Auditors' Report

Name of Client

News Network

Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

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Independent Auditors Report
To the Executive Committee of
News Network
Report on the Audit of Consolidated Financial Statements

Opinion:

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of **News Network**, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2020, the statement of comprehensive income and the statement of receipts & payments for the year then ended along with notes to the financial statements and other requirements of ToR, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of News Network as at 31 December 2020 and its financial performance and its Receipts and Payments for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

Basis for Opinion:

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) and Terms of Reference (ToR). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Organization in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Bangladesh, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements:

Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with International Financial Reporting standards (IFRSs) Terms of Reference (ToR) and other applicable laws and regulations and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the organization's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the financial statements:

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs and Terms of Reference (ToR), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Organization to cease to continue as a going concern.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Pinaki Das, FCA
Senior Partner
Enrollment Number: **151**
Pinaki & Company
Chartered Accountants

Dhaka
Dated: 22.03.2021

DVC: 2103220151AS536359

NEWS NETWORK
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position
as at 31 December 2020

Particulars		Amount in BDT	
		31 Deember 2020	31 Deember 2019
Non-Current Assets		**447,498**	**489,710**
Property, Plant & Equipments	Note -01	447,498	489,710
Current Assets		**4,872,238**	**10,576,489**
Advance & Prepayments	Note -02	-	13,000
Cash & Cash Equivalents	Note -03	4,872,238	10,563,489
Total Assets		**5,319,736**	**11,066,199**
Fund		**5,307,736**	**11,008,199**
Fund Accounts	Note -04	5,307,736	11,008,199
Liabilities		**12,000**	**58,000**
Outstanding Liabilities	Note -05	12,000	58,000
Total Fund & Liabilities		**5,319,736**	**11,066,199**

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NEWS NETWORK

Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 31 December 2020

PARTICULARS		Amount in BDT	
		01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 to 31 December 2019
INCOME :			
Grant Received from The Donors:	Note -06	19,674,225	22,524,740
Sale of Publication		5,000	-
Bank Interest	Note -07	20,087	24,049
Subscription from the Executive members		2,100	2,100
TOTAL		**19,701,412**	**22,550,889**
EXPENDITURE :			
Brochure, Training manual, Newsletter & Lesion Book Prepare		1,297,100	443,050
Participatory & Advocacy Capacity Gap Assessment for Women Human Rights Deffenders		8,050	46,000
Taining on women & international law standards		4,046,469	484,658
Faciliting the RMPs, RCSO leaders & RRLs in Forming and Strengthening the Caucuses and Their Network		221,078	204,130
Training on negotiation, advocacy, lobbying, litigation, strategy change, researching, Monitoring, documenting and reporting		5,044,254	-
Training to the Rural W/HRDs on Risk Analysis and Security Planning Access to Capacity Building Tools Resources with Journalists and Editors		-	2,298,776
Awarding Fellowship to Potential Yong Women Journalis		271,000	2,224,595
Providing medical and psycho-social assistance, legal counseling and any other support to the rural W/HRDs		22,320	-
Facilitate participation of rural W/HRDs as accountability agent		77,779	-
Organise replication workshop at district level		349,066	-
Preparation of phasing Out Plan		65,770	-
Improved Lead Applicants web page as visibility to upload action's		7,000	-
News Network Website Development		-	109,900
Visibility Actions through Signboards, Boards, Brochures, Advertisement, Banner, Festoons		258,200	930
Evaluation cost		490,000	-
Training Workshop for Journalists on Religious		-	-
Interaction Meeting with Local Media Gatekeepers on Religious Tolerance Issues		-	-
Media Award for Best Reporting on Religious Tolerance Issues		-	-
Network Building among Journalists, Media Gatekeepers and Religious Leaders		-	-
Materials		-	-
Indirect Cost		1,483,769	694,865
Program staff salary		3,103,482	
Per diems for missions/travel fo SR. officer at field level		692,577	

NEWS NETWORK
Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income
for the year ended 31 December 2020

