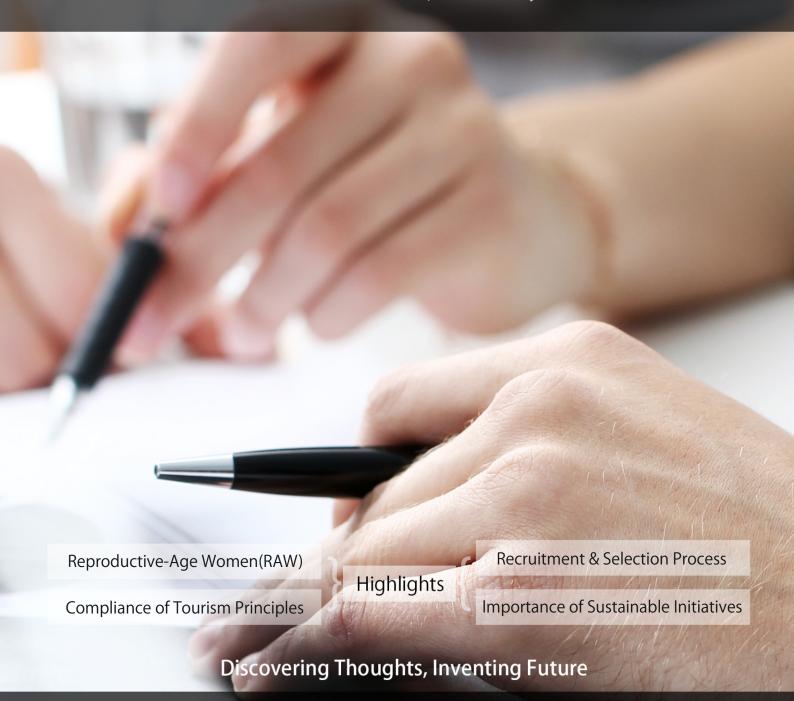
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#### Introduction I.

cross all cultures, sexual and reproductive health is basically fundamental to individuals, families and their social, spiritual and psychological wellbeing. This could actually be related to the fact that sexual and reproductive health is strongly perceived to be very important throughout the life course of every individual. According World Health Organisation (WHO) (2015) sexual health is fundamental to the physical and emotional health and well-being of individuals, couples and families, and ultimately to the social and economic development of communities and countries. Mercer (2014) submitted that sexual health is essentially important at every stage of live because sexual health is no longer restricted solely to sexually transmitted infections (STIs) or prevention of unplanned/unintended of pregnancy but it is increasingly recognised a additionally encompassing elements of reproductive health, sexual function and non-volitional sex.

Sexual and reproductive health is a state of complete physical, emotional, mental, and social wellbeing in all matters relating to sexuality and reproductive system, its functions and processes (United Nations Population Fund, 2016). It indicates that people are able to have a satisfying and safe sex life and that they have the capability to reproduce and the freedom to decide if, when and how often to do so. Cartwright (2008) described sexual and reproductive health as enjoyment of sexual relation without exploitation, oppression or abuse; safe pregnancy and childbirth, and avoidance of unintended pregnancies; and absence and avoidance of STIs, including HIV. This simply means the ability to have informed, consensual, safe, respectful and pleasurable sexual relationships and healthy reproductive life. Sexuality is a central aspect of humanity and encompasses sex, gender identities and roles, sexual orientation, eroticism, pleasure, intimacy, and reproduction (United Nations, 1994).

However, Glasier, Gulmezoglu, Schmid, Moreno and Van Look (2006) opined that improving sexual and reproductive health remains an issue of public health importance worldwide. For this reason, attainment and sustainability of sexual and reproductive health entails that the sexual and reproductive health rights of all individuals must be respected, protected, and satisfied. In 2002, a WHO-convened international technical consultation on sexual health submitted that sexual and reproductive health rights include the right of all individuals, free of coercion, discrimination and violence, to: the highest attainable standard of sexual health, including access to sexual and reproductive health care services; seek, receive, and impart information related to sexuality; sexuality education; respect for bodily integrity; choose their partner; decide whether or not to be sexually active; consensual sexual relations; consensual marriage; decide whether or not, and when, to have children; and pursue a satisfying, safe and pleasurable sexual life.

