



Center for Advanced Research and Social Action (CARSA)

A Short founding history

Context

In the early 90s, some of the close friends of Professor Dr. Abul Hossen Ahmed Kamal thought of forming a social development and research organization. For that purpose, he started the activities of the organization along with his friend Dr. Mahbubullah Dr. Wahid Uddin Mahmud Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, MA Malek and Rownak Ahmed. **They** were associated as founding members of this organization.

But in a village of Madaripur District in Kaliganj thana at Alinagar Union, a bloody clash broke out over a trivial matter and one person was killed in the clash. As a result, it was decided to change the thinking of establishing a social research organization to work to alleviate the poverty of the people in the area and reduce the amount of unemployment among the educated youth. Soon thereafter, the Center for Advanced Research and Social Action (CARSA) was formed in 1996 with Professor Dr. Abul Hossain Ahmed Kamal as the founding chairman.

Now, CARSA is a national NGO, has been working in implementing different humanitarian social development projects and microcredit programs in 5 districts, 17 upazillas, 124 unions and 674 villages with 19 branch offices including project offices across the country for the last 28 years. The major programs focused on training, microcredit operation, formal and non-formal education, health and nutrition, Water supply and sanitation, Disaster management and climate change, women and child development, food security and livelihood programs.

CARSA received a certificate from the Microcredit Regulatory Authority in 2008 to operate microcredit operations with No 00826-00499-00221.

Since 1998, CARSA has been involved as an affiliate of PKSf. It may be noted that until now CARSA has been operating as a program partner of PKSf.

Background

Centre for Advanced Research and Social Action (CARSA), a non-profit, non-political and non-government community-based organization, was established in 1995 by a group of renowned educationists, economists, social workers and a small group of young volunteers from the rural areas of southern Bangladesh.

Amis and Objectives

To eliminate poverty and create employment for the educated unemployed men and women of the area by incorporating the organizational structure through specific rules and regulations to make the members self-reliant.

Our objective is to create employment, increase income, create awareness and empower the landless and uncircumcised poor to alleviate poverty.

Values:

- ❖ Introducing of new trends
- ❖ Inclusion
- ❖ Fairness
- ❖ Honesty and devotion
- ❖ Teamwork motivation
- ❖ Transparency and accountability
- ❖ Human dignity

Target people and beneficiaries:

Center for Advanced Research and Social Action (CARSA) target people and beneficiaries are from rural, urban, cities slums and char areas who are poor, helpless, lagged behind people, marginal farmers and micro-entrepreneurs especially poor women. Total members: 25268, Loan beneficiaries: 17459 households.

General Body:

The General Body of CARSA is the absolute policy-making body of the organization to ensure good governance and accountability at all levels of the organization consisting of 27 members. The General Body of the organization has been formed by the composition of renowned and knowledgeable individuals who are established in various fields and committed to social development. The General Body meets in the Annual General Meeting (AGM) once in a year to approve the work plan, annual budget, audit report, program report, auditor's selection, policy formulation and revision, election of the Board of Directors etc.

Name of CARSA General Members:

01. A.H. Ahmed Jamal – Businessman & Social worker
02. Joyonto kumer Basu- Social worker
03. Syed Maeynul Haque- Social worker & Lawyer
04. Mohammad Ali Akhond- Social worker
05. Dr. Syed Tariqz zaman- Retired from International NGO and Social worker
06. Tamina Begum MP- Retired Professor & Social worker
07. Professor A H Ahmed Naser- Retired Professor & Social worker

08. Professor Dr. Mahabubullah- Ex-Professor, University of Dhaka & Ex-Chairman Board of Directors, Sonali Bank Limited.
09. Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman- Economist & Ex-Advisor, Caretaker Government, Bangladesh
10. Sultana Rebu- Cultural worker & Educationist
11. Rahat Ara Begum- Social worker
12. Begum Nilufar- Social worker
13. Dr. Kazi Kamruzzaman- Doctor & Social worker (Ekusay Medal winner) & Chairman Dhaka Community Hospital
14. Akhter Hossain khan -Retired Secretary & Social worker

15. Dr. Muhammad Shahid-Uz-Zaman-Executive Director, Eco-Social Development Organization (ESDO) & Social worker
16. M.A Malek - Businessman & Social worker
17. Chowdhury Mossaraf Hussain -Social worker
18. Haripod Das - Retired Headmaster & Social worker
19. Md. Mizanur Rahman- Businessman & Social worker
20. Akhter Hamid Masud - Social worker
21. Md. Akhter Hossain Sannamath FCA- Charter Accountant & Social worker
22. Mifta Nayem Huda- Executive Director, Centre for Development Innovation & Practices (CIDEP) & Social worker
23. Sayeda Sakina Momtaz Haque- Social worker
24. Abu Naser Ahmed Istiaq – Professor, University of Dhaka & Social worker
25. Apurup Rahi - Cultural worker & Social worker
26. Abdul Kader Mohiuddin- Lecturer, University of Dhaka

