





## SOUTH ASIA RIGHT TO FOOD CONFERENCE, 2015

### PREAMBLE

In the context of neoliberal discourse and regime excessive trade liberalization, privatization and deregulation continuing unfair trade system, corporate dominance in agriculture. Alongside industrial and chemical intensive agriculture threaten the food and nutritional security and economic development of the people of south Asia. Moreover, the multifaceted environmental and climatic challenges make it difficult for the small holder producers to maintain their life and livelihood. Land grabbing with land degradation (agriculture, pasture), for industrial purpose, mining, logging etc. by state and military and forced evictions is also increasing to a great extent. Beside this people of South Asia, especially small producers suffer intersectional violations based on their gender, class, caste, ethnicity and/or religion.

We are confronted with intensifying economic, social and environmental crises in this region. Neoliberal policies of trade liberalization, privatization and deregulation facilitated by international trade and financial institutions have benefited transnational corporations and the elites of our countries. It has reduced the capacities of countries and peoples to ensure self-sufficient food production and right to food for everyone, worsened hunger, poverty, malnutrition, contributed to the displacement, landlessness, loss of livelihood and income, and curtailment of rights of small food producers and consumers. It is true that secure tenure of land and natural resources as well as accompanying investment in public goods and services, such as infrastructure are necessary to foster responsible investments in agriculture and food systems. At the same time, it contributes to food security and nutrition, and overall economic development. A primary element of promoting investment in agriculture and food systems should be accomplished with coherent and transparent policies, laws and regulations based on equitable, inclusive, and gender sensitive governance structures in the context of specific countries context. Responsible investment includes priority investments in, by, and with small scale producers such as peasant, small holder farmers, pastoralists, artisans, fishers, forester dwellers, and processors. There is significant evidence that investing responsibly in smallholder agriculture and food systems is one of the most effective ways of reducing hunger and poverty. Along with investment, in terms ensuring food and nutritional security some other prime issues need to be focused such as building resilient communities, strengthening small-scale, ensuring agro ecological production as the basis of local food systems, local markets and provisioning and providing a foundation for other complementary interventions. Moreover, since, food and nutritional security which is recognized and respected in all human rights convention, including Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other relevant international human rights instruments, we believe that the same pace and approach will be followed to ensure food and nutritional right to the people of this region.

Midst of these diversified challenges and context of South Asia a strong sodality and sharing among the people of this region is crucial and consequently we are thinking of organizing a South Asia Right to Food Conference in Dhaka in May 2015 with the participant of CSOs, scholar, researcher, trade unionist, youth, peasants organization, small holders, female organization, indigenous organizations and other part of the society. We feel that the promotion establishment of rights of the smallholders in this neo liberal discourse and regime is a challenging phenomenon and strong commitment, engagement, solidarity of people, and CSO across these South Asian countries is indispensable to come forward with food and nutrition security and rights of the millions of the people.



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## Message

**PRIME MINISTER,  
GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC  
OF BANGLADESH**

16 Jaistha 1422  
30 May 2015

I am happy to know that 'South Asia Right to Food Conference 2015' is going to be held in Dhaka on 30 May 2015.

Food is the most important basic need for human being. Millions of people starve every day in different parts of the world. In this situation, we urgently need multi-faceted approach to fight against hunger and poverty.

SAARC member states have been struggling to ensure food security individually as well as collectively. Establishing SAARC Food Bank will be an important initiative for ensuring regional food security. We should accelerate the process.

In Bangladesh, to increase food production we have undertaken various measures like supplying necessary credit and agricultural inputs to the farmers; increased investment on innovation of high yielding varieties and techniques; improved market management and ensuring rational price to producers.

To reach food to the needy people, we introduced fair price cards, open market sale (OMS), Vulnerable Group Feeding, Vulnerable Group Development, Food for Work, Test Relief programs etc. We have also enhanced food storage capacity to ensure food security during disaster.

Bangladesh has now achieved self-sufficiency in food production. We have already started exporting rice in a limited scale.

Despite all our efforts, many people still starve in Bangladesh as well as other South Asian countries as ensuring food for all is a complex issue. Therefore, food security situation deserves our immediate attention.

I hope that the delegates at the conference will discuss the nitty-gritty of food security and formulate strategies to fight against poverty and hunger, and thereby help ensure every one's right to food in South Asia.

I wish every success of this event.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu  
May Bangladesh Live Forever.

  
**Sheikh Hasina**





**Abul Maal A. Muhith**  
Minister  
Ministry of Finance  
Government of the People's  
Republic of Bangladesh

## Message

I am delighted to learn that Dhaka is hosting 1st South Asia Right to Food Conference 2015. Our constitution imposes on the state the responsibility to provide basic necessities of life to all citizens.

We are quite successful in pursuing the objective of provision of food for all. Starting within annual production of 11 million tons of food grains at the time of our emergence, we now produce 38 million tons. We have very limited land area and availability of arable land is continuously shrinking. But it is technology and modern practices which have enabled us to attain this growth in production that has made us virtually self-sufficient.

We are also making good progress in ensuring the attainment of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) set for 2015. Reduction of poverty has been our main goal and in that area we reduced the incidence of poverty from 70+% to 24% now. We are confident that poverty will cease to exist in this country by 2021. Our region of eight SAARC members has done quite well in securing the right to food for all citizens. In this pursuit, we have been greatly benefited by regional cooperation, joint initiatives and sharing of views and knowledge.

I believe the Food Conference will contribute further to achieving some related objectives which are yet to be attained. Although hunger has been eliminated, poverty is still a problem and malnutrition in particular is rather severe. These are problems which we need to tackle with care efficiency and develop a common strategy for all the countries of our region.

I wish "South Asia Right to Food Conference 2015" every success.

  
**Abul Maal A. Muhith**



## Message

**Amir Hossain Amu MP**  
Minister  
Ministry of Industries  
Government of the People's  
Republic of Bangladesh  
Dhaka

It gives me immense pleasure to know that **'South Asia Right to Food (SARF) Conference 2015'** is going to be held from 30th May to 1st June, 2015 in Dhaka. It is really praiseworthy initiative and I appreciate the organizers for their arduous efforts to hold this important event of regional interests.

