †¶‡† mi Kvi wbtR msilk-ó
KvgDibU tiWI -‡K AekB gvtZ nte|
- 7.15 j vBtmY MbxZv‡K AwU Kiv ewl R immve Ges ewl R
wi †cvJ‡mi Kvi ii KvfQ Rgv †Z nte|
- 7.16 wba‡i Z mg‡qi g‡a“ j vBtmY MbxZv m‡cPvi
Kvh‡g ii“ KitZ e„_ntj mi Kvi AbgvZ/j vBtmY
ewZj KitZ cvite|
- 7.17 KvgDibU tiWI m‡cPvi KZ‡¶i wR-^ Drm,

Radio Station set up facilities of the licensees and collect information in connection to public and community interests.

- 7.13 The Government will have the right to take over the entire Community Radio Station service and network possessed by the licensee or revoke/ terminate/ suspend/ punish the license in the interest of national security or in the event of national emergency/ war or low intensity conflict or in any similar type of situations.
- 7.14 Notwithstanding anything contained anywhere else in the license, the Government's decision shall be final and conclusive. The Government shall have the power to direct the licensee to broadcast any special message as may be considered desirable to meet any contingency arising out of natural emergency, or public interest or natural disaster and the like, and the licensee shall be obliged to comply with such directions.
- 7.15 The permission holder shall be required to submit their audited annual accounts and annual report to the Government.
- 7.16 The Government may revoke permission of license if the licensee fails to commission services within the instructed period.
- 7.17 The Govt. may take initiatives to create a Community Radio Development Fund as supplement for the community broadcaster's own resources, capacity building, improvement in quality of technology,

mvg_©evovtbv, c̄b̄³ Mtei Yv I gj̄ vq̄tbi t̄¶t̄
YMZ gvb epxi Rtb̄ mi Kvi KingDibiu tiWI Dbaqb
Znwej Mto tZvj vi ēvcv̄ti c̄ t̄¶c nbt̄Z cvi te|

- 7.18 msik_ó ms̄v I c̄Zóvb̄K Zi½ I teZvi hši
ēenvi i t̄¶t̄ nevAvium KZR AviwcZ mKj
kZfej x tḡb Pj t̄Z nte|
- 7.19 KingDibiu tiWI t̄÷ktbi Rb̄ -wicZ Uvl qui
temi Kvi x tUij tdb̄ Acr̄i Uit̄ iK ēenvi Kit̄z
t̄qv h̄te bv| G Qov Ab̄ tKvb temi Kvi Kv̄RI
Gme Uvl qui ēenvi Kiv h̄te bv|
- 7.20 KingDibiu tiWI t̄÷kb -vcbKvi x c̄Zóvb/ms̄v
wbR^A_qtb mk̄i Avbmvi Øiv t̄÷ktbi mwrek
wbivcEv̄ weavb Ki te Ges RvZxq wbivcEv̄ ciiccs̄
tKvbv m̄cPvi ntq̄Q wK bv G gtg©msik_ó _vbvi
fvi c̄b KgrZPc̄Zgut̄m GKU c̄Zte b mi Kvi i
wbKU tc̄Y Ki te|
- 7.21 Rb̄ -t̄_© A_ev h_vh_ m̄cPv̄ii Rb̄ A_ev
Rb̄bivcEv̄ -t̄_©mi Kvi GB bwZgvj vi weva I KZ©
ciieZ̄bi AwaKvi msi¶Y Kti |
- 7.22 Rb̄ -t̄_A_ev mi Kvi weva-nbt̄a Agyb̄ Kvi `v̄q
mi Kvi th tKvbv mgq tKvbv c̄Kvi Kvi Y `k̄b
ēwZ̄ti t̄K msik_ó KingDibiu tiWI t̄÷ktbi AbgvZ/
j vBtmY ewZ̄tj i AwaKvi msi¶Y Kti |

8. KingDibiu tiWI m̄cPvi gubUvis t̄

- 8.1 mi Kvi KZR `wqZp̄B tKvbv KgrZPev c̄Zbua ev
ms̄v KingDibiu tiWI t̄÷ktbi Kvhg gubUvis I

research & evaluation purpose, etc.

- 7.18 Concerned organizations and institutions shall comply with all conditions decided by BTRC for the use of frequency and radio equipment.
- 7.19 Tower established for community radio operation shall not be given for the use to private telephone operators.
- 7.20 Organizations/Institutions establishing community radio stations shall arrange for overall security of the station with armed Ansers by it's own funding and the in-charge of concerned police station shall submit a monthly report to the government stating if any anti-state broadcasting have been carried out.
- 7.21 The government preserves all rights to modify any rules or regulations stated in the policy in support of public welfare or for appropriate broadcasting or for public security.
- 7.22 The Government reserves the right to revoke the license at any time in public interest or in case of violation of the terms and conditions provided.

