

<p style="text-align: center;">TERMS OF REFERENCE Local Consultative Sub Group: Women's Advancement and Gender Equity (LCG WAGE Sub Group) Revised April 2006</p>

Background

The Local Consultative Group (LCG) Sub-Group on Women in Development (WID) was formed in March 1989 at a Local Consultative Group meeting. The objective of the Sub-Group was to facilitate policy dialogue with the Government of Bangladesh (GOB) and among the development partners on the promotion of women's development in Bangladesh. Due to the shift in development approach from WID to gender equality and women's rights the Sub-Group was subsequently renamed as the LCG Sub-Group on Women's Advancement and Gender Equality (LCG WAGE).

Purpose

Policy advocacy on women's rights and facilitation for mainstreaming gender in development co-operation.

The terms of reference of the group are to:

1. provide a forum for policy dialogue amongst development partners on women's rights and gender equality;
2. play an advocacy role amongst the LCG Sub-Groups to mainstream gender in development assistance;
3. enhance co-ordination and collaboration among the Sub-Group members, and maintain a common database of current GAD/gender-related activities supported by the member agencies;
4. provide a forum for information sharing and exchange of ideas and encourage a common understanding and perspective on GAD and gender issues through organising regular sessions and fora with GoB and civil society organizations;
5. facilitate the operationalization of PRSP from gender perspectives;
6. enhance co-operative efforts amongst the development partners for gender capacity building within the country; and
7. maintain a dialogue on pertinent issues with the relevant levels of government such as, WID focal points, PRSP working groups etc;