Bangladesh has become a country of self-sufficiency in cereal food production. There is no doubt, Bangladesh has been growing its economic development as well as upgrading many of her social indicators under dynamic leadership of present democratic government. We have also decreased the poverty rate massively from last decade. Despite these achievements, poverty, malnutrition and unemployment is still a challenge for us in the way to achieving desired high growth and ensuring the right of food and nutritional security for all citizens.

Among the South Asian countries, the rate of hungry and undernourished people varies from 16% to 24%, except Maldives (5.6 %). This situation is really alarming regarding the context of food and nutritional security and food sovereignty situation in this region. Since we have relatively very common social and cultural background within the SAARC region; we can provide an extensive strategy for elimination of poverty and hunger. World economic condition, environment and climate challenges should be considered to develop this strategy.

I hope this conference would be able to open up new avenues of sharing experience and knowledge among the participants of the countries of South Asia. Through this process we can come across to build up a combined platform on food security issue which will contribute a lot in reducing hunger and malnutrition to the SAARC nations in general and to Bangladesh in particular.

I wish a grand success of **'South Asia Right to Food (SARF) Conference 2015'**.

**Date: 24 May, 2015**

  
**(Amir Hossain Amu MP)**





**Tofail Ahmad MP**  
Commerce Minister  
Govt. of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

## Message

This is my privilege to point out few words for the upcoming international conference on right to food in Bangladesh.

Over the years the ministry of commerce has assisted policy makers and stakeholders to understand and formulated trade policy thus helping to shape Bangladesh's international trade direction. Bangladesh's inevitable rise towards middle-income country status has been a direct result of its successes in many areas of international trade.

At this stage of economic growth of the country, we have been running towards to end the poverty and hunger thus to establish the country as a middle income country. For this, series of dynamic and holistic approaches will be needed to expand the country's global trade and positive changes. Definitely right to food is a basic human right. Free from hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition is not possible without establishing it. I do believe in multidimensional development of the country in line with sustainability, transparency and accountability as a whole.

Taking into consideration, I think the upcoming conference on "South Asia Right to Food (SARF)" during 30, 31 May and 1 June 2015 is the best place for exchanging ideas, knowledge, lessons and way forward afterwards.

I wish all the very best to the frontiers, related government bodies, foreign delegates, CSOs, NGOs, academic institutions, researchers, youths and all the other part of the society beyond the journey of SARF conference 2015 also.

Joy Bangla, Joy Bangabandhu.

**Tofail Ahmad MP**





## Message

**Matia Chowdhury MP**  
Honorable Minister  
Ministry of Agriculture  
Government of the People's  
Republic of Bangladesh

This is my immense pleasure to address few words for the South Asia Right to Food (SARF) Conference on 30-31 May and 1 June 2015 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Bangladesh's economic growth largely depends on the vitality of the agricultural economy. Agriculture sector plays an important role in achieving prosperity through increasing productivity, income growth and employment creation in rural areas. In recent days, the contribution of agriculture sector is significant to the GDP i.e. around 21%. More than half of the country's labor forces have been employed in this sector. The main raw materials for agro-based industries are also derived from this sector. Agriculture is the main source of food energy, vigor, intellectual power and labor force which are indivisible and interrelated. Due to the relentless efforts of our agriculture and farmer-friendly government under the great leadership of Jana-netri Sheikh Hasina, Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh who recently has been awarded by the Cornell University of USA for her great contribution in agriculture and for taking initiatives in using modern technology in agriculture. Earlier in 1999, in recognition of her contribution to the fight against hunger, Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was awarded the Ceres Medal by the United Nations World Food Programme (FAO). It certainly indicate that whenever Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is in the driving seat, the country comes out of the clutches of hunger and poverty.

National Agriculture Policy 2013 has been enacted already to deal with the manifold challenges of climate change, productivity growth, the future of commercial agriculture, sustainable agriculture, and food and nutrition security. Ensuring sustainable food security in the country has become a grounded and contemporary demand so far. To establish the country as a middle income country, we must lead the country towards the Vision2021 and further 2041 to construct a sustainable future along with the holistic approaches from every corner of the society.

To promote the development of agriculture in today's inspection, I hope the dialogue and the discussions from SARF conference will enrich us further.

Finally, I want to grab the opportunity to welcome all the foreign delegates, ministries and resource persons who are associated with this prestigious event and wish them all enjoyable stay in Dhaka. I wish to congratulate the organizing body for arranging such a mega event and to tag the people of the country to the South Asian region as well as the global society.

Joy Bangla, Joy Bangabandhu

Long live Bangladesh.

*Matia Chowdhury*  
(Matia Chowdhury MP)





## Message

**Syed Mohsin Ali MP**

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I am very happy to know that 'South Asia Right to Food Conference 2015' is going to be held in Dhaka on 30 May-1 June 2015. Food security is now a great concern for all developing countries including Bangladesh and other South Asian nations. Ensuring food rights for all people in this region is now an immense challenge for us. In this perspective, this conference will be an opportunity to make a common strategy for fighting against hunger and poverty and ensuring regional food security.

As a nation building Ministry of Social Welfare, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, has been providing services and supports to the marginalized, hardcore poor, deprived, under privileged group and so on. Through implementation of different programs under poverty eradication and social safety net, our ministry plays a vital role to ensure food security for these vulnerable people and try to create them as human resource. We are very concern about principles of our constitutions, MDGs, International Human Rights Convention as well as other relevant international declarations and treaties to implement our activities. As per our 7th 5-year plan, perspective plan 2021 and electoral commitment of our government led by our Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, we have expanded the volume of different social safety net programs for hardcore poor, increased numbers of beneficiaries for different allowances.