8. Monitoring of Community Radio Broadcasting:

- 8.1 Every month a copy of CD containing the recordings of broadcasted programs of community radio station will be provided to the local authority prescribed by the Government.

- bw_c̄ cix̄v̄-bw̄v̄ K̄t̄Z c̄v̄te Ges c̄q̄R̄b̄
m̄c̄v̄i K̄Z t̄K̄tb̄ Ab̄p̄t̄bi m̄v̄W (CD) -v̄bx̄q K̄Z̄t̄v̄i
K̄t̄Q K̄gD̄b̄b̄U t̄īW̄I t̄-k̄b̄ R̄gv̄ īt̄Z̄ ev̄ā -v̄K̄t̄e;
- 8.2 Dct̄Rj̄ v̄ ib̄eññx Añdm̄vi, Dct̄Rj̄ v̄ ik̄v̄ Añdm̄vi,
Dct̄Rj̄ v̄ c̄K̄S̄k̄j̄ x̄, -v̄bx̄q mi K̄t̄i īb̄eññPZ c̄ññb̄a,
ev̄s̄ īt̄-k̄ teZ̄t̄i ī -v̄bx̄q t̄-k̄t̄bi c̄ññb̄a, -v̄bx̄q
ik̄v̄ c̄ññb̄a c̄ññb̄bi mḡš̄t̄q ḠK̄U -v̄bx̄q Dct̄ óv̄
K̄gD̄b̄b̄U M̄v̄ K̄t̄Z n̄t̄e | H̄ K̄gD̄b̄b̄U ib̄q̄q̄Zf̄v̄te ms̄ññk̄-ó
K̄gD̄b̄b̄U t̄īW̄I t̄-k̄t̄bi K̄h̄q̄ ḡb̄U ī K̄t̄e Ges
c̄ññḡt̄m̄ mi K̄t̄i īb̄K̄U ḠK̄U c̄ññt̄e`b̄ R̄gv̄ t̄-t̄e;
- 8.3 Dct̄ óv̄ K̄gD̄b̄b̄U t̄īW̄I t̄-k̄t̄bi k̄w̄³ I
`ȳP̄Z̄v̄ iññiññ t̄L̄ ms̄ññk̄-ó t̄-k̄t̄K̄ c̄q̄R̄bx̄q c̄ññḡk̄-t̄e;
- 8.4 K̄gD̄b̄b̄U t̄īW̄I ñī Ab̄p̄t̄b̄ Dct̄Rj̄ v̄ ch̄ññq̄ mi K̄w̄i
K̄gR̄Z̄ññ ī AskM̄ññȲññK̄ Dct̄ óv̄ K̄gD̄b̄b̄U Dr̄m̄ññZ̄ K̄t̄e;
- 8.5 K̄gD̄b̄b̄U t̄īW̄I ñī ḡv̄ññḡ D̄b̄q̄b̄ w̄eññq̄K̄ w̄eññv̄c̄b̄/
mi K̄w̄i w̄eññv̄c̄b̄ t̄-q̄v̄i eññv̄c̄t̄i Dct̄ óv̄ K̄gD̄b̄b̄U
ms̄ññk̄-óññ ī Dr̄m̄ññZ̄ K̄t̄e;
- 8.6 Ab̄p̄t̄b̄ ḡb̄ D̄b̄q̄b̄ R̄b̄ K̄gD̄b̄b̄U t̄īW̄I ī R̄b̄
M̄ññZ̄ Dct̄ óv̄ K̄gD̄b̄b̄U mḡq̄ mḡq̄ c̄q̄R̄bx̄q̄ K̄v̄D̄ññȲññ s̄
t̄mev̄ t̄-t̄e;
- 8.7 Z̄_ ḡš̄v̄j̄ q̄ K̄Z̄ññ M̄ññZ̄ t̄K̄ññq̄ ḡb̄Uññs̄ K̄gD̄b̄b̄U
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- 8.2 A local advisory committee will be formed under the UNO, Officer-In-Charge of local police stations, and Regional director of local Radio station Principal of locally situated education institution. The committee will monitor the community radio station activities in regular basis and submit a confidential report to the Ministry of Information per month.
- 8.3 The advisory committee will provide suggestions based on the strengths and weaknesses of the community radio station broadcasting.
- 8.4 The advisory committee will encourage the participation of upazila level government officials in the community radio programs.
- 8.5 The advisory committee will encourage producing development advertisements / government advertisements through community radio.
- 8.6 The advisory committee will provide necessary counseling service to improve the quality of programs.
- 8.7 Central Monitoring Committee formed by Ministry of Information shall supervise the overall operation related to Community Radio and shall inform the Ministry on a regular basis.

