

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Bangladesh is pleased to announce its 2009 Media Awards for excellence in population and development reporting in Bangladesh. The objective of the awards is to stimulate the media professionals to increasingly project population issues and concerns through various media in the country. The awards are expected to encourage media professionals both within print and electronic Media at all levels to acquire a more in-depth knowledge on population issues and to stimulate high standards of journalism.

The awards are designed to encourage greater media coverage on Reproductive Health, Gender and Population & Development issues highlighting Safe Motherhood, Family Planning, Adolescent Sexual & Reproductive Health and Rights, Gender Equity and Equality, Population and Environment, HIV/AIDS, Engaging men and boys in preventing Violence Against Women, Dowry & Early marriage.

Investigative/Interpretive/success stories/reports published on the above issues, in national and regional dailies (Bengali/English) from **01 August 2008 to 31 December 2009** will be eligible for entry. TV and Radio programmes addressing the above issues and televised/broadcasted from **01 August 2008 to 31 December 2009** will also be eligible for competition.

Conditions for Entry:

1. Entries must be from working Journalists from News Agencies/News papers and Electronic media agencies (TV/Radio).
2. **Eligible works must have been published/disseminated between 01 August 2008 to 31 December 2009**
3. More than one entry (maximum three) will be entertained from one individual.
4. Categories: Entries will be classified in the following categories:
 - A. **PRINT MEDIA:**
 - a. Published in English Dailies/weeklies
 - b. Published in Bangla Dailies/weeklies
 - B. **ELECTRONIC MEDIA:**
 - a. TV: Televised through public/private TV channels
 - b. Radio: Broadcast through public/private Radio channels

How to Submit:

Entries must be submitted to UNFPA Representative with a forwarding letter/certificate from the appropriate authority (like Editor/News Editor/Chief Reporter of agency/news paper/magazine of print media and Managing Director/Director/Chief Reporter/News Editor/Producer of the TV/Radio Channels.)

What to Win:

There will be prizes for each of the following categories. The prize money will be **Tk. 50,000.00 (Taka fifty thousand only)** for each category:

Type of Production/ publication	Print media		Electronic media	
	Bangla	English	TV	Radio
News Reporting	✓	✓	✓	✓
Feature Reporting	✓	✓		
Drama/Case presentation			✓	✓

Deadline for entry is **31 January 2010**. A panel of judges comprising distinguished personalities will judge the entries. Decisions of the panel will be treated as final.