PARTICULARS		Amount in BDT	
		01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 to 31 December 2019
Local transportation		356,598	-
Per Diems for Local Visit by the Sr. Executive		-	-
Transportation for Project Implementation		-	256,606
Fuel and Mtc. Cost for Vehicle		48,910	40,850
Translation Service		4,000	5,000
Salary Technical Support Staff		-	283,413
Salary Administrative Support Staff		3,074,816	1,054,209
Office Rent Dhaka & Regional Offices		1,167,000	-
Other services (tel/fax, electricity/heating, maintenance		283,915	-
Consumables - Office supplies		154,541	-
Training workshop for journalists on religious tolerance issues		920,285	-
Interaction meeting with local media gatekeepers on religious tolerance issues		147,300	-
Commissioning reports on religious issues		171,000	-
Development of Traning Manual		74,150	-
Executive director		-	206,336
Office Rent		-	984,740
Financial Service		-	28,892
Project Coordinator		-	716,261
Training of trainers on digital & physical safety		455,946	-
Training of journalists on digital & physical safety		818,974	-
Entertainment		2,100	-
Project Specialist		-	722,189
Monitoring & Evaluation Officers		-	298,831
Field Coordinator		-	509,925
Program Facilitators		-	971,217
Per Diems for Local Visit by the Sr. Executive		-	453,843
Bank charge	Note -08	35,114	-
Office Supplies		-	106,573
Internet, Tel/fax, Electricity and Maintenance		-	218,431
Audit fees		69,500	58,000
Entertainment		-	2,100
Depreciation	Note -01	179,812	194,910
Total Expenditure		**25,401,875**	**13,619,230**
Excess of income over expenditure/ (Excess of expenditure over income)		(5,700,463)	8,931,659
TOTAL		**19,701,412**	**22,550,889**

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NEWS NETWORK
Consolidated Receipts & Payments Account
for the year ended 31 December 2020

PARTICULARS			Amount in BDT	
			01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 to 31 December 2019
RECEIPTS:				
OPENING BALANCE			10,563,489	1,451,419
Cash in Hand		673		
Cash at Bank		10,562,816		
Grant Received from The Donors:	Note -06		19,674,225	22,524,740
Bank Interest	Note -07		20,087	24,049
Advance recovery against office rent			13,000	-
Subscription from the Executive members			2,100	2,100
Sale of Publication			5,000	-
TOTAL			**30,277,901**	**24,002,308**
PAYMENTS:				
Brochure, Training manual, Newsletter & Lesion Book Prepare			1,297,100	443,050
Participatory & Advocacy Capacity Gap Assessment for Women Human Rights Deffenders			8,050	46,000
Taining on women & international law standards			4,046,469	484,658
Faciliting the RMPs, RCSO leaders & RRLs in Forming and Strengthening the Caucuses and Their Network			221,078	204,130
Training on negotiation, advocacy, lobbying, litigation, strategy change, researching, Monitoring, documenting and reporting			5,044,254	-
Training to the Rural W/HRDs on Risk Analysis and Security Planning Access to Capacity Building Tools Resources with Journalists and Editors			-	2,298,776
Awarding Fellowship to Potential Yong Women Journalists			271,000	2,224,595
Providing medical and psycho-social assistance, legal counseling and any other support to the rural W/HRDs			22,320	-
Facilitate participation of rural W/HRDs as accountability agent			77,779	-
Organise replication workshop at district level			349,066	-
Preparation of phasing Out Plan			65,770	-
Improved Lead Applicants web page as visibility to upload action's			7,000	-
News Network Website Development			-	109,900
Visibility Actions through Signboards, Boards, Brochures, Advertisement, Banner, Festoons			258,200	930
Evaluation cost			490,000	-
Program staff salary			3,103,482	-
Indirect Cost			1,483,769	706,365
Per diems for missions/travel fo SR. officer at field level			692,577	453,843
Local transportation			356,598	-
Transportation for Project Implementation			-	256,606
Fuel and Mtc. Cost for Vehicle			48,910	40,850

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for the year ended 31 December 2020

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Training workshop for journalists on religious tolerance issues			920,285	-
Interaction meeting with local media gatekeepers on religious tolerance issues			147,300	-
Commissioning reports on religious issues			171,000	-
Development of Traning Manual			74,150	-
Training of trainers on digital & physical safety			455,946	-
Training of journalists on digital & physical safety			818,974	-
Laptop			115,025	-
Printer			22,575	-
Entertainment			2,100	2,100
Office Rent			-	984,740
Office Supplies			-	106,573
Internet, Tel/fax, Electricity and Maintenance			-	218,431
Advance payments			-	13,000
Financial Service			-	28,892
Project Coordinator			-	716,261
Project Specialist			-	722,189
Monitoring & Evaluation Officers			-	298,831
Field Coordinator			-	509,925
Program Facilitators			-	971,217
Closing balance			4,872,238	10,563,489
Cash in Hand		957		
Cash at Bank		4,871,281		
TOTAL			**30,277,901**	**24,002,308**

Secretary General
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No. Particulars

1. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Amount in BDT

Particulars	Balance as at 01.01.2020		Addition during this year		Adjustment / Disposal		Total as at 31.12.2020		Rate during this year	Charge during this year	Balance as at 31.12.2020	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value			No.	Value
Furniture & Fixture												
Sofa set (cane)	2	257	-	-	-	-	2	257	20%	51	2	206
Steel rack (Big)	1	154	-	-	-	-	1	154	20%	31	1	123
Steel rack (small)	1	51	-	-	-	-	1	51	20%	10	1	41
Full secretariat table	1	77	-	-	-	-	1	77	20%	15	1	61
Revolving chair	2	824	-	-	-	-	2	824	20%	165	2	659
File cabinet	3	1,197	-	-	-	-	3	1,197	20%	239	3	957
Half secretariat table	14	35,541	-	-	-	-	14	35,541	20%	7,108	14	28,433
Computer table	3	286	-	-	-	-	3	286	20%	57	3	229
Armless working chair	1	127	-	-	-	-	1	127	20%	25	1	102
Steel almirah	5	32,907	-	-	-	-	5	32,907	20%	6,582	5	26,325
Armed chair	12	12,383	-	-	-	-	12	12,383	20%	2,477	12	9,907
TOTAL	**45**	**83,804**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**45**	**83,804**		**16,761**	**45**	**67,043**

No. Particulars

1. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Amount in BDT

Particulars	Balance as at 01.01.2020		Addition during this year		Adjustment / Disposal		Total as at 31.12.2020		Rate during this year	Charge during this year	Balance as at 31.12.2020	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value			No.	Value
Equipments:												
Computer	9	219,481	2	115,025	-	-	11	334,506	30%	100,352	11	234,154
Printer	4	35,790	1	22,575	-	-	5	58,365	30%	17,509	5	40,855
A. C	3	1,180	-	-	-	-	3	1,180	30%	354	3	826
Ceiling fan	12	9,419	-	-	-	-	12	9,419	30%	2,826	12	6,593
Overhead projector	1	590	-	-	-	-	1	590	30%	177	1	413
Television	1	196	-	-	-	-	1	196	30%	59	1	137
Multimedia projector	4	82,394	-	-	-	-	4	82,394	30%	24,718	4	57,676
UPS (Small)	2	1,756	-	-	-	-	2	1,756	30%	527	2	1,229
Scanner	2	20,384	-	-	-	-	2	20,384	30%	6,115	2	14,269
Digital camera	3	26,754	-	-	-	-	3	26,754	30%	8,026	3	18,728
Modem	4	7,964		-	-	-	4	7,964	30%	2,389	4	5,575
TOTAL	**45**	**405,907**	**3**	**137,600**	**-**	**-**	**48**	**543,507**		**163,051**	**48**	**380,455**
GRAND TOTAL	**90**	**489,710**	**3**	**137,600**	**-**	**-**	**93**	**627,310**		**179,812**	**93**	**447,498**

No.	Particulars		Amount in BDT	
			31 December 2020	31 December 2019
02.	**Advance & Prepayments**		**-**	**13,000**
	As per last accounts		13,000	-
	Add: during the year		-	13,000
			13,000	13,000
	Less: adjustment during the year		13,000	-
03.	**Cash & Cash Equivalents**		**4,872,238**	**10,563,489**
	Cash in Hand	Note- 3.1	957	673
	Cash at Bank	Note- 3.2	4,871,281	10,562,816
3.1	**Cash in Hand**		**957**	**673**
	Internews		736	-
	European Union		85	537
	High Commission of Canada		-	136
	News Network own fund		136	-
3.2	**Cash at Bank**		**4,871,281**	**10,562,816**
	Standard Chartered Bank, Dhanmondi, SB-02-6622976-01		3,121,520	8,039,835
	Standard Chartered Bank, Dhanmondi, CA-01-6622976-01		664,309	1,472,089
	IFIC Bank Limited, Dhanmondi, SB-1006642223041		932,795	3,562
	Dhaka Bank Ltd., Dhanmondi, C/A- 2051000011974		48,544	1,046,871
	Pubali Bank Limited (USS), Nilphamari, SND- 0167102000819		104,113	458
04.	**Fund Accounts**		**5,307,736**	**11,008,199**
	As per last accounts		11,008,199	2,076,540
	Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure/ (Excess of Expenditure over Income)		(5,700,463)	8,931,659
05.	**Outstanding Liabilities**		**12,000**	**58,000**
	As per last accounts		58,000	59,500
	Add: during the year		69,500	58,000
			127,500	117,500
	Less: Paid during the year		115,500	59,500

No.	Particulars	Amount in BDT	
		01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020	01 January 2019 to 31 December 2019
06.	**Grant Received from The Donors:**	**19,674,225**	**22,524,740**
	High Commission of Canada	164,117	1,477,638
	European Union	15,513,799	21,047,101
	Internews, USA	3,996,309	-
07.	**Bank Interest**	**20,087**	**24,049**
	High Commission of Canada	-	137
	Internews, USA	6,183	-
	European Union	13,904	23,912
08.	**Bank Charge**	**35,114**	**-**
	High Commission of Canada	511	-
	Internews, USA	618	-
	European Union	33,986	-

CERTIFICATE GIVEN BY THE AUDITORS

We have audited the accounts of **NEWS NETWORK**, Registration no. FDR-922, dated 20.03.1995 for the Year ended 31 December 2020 and examined all relevant books and vouchers and certifies that according to audited accounts.

