Auditors' Report

Name of Client

News Network

Auditor's Report & Consolidated

Financial Statements

for the year ended 31st December 2021







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Consolidated Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2021

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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 2021, the statement of Profit and loss and other 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 2021 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.

Dhaka

Dated: 05 April, 2022

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

DVC: 2204050151AS708123

NEWS NETWORK

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

as at 31 December 2021

		Amoun	t in BDT	
Particulars		31 December 2021	31 Deember 2020	
Non-Current Assets		233,410	447,498	
Property, Plant & Equipments	Note -01	233,410	447,498	
Current Assets		3,713,080	4,872,238	
Advance & Prepayments	Note -02	-	-	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	Note -03	3,713,080	4,872,238	
Total Assets		3,946,490	5,319,736	
Fund		3,389,492	5,307,736	
Fund Accounts	Note -04	3,389,492	5,307,736	
Liabilities		307,998	12,000	
Outstanding Liabilities	Note -05	307,998	12,000	
Temporary Loan for UNDP project		249,000	-	
Total Fund & Liabilities		3,946,490	5,319,736	

Secretary General News Network

Finance & Admin Manager News Network

Dhaka

Dated: 05 April, 2022

Perat: Das Pinaki Das, FCA

Senior Partner

Enrollment Number: 151
Pinaki & Company

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for the year ended 31 December 2021

INCOME: Grant Received from The Donors: Sale of Publication Bank Interest Subscription from the Executive members TOTAL EXPENDITURE:	Amount 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 3,485,515 - 5,282 2,100 3,492,897	19,674,225 5,000 20,087 2,100
INCOME: Grant Received from The Donors: Sale of Publication Bank Interest Subscription from the Executive members TOTAL	3,485,515 - 5,282 2,100	19,674,225 5,000 20,087 2,100
Grant Received from The Donors: Sale of Publication Bank Interest Subscription from the Executive members TOTAL	5,282 2,100	5,000 20,087 2,100
Sale of Publication Bank Interest Note -07 Subscription from the Executive members TOTAL	5,282 2,100	5,000 20,087 2,100
Bank Interest Note -07 Subscription from the Executive members TOTAL	2,100	20,087 2,100
Subscription from the Executive members TOTAL	2,100	2,100
TOTAL		
	3,492,897	19,701,412
EXPENDITURE:		
Brochure, Training manual, Newsletter & Lesion Book Prepare	-	1,297,100
Salaries	1,530,714	-
Communication	88,310	
Utilities	5,090	
Printing and Staitionaray	90,594	
Miscellaneous expenses	2,092	
Capacity development training workshop for journalis on social diversity and peace	338,363	
Developing young social media activities to promote social diversity and peace	223,433	
Participatory & Advocacy Capacity Gap Assessment for Women Human Rights Deffenders	-	8,050
Taining on women & international law standards	-	4,046,469
Faciliting the RMPs, RCSO leaders & RRLs in Forming and Strengthening the Caucuses and Their Network	-	221,078
Training on negotiation, advocacy, lobbying, litigation, strategy change, researching, Monitoring, documenting and reporting	-	5,044,254
Awarding Fellowship to Potential Yong Women Journalis	-	271,000
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 Preparation of phasing Out Plan		349,066 65,770
Improved Lead Applicants web page as visibility to upload action's	-	7,000
Visibility Actions through Signboards, Boards, Brochures, Advertisement, Banner, Festoons	-	258,200
Evaluation cost	-	490,000
Training Workshop for Journalists on Religious	-	1 402 760
Indirect Cost Program staff salary	179,304	1,483,769 3,103,482
Per diems for missions/travel fo SR. officer at field level		692,577



Consolidated Statement of Profit and loss and other Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 31 December 2021

DA	DT	ICI	TT	RS

Amount	t in BDT
01 January 2021	01 January 2020
to	to
31 December 2021	31 December 2020

Translation Service		-	4,000 3 074 816
Salary Administrative Support Staff		-	3,074,816
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
Office Rent		407,988	
Training of trainers on digital & physical safety		775,749	455,946
Training of journalists on digital & physical safety		1,269,967	818,974
Entertainment		2,100	2,100
Bank charge	Note -08	24,835	35,114
Office Supplies			-
Internet, Tel/fax, Electricity and Maintenance		-	
Audit fees		37,000	69,500
Entertainment		-	
Depreciation	Note -01	94,580	179,812
Total Expenditure		5,411,141	25,401,875
Excess of income over expenditure/ (Excess of expenditure over income)		(1,918,244)	(5,700,463)

