

## FARIDA AKHTER

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Founding Executive Director of UBINIG established in 1984. UBINIG (Policy Research for Development Alternative) is a policy and action research organization in Bangladesh. Its main work is research, campaign and advocacy and to undertake action programmes in the field of social development. At present, UBINIG runs six offices in six areas of Bangladesh, including Dhaka, Tangail, Pabna, Cox's Bazar, Noakhali and Kushtia. These are located in the flood plain zones and in the coastal areas. In these centres, UBINIG carries out ecological agriculture programmes with farmers, fishers and other relevant occupational groups. UBINIG runs Narigrantha Prabartana, the first and only feminist bookstore and feminist publishing house in Bangladesh. Narigrantha Prabartana runs a Women and Biodiversity Network in 46 districts of the country.

UBINIG was awarded for contribution in Tobacco control in Bangladesh by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, government of Bangladesh. The award was given on 31st May on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day in the official government programme.

Farida Akhter received award for contribution in tobacco control for women as Convenor of Tabinaj on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017 on WNTD.

**Convenor** of Anti-Tobacco Women's Alliance (in Bangla called Tamak Birodhi Nari Jote TABINAJ) which is active in 45 districts.

Since 1985, have been actively involved in the national level women's movement and is an active member of various international networks. Have been active in organising many international regional and national conferences in Bangladesh.

- Member of the South Asia Network on Food, Ecology and Culture (SANFEC).
- Member of Sammilita Nari Samaj, the United Women's Front in Bangladesh
- Council Member of Asian Women's Human Rights Council (AWHRC)
- **Instructor** in Participatory Action Research, SAS2 Dialogue; <http://www.participatoryactionresearch.net/People/Instructors>