However, we are now very close to achieve a number of indexes of MDGs like poverty alleviation, primary school enrolment, gender parity in education, lowering the infant and maternal mortality ratio and improving immunization coverage. In spite of these successes in Bangladesh and other South Asian countries, still highest number of hungry people live in this region with vulnerability of food and nutritional security.

Finally, I am delighted to be a part of this conference and thankful to the organizing committee for their continuous effort. Hope, this conference will strengthen solidarity of the people in SAARC region and make a consensus on developing a roadmap to ensure right to food for all.

My all endeavors and pleasure to the conference of Dhaka be a success for our future.

**Joy Bangla, Joy Bangabandhu.**

**Syed Mohsin Ali**





**Advocate Md. Qamrul Islam MP**  
Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Food  
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

## Message

'South Asia Right to Food Conference 2015' is going to be an enormous program in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Since my ongoing experience in Ministry of Food, I can realize the necessity of food security for a nation as well as Bangladesh and South Asian other countries. We are passing through the MDG era in this year with a number of achievements and progress in different development indexes. Though food and nutrition intake situation in South Asia is vulnerable than sub-Saharan Africa. In this context, this conference can play a significant role to support SAARC initiatives on regional food security.

In Bangladesh, we have received much international award and recognition for developing our food security condition in the period of present government. We already declared that Bangladesh as a self-sufficient country in food. Now, we are exporting rice to abroad and taking step Bangladesh to be a food-surplus country. Our government has concentrated on food production, marketing and storage system in parallel with reasonable price for the producers and general consumers also. Government provided subsidy in fertilizer, seeds and other agricultural inputs for farmers. We have increased number of hardcore poor, poor and low income people under different safety net programs in rural and urban areas. Daily income of agricultural labors has been increased three to five times than last decade. In this regard, purchasing capacity of people or accessibility of food has been increased. Though we have a food policy, we are trying to develop an integrated national food and nutrition policy since nutrition is a major concern in our present context. To achieve food and nutritional security, we are going to formulate and implement a country investment plan also. Government has a specific strategy regarding 'Vision 2021' and up to be a developed country in 2041.

In South Asia, Bangladesh can be a role model in improving food security situation gradually. We can share our experience and receive learning from other country experiences on right to food issue. Sharing between each other will enrich our knowledge as well as contribute to prepare our future endeavor. This conference provides us an opportunity for it.

I wish all success to the 'South Asia Right to Food Conference 2015'.

**Advocate Md. Qamrul Islam MP**





**Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad**  
Chair, Organizing Committee  
SARF Conference 2015 & Chairman, PKSF

## Message from the Chair

It is really a matter of enormous gratification for us to organize the regional conference on 'South Asia Right to Food' during 30-31 May and 1 June 2015 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

It's my pleasure and privilege to welcome every delegate and all resource persons from home and abroad, who are taking part in the conference. Within the framework of the overall theme of the conference, specific objectives include sharing of experiences from across South Asia; reviewing various perspectives and strategies promoted by various actors in different countries; strengthening networking; promoting legal frameworks at national and regional levels engaging policy makers, programme implementers, political leaders, civil society leaders and activists, and other relevant stakeholders. The conference is expected to be attended over 50 delegates from 15 different countries, in addition to several 100 delegates from within Bangladesh.

Leveraging the right to food and nutritional security under the currently ruling paradigm anchored on neo-liberalism is a challenging task. This platform will create opportunity for the South Asian civil society leaders and movements to articulate and raise their voices. Indeed, this conference offers space for sharing ideas, opinions, strategies, and experiences. Strong commitment, purposeful engagement, and united voice of CSOs from across the South Asian countries will surely play an important and influential role towards ensuring right to food and nutritional security of millions of people who now suffer from food and nutritional insecurity.

We would like to express our deep gratitude to Hon'ble Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for kindly consenting to inaugurate the conference. We are grateful to Nobel Laureate Kailash Satyarthi for kindly agreeing to attend the inaugural ceremony of conference as Guest of Honor. We are thankful to Hon'ble Ministers of GoB: Mr. Abul Maal Abdul Muhith, MP; Mr. Amir Hossain Amu, MP, Mr. Tofail Ahmed, MP; Begum Matia Chowdhury, MP; Sayed Mohsin Ali, MP; Mr. Qamrul Islam, MP; and Mr. Rashed Khan Menon, MP for agreeing to participate in different sessions as Chief Guests.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the conference organizing, working, and technical committees for their hard work in making preparations for the conference. I am thankful to them. I wish also thank all sponsors and supporters.

I wish the SARF conference 2015 a success. May I extend a warm welcome to all participants, particularly foreign delegates. I hope the foreign delegates will find some time to relax and visit some places in Dhaka after meeting their commitments in the conference.

**Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad**





**Professor Dr. A A M S Arefin Siddique**  
Co-Chair, Organizing Committee  
SARF Conference 2015 &  
Vice Chancellor, University of Dhaka

## Message

Right to food is a basic human right. It is directly allied with one of the prime goals under Millennium Development Goals i.e. eradicate extreme poverty and hunger. To achieve the MDG's commitment, as passing the midpoint to the 2015, many peoples around the country are still trapped in structural poverty and of course development should include right for all instead of privileging few only.

As of today, present government has been trying and taken several actions in multiple dimensions. Priority has been given in improving the governance of food systems; inclusive and responsible investments in agriculture and rural areas, in health and education; empowering small producers; and strengthening social protection mechanisms for risk reduction.

I think, the challenge is, therefore, to ensure the respect of right to food; to protect it from any kind of negative interference; to fulfill it by adopting the necessary measures and to guarantee it without discrimination of any kind.

Taking the relevant issues into consideration, this international conference on 'South Asia Right to Food' has been taking place during 30, 31 May and 1 June 2015 in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Hence this is my privilege to welcome every government representative, foreign delegate, policy maker, CSO, NGO, academic institution, statutory body, researcher, academia, youth, other relevant organization's representative, social movement and all the resource persons who are associated with the SARF conference 2015. The conference is expected to be attended more than 50 delegates from different countries across South Asia.

