

Checklist for interviews with organisations involved with fishing communities - NGOs and CBOs

Focus of the interview

- Understanding their work and impact of their work on the lives and livelihoods of fishers
- Understanding the nature, scale, coverage of their work, process of work, baseline and monitoring process
- Exploring the relevant organizations working with fishing communities - what they do and why do they do it? How many of them, types and influence of these organizations?
- Understanding their observations on strength, weakness, threats and opportunity in fishing community, men and women individually
- Exploring their observations on the situation of right holders, human rights, migration and factors for displacement in the fishing community, women and children
- Interview can end with their recommendations and the way organizations can contribute to placing human rights as the center

Guideline notes

- Please share more about you, your work and your organisation(s). Do you directly engage with fishermen and the communities they live in? If yes, how?
- Working experience and history of working with this community and with this organisation?
- What does your organisation do with the fisher's community and fishing? Please discuss your organisation's goals, basis for setting those goals, process of selecting targets beneficiaries and operation system to provide services, challenges and opportunity of work with this community.
- Do you have any committee related to fishers? If yes, what types of committees, purpose, process and management of the committee. Has any decision ever been made based on their opinion?
- Please share your feelings about the fishing community, their life at land and sea, state of women and children's. Please elaborate on quality of life, availability of resource to use and consume, entitlement to resources and their acceptability as a right holder.
- Is the community changing? What kind of changes are occurring and why? Please share some examples.

- Please share your thoughts on safety and security of fishing and fishers. What makes fishers' life safe and secure and what are the impacts of safety and security on their lives?
- Are the activities you conduct aligned with the district or government's national plans on the fisheries sector? If so, how do you coordinate activities with district and national government actors? Does your organization generally support, oppose or stay neutral about the fisheries sector? What are the reasons for the position taken?
- Do you carry out any programmes or activities in relation to wives or widows of fishers? Do you manage providing any emergency need of the fishermen on behalf of your institution? If yes, how did you manage?
- Has your organization received any complaints from fishermen/community members? If so, could you explain what kind of complaints and how you address these?
- Please share about other NGOs and organisation which have been working with fisheries and fishing community, human and labour rights? How do different organisation working in same area coordinates with each other? What is the mechanism of interactions?
- What do government agencies do for fisheries and fishing community? How do they communicate and in what respect? How are you involved in this process? Please keep the following stakeholders' in mind while discussing: district/upazila/union administration, local/national NGOs, local community, local police, coast guard, RAB, navy and other NGOs
- What integrated steps were taken? Do you have any working relationship with these stakeholders?
- What would your organization suggest needs to be done to minimize negative impacts and maximize their positive impacts on fishermen? What would be the top 5 issues and priorities to address and how?
- Do you work on community awareness? If yes, what you do, how you do it and why you do so? Please share some examples.