Worku and Gebresilassie (2008) defined sexually transmitted infections (STIs) as forms of reproductive tract infections which are caused by organisms that are passed through sexual activity with an infected partner. United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) (2008) stated that an estimated 340 million new cases of four common sexually transmitted bacterial and protozoal infections are acquired annually and if other STIs are added, the estimates for new infections rise to more than one billion which means that slightly more than one infection among seven adults of reproductive age. Glasier et al.(2006)reported that sexually transmitted infections, excluding HIV/AIDS, are the second most important cause of loss of health in women, especially young women, and are a substantial cause of morbidity in men. Similarly, after pregnancyrelated causes, sexually transmitted infections are the second most important cause of healthy life lost in women.

Most often, people perceive sexual and reproductive health services as services related mainly to family planning and treatment of STIs/reproductive tract infections. In an attempt to correct this perception, WHO (2004a) identified the five core components of sexual and reproductive health care which are: improvement of antenatal, perinatal, postpartum, and newborn care; provision of high-quality services for family planning, including infertility services; elimination of unsafe abortions; prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted infections, including HIV. reproductive tract infections cervical cancer, and other gynaecological morbidities; and promotion of healthy sexuality. According to WHO (2010) the ability of individuals to achieve sexual health and wellbeing depends on them having: access to comprehensive information about sexuality; knowledge about the risks they face and their vulnerability to the adverse consequences of sexual activity; access to good quality sexual health care; and an environment that affirms and promotes sexual health.

WHO (2016) opined that promotion of family planning by ensuring access to preferred contraceptive methods for women and couples is essential to securing well-being and autonomy of women, while supporting the health and development f communities. Taylor (2014) contended that family planning gives women the option to wait until they are financially able to take good care for a child and gives them time to pursue educational and employment goals without worrying about the financial implications of unintended/unwanted pregnancy. Collumbien, Gerressu and Cleland (2004) submitted that family planning could prevent up to onethird of all maternal deaths by allowing women to delay motherhood. space births, avoid unintended pregnancies and unsafely performed abortions, and

stop childbearing when they have reached their desired family size.

Furthermore, the use of family planning in preventing unwanted/unplanned pregnancies has been found to be a significantly strategy in saving public expenditures. According to Amaral et al. (2007) the unintended pregnancies prevented by California's family planning demonstration project would have incurred US\$1.1 billion in public expenses within two years, which is significantly more than the US\$403.8 million expended on the project. Stover, Dougherty and Hamilton (2006) found a potential savings of almost US\$25 for every dollar spent on family planning at HIV/AIDS care and treatment facilities. Population Reference Bureau (2009) reported that babies born less than two years after their next oldest brother or sister are twice as likely to die in the first year as those born after an interval of three years. In addition, WHO (2007) argued that experts now recommend that after a live birth, women should wait at least two years before trying to become pregnant again in order to reduce infant health risks/deaths.

Sexual behaviour as contended by Mercer et al. (2013) is a key component of well-being which is often influenced by social norms, attitudes and health. According to Gebhard (2017) sexual behaviour is any activity (solitary, between two persons or in a group) that involves sexual arousal. Omeje, Ekwueme, Ugwu (2013) submitted that sexual behaviour means all sexual actions and responses demonstrated to seek sexual pleasure. Sexual behaviour has also been described as a broad spectrum of behaviours, ranging from the solitary (such as masturbation, and autoerotic stimulation) to partnered sex (intercourse, oral sex, nonpenetrative sex), through which humans display their sexuality (sexual behaviour, n.d). According to Eyo (2004) sexual behaviour refers to the total action of individuals in handling their sexual impulses, which actually implies the notion of expressing it as a male or female and how to live with it.

In addition, it has been established through various literature that sexual behaviour could be categorized as healthy and risky sexual behaviour. Omeje et al. (2013) argued that healthy sexual behaviour is any sexual behaviour that is planned or intended, done with caution and respect such as the one acted out between life partners or married couples. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (2010) argued explained that risky sexual behaviour is generally described as behaviour (such as early sexual debut, having multiple sexual partners, having sex while under the influence of alcohol or drug) that increases one's susceptibility of contracting STIs/HIV and experiencing unplanned pregnancies.