Finally, I want to congratulate all representatives of organizing committee for their continuous hard effort to ensure a fruitful event. I wish the conference to be a great success.



**Professor Dr. A A M S Arefin Siddique**



**Dr. Mizanur Rahman**  
Vice-Chair, Organizing Committee  
SARF Conference 2015 &  
Chairman NHRC

## Message

As Human rights are universal, indivisible and interdependent, progress in one right facilitates the advancement of the others. Likewise, the deprivation of one right adversely affects the others. Notwithstanding the universally recognized notions of indivisibility of human rights, in terms of application, and enjoyment there has been significant difference between civil and political rights and economic, social and cultural rights.

As a State party to ICESCR, Bangladesh has specific obligations to ensure economic, social and cultural rights for its citizens. And also as state policy, Bangladesh Constitution recognizes state's responsibility for protecting and promoting economic, social and cultural rights. Article 15(a) of the Constitution stipulates the fundamental responsibility of the state to securing for its citizens the provision of the basic necessities of life, including food, clothing, shelter, education and medical care. Bangladesh has ratified almost all of the international core human rights treaties.

As diversified challenges and context of South Asia a strong solidarity and sharing among the people of this region is crucial and consequently we are going to organize a "South Asian Right to Food (SARF) Conference 2015" in Dhaka, with the participation of relevant actors. This conference will be followed to share experiences of civil societies and relevant entities on Right to Food & nutritional security movements, policies and legislation across South Asia & to ensure the right to food and nutrition for the people of this region.

Concerning the right to food, among the SAARC countries India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka are already going to implement several laws and policies regarding right to food and nutritional security. It is true that Bangladesh is far behind of formulating or implementing any law or bill concerning right to food, though compared to the last decade at present Bangladesh is in better situation in terms of food security, nutritional scenario, social protection & safety net. In addition, Bangladesh has astonishing success in several areas of the MDGs.

From that point of view, we think South Asia Right to Food Conference 2015 will help the Policy Makers, Civil Society members, media, academia, practitioners and right defenders to understand the scope and nature of the possible legislative framework on right to food and it creates an opportunity to work together for establishing legal instruments to secure the Right to Food in Bangladesh.

**Dr. Mizanur Rahman**



**Mr. Mohsin Ali**  
Secretary, Organizing Committee  
SARF Conference 2015 &  
Convener, Anti Poverty Platform-APP

## Message from the Secretary

This is very important moment for us, who pioneered the process of 'South Asia Right to Food (SARF) Conference 2015'. Some of us dreamt of it, hundreds of compatriots have now been assembled under the colorful umbrella of SARF Conference 2015.

The Chief Executive of our state apparatus, our most respected Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina, MP has been in the fold as the Chief Guest of the SARF Conference 2015, which is the first of its kind in the region. Our Prime Minister's graceful presence strengthens our chief cause of the conference: 'Let There be Food and Nutritional Security for All', everywhere in the planet, in our region of South Asia, in all the room and corners of our dear motherland Bangladesh. Being in the center stage of the preparatory process of SARF conference 2015, I must express deep gratitude encompassing our Prime Minister up to the laboring tillers of our agriculture field.

Our conference gets illuminated with the presence of a luminary like Kailash Satyarthi, Nobel Peace Prize Winner 2014, who has been bring all odds for decades in eradicating the curse and scar of child slavery from this globe. Our Minister for Food, Advocate Md. Qamrul Islam, MP will be in the inaugural event in order to boost the morale of our right to food conference. The chair of our organizing committee Dr. Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad, Chairman, PKSf played an immense role in the tedious preparatory process of SARF conference 2015. The Co-Chair of our organizing committee Professor A A M S Arefin Siddique, Vice-Chancellor of University of Dhaka and Dr. Mizanur Rahman, Chairman of NHRC and also Vice-Chair of organizing committee provided vital support and encouragement.

We are thankful to our honorable Ministers of concerned and other ministries, a number of policy makers, our friends from the South Asian countries and all members of the organizing committee who provide their esteemed support and suggestions in translating our concerted dream into reality.

Let me congratulate all our friends and fellows working in CSOs, NGOs, academic institutions, statutory bodies, different government organizations, researchers, academia, trade unions, youth, peasant organizations, small holder farmer owners and indigenous organizations, social movements and other pertinent segment of the society, for whom SARF conference 2015 blooms with flying colors of modesty.

This has been global cry for lay to ensure adequate, nutritious and safe food for all as part of fundamental rights enshrined in so many documents. Although in our Bangladesh the food and nutrition scenario has got brightened in the recent years, still we will have to progress a lot. The vital urge of our SARF conference 2015 the government and people of our South Asia must strive hard united by to drive away hunger, undernourishment, poverty and underdevelopment from our region. The rationale of our SARF conference 2015 gets justified through the above urge.

I do believe the SARF Conference 2015 will open the door for social harmony and inclusion to deeper the solidarity and cooperation among the actors. On behalf of the SARF secretariat and as being the Secretary, I wish all the very best success and welcome you to the SARF Conference 2015.

**Mr. Mohsin Ali**







## CONCEPT OF SOUTH ASIA RIGHT TO FOOD CONFERENCE 2015

### CONTEXT

At present nearly 795 million people of the world do not have enough food to eat and a huge portion among them (about 281.4 million) live in the South Asia Region by FAO statistics, 2015. These figures, however, underestimate the true extent of food insecurity, which includes hidden hunger, micronutrient deficiencies, food wastage and unsafe food. The challenge of hunger and malnutrition in South Asia is complex and multi-faceted. It will require a multi-pronged approach, including interventions for greater availability of food through improved agricultural production; enhanced livelihoods for secure access; education for improved food utilization; clean water for improving health and nutrient uptake and agriculture; women's empowerment and social protection for an equitable distribution of food and a focus on resources amongst other relevant interventions. These would also provide the basis of communities' resilience to climate change.

