

Terms of Reference (ToR)

for

Assessment of the Collective Action of JNNPF and Local SVAW Networks Against Gender-Based Violence

1. Background

ActionAid Bangladesh (AAB) supports the Jatiyo Nari Nirjaton Protirodh Forum (JNNPF), a national platform established in 2006 that operates across 26 districts. JNNPF brings together and directly engages with 26 local Stop Violence Against Women (SVAW) networks. These networks work to prevent and respond to violence against women (VAW) and advocate for justice by: building evidence and databanks from diverse sources including police stations; linking survivors to referral pathways; engaging local authorities to ensure effective survivor support through Nari Nirjaton Protirodh Committees (NNPCs); and mobilizing national movements to create momentum on key issues of gender-based violence (GBV).

To review JNNPF's 19 years of work, assess its successes and challenges, and generate evidence-based recommendations, AAB seeks to engage a qualified consultant to conduct a comprehensive study evaluating the effectiveness of JNNPF's approach and providing future guidance.

2. Objective of the Assignment

To conduct a comprehensive study of JNNPF's approach, the way of doing work, achievements, challenges, and best practices in preventing and responding to violence against women. The study will gather evidence from local SVAW networks and generate actionable recommendations for: (a) recommendations for national-level advocacy initiatives on similar issues, (b) for JNNPF as a network, and (c) for service providers (e.g., police, courts).

3. Scope of Work

The consultant will be responsible for:

1. **Document Collection:** Collect and review yearly reports from all 26 local SVAW networks.
2. **Data Compilation and Analysis:** Analyze reports to extract key activities, outcomes, challenges, best practices, and recommendations.
3. **Stakeholder Consultations:** Conduct online Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) with representatives from all 26 SVAW networks. Discuss challenges, success stories, and gather their recommendations to understand the processes as well.
4. **Report Preparation:** Develop a data-driven report covering activities and interventions undertaken by JNNPF and local networks; challenges faced at local and national levels; success stories and best practices; recommendations from local networks for JNNPF's

advocacy direction, service providers (police, judiciary, referral mechanisms); and peer organizations.

4. Deliverables

1. Inception report with methodology and timeline
2. Summary of findings from annual and monthly reports' review
3. Summary report on all FGDs and KIIs
4. Draft comprehensive study report
5. Final report incorporating feedback from ActionAid Bangladesh
6. PowerPoint presentation for the final dissemination event

5. Methodology

The consultant is expected to use a mixed-method approach combining secondary review of network reports and qualitative analysis through FGDs and KIIs.

6. Timeline

The assignment will be carried out over 2 months from the date of contract signing. A detailed work plan should be submitted in the inception report.

7. Budget: The total budget for this consultancy is BDT 150,000 (including VAT and Tax) – to be paid by JNNPF/ActionAid Bangladesh. Final dissemination event costs will be covered separately by ActionAid Bangladesh and JNNPF Secretariate.

8. Consultant's Qualifications

- Proven experience in conducting qualitative research and evaluations.
- Background in gender, human rights, or development studies.
- Experience in working with women's rights movements, or VAW-focused programs, and familiarity with Bangladesh's socio-political context.
- Strong facilitation and analytical writing skills.

9. Reporting and Supervision

The consultant will report to the Lead, Women Rights and Gender Equity, ActionAid Bangladesh, and coordinate closely with the JNNPF Secretariat.

10. Application Process

Interested consultants are requested to submit:

- A brief technical and financial proposal
- Updated CV with relevant experience

Deadline for application submission: 28 September 2025

Ownership: ActionAid Bangladesh would have the ownership on the whole document and will use the data for purpose of research, publication and others, as deems necessary.

Reference and intellectual Property: All written work must be authorized to the current sources copyright of all information in findings and others final report will remain with ActionAid Bangladesh

Plan for disseminations: The consultant will be responsible for sharing the findings with the key stakeholders, including ActionAid staff. ActionAid Bangladesh will organize the dissemination workshop.

Ethical Considerations: The research/study will make clear to all participating stakeholders that they are under no obligation to participate in the study. All participants will be assured there will be no negative consequences if they choose not to participate. Research/study will obtain informed consent from the participants.

Submission: Please submit your proposal at the link below:

Link: <https://jobs.actionaidbd.org/consultancy>

- Last date of Application is **19 October 2025**.

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