



Action and Light: Empowering Communities through Research-Based, Climate-Friendly, and Conflict-Free Transformational Initiatives

About the Organization

Founded in 2005 in Joypurhat, Bangladesh, Action and Light is a dedicated local non-governmental organization with a profound commitment to the multi-sectorial development of individuals and communities. Originally established under the name *Subuj Unnayan Sangstha*, the organization underwent a significant transformation, officially adopting the name "Action and Light" on October 26, 2022. **Registered under the Directorate of Social Service of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on April 2, 2007**, Action and Light has been instrumental in shaping a more inclusive, sustainable, and compassionate society.

Action and Light recently completed a couple of assignments such as

- Action and Light hosts successful free eye camps providing vital cares to helpless people, Madrasa students, and orphanages and unprivileged high school students with support of Khanjanpur Mission health services.
- Worked with Social Service Academy of Social welfare Ministry of Bangladesh government on Assessing possibilities and recommending policies for vocational education among orphanages those who receive capitation grants from government in 2022-2023.
- Action and Light Research sell has been published research articles in PR reviewed international Journals.
- Empowering Ethnic Minority Youth in North Bengal: A Research Program of Action and Light funded by the ICT Ministry of Bangladesh ICT Skill Development.
- Action and Light has been established an active public Library for mass people to promote a knowledge based society.
- Self-funded supporting the vulnerable families of remittance recipients who have died abroad.
- Provided accessibilities to the mass population for government services
- Ensured rights and facilities for disabled people of Joypurhat.
- Operated free health camps, free eye camps for unprivileged people in different villages to provide health information, primary treatments and referred different hospitals for free treatments and operations.
- Provided vocational training, Language skill development trainings with logistic supports in orphanages, especially Qumi-based orphanage madrasahs, to enhance the DE radicalization process.
- Action and Light has organized income-generating self-help groups covering diverse ethnic, religious, class, gender, and so on.



- Action and Light has distributed around 1,000 trees among children in selected remote villages. Beneficiary: Around 20 villages and 10 educational and multi-religious institutions.
- In the winter, Action and Light has distributed 1,000 blankets among helpless and marginalized people.
- Distributed 400 Qurbani meat among 200 unprivileged villagers of different parts of Joypurhat. Provided food among marginalized people.
- Distributed various types of seeds among peasants of village organizations of Action and Light.
- Action and Light is arranging regular awareness programs on multiple issues such as the Corona virus, bio-violence, human rights, and the education crisis.

Currently, Action and Light has been working on

- *The Journal of Action and Light (JAL)* is a multidisciplinary, peer-reviewed journal published annually by Action and Light is going to be published. Action and Light Research Cell has been working on particular issues with regional knowledge documentation
- Fostering Scientific Awareness in Qumi Madrasa Students: An Action and Light Research Program Supported by the Ministry of Science and Technology, Bangladesh.
- Operating self-funded study circles for peasant people in the name of "*Gaoer Goppo*" to preserve indigenous knowledge to enhance social harmony and to preserve climate.
- Patronizing a self-funded Public cultural unit of local folk artists to preserve local regional culture to enhance social harmony with preventing radicalization and militancy.
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Networks

- Action and Light is active member of District NGO Collaboration Committee (**Zila NGO Somonnay Committee**) Under District Commissioner.
- Action and Light is operating a platform for development dialogue center named *Collective Voice* to promote development knowledge among registered local non-government volunteer organizations and libraries.



Our Legal status and Achievements

- Action and Light has been Registered under the Directorate of Social Service of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on April 2, 2007, Registration Number: Joy: 445/2007.
- Action and Light has been Registered under the Directorate of Department of Youth Development of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on December 11, 2023, Registration Number: Joy: 55.
- Library of Action and Light has been Registered under the Directorate of Department of Public Libraries of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh on September 16, 2023, Registration Number: Joy: 112.
- Action and Light has been achieved VSO National Volunteer Award-2023, 2nd position in Rajshahi Divisional level.

Our Vision

At the heart of Action and Light's mission lies a visionary aspiration for the future. The organization envisions a society where the echoes of research-based knowledge resonate through every development endeavor, where climate-friendly practices become an integral part of daily life, and where conflicts are resolved through dialogue and understanding. Action and Light aspires to see communities thriving in a harmonious coexistence, where individuals are empowered through multi-sectorial development initiatives. The organization's vision extends beyond immediate needs, aiming to create a lasting impact on the community, contributing to the emergence of a humanitarian human society characterized by enduring peace and shared prosperity. This commitment reflects the core values that drive Action and Light's endeavors, encapsulating the belief that positive change can be achieved through a holistic and forward-thinking approach to societal development.

Our Mission

Action and Light's primary mission is to build a research-based, climate-friendly, and conflict-free society. The organization envisions a future where humanity coexists harmoniously with its surroundings, fostering peace and prosperity for all. By focusing on multi-sectorial development, Action and Light strives to address the diverse needs of the community, ensuring that its initiatives are comprehensive and impactful.

Our Values

Action and Light is unwavering in its commitment to upholding a set of core ethics and values that guide its every endeavor. Action and Light has a democratic constitution and elected Executive Committee is bound to obey the constitution. Integrity and transparency stand as pillars in the organization's foundation, ensuring accountability to the communities it serves and



fostering trust among stakeholders. In all actions and decisions, Action and Light prioritizes inclusivity, recognizing the inherent worth and dignity of every individual, irrespective of background or circumstance. The organization places a premium on empathy and compassion, understanding that true development requires a deep understanding of the unique challenges faced by diverse communities. Furthermore, Action and Light is dedicated to the principles of sustainability, both in its approach to development and in promoting climate-friendly practices. The organization firmly believes in the transformative power of research-based initiatives, recognizing the importance of informed decision-making for lasting impact. At its core, Action and Light is driven by a profound sense of social responsibility, aspiring to contribute to the creation of a humanitarian human society characterized by enduring peace and prosperity.

Our Team

Advisory Board

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Professor Muhammad Mahmudur Rahman, Chairman, Department of Political Science, University of Rajshahi.

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News and Visibility

Our Website: www.actionandlight.com .

Many positive news have been published on the development activities of Action and Light. For Example:

জয়পুরহাটে শীতর্তদের মাঝে শীতবস্ত্র বিতরণ <https://www.somoynews.tv/news/2023-01-18/>

জয়পুরহাটে দুস্থদের মাঝে কুরবানির মাংস বিতরণ <https://www.banglatimes.com/2023/06/29/>

Conclusion

In its pursuit of multi-sectorial development, Action and Light stands as a beacon of hope and progress in Joypurhat, Bangladesh. Through its commitment to research, environmental sustainability, and conflict resolution, the organization is dedicated to creating a better world for all. Action and Light invites collaboration and support from like-minded individuals and organizations who share the vision of building a society rooted in compassion, resilience, and harmony.

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