

Investigative Journalism Partnership

- **What is Investigative Journalism Partnership?**

This is the core program of the project, where we invite media houses and group of journalists to come up with new investigative ideas. They submit their proposal with what they want to investigate, what kind of capacity they need to implement those ideas and what resources they want us to provide for it. It is an approach to build capacity of investigative reporting in media houses or group of journalists, while working on particular stories or special area of journalism.

- **“It is completely production based”- what do we mean by that?**

Production of quality reports is at the heart of the partnership, but goal is to develop skills in the media alongside, that enables sustainable flow of such reports in future. It is required to publish stories at the end, to measure the outcome of the partnership. The idea can be one investigative project, to raise the quality of in-depth reporting or a process that will lead to production of reports; but production is at the center.

- **Why team is important in IJP?**

IJP doesn't support any single reporter's individual story idea. We aim to produce big reports through IJP that requires a team effort. We provide support so that all members of the team have the skills to continue similar investigations and the knowledge/practice remains in the media house or group, even after any team member leaves at any point of time. It is a partnership to develop structure, not an individual. We encourage diversity in the IJP team and promote gender balance.

- **How do we support?**

We support with knowledge and resources. You can ask for any kind of experts, let it be local or international, to build capacity of investigative journalism. By any kind of expert we mean, it can be an award winning journalist from OCCRP or producers from BBC Panorama or a Data Visualizer from Rappler for mentoring. It can be someone who can analyze financial reports or understands the corruption in procurement or help with research skills. It depends on your idea and what kind of expert you need.

We also provide expenses related to travel and investigation as required. We are also happy to connect you with international media organizations for collaborations on cross-border investigations.

We just don't provide anything in cash. Neither do we pay for salaries, academic research or arranging conferences. As it is a partnership, we also expect media houses to use their resources as a gesture of willingness and ownership.

- **How do we select applications?**

The IJ Partnership is a competitive process and the selection will be made by a small committee from Fojo and MRDI in line with criteria below:

- The strongest ideas with potential impact on the society
- Greater participation of female journalists in the team is encouraged.
- A carefully prepared application, showing how this partnership will help you to produce quality stories in the future.
- Journalists and media houses with a proven track record of publishing quality journalism

- **Your ideas are safe with us**

The ideas you are sharing by sending in an application will be rather safe with us. We will not share the information with anyone outside Fojo and MRDI but if you have a highly sensitive story, please call our helpdesk before you send any application and we will find a way to keep it secret.

- **Do you need to credit us?**

It is not required to give any credit or courtesy to Fojo and MRDI for the reports published under this partnership. Reports are absolute intellectual property of the concerned media house. Fojo-MRDI may promote best stories produced under IJP nationally and internationally with due credits to the concerned the media.

- **Guidelines for Application**

- Investigative Journalism Partnership (IJP) is designed to build capacity of media houses on deep investigations.
- All media outlets (both print, online and broadcast) and group of independent journalists are encouraged to apply.
- Application form for IJP programme and relevant documents are available at www.mrdibd.org/ijp.php or fojo.se/Bangladesh
- Fill in the form in Bangla or English with approval of Editor/Head of News/CNE
- Scan the filled in application with signatures, convert it into a PDF file and send to ijp@mrdibd.org or submit hard copy by post to the address below:
Investigative Journalism Partnership
Management and Resources Development Initiative (MRDI)
8/19 Sir Syed Road, Block-A
Mohammadpur, Dhaka-1207
- Call is open to all and applicable around the year.
- Applications will be selected within 15 days upon receiving and successful applicants will be informed accordingly.
- Fojo-MRDI will develop a detailed activity plan with the media house after the selection and sign agreements for the partnership.
- Project completion deadline is 6 (six) months from signing the agreement.