



## E-newsletter: 2020

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# YEAR 2020



**4 Projects**



**3 Researches**



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Consultation Meeting on International Fund Flow  
07 December 2020



While some aggregated data on funding flows to local actors exists at the global level, there is limited knowledge of how much funding – and through what channels – goes to local actors at the country level, particularly funding that reaches local actors indirectly. Deeper analysis at the country level can provide useful information for humanitarian actors to make practical changes in humanitarian financing systems, and better meet commitments made through the Grand Bargain and other international agreements. The humanitarian sector has faced challenges for decades with how best to support and fund local responders. Implementing this ‘localization’

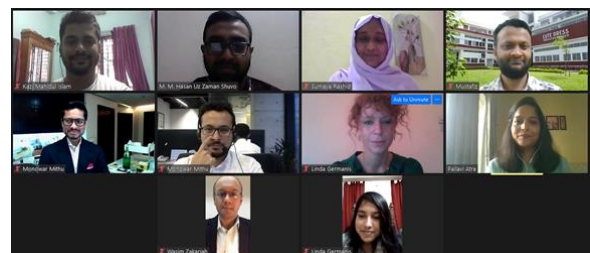
agenda has proved an uphill battle. Despite, the Grand Bargain commitments of international non-governmental organizations, UN agencies, and donors signed in 2016, the sector today is still primarily led by these actors. Local responders are often relegated to subordinate implementers.

SR Asia Bangladesh inked agreement with OXFAM in Bangladesh to conduct the “International Analysis on Funding Flow Research Learnings” in November 2020

### Sustainability Mapping Study in RMG Sector - Bangladesh



SR Asia Bangladesh is providing technical support to the “UNDP-GRI-BGMEA sustainability study mapping in RMG sector project”. SR Asia team is closely working with the relevant departments of factories and as part of the study, there are also 2 Reporting Study workshops organized among 50 RMG factories.





SR Asia Bangladesh being part of SR Asia Global Certification. The 1st Advisory Committee Meeting held on October 09, 2020.

SR Asia recognizes the increasing demand for professional writers and assurers with adequate knowledge and skills in sustainability or integrated report writing and assessment. SR Asia offers opportunities for executives and professionals to fill in the gaps by joining the SR Asia Global Certification Program, consisting of the Level 1-Certified Writer and the Level 2-Certified Assuror.

In the Certification Program, SR Asia shares its experience and expertise; and provides course subjects following certain standards, and regulations relevant to the companies' need in sustainability or integrated reporting. The 1<sup>st</sup> batch has started in October 2020 participated by professionals from around the globe.

## SR Asia International Dialogue on ESG Performance & Reporting

A first of its kind, SR Asia International Dialogue 2020 on Environmental Social Governance successfully culminated with the thumping note for continuing such a timely dialogues and deliberation on the subject of public interest. The event was planned for three days starting 15 September 2020 with the idea to identify key to jump back the life to as usual "Key to Resilience in New Normal. on 16th September 2020, the theme for the day was "Creating Business Values through ESG Reporting and on 17th September 2020 was to set an agenda for the future "The Way Forward for Business and Society. The proceeding of the event is available at: <http://srasiabd.org/report/Proceeding-SR-Asia-International-Dialogue.pdf>

The event is recorded and is available at:

- 15 Dec 2020: [https://youtu.be/BYyzpl\\_ksJI](https://youtu.be/BYyzpl_ksJI)  
 16 Dec 2020: <https://youtu.be/UHSsotBxmzw>  
 17 Dec 2020: <https://youtu.be/Vk8I87mNtgo>

### Webinar Speaker's



Dattatraya Kale -  
Chief General  
Manager at  
Reserve Bank of  
India



Sherman Loo  
Director, Executive  
Office in the Asian  
Productivity  
Organization  
(APO)



Birendra Raturi,  
International  
Director, SR Asia



Sumaya Rashid,  
Country Director,  
SR Asia Bangladesh



Dr. Semerdanta  
Pusaka, Country  
Director, SR Asia  
Indonesia



Dr. Nandita Mishra,  
Ambassador-IIRC.



Vinod Sharma,  
Managing Director,  
Deli Electronics  
Ltd., and Chairman,  
CII (ICTE), India



Udaya  
Nanayakkara,  
Managing  
Associate,  
AccountAbility, UK



Aditi Haldar,  
Director-South  
Asia, Global  
Reporting Initiative



KD Bhardwaj,  
Regional Director,  
National  
Productivity  
Council, India



Dr. Surekha  
Kishore, Executive  
Director, All India  
Institute of Medical  
Science (AIIMS),  
India



Alex YAP, Director,  
EcoLean  
Consultancy Sdn.  
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Dr. Wichai  
Chattinnawat,  
Dept- Industrial  
Engineering,  
Chiang Mai  
University in  
Thailand.