Sexual and reproductive health rights are essential human rights which are indisputable globally and therefore should be well known and embraced by all individuals, especially the RAW. RAW, in the context

of this study, are described as a group of women between the age of 15 - 49 years regardless of their marital status. This study was particularly targeted at the group in order to find out their knowledge and attitude to sexual and reproductive health rights. However, to the best knowledge of the researcher, no study has been conducted among RAW in Malete, Kwara State investigating their knowledge and attitude to sexual and reproductive health rights. Upon this premise, the researcher was prompted to investigate the knowledge and attitude of RAW to sexual and reproductive health rights so as to make practical and relevant recommendations based on the findings of the study.

## STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

The researcher's experience revealed that women in the study area are often regarded as third parties in issues that are strongly connected to their sexual and reproductive health care because of the unequal power relation between women and men which reduces their power of decision making over their sexual and reproductive health. Similarly, the researcher's informal conversation with some female members of the community showed that their sexual and reproductive health rights concerning child birth and spacing. consensual sex life among others are usually violated probably due to their inadequate knowledge about these rights. Hence, the researcher conducted this study to actually investigate the knowledge and attitude to sexual and reproductive health rights among RAW in Malete, Kwara State.

#### OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY III.

The general objective of the study was to assess the knowledge and attitude to sexual and reproductive health rights among reproductive-age women (RAW) in Malete, Kwara State.

The specific the objectives were to:

- Determine the knowledge of sexual reproductive health rights among RAW in Malete, Kwara State.
- 2. Ascertain the knowledge of STIs/HIV among RAWin Malete, Kwara State.
- Investigate the knowledge of the benefits of family planning among RAW in Malete, Kwara State.
- 4. Find out the attitude to sexual behaviour among RAW in Malete, Kwara State.

#### IV. Research Questions

In order to guide the conduct of this study, the following corresponding research questions were raised and answered:

1. What is the knowledge of sexual and reproductive health rights among RAW in Malete, Kwara State?

- 2. What is the knowledge of STIs/HIV among RAW in Malete, Kwara State?
- 3. What is the knowledge of the benefits of family planning among RAW in Malete, Kwara State?
- 4. What is the attitude to sexual behaviour among RAW in Malete, Kwara State?

## METHODOLOGY

A descriptive cross-sectional study of the survey type was employed to assess the knowledge and attitude to sexual and reproductive health rights among RAW in Malete, Kwara State. The study population comprised all the RAW in the study area, estimated to be 5467. The sample size of 359 (approximated to 360) was determined with the aid Research Advisor application. The sample for the study was then selected using a multi-stage sampling technique. At the first stage, cluster sampling technique was used to divide Malete community in to 18 clusters based on proximity and each of the clusters comprised a group of households. At the second stage, simple random sampling technique was adopted in choosing 20 RAW within each cluster using random numbers. At the third stage, systematic random sampling technique was employed to select a starting point (first household) within each cluster by spinning a bottle (grid method). Lastly, purposive sampling technique was used to choose the index person from the clusters.

Data used for this study was gathered through the use of researchers-developed questionnaire tagged "Questionnaire on Knowledge and Attitude to Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights among RAW (QKASRHRRAW)". The research instrument was subjected to content and face validity by giving it to three (3) jurors in related fields. The corrections, modifications and suggestions raised by them were used to adequately improve the original draft of the questionnaire. During the second look, the jurors adjudged the instrument valid. The instrument's reliability was established with the use of split-half method and a reliability coefficient of 0.71 was obtained, showing that the measuring instrument was very reliable.

The data obtained were collated, coded and analysed using frequency counts and percentages. In order to answer the three (3) research questions on the knowledge of RAW about sexual and reproductive health rights, STIs and benefits of family planning, percentage score statements 80percent and above specified Very High (VH); 79 per cent - 60 per cent indicated High (H); 59 per cent - 40 per cent classified as Moderate (M); 39 per cent - 20 per cent considered Low (L); and less than 20 per cent signified Very Low (VL) knowledge. In answering the fourth research question which is on the attitude of RAW to the identified sexual behaviours, the Likert scale Strongly Agree (SA)

and Agree (A) were merged and tagged "Positive Attitude" indicating healthy sexual behaviour while that of Disagree (D) and Strongly Disagree (SD) were also merged and tagged "Negative Attitude" indicating risky sexual behaviour.

#### Results VI.

Research Question 1: What is the knowledge of sexual and reproductive health rights among RAW in Malete, Kwara State?