Food-energy intake and income-based poverty measurement are the prominent indicators for measuring poverty globally. Considering food-energy intake, a person who cannot afford to consume at least 2,122 Kcal per day is defined to be poor and a person who cannot afford to consume at least 1,805 Kcal per day is defined to be hardcore poor. According to the income-based poverty measurement, the extreme poverty line used to be \$1.08 per person/day, which was then raised in 2008 to \$1.25 per person/day. The year 2011 is now being considered as the new base year for PPP, and the poverty line income is raised to \$1.78. Additionally UNDP with the help of OPHI produced a set of multidimensional poverty indices (MPIs) for 104 countries. According to the report of 2010 on multidimensional poverty measurement 1.7 billion people are MPI poor<sup>1</sup>. Regarding the context of food and nutritional security, an alarming situation also exists in the South Asian Region that is SAARC countries. Among the South Asian countries 16.8 % of the total populations are hungry and undernourished in Bangladesh while 17.5% in India, 24 % in Sri Lanka, 5.6% in Maldives, 19.9 % in Pakistan and 18 % in Nepal.

With critical gesture from civil society SAARC process made a policy decision for establishing Food Bank for this region. SAARC countries formulated SAARC Food Bank in 2007 to act as a regional food security reserve for the SAARC Member Countries during the time of food shortages and emergencies. It also aimed to provide regional support to national food security efforts; foster inter-country partnerships and solve regional food shortages through collective action. This collective food security approach for South Asian nations has a great implication

<sup>1</sup> Dr. Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad, Chairman, Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation-PKSF



for ordinary people, especially for the hungry people. Initially, SAARC Food Bank has a declared stock of 2, 41,580 metric tons under the agreement. Out of it, India were to contribute 1,53,200 metric tons, Bangladesh and Pakistan 40,000 tones each, Nepal and Sri Lanka 4,000 tones each and Afghanistan, Maldives and Bhutan 1420 tones, 200 tones and 180 tons respectively. It is a welcome development but political observers believe that the stock must be upgraded to at least one million tones with proportionate rise in individual country's contributions.

The idea of SAARC food bank behind the stock build up must work to give the people a sense of easy access to supply at times of emergency, meaning a sovereign right to get the food supply from the market. It should be unimpeded and no artificial crisis can overtake it resulting from hoarding or such other manipulations. The nation must produce enough to give the cover of food sovereignty to people without depending on others. Any large scale import of food grains or speaking otherwise, import dependence can't promote food sovereignty.

Among the SAARC countries India already has enacted the Act on Right to Food and Nutritional Security issue and they are progressing the implementation process. It is true that Bangladesh is far behind of formulating or implementing any law or bill concerning right to food, though compared to the last decade at present Bangladesh is in better situation in terms of food security, nutritional scenario and social protection & safety net. In Bangladesh, food grain production and storage capacity has increased and food grain availability has been successfully maintained at a satisfactory level. In addition, Bangladesh have astonishing success in several areas of the MDGs. Bangladesh has achieved remarkable progresses in the areas of poverty alleviation, primary school enrolment, gender parity in primary and secondary level education, lowering the infant and under-five mortality rate and maternal mortality ratio, improving immunization coverage and reducing the incidence of communicable diseases. Despite these achievements in practice and policy level in Bangladesh as well as other south Asian countries, still the highest number of hungry people live in this region and food & nutritional security is more vulnerable here compared to Sub-Saharan Africa.

Almost one-third of food produced for human consumption—approximately 1.3 billion tons per year, which could feed the total global population of around 7 billion is either lost or wasted. Consumers in industrialized nations waste significantly more food than their counterparts in developing countries. Per-capita consumer waste is estimated to be 95 to 115 kilograms per year for Europe and North America, while in 6 to 11 kilograms per year in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa.

With all critical progress of food rights and emergence of food sovereignty in this region, civil society argue that in the context of neoliberal discourse and regime of excessive trade liberalization, privatization and deregulation continuing unfair trade system and corporate dominance in agriculture. Alongside industrial and chemical intensive agriculture threaten the food and nutritional security and economic development of the people of south Asia. Moreover, the multifaceted environmental and climatic challenges make it difficult for the small holder producers to maintain their life and livelihood. Land grabbing and land degradation (agriculture, pasture), for industrial purpose, corporate agriculture, mining, logging etc. by state and military and forced evictions is also increasing to a great extent. Beside this people of South Asia, especially small producers suffer intersectional



violations based on their gender, class, caste, ethnicity and or religion. Among millions of hungry and undernourished people 70% being women and girls.

We are confronted with intensifying economic, social and environmental crises in this region. Neoliberal policies of trade liberalization, privatization and deregulation facilitated by international trade and financial institutions have benefited transnational corporations and the elites of our countries. It has reduced the capacities of countries and peoples to ensure self-sufficient food production and right to food for everyone, worsened hunger, poverty, malnutrition, contributed to the displacement, landlessness, loss of life & livelihood including incident of suicide and curtailment of rights of small food producers and consumers.

It is imperative that secure tenure of land and natural resources as well as accompanying investment in public goods and services, such as infrastructure are necessary to foster responsible investments in agriculture and food systems. At the same time, it contributes to food security and nutrition, and overall economic development. A primary element of promoting investment in agriculture and food systems should be accomplished with coherent and transparent policies, laws and regulations based on equitable, inclusive, and gender sensitive governance structures in the context of specific countries. Responsible investment includes priority investments in, by, and with small scale producers such as peasant, small holder farmers, pastoralists, artisans, fisher folks, forest dwellers, and processors.

There is significant evidence that investing responsibly in small holder agriculture and food systems is one of the most effective ways of reducing hunger and poverty. Along with investment, in terms of ensuring food and nutritional security some other prime issues need to be focused such as building resilient communities, strengthening small-scale producers, ensuring agro ecological production as the basis of local food systems, local markets and provisioning and providing a foundation for other complementary interventions.

