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To Whom It May Concern

Subject: Letter of Confirmation - ActionAid Young Journalist Fellowship 2021 Award

This letter confirms that **Mr. Md Kamruzzaman** was selected as a Fellow under the **ActionAid Young Journalist Fellowship 2021**, a national initiative designed to recognize emerging Bangladeshi journalists committed to social justice, human rights, and youth leadership.

The program was organized by ActionAid Bangladesh, part of the global ActionAid Federation working in over 40 countries to advance human rights and social equity. The Fellowship aimed to support early-career journalists producing impactful stories on underreported issues affecting youth and marginalized communities.

Fellows were chosen through a competitive, merit-based process following an open call for applications. Applicants were evaluated on originality, social relevance, and alignment with the program's values. Mr. Kamruzzaman's proposal — focusing on dropout challenges among rural youth entrepreneurs — was one of the four selected for its strong thematic depth and potential social impact.

The jury panel consisted of:

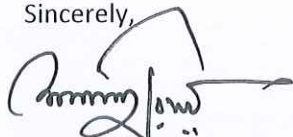
- Mr. Munir Hasan, Head of Youth Program, The Daily Prothom Alo
- Mr. Borhanul Haque Shamrat, Senior News Editor, News24
- Dr. Naznin Ahmed, then Country Economist, UNDP Bangladesh

The award ceremony took place at the **CIRDAP Auditorium, Dhaka, on October 31, 2021**, with the Hon'ble **Information Minister Dr. Hasan Mahmud** as Chief Guest, and chaired by Dr. Md. Golam Rahman, former Chief Information Commissioner.

Each fellow received a certificate, honorary recognition, and a **BDT 67,648** grant to produce their proposed story. Mr. Kamruzzaman was the only television journalist selected that year — highlighting his unique contribution and promise in the field of socially engaged journalism.

We confirm that this Fellowship was a significant recognition within the media and development sector in Bangladesh.

Sincerely,



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