

Brief report on visit to Nepal

10 to 13 December 2019

Hasibur Rahman, Executive Director, MRDI recently attended the Regional Partners Stakeholders Workshop for the South Asia Region on invitation from Press Freedom Unlimited (PFU). It was held at Kadmandu, Nepal from 10 to 12 December 2019.

Free Press Unlimited is a not-for-profit, non-governmental organisation based in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. It operates media projects in 31 countries around the world.

Free Press Unlimited (FPU) is in the process of re-formulating its 5-year strategy for the region (for 2021 -2025). This workshop was organized to develop a draft strategy.

The workshop was divided into three sessions that focused on following outcomes of the strategy.

- Intermediate Outcome 1: Enabling environment for media
- Intermediate Outcome 2: Watchdog role of media
- Intermediate outcome 3: Professional and sustainable media

Each session included group work to generate recommendations. PFU will finalize the strategy accommodating feedback and recommendations from this workshop which will work as a backbone of new regional media programme.

This forum also discussed the challenges and priorities for media in the South Asia Region. Partners from Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal and Pakistan attended the programme.

Travel dates:

Left Dhaka- Tuesday, 10 December 2019 via Biman Bangladesh Airlines

Returned to Dhaka- Friday, 13 December 2019 via Biman Bangladesh Airlines