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বিষয়: জাতিসংঘের খাদ্য ও কৃষি সংস্থা (FAO) কর্তৃক “100 FAO Women Heroes in Agrifood Systems and Rural Development” উদ্যোগের আওতায় কৃষি-খাদ্য ব্যবস্থা ও গ্রামীণ উন্নয়নে গুরুত্বপূর্ণ অবদান রাখা নারীদের সম্মাননা প্রদানের জন্য আট (০৮) জন নারী প্রতিনিধি মনোনয়ন সংক্রান্ত।

সূত্র: FAO এর ০৯ এপ্রিল ২০২৬ তারিখের DG/26/194/ (100 FAO Women Heroise-AFSRD) সংখ্যক পত্র।

উপর্যুক্ত বিষয় ও সূত্রস্থ পত্রের পরিপ্রেক্ষিতে জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, জাতিসংঘের খাদ্য ও কৃষি সংস্থা (FAO) কর্তৃক “100 FAO Women Heroes in Agrifood Systems and Rural Development” উদ্যোগের আওতায় বিশ্বজুড়ে কৃষি, টেকসই উৎপাদন, পরিবেশ সংরক্ষণ, উদ্ভাবন, পুষ্টি এবং বাজার সংযোগে অবদান রাখা নারীদের ইতালির রোমে অনুষ্ঠিতব্য এ বছরের (২০২৬) World Food Forum এ সম্মাননা প্রদান করা হবে।

২.০ এমতাবস্থায়, উপর্যুক্ত সম্মাননার জন্য কৃষি-খাদ্য ব্যবস্থা ও গ্রামীণ উন্নয়নে গুরুত্বপূর্ণ অবদান রাখা নারী কৃষক/বিজ্ঞানী/এক্সটেনশন কর্মী/প্রযুক্তি উদ্ভাবক/স্থানীয় সরকারি কর্মকর্তা/এনজিও/কৃষক সংগঠনের নারী প্রতিনিধির মনোনয়ন সংযুক্ত ছক মোতাবেক আগামী ০৩ জুন ২০২৬ তারিখের মধ্যে এ মন্ত্রণালয়ে প্রেরণের জন্য নির্দেশক্রমে অনুরোধ করা হলো।

সংযুক্তি: বর্ণনামতে, ০৬ (ছয়) পৃষ্ঠা।

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সংস্থা/দপ্তর (জ্যেষ্ঠতার ক্রমানুসারে নয়):

০১. চেয়ারম্যান, বাংলাদেশ কৃষি উন্নয়ন কর্পোরেশন, বিএডিসি, কৃষি ভবন, ৪৯-৫১ মতিঝিল বা/এ, ঢাকা।
০২. মহাপরিচালক (অতিরিক্ত সচিব), কৃষি বিপণন অধিদপ্তর, খামারবাড়ি, ঢাকা।
০৩. নির্বাহী চেয়ারম্যান, বাংলাদেশ কৃষি গবেষণা কাউন্সিল, ফার্মগেট, ঢাকা।
০৪. মহাপরিচালক, কৃষি সম্প্রসারণ অধিদপ্তর, খামারবাড়ি, ঢাকা।
০৫. নির্বাহী পরিচালক (অতিরিক্ত সচিব), বরেন্দ্র বহুমুখী উন্নয়ন কর্তৃপক্ষ, রাজশাহী।
০৬. মহাপরিচালক, বাংলাদেশ কৃষি গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউট, জয়দেবপুর, গাজীপুর।
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০৮. মহাপরিচালক, বাংলাদেশ পাট গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউট, মানিক মিয়া এভিনিউ, ঢাকা।
০৯. মহাপরিচালক, বাংলাদেশ পরমাণু কৃষি গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউট (বিনা), ময়মনসিংহ।
১০. মহাপরিচালক, বাংলাদেশ সুগারক্রপ গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউট, ঈশ্বরদী, পাবনা।
১১. মহাপরিচালক, জাতীয় কৃষি প্রশিক্ষণ একাডেমি, জয়দেবপুর, গাজীপুর।
১২. মহাপরিচালক, মৃত্তিকা সম্পদ উন্নয়ন ইনস্টিটিউট, খামারবাড়ি, ঢাকা।
১৩. নির্বাহী পরিচালক, বাংলাদেশ ফলিত পুষ্টি গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ ইনস্টিটিউট, আড়াইহাজার, নারায়ণগঞ্জ।
১৪. নির্বাহী পরিচালক, তুলা উন্নয়ন বোর্ড, খামারবাড়ি, ফার্মগেট, ঢাকা।
১৫. পরিচালক, কৃষি তথ্য সার্ভিস, খামারবাড়ি, ঢাকা।
১৬. পরিচালক, বীজ প্রত্যয়ন এজেন্সি, জয়দেবপুর, গাজীপুর।