Table 1: Frequency and percentage analysis of the knowledge of RAW about sexual and reproductive health rights (n=360)

S/N	Items Description	Frequency	Percentage (%)	Decision
1.	Women have right to freely make autonomous decisions about their sexual and reproductive issues	57	15.83	Very low
2.	Women have right to be free from sexual violence	68	18.89	Very low
3.	Women have right to consensual sex	65	18.05	Very low
4.	Women have right not be subjected to torture or ill treatment	61	16.94	Very low
5.	Women have right to be free from discrimination and being treated with inequity	57	15.83	Very low
6.	Women have right to healthy, enjoyable and violence-free relationships	54	15.00	Very low
7.	Wife and husband have equal right in making decision on family size and child spacing	65	18.05	Very low
	Average Total		17.00	Very low

Table 1 reveals that the knowledge of sexual and reproductive health rights among RAW in Malete, Kwara State was very low (17%).

Research Question 2: What is the knowledge of STIs/HIV among RAW in Malete, Kwara State?

Table 2: Frequency and percentage analysis of the knowledge of STIs/HIV among RAW

(n = 360)

S/N	Items Description	Frequency	Percentage (%)	Decision
1.	Having sex while under the influence of alcohol or drug makes one susceptible to having STIs/HIV	201	55.83	Moderate
2.	Having multiple sex partners makes an individual prone to contacting STIs/HIV	198	55.00	Moderate
3.	Having sexual intercourse with sex workers is a risk factor of STIs/HIV	216	60.00	High
4.	HIV can be transmitted through mosquito bite	194	53.89	Moderate
5.	HIV can be transmitted through hand shaking or hugging	209	58.06	Moderate
6.	The use of condom during sexual intercourse protect against STIs/HIV	192	53.33	Moderate
7.	Sharing of sharp objects is a cause of HIV Average Total	201	55.83 <b>56.00</b>	Moderate <b>Moderate</b>

Table 2 shows that the knowledge of STIs/HIV among RAW in the study area was moderate (56%). their knowledge about having sexual intercoursewith sex workers is a risk factor of STIs/HIV was high (60%).

Research Question 3: What is the knowledge of the benefits of family planning among RAW in Malete, Kwara State?

Table 3: Frequency and percentage analysis of the knowledge of RAW about the benefits of family planning (n = 360)

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S/N	Items Description	Frequency	Percentage (%)	Decision
1.	Family planning reduces the risk of maternal mortality and morbidity resulting from repeated pregnancies	126	35.00	Low
2.	Birth timing in relation to the mother's age helps in avoiding a number of congenital anomalies which are associated with advancing maternal age	101	28.05	Low
3.	Proper child spacing helps in improving and maintaining the health of mothers	165	45.83	Moderate
4.	A child is likely to receive full share of care and love from his parents when the family size is moderate and births are properly spaced	162	45.00	Moderate
5.	Limiting the family size enhances child growth and development	134	37.22	Low
6.	Family planning is an essential strategy of insuring survival of all children in the family	104	28.89	Low
7.	Household resources are economically managed when intervals between pregnancies/births are properly regulated	90	25.00	Low
	Average Total		35.00	Low

Table 3 indicates moderate level of knowledge among RAW as regards "proper child spacing helps in improving and maintaining the health of mothers" (45.83%) and "a child is likely to receive full share of care and love from his parents when the family size is moderate and births are properly spaced" However, the overall knowledge of RAW about the benefits of family planning was low (25%).

Research Question 4: What is the attitude to sexual behaviour among RAW in Malete, Kwara State?

Table 4: Frequency and percentage analysis of RAW's attitude to sexual behaviour in Malete, Kwara State (n = 360)

S/N	Item Description	SA	Α	Positive attitude (%)	D	SD	Negative attitude (%)
1.	There is nothing bad in engaging in	4	10	3.89	88	258	96.11
	homosexuality	(1.11%)	(2.78%)		(24.44%)	(71.67%)	
2.	It is acceptable to have baby out of wedlock	9	28	10.27	174	149	89.73
		(2.50%)	(7.77%)		(48.33%)	(41.40%)	
3.	It is appropriate to socialize with the opposite sex	42	66	30	94	158	70
		(11.67%)	(18.33%)		(26.11%)	(43.89%)	
4.	It is all right to have baby out of wedlock	59	37	26.67	135	129	73.33
		(16.4%)	(10.27%)		(37.50%)	(35.83%)	
5.	There is nothing bad in having anal sex	33	42	20.84	138	147	79.16
		(9.17%)	(11.67%)		(38.33%)	(40.83)	
6.	It is acceptable to have physical intimacy (e.g.	12	26 (7.22)	10.55	121	201	89.44
	hugging) with the opposite sex	(3.335)	, ,		(33.61%)	(55.83%)	
7.	There is no problem in practising extramarital	0	5	1.39	` 69 ´	286	98.61
	affair		(1.39%)		(19.17%)	(79.44%)	
	Average Total		, ,	14.80	, ,	, ,	85.20