Secretary General News Network

TOTAL

Dhaka Dated: 05 April, 2022 Finance & Admin Manager News Network

3,492,897

19,701,412

Pinaki Das, FCA

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		Amoun	t in BDT
PARTICULARS		01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021	01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020
RECEIPTS:			
OPENING BALANCE		4,872,238	10,563,489
Cash in Hand	957		-
Cash at Bank	4,871,281		
Grant Received from The Donors:	Note -06	3,485,515	19,674,225
Bank Interest	Note -07	5,282	20,087
Advance recovery against office rent		-	13,000
Subscription from the Executive members		2,100	2,100
Temporary Loan for UNDP project		249,000	
Sale of Publication		•	5,000
TOTAL		8,614,135	30,277,901
PAYMENTS:			
Brochure, Training manual, Newsletter & Lesion Book Prepare		-	1,297,100
Salaries		1,469,716	
Communication		88,310	-
Utilities		5,090	_
Printing and Staitionaray		90,594	-
Miscellaneous expenses		2,092	-
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		Amount	in BDT
PARTICULARS		01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021	01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020
Improved Lead Applicants web page as visibility to upload action's		-	7,000
Visibility Actions through Signboards, Boards, Brochures, Advertisement, Banner, Festoons		-	258,200
Evaluation cost		- 1	490,000
Program staff salary			3,103,482
Indirect Cost		179,304	1,483,769
Per diems for missions/travel fo SR. officer at field level		-	692,577
Local transportation		11,514	356,598
Transportation for Project Implementation		-	-
Fuel and Mtc. Cost for Vehicle		-	48,910
			4,000
Translation Service Salary Administrative Support Stuff			3,074,816
Office Rent Dhaka & Regional Offices			1,167,000
Bank charge	Note -08	24,835	35,114
Other services (tel/fax, electricity/heating, maintenance			283,915
Consumables - Office supplies		-	154,541
Audit fees		12,000	115,500
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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		300	115,025
Printer			22,575
Entertainment		2,100	2,100
Office Rent		407,988	-
Closing balance		3,713,080	4,872,238
Cash in Hand	171		
Cash at Bank	3,712,909		
TOTAL		8,614,135	30,277,901

Secretary General News Network

Finance & Admin Manager
News Network



Consolidated Notes to the Financial Statements

as at 31 December 2021

No. Particulars

1. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Amount in BDT

Particulars	Balance as at 01.01.2021		Addition during this year		Adjustment / Disposal		Total as at 31.12.2021		Rate during this year	Charge during this year	Balance as at 31.12.2021	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value			No.	Value
Furniture & Fixture						englistation.						
Sofa set (cane)	2	206	-	-	-	-	2	206	20%	41	2	164
Steel rack (Big)	1	123	-	-	-	-	1	123	20%	25	1	99
Steel rack (small)	1	41	-	-	-	-	1	41	20%	8	1	33
Full secretariat table	1	61	-	-	-		1	61	20%	12	1	49
Revolving chair	2	659	-	-	-	-	2	659	20%	132	2	527
File cabinet	3	957	-	-	-	-	3	957	20%	191	3	766
Half secretariat table	14	28,433		-	10	20,310	4	8,123	20%	1,625	4	6,498
Computer table	3	229	-		-	-	3	229	20%	46	3	183
Armless working chair	1	102	-	-	-	- C.	1	102	20%	20	1	81
Steel almirah	5	26,325	-	-	1	5,265	4	21,060	20%	4,212	4	16,848
Armed chair	12	9,907	-	-	4	3,302	8	6,605	20%	1,321	8	5,284
TOTAL	45	67,043	-	-	15	28,877	30	38,166	4	7,634	30	30,532



Consolidated Notes to the Financial Statements

as at 31 December 2021

No. Particulars

1. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Amount in BDT

Particulars		nnce as at 01.2021	duri	lition ng this ear		ustment / isposal		tal as at 12.2021	Rate during this year	Charge during this year		nce as at 12.2021
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value		A. 100	No.	Value
Equipments:			he y									
Computer	11	234,154	-	- 1	3	63,860	8	170,294	30%	51,088	8	119,206
Printer	5	40,855	-	-	1	8,171	4	32,684	30%	9,805	4	22,879
A. C	3	826	-	-	-	-	3	826	30%	248	3	578
Ceiling fan	12	6,593	-	-	-	-	12	6,593	30%	1,978	12	4,615
Overhead projector	1	413	-	-	-	-	1	413	30%	124	1	289
Television	1	137	-	-	-	-	1	137	30%	41	1	96
Multimedia projector	4	57,676	-	-	1	14,419	3	43,257	30%	12,977	3	30,280
UPS (Small)	2	1,229	-	N 1 -1	-	- mar -	2	1,229	30%	369	2	860
Scanner	2	14,269	-	-	-	7 3 3 3 -	2	14,269	30%	4,281	2	9,988
Digital camera	3	18,728	-	-	-		3	18,728	30%	5,618	3	13,110
Modem	4	5,575		-	3	4,181	1	1,394	30%	418	1	976
TOTAL	48	380,455	-	-	8	90,631	40	289,824		86,947	40	202,878
GRAND TOTAL	93	447,498	-	-	23	119,508	70	327,990		94,580	70	233,410



