

GENDER MEDIA MONITORING

PRESENT PROJECT OF SACMID: A SUMMARY



Gender media monitoring in PRIMED (Protecting Independent Media for Effective Development) is a one year tenure project now in implementation by South Asia Centre for Media in Development (SACMID) that starts from 1 April 2022 and will end in 31 March 2023. The project is a part of global consortium of BBC Media Action, Free Press Unlimited, International Media Support and Media Development Investment Fund, supported by FCDO. SACMID has been engaged in PRIMED project from April 2021. SACMID is the local partner of FPU in Bangladesh, working to implement the 'Inclusion' theme of primed project. It aims to improve gender sensitivity among Bangladeshi media outlets and to increase the gender diversity of their contents. Moreover, SACMID is also working on capacity building of the journalists and awareness raising of the concerned media-house authorities at a later stage of the project.

Aims and objectives

The contents of different media outlets don't reflect the society in terms of gender balance; rather we are seeing disparities in male and female representation in all categories of media. These contents also do not play the expected role in reforming our mindset. Only a few media outlets highlight the role of women with a positive image in their contents. Gender media monitoring aims to strengthen the media and enable them to reduce these gender discriminations. The 8th Five-Year-Plan of the government of Bangladesh is also focusing on the gender equality. It has also emphasized on creating positive image of women in Media. At the same time National Economic Council (NEC) emphasized on gender equality in Perspective Plan of Bangladesh 2021-2041. This gender media monitoring project of SACMID is drawn up with a correspondence of both Five-Year-Plan and Perspective Plan of Bangladesh 2021-2041. A successful implementation of this project will also help the government to achieve gender equality referred in Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

Activities planned

The yearlong project will monitor the news of 6 media outlets extending 52 weeks on a daily basis. Apart from producing the analytical report of each month a total of 4 quarterly monitoring reports will be published during the project period. This publication titled 'Inclusion' will be distributed among the wider circle of media professionals and the stakeholders. During this time 2 meetings will be held with stakeholders like media experts and researchers, academics, law and policy makers and media owners. Another 3 meetings will be held with the editors and policy makers of the monitored media outlets. An experienced but young professional team has been engaged to implement this project.