It is shown through table 4 that RAW in Malete, Kwara State showed negative attitude to the described sexual behaviours because the average total score of the negative attitude (85.2%) was higher than that of the positive attitude (14.2%). This simply implies that all the sexual behaviour identified in the table were risky sexual behaviours.

#### DISCUSSION VII.

The conduct of this study was guided by four research questions which focused on the knowledge of sexual and reproductive health rights, knowledge of STIs/HIV, knowledge of the benefits of family planning and attitude to sexual behaviour among RAW in Malete, Kwara State. The findings of the study revealed that the knowledge of RAW about sexual and reproductive health rights was very low (17%). This assertion is corroborated by that of Igbokwe (2011) which reported low level of knowledge of sexual and reproductive health rights among childbearing mothers in Nsukka Local Government Area of Enugu State. However, it is apparently credible to contend that this low knowledge level of sexual and reproductive health rights is a major factor contributing to the sexual and reproductive ill health prevalent among women aged 15- 44 in low income communities as submitted by Wiklund (2015).

The results of the study also indicated that the knowledge of STIs/HIV among RAW in Malete, Kwara State was moderate (56%). The knowledge of these respondents is obviously better than the low STIs knowledge reported by Mmbaga, Leyna, Mnyika and Klepp (2008) and Samkange-Zeeb, Spallek, and Zeeb (2011) in Tanzania and Europe respectively. In addition, the study asserted that the knowledge of RAW about the benefits of family planning was low (35%). This is in line with the finding of Mutombo, Bakibinga, Mukiira and Kamande (2014) that women in rural Western Kenya have low level of knowledge about benefits of family planning.

Furthermore, this study showed that RAW in Malete showed negative attitude to sexual behaviours like socializing with opposite sex, premarital sex, extramarital sex/affairs, homosexuality, having physical intimacy with the opposite sex etc. Although this submission negates that of Twenge, Sherman and Wells (2015) which reported positive attitude towards most of these identified sexual behaviours among the Americans. However, the researcher agrees with the finding of this study because in most African communities, especially in areas like the study area, good sexual values are often embraced and promoted as they are seen as societal pride and dignity.

#### VIII. Conclusion

Based on the findings of this study, the following conclusions were drawn:

- The knowledge of RAW about sexual reproductive health rights was very low.
- Reproductive-age women in Malete, Kwara State were moderately knowledgeable about STIs/HIV.
- Knowledge of RAW about the benefits of family planning was low.
- The attitude of RAW was negative to sexual behaviours like socializing with opposite sex, premarital sex, extramarital affairs, homosexuality, anal sex, having physical intimacy with the opposite sex and having baby out of wedlock; all of these behaviours were, therefore, tagged risky sexual behaviours.

#### RECOMMENDATION IX.

The following recommendations were given in accordance with the findings of this study:

- 1. There is need to increase the knowledge of RAW in Malete on sexual and reproductive health rightsthrough intensive awareness and advocacy campaigns by the health care providers and community leaders.
- Providing the study population with clear and effective health information on the benefits of family planning to children, parents, families and the country at large.

- Integration of sexual and reproductive health information to antenatal and postpartum services.
- Commencement of the teaching of sexual and reproductive health education to females from childhood.

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#### BACKGROUND OF THE STUDY Ĭ.

eople love to travel for several purposes, including trade and recreations. The current value of the world tourism economy is \$7.6 trillion that is growing at the rate of 3.8% for the 2016 (WTTC 2017, Statista 2018). Bangladesh earned \$421.4 billion from the travel & tourism economy. However, the concept of sustainable tourism was introduced in the 1970s due to the negative effects of tourism around the world. After initiating the concept of sustainable development in 1987 by The UN World Commission on Environment and Development, in 1999, the German Forum on environment and development introduced the definition of Sustainable Tourism at the UN environmental Conference in New York, USA. The stated that, sustainable tourism is the tourism that justly and Socially fulfill the social, cultural, environmental and economic necessities for current and future generations (Baumgartner, 2008).

