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Mission
To endeavor for developing the standard and quality of media, skill & ethics of the media professionals, physical and mental health and well-being of the people and empowerment of women, adolescents, children, minority and other marginalized section of the population.

Vision
MRDI, a multi-disciplinary, not-for-profit, non-government organization as well as a company limited by guarantee is engaged to a wide spectrum of social development activities and seeks to render services to national and international organizations, both in the public and the private sectors.

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What we do

• Project 1
Improving Qualitative Journalism in Bangladesh, in partnership with Fojo Media Institute Sweden
Objective: Media in Bangladesh contributes to strengthen democracy and gender equality, greater respect for human rights and freedom from oppression

• Project 2
Advancing women’s right of access to information in Bangladesh in partnership with Manusher Jonno Foundation
Objective: Advancing a meaningful right of access to information for women in Bangladesh

• Project 3
Promoting news literacy and ethical journalism in partnership with UNICEF Bangladesh
Objective: Promote news literacy and ethically reporting on and for children through policy formulation; stakeholder interactions and mass media interventions and improve youth perception on news literacy through capacity building

• Project 4
RTI Proactive Disclosure Assessment and online training support, supported by The World Bank
Objective: Support implementation of online training on RTI for Government DIOs and assess compliance of ministries and districts with the RTI Act and rules on Proactive Disclosure

• Project 5
Strengthening Independent Media in Bangladesh in partnership with Internews
Objective: Increase independent media capacity for unbiased and objective reporting; conduct effective investigations; strengthen linkages and collaboration between individual journalists, media organizations, and NGOs to address self-censorship and lack of media freedoms

• Project 6
Capable media for strong democracy supported by British High Commission
Objective: Build capacity of media houses on ethical and objective election reporting; develop a media-CSO synergy and analyse election trend through media monitoring that will contribute to strengthening democracy in Bangladesh
What we did

Project 1
Promoting citizen’s access to information with support of Manusher Jonno Foundation

**OBJECTIVE**
Promote access to information for the people by keeping the demand-supply chain of information increasingly operative.

Project 2
Strengthening Implementation of RTI Act supported by The World Bank

**OBJECTIVE**
Sensitize the district advisory committee members on RTI Act, 2009 and orient them about their roles and responsibilities in strengthening the implementation of the Act; orient the designated officers from 57 ministries/divisions about the provisions of RTI Act and their specific responsibilities and develop a set of research tools for proactive disclosure assessment of ministries.

Project 3
Training Strategy for designated Officers on RTI Act supported by The World Bank

**OBJECTIVE**
Develop a strategy of online training course on RTI Act, 2009 for the government designated officers around the country based on their present ICT capacity and facilities to reach good standard of implementation process.

Project 4
Strengthening journalism in Bangladesh in partnership with Deutsche Welle Akademie

**OBJECTIVE**
Establish cooperation in the fields of strengthening journalism education at universities in Bangladesh.

Project 5
Exploring young mind: News literacy and ethics in child reporting in partnership with UNICEF Bangladesh

**OBJECTIVE**
Identify the news literacy and ethical conception of readers through a formal assessment; develop capacity of and create a positive mindset among young learners on news literacy and ethical standards of reporting on and for children and earn support of media, civil society and other social stakeholders on promoting new literacy and ethical standard of child reporting.

Project 6
Children and Ethical Reporting in Media in partnership with UNICEF Bangladesh

**OBJECTIVE**
Develop a guideline on ethical reporting, formal launching and endorsement of the ethical guideline and regular compliance monitoring discussion with media gatekeepers.

Project 7
Local government budget oversight in partnership with British High Commission

**OBJECTIVE**
Enhance the capacity of district correspondents to carry out investigative reporting on financial transparency and accountability in utilization of upazila budget with the aim of enlightening public disclosure and serve as effective public watchdog against corruption.

Project 8
The Inquirer Award in partnership with Thomson Foundation

**OBJECTIVE**
Increase professional coverage of corruption and transparency in Bangladesh Media.
Money flow in BDT

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We support access to information using RTI Act

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We closely work with

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4. Information Commission
5. Cabinet Division
6. National Board of Reve
7. Central Procurement Technical Unit
8. Press Institute of Bangladesh
9. Bangladesh Bank
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