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Annexure I

Committee on Community Radio
To Develop Draft Concept Paper, Policy and
Application Form
Ministry of Information,
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Annexure II

KugDibU t̄WI (GdGg ēv̄Ü) m̄cP̄ti i Av̄te` bc̄t̄

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Rb̄ c̄qyRbxq Z_-vej x Dc^-vcb KivQ :

1. c̄Zōvb/ ms̄vi bv̄g :
2. c̄Zōvb/ ms̄vi wKvbv :

3. thMv̄hv̄Mi wKvbv :

 - tUyj tdbv :
 - d̄v̄ :
 - B-tgBj

4. c̄Zōvb/ ms̄vi c̄KwZ :
5. c̄Zōvb/ ms̄vi Kv̄tRi c̄KwZ I cwi wa :
6. Kv̄tRi t̄P̄T (tj v̄tKkb) :
7. myeav̄fMx̄t̄ i tkYv̄ aib :
8. c̄Zōvb/ ms̄vi Kv̄tRi Aw̄fĀZv̄ (Av̄t̄q̄ Z̄wi Lmn) :

9. c̄Zōvb/ ms̄vi AR̄ (Achievement) wēwi Z :

10. c̄Zōvb/ ms̄vi m̄`m̄ Ges cwi Pvj bv̄ cwi l̄t̄ i weeiY :

11. KugDibU t̄WI c̄Zōvi j P̄ I D̄t̄ k̄ I Dw̄ ó Rb̄tMôxi
weeiY :

12. m̄cP̄ti i Rb̄ c̄weZ Rbc`/Gj vKvi weeiY (c̄weZ
KugDibU t̄WI m̄cP̄vi tK̄`-Ges Gi m̄cP̄vi Gj vKv̄i
P̄yZ K̄ti GKwU Av̄wP̄t̄ mshȳb Ki "b") :

13. Dw̄ ó myeav̄fMx̄ Rb̄tMôxi K Z_ t̄mev c̄v̄bi c̄KwZ :

14. c̄weZ c̄t̄ E t̄mev Dw̄ ó Rb̄tMôxi tKvb tKvb t̄P̄t̄
mḡx Ki te :

15. c̄Zōvb/ ms̄vi wbeÜb ms̄wš-Z_-vej x (Gb̄RI Āv̄dqvm̄
ej̄i vmn, wbeÜb mb̄ c̄t̄ i Abjv̄c mshȳb Ki "b- c̄hvR̄
t̄P̄t̄) :

16. c̄Zōvb/ temi Kvix ms̄vi MZ 3 eQ̄ii wbiwP̄Z I
c̄LwqZ c̄Zte`b :

17. KugDibU t̄WI t̄ctbi j t̄P̄ c̄weZ Gj vKv̄i MZ c̄wP̄
eQ̄ii i Db̄qbgj K KvR/ Aw̄fĀZv̄ weeiY

18. c̄Zōvb/ ms̄v̄ wK mi Kvix wKsev `vZv ms̄vi Abjvb/
mn̄iqZv M̄bY K̄ti t̄Q? (c̄hvR̄ t̄P̄t̄ c̄gȳ `v̄j mn̄
weeiY c̄v̄b Ki "b")

19. c̄weZ KugDibU t̄WI m̄cP̄vi tK̄`-i cwi Pvj bv̄ I
Kvhqg m̄uñKZ Z_-vej x
K. c̄kvmlbK Kv̄tgv̄ (c̄ZU weI t̄q̄ wēwi Z c̄v̄e `wLj
Ki teb) :