However, the voices for sustainable tourism have been strengthening around the world. A large number of pro-environmental organizations functioning around the world. The International Ecotourism Society (TIES) - a non-profit organization has been working since 1990 with 750 organizations and 15000 members in the 190 countries (ecotourism, 2018). Besides, about 60 non-profit organizations have been working around the world to implement the concept of sustainable tourism. For instance, the Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC), Global Partnership for Sustainable Tourism (GPST), The Sustainable Tourism Certification Alliance (STCA).

Consequently, this paper has been prepared as the initiative to check the compliance of the tourism principles of Bangladesh with the components of the sustainable tourism.

a) A Discussion of the Concept of Sustainable Tourism The Cambridge dictionary defined the tourism as the business that offers the services for the tourist (Cambridge dictionary, 2018). On the other hand, the sustainable tourism is nothing but the eco-friendly tourism. UNESCO defined the sustainable tourism as the tourism that maintains the respectfulness to both local people and the tourist, cultural heritage, customs and the local environment (UNESCO, 2018). Sustainable tourism has multi-dimensions, including cultural tourism, eco-tourism and nature-based tourism. Moreover, the International Ecotourism Society (TIES) states that, the ecotourism or sustainable tourism is nothing but the Dutiful tour to natural areas that preserves the environment and develops the welfare of native people (TIES, 1990).

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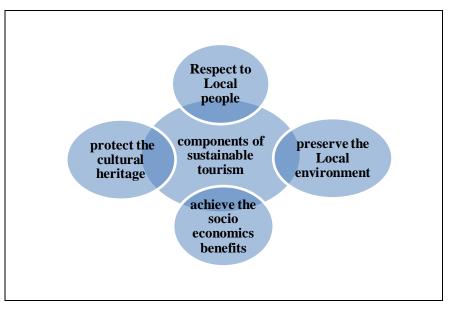


Figure 1: The Component of the Sustainable Tourism

In addition, United Nation world tourism organization defined the sustainable tourism as the tourism that takes complete accountability of its present and future social, economic as well as ecological effects, considering the necessities of tourists, the industry, the environment and local population (UNWTO,

2005). As well, the sustainable development goal 8.9 states that, the tourism that generates employments and stimulates as well as support the local culture and heritage-is called sustainable tourism (CSD, 2018). From above discussion, table-2 summarizes The Components and Functions of Sustainable Tourism.

Table 1: The Components and Functions of Sustainable Tourism

The Components of Sustainable Tourism	Functions
Responsibility to Environment	Efficient use of environmental resources, abiding by the law of the ecology, preserve the natural heritage, biodiversity
Responsibility to Local communities and Heritage	Respect the socio-cultural legitimacy of local people, protect their cultural heritage, customs and traditional standards, establish the inter-cultural thoughts and mutual forbearance.
Socio-economic benefits	Make sure the socioeconomic benefits to all participants (tourists + local host) through practical and long lasting economic setup and actions, by the equitable distributions of income, employment opportunities and social services

Source: compiled by the author from the (UNWTO, 2005), (TIES, 1990).(UNESCO, 2018).

## Responsibility of an Eco-friendly Traveler

Sustaining Tourism is an international organization that works to make responsible tourist to the tourism for the protection of the environment. It suggests some steps for being a responsible tourist Sustainable tourism (2008). These are followed:

- Be respectful to the localities, cultures, religious places and the environment
- Avoid unnecessary waste and usage of plastic bottles
- Moderate energy consumption
- Save water
- Educate yourself about the tourist spot

- Choose sustainable seafood
- Promote the local economy.
- May donate to local people through competent authorities, but not promote the begging economy
- Always reject the unlawful drug or sex trade
- Choose those companies who support Eco-friendly tourism.

#### OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY П.

The main objective of this paper is to investigate the compliance of tourism principles of Bangladesh with the components of sustainable tourism. specifically, the aims of this paper are:

- To highlight the tourism principles and policies of Bangladesh
- To inspect the compliance of the components of sustainable tourism in Bangladesh

#### III. METHODOLOGY

This is a qualitative research by nature that has been prepared by collecting secondary data on the issues of tourism, sustainable tourism. Besides, different books, articles, reports, brochures and newspapers have been reviewed to prepare this paper.

