



**নগর দরিদ্র বস্তিবাসীর উন্নয়ন সংস্থা (NDBUS)**  
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**Subject: Confirmation of First Place – ActionAid–NDBUS Media Fellowship 2022,**  
**Recipient: Md. Kamruzzaman.**

**To Whom It May Concern,**

I am writing to formally confirm that **Mr. Md. Kamruzzaman**, then serving as **Senior Reporter at News24 Television** (currently **Special Correspondent**), was selected as a recipient of the **ActionAid–NDBUS Media Fellowship 2022**, jointly organized by **Nagar Daridra Bastibashir Unnayan Sangstha (NDBUS)** and **ActionAid Bangladesh**. Following the completion of his investigative work, **he was further recognized as the First-Place awardee** based on the quality, impact, and national significance of his reporting.

#### **About the Fellowship Program**

The **ActionAid–NDBUS Media Fellowship** is a **nationally competitive program** aimed at empowering young journalists in Bangladesh to produce impactful, solution-focused journalism on critical issues affecting **urban slum populations, youth, and other marginalized groups**. The 2022 fellowship focused on themes such as **technical education, inclusive budgeting, healthcare access, environmental pollution, and gender-based violence**.

#### **Competitive Selection and Evaluation Process**

The fellowship was open to professional journalists—preferably under the age of 35— from print, television, and digital media platforms. Applicants were required to submit proposals outlining their investigative themes and research methodologies. All applications were reviewed by a confidential internal jury panel formed jointly by NDBUS and ActionAid Bangladesh.

#### **Selection criteria included:**

- Relevance and originality of the topic
- Potential policy or public impact
- Research depth and methodology
- Ethical and professional standards

Out of all applicants, **seven fellows were selected**, and **Mr. Kamruzzaman's proposal stood out for its depth and national relevance**.



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### Awarded Work and First Prize

Mr. Kamruzzaman produced a television report titled “**Why Are Students Dropping Out of Technical Education in Bangladesh?**”, which aired on **News24 Television on November 29, 2022**. His investigation exposed systemic weaknesses in vocational education, including high dropout rates, regional disparities, and structural barriers faced by students from low-income communities, particularly those in urban slums.

His report drew upon interviews with the **Deputy Minister of Education**, civil society leaders, students, and experts, incorporating both quantitative data and qualitative insights. Based on the jury’s final evaluation, he was awarded First Prize, along with a performance-based cash award of **BDT 10,000**, in addition to the standard fellowship grant of **BDT 45,000**.

### Public Recognition and Organizational Endorsement

The fellowship and award ceremony were held on **December 6, 2022**, at the NDBUS office in Dhaka, and received national media coverage in outlets including **Dhaka Tribune** and **RTV Online**, which publicly acknowledged **Mr. Kamruzzaman’s achievement**.

As a nationally recognized NGO, **NDBUS** works to improve the socio-economic conditions of Bangladesh’s urban poor. Through this fellowship, in partnership with ActionAid Bangladesh, we promote journalism that highlights equity, inclusion, and policy-level change.

We confirm that **Mr. Md. Kamruzzaman** was selected through a **competitive, merit-based process** and that he received **First Prize** for his outstanding and nationally relevant investigative reporting. Please feel free to contact us should further information be required.

Sincerely,

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