# **QUARTERLY E-BULLETIN**



ESDO's unceasing effort to stop plastic pollution and make an environmentally empathetic Bangladesh had started back in 1990. The journey towards creating legislation is one of those efforts, through which, and with mass support, ESDO looks forward to achieving more significant outcomes for promoting environmental justice.

# **"Draft Roadmap to Phase out Single-use Plastics"**

ESDO have been campaigning successfully for many years to aware people about the adverse effect of Single-use plastic items on both our environment and human health. To share this roadmap and to receive expert opinion to enhance the work with expert's knowledge about making our environment sustainable, ESDO organized an Expert Consultation on "Roadmap to Phase Out Single-use Plastics from Bangladesh" on 22nd August, 2021 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM through online platform Zoom.

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### 'Brand Audit 2021' Report Launching

Brand Audit has been playing a significant part in ESDO's campaign against single-use plastic pollution. Since 2018, ESDO has been conducting Brand Audit and trying to reveal the top plastic polluters of Bangladesh. This year ESDO has conducted Brand Audit in Dhaka and Mymensingh City and to reveal the truth of the top plastic polluters, ESDO launched the report on 21st September, 2021 through online platform Zoom.



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### Sub-regional Campaign on Ban Single-use Plastic

ESDO is emphasizing on Single Use plastic so it can be Ban from Bangladesh. With that purpose, ESDO has drafted roadmap which shows how we can phase out single use plastic from our country strategically. To share the draft roadmap and to create a subregional network to beat plastic pollution crisis combinedly, ESDO organized a Subregional Campaign on Ban Single-use Plastic on 29th September, 2021 through online platform Zoom.



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# 'Bangladesh Network for Banning Single-Use Plastic' Network Launch in the occasion of 'International Plastic Bag Free Day 2021'



#### Why Plastic is harmful?

Fossi fuel is required to make plastic. The extraction process is contributing significantly to GHG emissions Most Single-Used Plastics are non

A lot of chemical additives used in plastic products are very harmful to human health. And using these products are making us more vulnerable day by day by exposing ourselves to plastics.

Microplastics are entering into vegetation through soil, marine animals eventually to our food chains

Plastic don't decomposes in human timescale!



"Single-Use Plastic is the most toxic pollutant in the plastic waste stream, to protect the ecosystem and public health it is an urgent need to Ban SUP Immediately". Activists and experts urged the government to initiate necessary steps to ban single-use plastic in Bangladesh. To address this need and to observe 'International Plastic Bag Free Day 2021.'Environment and Social Development Organization-ESDO, in collaboration with Plastic Solution Fund – PSF organized two virtual sessions to launch a network on "Bangladesh Network for Banning Single-Use Plastic" in July and September.



# No Sachet September!



Plastic sachets can be discovered everywhere, from the deepest pits to the highest top of the biggest mountain, and used plastic bottles can be found all over the summit. Single-use plastic has become an unavoidable part of our daily lives, and if left unchecked, it may pose a threat to our very survival.

For a long time, ESDO has been working to ban single-use plastic products, and sachets are one of the most important products, as waste from these sachets is increasing at an alarming rate. Its low cost and ease of consumption are appealing and people are using them for their appealing characteristics.

With a view to that, ESDO took an initiative to observe 'No Sachet September' where we want people to know the ugly truth of sachet and aware them so that they can refuse this sachet products and make the environment plastic free.



# Plastic Free Campus Initiative 99

Environment and Social Development Organization – ESDO in association with Break Free From Plastic (BFFP), Philippines has launched a new campus awareness program named- Break Free From Plastic Campus which is a global movement that urges schools to band together and commit to going plastic-free.

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### Dhaka and Mymensingh City Brand Audit 2021

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### Plastic Free July 2021

Plastic Free July is a global movement that helps millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution – so we can have cleaner streets, oceans, and beautiful communities. ESDO in association with Break Free from Plastic observing plastic free July since its formation. This year ESDO observed this month by preparing awareness posters and video clips. ESDO also features kids in the videos to make people understand that even the kids these days understand the importance of refusing Single use Plastic.











# **Social Media Campaign**





















#### **Introductory Session for Plastic Free Campus Initiative**





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