Midst of these diversified challenges and context of South Asia a strong solidarity and sharing among the people of this region is crucial and consequently we are going to organize a “South Asia Right to Food (SARF) Conference” in Dhaka, Bangladesh on 30, 31 May & 01 June 2015, with the participation of CSOs, NGOs, academic institutions, statutory body, government’s apex funding organizations, bilateral development organizations, multilateral development organizations, researchers, academia, trade unionist, youth, peasant’s organizations, small-holder farmers, women organizations, indigenous organizations, policy makers, social movements and other part of the society. It will also connect and elaborate the CSM (Civil Society Mechanism) process in South Asian region with heavily active and engage civil society regarding right to food and food sovereignty. The CSM is the largest international mechanism of civil society organizations (CSOs) seeking to influence agriculture, food security and nutrition policies and actions –nationally, regionally and globally.

As ‘Universal Declaration of Human Rights’ including all conventions and other relevant international human rights instruments firmly recognize food and nutritional security and that pace and approach will be asserted in this conference. The conference will be followed to ensure the right to food and nutrition for the people of this region.



## OBJECTIVES:

- Share experiences of civil societies and relevant entities on Right to Food & nutritional security movements, policies and legislation across South Asia.
- Perspective and strategy building on Right to Food & Nutritional Security movement for all relevant actors.
- Strengthen networking among civil society organizations, networks, farmers' organizations, CBOs, academia, researchers, individuals, relevant stakeholders and policy makers for effective campaign.
- Promote Legal Framework on Right to Food issue and relevant policy reforms at national & regional level engaging policy makers, political societies and relevant stakeholders.

## RAISE VOICE IN SARF CONFERENCE 2015

- Enact laws and mechanisms that provide affordable and available staple and basic food for all people.
- Promote and support agro-ecological, integrated, diversified farming, fisheries and livestock that protect traditional rights of peoples, local and indigenous knowledge and wisdom, rights to genetic resources, ecosystem-based resource management; and the conservation of local climate-tolerant varieties.
- Provide adequate public financing and financial services; facilitate farmer-led agricultural research and provide extension services, appropriate technologies, trainings; develop local markets, infrastructure and create jobs - all targeted to benefit small food producers, particularly rural women, urban poor and youth.
- Stop the promotion of corporate technologies such as genetically engineered seeds, highly hazardous pesticides and agro fuel plantations that feed corporate profits.
- Implement genuine agrarian, aquatic, forestry and pastureland reform that incorporates the right to resources including water, seeds, and the protection of ancestral domains and territories for the small food producers. Women's equal right to resources has to be ensured.
- End policies and practices that contribute to hunger, including harmful agricultural investment and land grabbing.
- Establish and make SAARC Food Bank functional.
- Ensure right to food & nutritional security in post MDG development framework and in FAO strategic framework.

## ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED

- Right to food & nutritional security and food sovereignty situation in this region
- Economic, social and environmental issues in the context of right to food & nutritional security in South Asia region
- Policy, legislation and regulatory framework regarding right to food
- Responsible agricultural investment
- Situation of small food producers, experience and learning sharing



- Corporate dominance in agriculture, industrial, chemical intensive agriculture
- Excessive trade liberalization, privatization and deregulation
- Regional rice Strategy for Asia including south Asia
- Land, coastal and natural resources grabbing
- Landlessness and insecurity of tenure over the lands and forestry
- Access to water for aquaculture & agriculture and ecological diversity
- Water as common regional resources
- Access to potable water and sanitation
- Effects of grabbing on women and indigenous people

Corroboration of right to food and nutritional security in existing neo liberal regime is a challenging task. This platform will create opportunity for the South Asian civil society and movements in order to raise their voice in the CFS (Committee on World Food Security) process regarding their issues, concerns, challenges and it would be a space of sharing ideas, opinions, strategy and actions of the people. Strong commitment, engagement and unity of CSOs across the South Asian countries are indispensable to achieve right to food and nutritional security of millions of people.



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BMBS

NRDS  
Noakhali Rural Development Society

NRDS



BNPS

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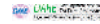
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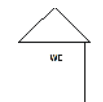
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**BSDA**  
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**Sanu Memorial Society**  
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## South Asia Right to Food Conference 2015

### INAUGURAL CEREMONY

**Date** | 30 May 2015  
**Venue** | Krishibid Institution Bangladesh, Khamarbari, Dhaka

**Saturday, 30 May 2015**

#### INAUGURAL CEREMONY

Time 4.00-6.00pm

Chief Guest	: <b>Hon'ble Sheikh Hasina MP</b> , Prime Minister, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Chair	: <b>Dr. Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad</b> , Chair, Organizing Committee, SARF Conference 2015 & Chairman, PKSF
Guest of Honor	: <b>Mr. Kailash Satyarthi</b> , Nobel laureate 2014
Special Guest	: <b>Advocate Md. Qamrul Islam MP</b> , Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Food, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Speaker	: <b>Dr. A A M S Arefin Siddique</b> , Co-Chair, Organizing Committee & Vice Chancellor, University of Dhaka
Speaker	: <b>Dr. Sarba Raj Khadka</b> , National Coordinator, National Coordination Committee, National Network on Right to Food, Nepal (RtFN)
Welcome Speech	: <b>Mr. Mohsin Ali</b> , Secretary, Organizing Committee, SARF Conference 2015 & Convener, APP

Venue: **Krishibid Institution Bangladesh, Khamarbari, Dhaka**  
 Organized by: **Organizing Committee, SARF Conference 2015**

## PLENARY, SPECIAL, PARALLEL SESSIONS & CLOSING CEREMONY

**Date** : 31 May & 1 June 2015  
**Venue** : Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban and Alumni Association, University of Dhaka

