# **Report**

# Advocacy meeting on endorsement for the web accessibility guideline and toolkit

Organized by: Young Power in Social Action (YPSA) Supported by: Handicap International-Humanity & Inclusion and APNIC FOUNDATION 13 October, 2022 Freedom Fighter AKM Mofizur Rahman Hall, YPSA HRDC, Sitakund, Chittagong

#### **Introducing:**

Advocacy meeting on Endorsement for the Web accessibility guideline and toolkit for person with



disabilities at 13 October 2022 in Pitstop Restaurant conference room, Chattogram with the aim of increasing the capacity of visually impaired people in information technology, organized by YPSA for sustainable development and with the support of Humanity Inclusion Bangladesh.

#### **Participants:**

Government Officials, local government representatives, journalist, TVET representative, NGO representatives, teachers, DPO leaders and students of various educational institutions participated in this advocacy meeting. Total participants were 46 (male 33 and female 13).



#### **Panel speakers:**

Director of Chittagong Divisional Social Services Office Kazi Nazimul Islam was present



as the chief guest in the meeting chaired by YPSA Chief Executive Md. Arifur Rahman. Journalist M. Nasirul Haque, Ward No. 7 Councilor of Chittagong City Corporation Md. Mobarak Hossain, Ashrifa Tanjim, Principal of Bangladesh Women's Technical Training Center, Md Ferozul Alam, Regional Director of Bangladesh Computer Council Chittagong and Vashkar Bhattacharya, National Consultant of A2I was present as an honoured guest. In addition, YPSA

Program Manager Nawaz Mahmud gave a presentation on the project activities and YPSA Web Manager Abdullah Al Sakir gave ideas on web accessibility and toolkit.

#### In the discussion:

The speakers said that the development of the country is not possible by restricting the disabled people. The government has been taking various initiatives for the development of disabled people. The government is implementing various initiatives to involve people



with disabilities in information technology to build a digital Bangladesh.

YPSA has been working for a long time to increase the skills of disabled people in information technology as a subsidiary organization of the government. The activities of this project implemented by YPSA to increase web accessibility for visually impaired people are truly commendable which is supported by HI. Hopefully, if the schemes implemented by the government are approved,

visually impaired people will be more enriched with information technology. Already Government is developing National Web Accessibility Guidelines through ICT Division and A2I following Web Accessibility Guidelines. It is made in a way that is useful and easily accessible for the visually impaired.

#### **Recommendation:**

- To create more awareness for people with disabilities at the grass root level.
- Coordinating with various departments of the government.
- To do recommendations on making government web sites disability friendly.

### Learnings:

- Visually impaired students can benefit from using web accessibility guidelines and toolkits.
- Committed to enabling information technologyenabled learning in visually impaired schools
- In the meeting, everyone will take initiative to take action in this regard in their respective workplaces.



### **Challenges:**

- Accessibility for the visually impaired at the grassroots level.
- The government level is still not actively aware of the issue.

## **TV Channel News:**

Jamuna TV -13 October 2022, Chattogram Songbad Bijoy TV- 14 October 2022, Chattogram Songbad Bangla TV- 14 October 2022, Chattogram Songbad

#### **News Paper:**