Consolidated Notes to the Financial Statements

as at 31 December 2021

	Amount in BDT			
No. Particulars		31 December 2021	31 December 2020	
02. Advance & Prepayments				
Opening Balance		-	13,000	
Add: during the year		-	-	
		-	13,000	
Less: adjustment during the year		-	13,000	
03. Cash & Cash Equivalents		3,713,080	4,872,238	
Cash in Hand	Note- 3.1	171	957	
Cash at Bank	Note- 3.2	3,712,909	4,871,281	
3.1 Cash in Hand		171	957	
Internews-Thailand		55	736	
European Union		85	85	
High Commission of Canada		1		
News Network own fund		31	136	
3.2 Cash at Bank		3,712,909	4,871,281	
		3,712,909	4,071,201	
Standard Chartered Bank, Dhanmondi, SB-02-6622976-01		3,668,817	3,121,520	
Standard Chartered Bank, Dhanmondi, CA-01-6622976-01		38,463	664,309	
IFIC Bank Limited, Dhanmondi, SB-1006642223041		384	932,795	
Dhaka Bank Ltd., Dhanmondi, C/A- 2051000011974		5,245	48,544	
Pubali Bank Limited (USS), Nilphamari, SND- 0167102000819		-	104,113	
04. Fund Accounts		3,389,492	5,307,736	
Opening Balance		5,307,736	11,008,199	
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure/ (Excess of Expenditure over Income)		(1,918,244)	(5,700,463)	
05. Outstanding Liabilities		307,998	12,000	
Opening Balance		12,000	58,000	
Add: during the year	Note- 5.1	307,998	69,500	
		319,998	127,500	
Less: Paid during the year		12,000	115,500	
05.1 Current Liabilities		307,998	_	
Salary-Internews Thailand		60,998	-	
Mentors Honorium		210,000	-	
Audit Fees:		37,000	-	
Internews-Thailand	25,000			
News Network-Consolidated	12,000			



Consolidated Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Amount in BDT					
No. Particulars	01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021	01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020				
06. Grant Received from The Donors:	3,485,515	19,674,225				
High Commission of Canada	-	164,117				
European Union	-	15,513,799				
Internews, Thailand	2,893,405	-				
Internews, USA	112,110	3,996,309				
UNDP	480,000	-				
07. Bank Interest	5,282	20,087				
High Commission of Canada	-	-				
Internews, Thailand	-	-				
Internews, USA	2,604	6,183				
European Union	2,678	13,904				
08. Bank Charge	24,835	35,114				
High Commission of Canada	-	511				
Internews, USA	4,420	618				
European Union	19,920	33,986				
UNDP	495	-				









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 2021 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 2021 was Tk. 4,872,238.
- 2. The foreign donation amounting to Tk. 3,485,515 was received by the organization during the period.
- 3. The balance of unutilized foreign donations by the organization at 31st December 2021Tk.3,713,080.
- 4. Foreign donation amounting to Tk. 4,901,055 has been utilized for the following purposes (shown project wise).

	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		
NAME OF THE	3. Programme for Promoting Digital and Physical Safety of		
PROJECT	Journalists		
1	4. IIIuminating New Solutions and Programmatic Innovations		
	for Resilient Spaces (INSPIRES)		
	5. Capacity Development of Media for Promoting Tolerant		
	and Inclusive Society.		
	1. European Union		
	2. High Commission of Canada		
FUNDING AGENCY	3. Internews, USA		
	. Internews, Thailand		
5. UNDP			







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.	185,000.00	183,476.50	1,523.50
Strengthing the Capacity of Journalists to Promote Freedom of Religion and Peace	88,870.00	88,870	0.00
Programme for Promoting Digital and Physical Safety of Journalists	1,040,000.00	1,039,809.65	190.35
IIIuminating New Solutions and Programmatic Innovations for Resilient Spaces (INSPIRES)	3,179,903.00	2,854,886.71	325,016.29
Capacity Development of Media for Promoting Tolerant and Inclusive Society.	800,000.00	723,755.00	76,245.00
News Network Own Fund	10,250.00	10,257.00	-7.00
Total Taka	5,304,023.00	4,901,054.86	402,968.14

Total Expenditure in BDT 4,901,054.86(Equivalent to USD 57,658/EURO49,011)

- 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.

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Dhaka

Date: 05 April, 2022

Peraki Das Pinaki Das, FCA

Senior Partner

Enrollment Number: 151

Pinaki& Company

Chartered Accountants

DVC: 2204050151AS708123

Disclosure regarding corporate and others information

as at and for the year ended 31 December 2021

1. The Organization

NEWS NETWORK is a non-profit, non-political and non-governmental voluntary development organization established on 20thMarch 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 nongovernment 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 Modified 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.



Disclosure regarding corporate and others information

as at and for the year ended 31 December 2021

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 modified cash basis.

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.