### Sunday, 31 May 2015

8:00 – 9:00 am	<b>Event Registration (Logistic &amp; Food Coupon Distribution)</b>	
9:00 – 9:30 am	<b>Briefing Session</b>	<b>: Role of Organizers &amp; Participants in Daylong Special, Parallel and Plenary Sessions</b>
	<b>Venue</b>	<b>: Auditorium, Senate Bhaban, University of Dhaka</b>
	<b>Organized by</b>	<b>: Organizing Committee, SARF Conference 2015</b>
9:30 – 11:00 am	<b>SPECIAL SESSION 1</b>	<b>: Right to Food: Bangladesh Situation</b>
	<b>Chair</b>	<b>: Prof. ABM Faroque, Former Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Dhaka</b>
	<b>Chief Guest</b>	<b>: Mr. Amir Hossain Amu MP, Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Industries, GoB</b>
	<b>Panelist</b>	<b>: Distinguished National and International Guests, Experts &amp; Activists</b>
	<b>Key Note Speaker</b>	<b>: Prof. Dr. M M Akash, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka</b>
	<b>Venue</b>	<b>: Auditorium, Senate Bhaban, University of Dhaka</b>
	<b>Organized by</b>	<b>: Organizing Committee, SARF Conference 2015</b>

### Sunday, 31 May 2015

9:30 – 11:00 am	<b>Parallel Session</b>	
Parallel 1	<b>Topic</b>	<b>: Food Security in Context of Climate Vulnerability in South Asia</b>
	<b>Panelist</b>	<b>: Distinguished National and International Guests, Experts &amp; Activists</b>
	<b>Venue</b>	<b>: Conference Room, Senate Bhaban (2nd Floor), University of Dhaka</b>
	<b>Organized by</b>	<b>: Oxfam &amp; CSRL</b>
Parallel 2	<b>Topic</b>	<b>: Food Security, Climate Change And Technological Options</b>
	<b>Panelist</b>	<b>: Distinguished National and International Guests, Experts &amp; Activists</b>
	<b>Venue</b>	<b>: Shapla, Alumni Association, University of Dhaka</b>
	<b>Organized by</b>	<b>: BRAC</b>
Parallel 3	<b>Topic</b>	<b>: SAARC Seed Bank: The Potentials and Challenges of the Small and Marginal Farmers of South Asian Region</b>

	<b>Panelist</b> : Distinguished National and International Guests, Experts & Activists <b>Venue</b> : Konokchapa, Alumni Association, University of Dhaka <b>Organized by</b> : <b>KHANI, AFSN, IFSN, KKM, AFA &amp; INCIDIN Bangladesh</b>
<b>Parallel 4</b>	<b>Topic</b> : <b>Right to Food and Social Protection in South Asia –A Policy Mapping Study and GAP Analysis</b> <b>Panelist</b> : Distinguished National and International Guests, Experts & Activists <b>Venue</b> : Committee Meeting Room, Senate Bhaban (3rd Floor), University of Dhaka <b>Organized by</b> : <b>DanChurch Aid Partners in Bangladesh and Christian Aid</b>
<b>Parallel 5</b>	<b>Topic</b> : <b>Mid Day Meal</b> <b>Panelist</b> : Distinguished National and International Guests, Experts & Activists <b>Venue</b> : Rajanigandha, Alumni Association, University of Dhaka <b>Organized by</b> : <b>UDDIPAN, INCIDIN Bangladesh &amp; WAVE Foundation</b>
<b>11:00 – 11:30 am</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>
<b>11:30am– 01:30 pm</b>	<b>PLENARY SESSION-1</b>
<b>Plenary 1</b>	<b>Topic</b> : <b>Right to Food and Nutritional Security in South Asia</b> <b>Chair</b> : <b>Mr. Snehal Soneji</b> , Country Director, Oxfam <b>Chief Guest</b> : <b>Mr. Rashed Khan Menon MP</b> , Hon’ble Minister, Ministry of Civil Aviation & Tourism, GoB <b>Panelist</b> : Distinguished National and International Guests, Experts & Activists <b>Key Note Speaker</b> : <b>Professor Dr. Amitabh Kundu</b> , Senior Fellow, Delhi Policy Group, India <b>Venue</b> : Auditorium, Senate Bhaban, University of Dhaka <b>Organized by</b> : <b>Organizing Committee, SARF Conference 2015</b>
<b>11:30 – 01:30 pm</b>	<b>SPECIAL SESSION 2</b> : <b>Right to Food: Role of Social Safety Net Program Bangladesh Perspective</b> <b>Chair</b> : <b>Dr. Purnima Doris Chattopadhyay-Dutt</b> , Principal Advisor, CLAP-GIZ <b>Chief Guest</b> : <b>Mr. Syed Mohsin Ali MP</b> , Hon’ble Minister, Ministry of Social Welfare, GoB <b>Panelist</b> : Distinguished National and International Guests, Experts & Activists <b>Key Note Speaker</b> : <b>Ms Monisha Biswas</b> , GROW Country Lead, Oxfam <b>Venue</b> : Conference Room, Senate Bhaban (2nd Floor), University of Dhaka <b>Organized by</b> : <b>Organizing Committee, SARF Conference 2015</b>
<b>01:30 – 02:15 pm</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>





**Sunday, 31 May 2015**

<b>02:15 – 03:45 pm</b>	<b>Parallel Session</b>	
<b>Parallel 6</b>	<b>Topic</b>	: <b>Gender, Equity And Rural Employment: Pathway to Food Security</b>
	<b>Panelist</b>	: Distinguished National and International Guests, Experts & Activists
	<b>Venue</b>	: Auditorium, Senate Bhaban, University of Dhaka
	<b>Organized by</b>	: <b>GIZ, INCIDIN Bangladesh &amp; WAVE Foundation</b>
<b>03:45 – 05:45 pm</b>	<b>PLENARY SESSION-2</b>	
<b>Plenary 2</b>	<b>Topic</b>	: <b>Investment in Agriculture Across the Region</b>
	<b>Chair</b>	: <b>Mr. Md. Abdul Karim</b> , Managing Director, Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF)
	<b>Chief Guest</b>	: <b>Begum Matia Chowdhury MP</b> , Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, GoB
	<b>Guest of Honor</b>	: <b>Dr. Atiur Rahman</b> , Governor, Bangladesh Bank
	<b>Panelist</b>	: Distinguished National and International Guests, Experts & Activists
	<b>Key Note Speaker</b>	: <b>Mr. A.F.M. Shahidur Rahman</b> , Global Coordinator, IFSN
	<b>Venue</b>	: Auditorium, Senate Bhaban, University of Dhaka
	<b>Organized by</b>	: <b>Organizing Committee, SARF Conference 2015</b>
<b>05:45 – 06:00 pm</b>	<b>Tea</b>	