অনুলিপি (সদয় জ্ঞাতার্থে) (জ্যেষ্ঠতার ক্রমানুসারে নয়):

০১. সচিবের একান্ত সচিব, কৃষি মন্ত্রণালয়, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা।
০২. অতিরিক্ত সচিব (পিপি) মহোদয়ের ব্যক্তিগত কর্মকর্তা, কৃষি মন্ত্রণালয়, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা।
০৩. যুগ্মসচিব (আইসি) মহোদয়ের ব্যক্তিগত কর্মকর্তা, কৃষি মন্ত্রণালয়, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা।

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বিভাগিউএম আরআই, দিনাজপুর।

Ref: DG/26/194 (100 FAO Women Heroes-AFSRD)

Dhaka, 9 April 2026

Dear Mr Rashid,

FAO Director-General's Letter Inviting Nominations for the "100 FAO Women Heroes in Agrifood Systems and Rural Development" Initiative

I am pleased to forward the letter from the Director General, FAO HQ, Rome, Italy regarding the "100 FAO Women Heroes in Agrifood Systems and Rural Development", which aims to recognize and celebrate women making significant contributions to transforming agrifood systems and strengthening rural development worldwide.

In this connection, FAO kindly invites the nomination of up to eight (8) outstanding women from Bangladesh for the "100 FAO Women Heroes in Agrifood Systems and Rural Development" initiative. The nominees may represent diverse areas across the agrifood systems continuum, including sustainable production, environmental stewardship, nutrition, rural development, innovation, and market engagement.

When choosing nominees, please consider rural farmers, scientists, extension agents, technology leaders, entrepreneurs, local government officials, NGOs, and farmer's organizations, among others.

Therefore, it would be highly appreciated if you could send the nomination to Mr Imanun Nabi Khan, Assistant FAO Representative (Programme), FAO Bangladesh (e-mail: ImanunNabi.Khan@fao.org; Mob: +8801712918342) at your earliest convenience.

The Office of the Representative of FAO avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock the assurance of its highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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FAO Representative in Bangladesh

Enclosed: As stated

HE Mr Mohammed Amin Ur Rashid
Honourable Minister
Ministry of Agriculture
Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock
Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka-1000

Cc (not as per seniority order):

1. Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka 1000
Attention: Additional Secretary (PPC), Ministry of Agriculture, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka 1000
2. Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka 1000
3. PS to Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka 1000
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The Director-General

08.IV.2026

DG/26/194

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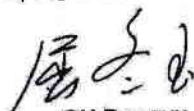
I have the honour to draw your attention to the 100 FAO Women Heroes in Agrifood Systems and Rural Development. Nominations are now open to recognize women who are transforming agrifood systems around the world, in big and small ways, and I encourage you to nominate inspiring women from your country – women whose sustained, practical efforts are improving lives, strengthening communities, and advancing agrifood systems transformation.

Nominees may be from across the full agrifood systems continuum – from sustainable production and environmental stewardship to nutrition and rural development; from local small-scale farming to global markets; and from traditional knowledge to innovative solutions. We are looking for nominations of women whose work at community, national, or global level, is helping to build more efficient, inclusive, sustainable and resilient agrifood systems for the future.

From Bangladesh, I invite you to nominate up to 8 women heroes. Information on how to submit nominations through our web portal has been shared with your Permanent Representation to FAO. When choosing nominees, please consider rural farmers, scientists, extension agents, technology leaders, entrepreneurs, local government officials, NGOs, and farmer's organizations, among others.

Selected nominees will be honoured in a ceremony during the World Food Forum in October 2026. I hope you will be able to join us for this exciting event – a separate invitation will follow.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.


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Woman Hero Nominee – Information Collection Template

Please complete the following information for nomination under the FAO Women Hero initiative.

