The roundtable on "Mainstreaming Disability in National Budget to Increase Allocation for Persons with Disabilities" was held at the Daily Star conference room on 21 May 2011 with support from Manusher Jonno Foundation.

Mosharraf Hossain, Executive Director, ADD International in Bangladesh, ADD International, Moderate

I consider this as a unique privilege if I am here on this platform. As the editor of The Daily Star, I am happily welcoming you to the humble discussion on the issue of poverty. I am positively overjoyed, as I see this distinguished and eminent gathering in terms of numbers present and speak and participate in this very important discussion. I consider it as a most significant step that the budget itself be taken up in the current situation. It is the most important. What do we have to do in terms of employment, education, health, and social protection? What are the sustainable strategies that need to be followed so that we can make another Bangladesh?

The central theme of this roundtable is "Mainstreaming Disability in National Budget to Increase Allocation for Persons with Disabilities". The discussion is aimed at identifying ways to integrate disability considerations into the national budget process, with a focus on increasing allocations for persons with disabilities. The participants, including academics, government officials, and representatives from civil society organizations, share their insights and recommendations for improving the budget process.

The roundtable participants highlight the need for a more inclusive budget process that recognizes the rights and needs of persons with disabilities. They emphasize the importance of ensuring that the budget reflects the voices of disabled persons and their families, who often face multiple forms of discrimination and exclusion.

The discussion covers various aspects, including the need for better data on disability, the importance of inclusive budgeting, the role of civil society in advocating for disabled persons, and the necessity of addressing structural barriers that prevent persons with disabilities from accessing education, employment, and health services.

Key points from the roundtable:
- The current budget process in Bangladesh does not adequately address the needs of persons with disabilities.
- There is a lack of data on the impact of budget interventions on disabled persons.
- Inclusive budgeting can help ensure that the rights of disabled persons are protected and respected.
- Civil society organizations have a critical role to play in advocating for the rights of disabled persons.
- The budget should prioritize the needs of disabled persons, including access to education, health, and employment.

The roundtable concludes with a call to action, urging government officials and civil society organizations to work together to ensure that the budget process is inclusive and responsive to the needs of disabled persons. It is hoped that these recommendations will contribute to a more inclusive budget process in the future.

Deliberations by the Participants:

Professor Abul Barkat, President, Bangladesh National Council of the Handicapped Association (Orthoniti Shomiti) and Chair, Economics Department, University of Dhaka.

Professor Abul Barkat highlights the need for a budget that is inclusive of disabled persons. He emphasizes the importance of recognizing disability as a fundamental right and ensuring that it is reflected in budgetary allocations. Professor Barkat argues that disability needs to be seen as a core component of any poverty reduction strategy.

Dr. Akbar Ali Khan, Former Adviser, Caretaker Government.

Dr. Akbar Ali Khan underscores the importance of fixing the tax holiday system, research analysis on these noble causes as well as the relief measures. He suggests that government should bring in the same as a development and subsequent expenditure.

Dr. Ananya Rajan, Executive Director, D. S. Hossain Institute of Development.

Dr. Ananya Rajan emphasizes the need to address the negative impact of the budget process on disabled persons. She advocates for a more participatory budget process that includes disabled persons and their representatives.

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According to the different categories, Teaching of disabled children will be increased. It is little by little will be able to take the disabled people can gain benefits from our sources activities like translation, graphic designing and other.

There are some external issues. Insurance codes should be implemented as disability codes.

Dr. Mosharraf Hamid

Chairman, Bangladesh

Some persons with disabilities serve on the Bangladesh National Parliament. Sometimes we see the I think we can provide some rights.

Now many disabled freedom of all persons...around the world including the disabled. It is a programme. Thank you.

C.B.M. is an international organization. We have proposed 102 crore should create a platform of universal accessibility in Bangladesh. In this project in the society. The state has to come. It is a sizeable number of people. In this project in the society.

I think that kind of work in the remote area. We have a little bit that they face more discrimination. Actually there is a programme. In 3rd and 4th and gave direction to the parliament.

NOVA Consultancy:

Ms. Yasmin Ahmed

would like to say that extra job facilities and to the disabled. Finally, I

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