**Monday, 1 June 2015**

<b>9:00 – 9:30 am</b>	<b>Organizers' Meeting:</b>	<b>Representatives Meeting of Participant Organizations &amp; Networks of Bangladesh</b>
	<b>Venue</b>	: Auditorium, Senate Bhaban, University of Dhaka
	<b>Organized by</b>	: <b>Organizing Committee, SARF Conference 2015</b>
<b>9:30 – 11:00 am</b>	<b>Parallel Session</b>	
<b>Parallel 7</b>	<b>Topic</b>	: <b>Alternatives to Corporate Agriculture: Case Studies from Bangladesh, India, Pakistan Cambodia &amp; Vietnam</b>
	<b>Panelist</b>	: Distinguished National and International Guests, Experts & Activists
	<b>Venue</b>	: Auditorium, Senate Bhaban, University of Dhaka
	<b>Organized by</b>	: <b>KHANI, AFSN, IFSN, &amp; INCIDIN Bangladesh</b>
<b>Parallel 8</b>	<b>Topic</b>	: <b>Food and Nutrition Security in Bangladesh: Experience with Agricultural Extension Sciences for Smallholder Farmers and Women</b>



	<b>Panelist</b>	: Distinguished National and International Guests, Experts & Activists
	<b>Venue</b>	: Conference Room, Senate Bhaban (2nd Floor), University of Dhaka
	<b>Organized by</b>	: <b>Care Bangladesh</b>
<b>Parallel 9</b>	<b>Topic</b>	: <b>Trade and Food Security in South Asia: WTO and beyond</b>
	<b>Panelist</b>	: Distinguished National and International Guests, Experts & Activists
	<b>Venue</b>	: Shapla, Alumni Association, University of Dhaka
	<b>Organized by</b>	: <b>Centre for Equity Studies, India</b>
<b>Parallel 10</b>	<b>Topic</b>	: <b>Towards Legal Recognition of Right to Food in Bangladesh</b>
	<b>Panelist</b>	: Distinguished National and International Guests, Experts & Activists
	<b>Venue</b>	: Konokchapa, Alumni Association, University of Dhaka
	<b>Organized by</b>	: <b>Oxfam</b>
<b>Parallel 11</b>	<b>Topic</b>	: <b>Food Security for the River Eroded Vulnerable Extreme Poor People of the North-western Bangladesh &amp; Food Nutritional Security for the Urban poor of Major Cities in Bangladesh</b>
	<b>Panelist</b>	: Distinguished National and International Guests, Experts & Activists
	<b>Venue</b>	: Committee Meeting Room, Senate Bhaban (3rd Floor), University of Dhaka
	<b>Organized by</b>	: <b>Practical Action &amp; Concern Worldwide Bangladesh</b>
<b>Parallel 12</b>	<b>Topic</b>	: <b>Right to Food: Economic Justice for Women</b>
	<b>Panelist</b>	: Distinguished National and International Guests, Experts & Activists
	<b>Venue</b>	: Rajanigandha, Alumni Association, University of Dhaka
	<b>Organized by</b>	: <b>World Vision Bangladesh and Steps Towards Development</b>
<b>11:00 – 11:30 am</b>		<b>Tea Break</b>
<b>11:30am–01:30 pm</b>		<b>PLENARY SESSION-3</b>
<b>Plenary 3</b>	<b>Topic</b>	: <b>Governance of Land and Forest Tenure and Other Natural Resources</b>
	<b>Chair</b>	: <b>Mr. Harsh Mander</b> , Director, Centre for Equity Studies, India.
	<b>Chief Guest</b>	: <b>Ms Shirin Akhter</b> , Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Bangladesh Jatio Sangsad
	<b>Panelist</b>	: Distinguished National and International Guests, Experts & Activists
	<b>Key Note Speaker</b>	: <b>Dr. Ujjaini Halim</b> , CSM-South Asia Representative, Kolkata, India
	<b>Venue</b>	: Auditorium, Senate Bhaban, University of Dhaka
	<b>Organized by</b>	: <b>Organizing Committee, SARF Conference 2015</b>
<b>01:30 – 02:15 pm</b>		<b>Lunch Break</b>



**Monday, 1 June 2015**

02:15 – 03:45 pm		PLENARY SESSION-4
Plenary 4	Topic	: <b>Right to Food: Legal Frameworks in South Asia</b>
	Chair	: <b>Dr. Shahid Mahmood Zia</b> , Managing Director, Rural Business Development Center (RBDC), Pakistan
	Chief Guest	: <b>Justice A. B. M. Khairul Haque</b> , Chairman, Law Commission
	Guest of Honor	: Distinguished National and International Guests, Experts & Activists
	Key Note Speaker	: <b>Mr. Biraj Patnaik</b> , Principal Adviser, Office of the Commissioners of the Supreme Court, India
	Venue	: Auditorium, Senate Bhaban, University of Dhaka
	Organized by	: <b>Organizing Committee, SARF Conference 2015</b>

**Monday, 1 June 2015**

CLOSING CEREMONY	
South Asia Right to Food Conference 2015 Declaration Time 03:45 – 06:00 pm	
Chair	: <b>Dr. Qazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmad</b> , Chairman, Organizing Committee, SARF Conference 2015 & Chairman, PKSF
Chief Guest	: <b>Mr. Abul Maal Abdul Muhith MP</b> , Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Finance, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Guest of Honor	: <b>Mr. Tofail Ahmed MP</b> , Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Commerce, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Venue	: <b>Auditorium, Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban, University of Dhaka</b>
Organized by	: <b>Organizing Committee, SARF Conference 2015</b>
06:00 – 06:30 pm Tea	

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