Advisory Body:

CARSA has an advisory council to take advice on important matters. Members of the Advisory Council are as follows:

1. Md. Matiur Rahman – Retired Secretary & Social worker
2. Albab Akhand - Economist
3. Abdur Rashid-Engineer and Social Worker
4. Dr. Mosleh Uddin Ahmed-Physicist
5. Dr. Ahmed Hasan-Doctor and Social Worker
6. Mr. Ahmed Sefat- Engineer and Social Worker

Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee is an elected body in the Annual General Meeting (AGM) through votes of the General Members and the Committee members are elected form among its members for a term of three years. The Board has 9 (Nine) members and meets at least four times a year or more, as deemed necessary. The Executive Director acts as the Member Secretary (Ex Officio) of the board. The board

takes policy decisions and advises the Executive Director in various policy related matters related to organizational development and management.

Name of Executive Committee Member:

Sl.	Name	Designation
1.	Dr. Syed Tarique-Uz-Zaman	Chairman
2.	Professor Abu Hayder Ahmed Naser	Vice-Chairman
3.	Jayanta Kumer Bosu	Treasurer
4.	Professor Abul Hussain Ahmed Kamal	Member-Secretary
5.	Mohammad Ali Akhand	Member
6.	Mst. Tahmina Begum MP	Member
7.	Professor Abu Naser Ahmed Ishtiaque	Member
8.	Syeda Sakina Mumtaz Huq	Member
9.	Mifta Naim Huda	Member

Administration

The Executive Director of the organization conducts all management related activities with the help of the following skilled, well-trained and dedicated officers assigned to the field level and head office of the organization. Apart from regular monthly and weekly meetings, meetings are held at various levels of the organization as and when required.

CARSA officials and staffs:

Head Office:

Sl. No	Name	Designation
1.	Abdul Kayume	Executive Director
2.	Md. Sirajul Islam	Director (Admin & Monitoring)
3.	Md. Ikramul Haque	DGM (Accounts)
4.	MA Jalil	Sr. AGM (FAM)
5.	Daniel Halder	Officer (Accounts & IT)
6.	Rubel Bakaul	driver
7.	Khanandkar Md. Safiqul Islam	Peon

Social Activities:

Sl. No	Name	Designation
1.	Md. Moniruzzaman	Director (Social Activities & Training)

Audit Team:

Sl. No	Name	Designation
1.	Md. Eunus Ali	Senior Area Manager
2.	Tawhiduzzaman	Area Manager

Area Manager:

Sl. No	Name	Area
1.	Mohammad Asaduzzaman	Shariotpur
2.	Shahidul Islam	Madaripur
3.	Md. Nahid Hasan	Bhanga

Branch Managers:

Sl. No	Name	Branch
1.	Md. Bashir Ahmed	Mostafapur
2.	Md. Akkas Ali	Sahebrampur
3.	Bimol Chandra Ray	Sadarpur
4.	Md. Faruq Hossain Mridha	Kartikpur
5.	Al Amin Sharif	Goshairhat
6.	Md. Kamrul Hasan	Shibchar
7.	Md. Al Imran	Jajhira
8.	Md. Nasir Uddin Mollah	Kalkini
9.	Md. Nazrul Islam	Madaripur
10.	Md. Salam Hossain	Angaria
11.	Md. Rafiqul Islam	Kalamridha

12.	Md. Selim Hossain	Dattapara
13.	Subrata Shikder	Naria
14.	Abdur Razzak	Vederganj
15.	Md. Ali Azgar	Tekerhat
16.	Jubayer Hossain	Moharajpur
17.	Md. Ripon Hawlader	Ali Nagar
18.	Md. Tawhidul Islam	Bhanga
19.	Md, Farid Uddin	Chilarchar

Registration:

Legal Status:

Center for Advanced Research and Social Action (CARSA) is registered with the following registration authorities of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh ensuring its legal status:

01. Microcredit Regulatory Authority (MRA)- (Reg. No: 00826-00499-00221, Date: 29-04-2008)
02. Joint Stock Companies & Firms- (Reg. No: S-1663 (12)/95)