Hiroshi Tachikawa,  
Managing Director,  
Propharm Japan  
Co., Ltd.



COVID 19 Impact on Handloom Industry: This study on handloom business is a joint effort of SR Asia and UNIDO to identify the economic and social impact due to COVID 19. The handloom industry in Tangail is one of the oldest cottage industries of Bangladesh. The weavers of this Tangail cloths are the successors of the famous Muslin weavers and also famous for cotton saree. To conduct the study, SR Asia and UNIDO selected Kalihati Upazilla in Tangail district. Kalihati is one of the famous upazilas for production of Tangail sharee. The weavers sell the saree in temporary bazaars that sit only twice a week in Bazitpur and Korotia. Traders come to these bazars to purchase saree.

UNIDO supported to conduct the study and Alokito Kalihati volunteered to collect data from ground level. The study report is available at: <http://srasiabd.org/report/Impact-assessment-report-h-industry.pdf>

#### SR Asia Webinar Series

The webinar series recorded version is available in following link:

- CSR to Combat Pandemic, 10 September 2020. [ <https://youtu.be/T50gxv1ulAo> ].
- Sustainability Reporting to Mitigate Company's Value Chain Disruption, 07 September 2020 [ <https://youtu.be/Q4cBlbUnfP0> ].
- Launching of SR ASIA International Dialogue 2020 on ESG Performance & Reporting, 05 September 2020 [ <https://youtu.be/DN46Mp4U1Gs> ]
- Challenges of Plastic Industry due to COVID-19 on 21 April 2020 [ [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UfeM\\_7ki\\_CY&fbclid=IwAR0KwROhG6cVrP7L9YivOnLQ4VV8uITj2RvH3xLgDCZ3KhPwv66uf2qFX6g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UfeM_7ki_CY&fbclid=IwAR0KwROhG6cVrP7L9YivOnLQ4VV8uITj2RvH3xLgDCZ3KhPwv66uf2qFX6g) ]
- Challenges in Banking Sector due to COVID 19 in Bangladesh [ [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=unEiqoFTfgI&fbclid=IwAR3WwfU9\\_zguJWoTrPEcN1nBKsCPaPvWEjeN9UL5hY3JW7XoXaptC1L4u78](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=unEiqoFTfgI&fbclid=IwAR3WwfU9_zguJWoTrPEcN1nBKsCPaPvWEjeN9UL5hY3JW7XoXaptC1L4u78) ]
- RMG Talk: Socio-Economic Impact on Employees and Workers due to COVID-19 [ <http://srasiabd.org/news-detail.html?id=27> ]



COVID-19 Impact on RMG Management professionals - This impact study has been conducted by Social Responsibility Asia - SR Asia Bangladesh with the support of RMG Times . The report is available at: <http://srasiabd.org/report/COVID-19%20IMPACT%20ON%20READY-MADE%20GARMENTS%20MANAGEMENT%20PROFESSIONALS.pdf>

Situational Study on Socio-Economic Status and Possible Impact Due to COVID-19 in RMG Sector in Bangladesh. The report is available at: <http://srasiabd.org/report/RMG%20Report%20-%20COVID%2019.pdf>

#### Project - ABOLOMBON



SR Asia Bangladesh project to assess the impact of the project Abolombon by BRAC SDP and SINGER CSR project. The project covers areas [Rajshahi, Gazipur and Tangai] to improve the social and economic status of marginal women by supporting their entrepreneur initiative.

#### Project – Need Assessment and Capacity Development



SR Asia Bangladesh project to "Need assessment and Capacity Development" of Host Community and Rohyngaa Refugee on Handicraft and Food Processing.

#### Project – Social scheme guidelines development



SR Asia Bangladesh project to "Develop guideline for designing and allocating budget for social scheme" for Municipalities and City Corporations.

#### Technical working committee meeting - proper management of plastic/polythene product



SR Asia Bangladesh as a member of technical committee - proper management of plastic/polythene product (An initiative of Department of Environment, Ministry of MoFE) participation in technical working committee meeting



# SR ASIA 8<sup>TH</sup> FOUNDATION DAY

## 12 FEBRUARY 2020



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