Country: Bangladesh

Name of Woman Hero Nominee:

Nationality of Woman Hero Nominee: Bangladesh

Phone/Cell/Contact of Woman Hero Nominee:

Address of Woman Hero Nominee:

Point of contact for Nominating Country: Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture

Telephone number of point of contact: +88 02 55100100

Email of point of contact: secretary@moa.gov.bd

Please describe, in 1,000 words or less, why the nominee should be recognized as one of FAO's 100 Women Heroes in Agrifood Systems and Rural Development:

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Add a high-resolution photo of her and her enterprise and

Add any other supporting documents, certificate, media, press report, case study of the selected woman

Message (By Fax/Email)

To : MOA/MOFA
From : B'doot, Rome
No : BER. 318.25.54
Date : 09 April 2026
Subject : Nomination of Leading Women Contributing to Agrifood Systems Transformation

Secretary (Ministry of Agriculture) from Ambassador
* Repeated to Director-General (MEA)

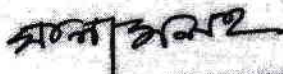
The Mission has received a communication dated 08 April 2026, addressed to the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, from the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), regarding the initiative titled "*100 FAO Women Heroes in Agrifood Systems and Rural Development*". The initiative has been undertaken following the declaration of 2026 as the International Year of the Woman Farmer (IYWF 2026) by the United Nations.

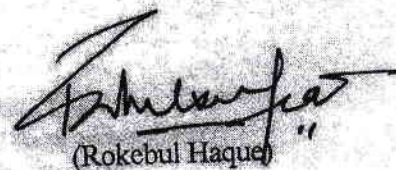
02. As outlined in the letter, FAO has requested Bangladesh to nominate up to eight (08) women heroes whose practical and impactful efforts in improving lives, strengthening communities, and advancing agrifood systems transformation are deserving of recognition at the global level. While nominating the leading women, consideration may be given to those who have been making significant contributions across the agrifood systems continuum, including in areas such as sustainable agriculture, environmental stewardship, nutrition security, rural development, innovation, and community leadership, covering activities from local small-scale farming to global markets, as well as from traditional knowledge to innovative solutions.

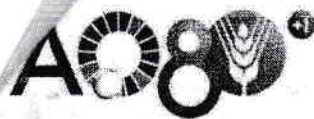
03. Nominations are to be submitted through FAO's online portal (to be opened shortly) and FAO will review the submissions, and selected nominees will be honoured during the World Food Forum in October 2026. The deadline for submission of nominations is 15 June 2026. The letter and the relevant note on nominations are enclosed herewith.

04. The above is for the Ministry's kind information and necessary measures, as deemed appropriate.

Encl : As stated




(Rokebul Haque)



INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE
WOMAN FARMER
2026

100 FAO Women Heroes in Agrifood Systems and Rural Development

In celebration of the International Year of the Woman Farmer, nominations are now open for the first 100 FAO Women Heroes – an annual recognition of women whose work is driving real and positive change across agrifood systems!

Purpose

This recognition honours women who are transforming agrifood systems around the world, in big and small ways. It recognizes women whose sustained, practical efforts are improving lives, strengthening communities, and advancing agrifood systems transformation.

It shines a light on both visible leadership and the often unseen work that supports transformation and progress on the ground – ensuring that no woman or girl is left behind – while raising awareness of the vital role women play across the agrifood landscape.

Who we are recognizing

We invite nominations of women contributing to a better life for all, including:

- Farmers, producers, innovators and entrepreneurs
- Community leaders and changemakers
- Environmental and sustainability champions
- Scientists, extension agents, civil society leaders and public officials.

Nominees may be active across the full agrifood systems continuum – from sustainable production and environmental stewardship to nutrition security and rural development; from local small-scale farming to global markets; and from traditional knowledge to innovative solutions.

We are looking for nominations of women whose work – at community, national and global level – is helping to build more efficient, inclusive, sustainable and resilient agrifood systems for the future.

How to nominate

FAO Members are invited to submit nominations **no later than Monday, 15 June 2026**, either via their Ministry of Agriculture or their Permanent Representation to FAO. The submission should be done through the online portal, which will open soon.

Further details will be shared in a forthcoming letter from the FAO Director-General to Ministers.

Recognition

The selected honourees will be acknowledged at the World Food Forum in October 2026, where they will receive much-deserved recognition for their leadership, dedication and transformative contributions to agrifood systems and rural development.

Submit your nominations – and help us honour the first 100 FAO Women Heroes shaping a better future for all!

#YearOfTheWomanFarmer
#IYWF2026





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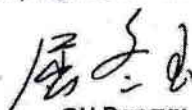
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