

## Brac BIGD among top 120 social policy think tanks worldwide

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The Brac Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD) of Brac University has been recognized as one of the top 120 social policy think tanks worldwide.

The institution earned this acknowledgement in the internationally renowned "Global Go To Think Tank Index (GGTTI) Report", published by the Think Tanks and Civil Society Program (TTCSP) of the University of Pennsylvania, said a media release.

The Brac BIGD also ranked among the top 40, and the only Bangladeshi think tank, in the “Transparency and Good Governance Think Tanks” category.

The category “Top Transparency and Good Governance Think Tanks” recognizes top organizations marked by their independence, neutrality and expertise in governance research.

Meanwhile, the “Top Social Policy Think Tanks” category ranks leading social policy institutions that excel in research, analysis and public engagement on a wide range of policy issues, such as inequality, education and poverty, with the aim of advancing debate, facilitating cooperation between key actors in policy-making and improving the overall quality of life.

This year's rankings were compiled based on the perceptions of nearly 4,000 policymakers, journalists, public and private donors and functional and regional area specialists, which were then reviewed and ranked by an expert panel of hundreds of members from a wide variety of backgrounds and disciplines.

Brac BIGD Executive Director Dr Imran Matin said: “I would also like to congratulate our colleagues from across the country for their accomplishments in the 2020 rankings, notably our colleagues from the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), for being recognized as one of the top 100 think tanks in the world.

“Special thanks to the TTCSP team for their contribution towards improving the capacity and performance of think tanks by publishing the GGTTI report since 2006.”

He continued: “Although 2020 was a challenging year for us, it was marked by our resilience as an organization, as we channelled our core strengths and implemented several strategic initiatives to tackle the rapidly evolving crisis.”