- L. e^īe^īlcbv KigU (c^ōZ^ū uel tq we^īwi Z c^ōve `wLj
Ki^īeb) :
- M. Ab^ōb c^īi K^ī bv (c^ōZ^ū uel tq we^īwi Z c^ōve `wLj
Ki^īeb) :
- N. Aw^īR c^īi K^ī bv (c^ōZ^ū uel tq we^īwi Z c^ōve `wLj
Ki^īeb) :
- O. Ab^ōb c^īi K^ī bv (c^ōZ^ū uel tq we^īwi Z c^ōve `wLj
Ki^īeb) :
20. w^īg^ī3 uel qmga m^ībw 0f^īte D^īj -L Ki^īb
K. GdGg U^īY^īgUvi Ges G^īUbvi Ae^īv b (tj v^īKkb
g^īcmn) :
L. GdGg ti^īWl U^īY^īgUvi i ^īlgZv (I q^īU) :
M. UvI q^īt^īi i D^īPZv (q^īU) :
21. th fv^īv Ges Av^īAj^ī KZ^īq Ab^ōbgyj v ^Z^īi Ges m^īc^īvi
Ki^īn^ī :
22. Ab^ōvt^ībi c^īK^īZ (Ab^ī Drm n^īj Zv D^īj -L Ki^īb) :
23. w^īg^ī3 Lv^īZi A^īthM^īvt^ībi Drm
K. AeKvVt^īgM^īZ myav :
L. i^īY^īte^īY :
M. Ab^ōb w^īg^īY :
N. Rbm^īú^ī :
O. t^ī÷ kb c^īi Pvj bv :
24. Ab^ōv^ī Z^īw^ī (hw^ī _v^īK) :
25. Aw^īK^ī bvg^ī
K. Av^īe^ībc^ī i t^īK^ībv t^īY^ī Am^īúY^īZv c^īi j w^īZ n^īj
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- ewZj n^īe|
- L. Abg^īW c^īi qui t^īY^ī c^īÉ Z^īvej x^īZ f^īj w^īKsev
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NU^īvej x, Db^īb c^īi t^īmev, Kg^īs^īib^ī m^īthM m^īlk-ó
we^īquej x t^īN^īl Y^ī Ges we^īÁvc^īb c^īvi Ki^īZ m^īgZ|
- N. KigD^ību^ī ti^īWl b^īZg^īj v h^īvh^īf^īte Abg^īi Y^ī K^īi
m^īc^īvi Ki^īZ eva^ī_v^īKe|
- O. Awg/Avgiv GZ^īvi^ī c^īZ^īqb Ki^īQ th Avgiv/Avgit^ī
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Community Radio National Help Desk @ BNNRC Secretariat

BNNRC has already opened the Community Radio Help Desk with the following help and services to the interested initiators:

- a. Help Desk for the Community Radio Enthusiast; Budget and Planning;
- b. Assisting in filling up the form and following up with the concerned Department, Ministries and Commissions in this regard;
- c. Technical guidance for Studio setup, broadcasting equipments;
- d. Assist in acquiring relevant software;
- e. Baseline studies and need analysis;
- f. Monitoring and Evaluation;
- g. Capacity Building including training on radio content production, editing and presentation;
- h. Transmission management;
- i. Library and Archives;
- j. Feedback;
- k. Identify partners and funding agencies.

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Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication (BNNRC) is a national networking body working for building a democratic society based on the principles of free flow of information, equitable and affordable access to Information, Communication Technology (ICT) for remote and marginalized population.

BNNRC is registered with the Ministry of Law, Parliamentary and Justice Affairs, as a trust and NGO Affairs Bureau, Office of the Prime Minister, Government of Bangladesh according to the foreign donation (Voluntary Activities) regulation ordinance 1978 as an organization on Information, Communication and Technology for Development (ICT4D) established in 2000 as per Article 19 charter of UN bill of rights.

Currently, with congenial support from Cordaid (a Netherlands based funding partner) BNNRC is implementing a project **Promoting Appropriate Technologies and Policies to Uphold the value "ICT as Basic Human Right".**

BNNRC now strive for following core interventions to achieve PRSP, WSIS action plan and Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

1. Awareness on correlations of ICT, poverty alleviation and Institutionalization of Democracy and Right to Information (RTI)
2. Establishment of ICT Resource Center and Promotion of Radio Listeners Club as primary ICT catalyst in remote rural areas;

3. Advocacy and Campaign for Bridging the Digital Divide/Information Divide/Knowledge Divide and open up air waves for Community Radio - voices for the voice-less;
4. Piloting ICT4D projects at rural areas to create show case examples for greater multiplication through Rural Knowledge Center (RKC).
5. Establishment of Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES) for Disaster Preparedness and Risk Reduction through Amateur Radio (HAM Radio)promotion .
6. Establishment of People's Right in Telecommunication/ Global Commons/Country Commons.
7. To Promote the adoption of Free/Open Source Software(FOSS), open standards, and open content for development

BNNRC has been undertaking pioneer approaches to integrate ICT for Development (ICT4D), related policy advocacy for good governance, people's rights, global/ country commons and poverty alleviation with community development work at the grassroots through its networking members in Bangladesh. BNNRC's outreach extends to local national and international forums.

BNNRC is affiliated with

- Global Knowledge Partnership (GKP),
- World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters (AMARC),

- World Association for Christian Communication (WACC),
- Developing Countries Farm Radio Network (DCFNR),
- Freedom of Information Advocate Network (FOIA),
- Commonwealth Human Right Network (CHRN),
- One World (TV, Radio, Net),
- One World South Asia (OWSA),
- Asian South Pacific Bureau of Adult Education (ASPBAE).
- Commonwealth Telecommunication Organisation (CTO)

We update our web site regularly with details of our recent activities, best practices, publication and other materials related to promoting ICT as basic human right. We appreciate your visit to our web site and strengthening the movement we are striving for.

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