

Bangladesh Australia Disaster Relief Committee (BADRC)CFN – 16441

Bangladesh Australia Disaster Relief Committee (BADRC) held its AGM on 20th October 2019. Many respected Bangladeshi community members were present in the meeting.

The President Dr Maksudul Bari and the Secretary Mr Afsar Ahmed presented their reports which illustrated the recent activities of BADRC. The treasurer Mr Mosharraf Hossain presented the financial reports for 2017-18 and 2018-19 and the reports were accepted.

Then the existing committee was dissolved by the President and the nominated Election Commissioner Dr Abdul Wahab conducted the election. The following Committee was elected for two years:

1 President: Dr Wali UI Islam

2 Vice-President: Mr Azadul Alam

3 General Secretary: Mr Afsar Ahmed

4 Joint-Secretary: Mr Nirmalya Talukder

5 Treasurer: Mr Mosharraf Hossain

6 Public Relations Secretary: Dr Syed Faojul Azim

7 Members:

Mr Md Rahmat Ullah

Dr Maksudul Bari

Dr A Wahab (co-opted)

Mr Hayat Mahmud

Mr Muhammad Kamrul Islam

It is also pertinent to note that BADRC is a Bangladeshi community and charity organisation operating since 1998 in Australia and Bangladesh, mainly focusing on disaster relief.

BADRC has been raising funds from community members in Australia and donated the funds raised to support the projects/individuals in Bangladesh. During the last two years (2017-19) BADRC received donation of nearly \$65,000. Some of the major activities undertaken by BADRC during last two years are listed below:

- \$4000 to set up Computer Training facilities to improve IT skills of the young people in the area. The program is housed in the Australia Bhaban (A Cyclone Shelter funded and constructed by BADRC in the village Kakrabunia, Upazila Rampal of Bagherhat District Bangladesh in 2012). It can be noted that earlier this year more than 100 people took shelter during the last major cyclone Foni.
- \$20,000 to Ahasania Mission to support the education and safe drinking water and sanitation hygiene program in the Rohingya camps in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.
- \$25,000 to PM Relief Fund, Poribortan Chai, Dhaka Ahsania Mission and WNA Foundation in Bangladesh to support the relief and rehabilitation of 2017 flood affected residents in Bangladesh. Due to complications in establishing contacts to pay the donations to PM Relief Fund the BADRC committee decided to split the donations and paid to Ahsania Mission for Cancer Hospital funding and Poriborton Chai.
- \$5,000 to Ahsania Cancer and General Hospital in Dhaka to enhance its treatment facilities.
- **\$2,520** to Dhup Foundation in Bangladesh to create training facilities for autistic and children with other disabilities.
- \$6,325 for the treatment of two Bangladeshi cancer patients.

BADRC has also donated money to support the victims of disasters in Australia such as floods in Queensland and bush fires in New South Wales at different times in the past.

Your advices or suggestions will keep us encouraged and dedicated to the noble causes. If you wish you can send us an email to badrc1998@gmail.com.

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