1. The brought forward foreign donation at the beginning of year 1st January 2020 was Tk. 10,563,489.
2. The foreign donation amounting to Tk. 19,674,225 was received by the organization during the period.
3. The balance of unutilized foreign donations by the organization at 31st December 2020 Tk. 4,872,238.
4. Foreign donation amounting to Tk. 25,405,662.83 has been utilized for the following purposes (shown project wise).

NAME OF THE PROJECT	1. Programme for Supporting Human Rights Defenders Working for Women's and Girls' Rights in Bangladesh. 2. Strengthing the Capacity of Journalists to Promote Freedom of Religion and Peace 3. Programme for Promoting Digital and Physical Safety of Journalists
FUNDING AGENCY	1. European Union 2. High Commission of Canada 3. Internews, USA

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Name of the project (s)	Budget for this year	Amount spent this year	Difference
Programme for Supporting Human Rights Defenders Working for Women's and Girl's Rights in Bangladesh.	33,269,831	20,773,155.5	12,496,675.5
Strengthing the Capacity of Journalists to Promote Freedom of Religion and Peace	1,667,500	1,552,885	114,615
Programme for Promoting Digital and Physical Safety of Journalists	4,872,000	3,077,011.81	1,794,988.19
News Network Own Fund	2,610.52	2,610.52	-
Total Taka	**39,811,941.52**	**25,405,662.83**	**14,406,278.69**

Total Expenditure in BDT 25,405,662.83 (Equivalent to USD 306,092.32/ EURO 246,656.92)

5. The organization has maintained the accounts of the Foreign Donations in accordance with the Foreign Donation (Voluntary Activities) Regulations Act, 2016.

6. The information furnished above is correct and checked by us.

Pinaki Das

Dhaka
Date: 22.03.2021

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1. **The Organization**

NEWS NETWORK is a non-profit, non-political and non-governmental voluntary development organization established on 20th March 1995 with a view to encourage Bangladesh media to play a greater role in the field of civil rights and voice against social injustice and crimes. News Network was enlisted with NGO Affairs Bureau, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh bearing registration number: FDR-922, dated 20 March 1995 having its office in Road-02, House-08, Dhanmondi.

2. **Objectives**

- Promote and practice non-partisan, objective journalism.
- Identify present problems faced by Bangladesh society.
- Skill development of the journalists.
- Report on activities in the development field, by both government agencies and non-government organizations.
- Report on issues related to human resource development, including questions of human rights and gender equality.
- Reflect public opinion on important issues through survey based on scientific methodologies.
- Reflect national and international viewpoints on the process of poverty alleviation and struggles of the poor economic progress.
- Conduct special dialogues or discussion, meetings with policymakers and opinion leaders on issues of national importance.

3. **General**

Inquiring about the performance of News Network, we observed remarkable progress in achieving the goals in developing writing skills of young journalists, contributing towards gender balance within the journalists' community, disseminating information / knowledge to the print media and other users for greater advocacy. The overall performance of the organization is shown in the subsequent notes related with the head of expenditure.

4. **Accounting Basis**

a) The accounts of these projects have been maintained on cash basis. Transactions were recorded on historical cost convention. However, audit fee for the year has been provided through income & expenditure account.

b) Vouching was done 100% and observed that transactions were within the power of the project management.

5. **Scope of Examination**

Our examination has been made in accordance with International Standard on Auditing (ISA) and accordingly included such tests of accounting records and such other auditing procedures as were considered appropriate in the circumstances.

6. Observation and recommendations financial accounting reporting system: Observation:

We are of the opinion that the accounting system followed by the organization is overall satisfactory. Books of account of each project are maintained separately as per accounting principles and prepared statement of accounts.

Therefore, the organization was capable to generate financial position to reflect individual project and overall financial position.

7. Accounting Maintaining System:

In maintaining the accounts, the organization properly followed the guideline provided by the Donor agencies.

The Accounts are maintained on cash basis except audit fee.

8. Other Observation:

Paid seal and revenue stamps were used on the payment vouchers. Vouching was done at 90% and observed that the transactions were within the power of the project management.

No idle fund was found during the course of our audit.

Current report maintaining procedures are followed by the organization, in our opinion, to be adequate.