#### LITERATURE REVIEW IV.

Several researches have been done on the sustainable tourism issues of Bangladesh. The main theme of these literatures is given below.

Jahan and Amin (2014), empirically studied sustainable tourism on the sylhet division Bangladesh. Rahman (2013) explained the debates related to the development issues of sustainable in Bangladesh. Sultana (2016) discusses the contribution of tourism in Bangladesh economy. Roy and Mallika (2015) describe the current status and the future prospects of the tourism sector of Bangladesh. Shakil (2016) evaluates the development of the Sustainable tourism, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh. Iraj (2017) discusses the potentials of the Sustainable Tourism of Bangladesh. Howlader (2017) raises the ethical issues of the sustainable tourism in Bangladesh. Howlader (2017a) discusses the functions of the World Tourism Day. Hasan et al (2013) showed a position of Bangladesh tourism by the country branding. Khandakar (2014) prescribed the strategies and guidelines for the Development of Sustainable Tourism in Bangladesh. Thomsen (2010), presented the Prospects Sustainable Tourism of Bangladesh.

From the above discussion, it can be summarized that, the researches which are conducted on the Sustainable Tourism of Bangladesh, mainly covers the introduction, strategies and guidelines, potentials and Prospects, case studies on Sylhet and cox's bazar, the ethical issue of sustainable Tourism and contribution of tourism, etc. However, this research paper is unique from the earlier researches because it investigates the compliance of tourism principles of Bangladesh with the components of sustainable tourism. This is the new addition to the tourism research of Bangladesh.

# Examining the Compliance of Sustainable Tourism in Bangladesh

It should be mentioned that, the government of Bangladesh prepared the first national tourism policy in 1992. After 18 years, in 2010, the Bangladesh tourism corporation upgraded and reformed the tourism policy of 1992. The main objective of the Bangladesh tourism policy-2010 is to make the tourism sector as the source of national income through the development of economic infrastructure related to the tourism sectors. Besides, making master plan for the development of the tourism sector, making exclusive tourist zone, protecting the local culture, customs and heritage, attaining the goal of the sustainable tourism are also the objective of this policy.

However, Table-2 highlights the 9 policies of the national tourism policy of Bangladesh-2010 and checks its consistency with the elements of the sustainable tourism. The united nation world tourism organization (UNWTO) determined these elements.

Table 2: Compliance of the National Tourism Policy of Bangladesh 2010 with the Components of the Sustainable Tourism

Policy	National Tourism policy of Bangladesh 2010	Compliance with the Element of the Sustainable Tourism
Policy-1	Incorporate the national tourism under the planning and implementation of sustainable tourism	Yes, fulfill the Responsibility to Environment
Policy-2	Encourage the private and expatriate investor to invest in the tourism sector individually or with the government.	Yes, preserve the Environment
Policy-3	Searching for the new tourism places. Preserve and protect these places.	Yes, preserve the Environment
Policy-4	Allocate the budget for the development and protection of historical places and cultural heritage. Besides, take the project under ADP to develop the railway, road and highway, air and naval routes.	Yes, practical and long lasting economic setup
Policy-5	Encourage the private investor to construct and develop the economic infrastructure related to the tourism.	Yes, Employment creation, economic development, benefit for all
Policy-6	Take the collective initiative to incorporate the national culture, ethnic culture and festival as the tourism events.  So, the people and government ministries should promote the national song, bawl song etc.	Yes, conserve the customs and the cultural heritage

Policy-7	Diversify the tourism sector and develop the sports tourism, religious tourism, educationaltourism, health tourism, adventure tourism etc.	Yes, comply the biodiversity
Policy-8	Development of of the ecotourism by the Ministry of environment and the other ministry. Develop the sea beaches, islands, forestries, hill areas.	Yes, improve the ecotourism
Policy-9	Propagate about the natural beauties, attractiveness of national tourist spots of Bangladesh among the tourist generating countries. Also make easy the visa processing of the tourist.	Yes, promote the sustainable tourism

From the above discussion, it can be concluded that, the National Tourism policy of Bangladesh-2010 complies the principles or components of the sustainable tourism.

#### Conclusion and Policy VI. RECOMMENDATIONS

At last, it can be concluded that, National Tourism policy of Bangladesh-2010 follows the principles or elements of sustainable tourism. Finally, this paper recommends the following points to achieve the target of sustainable tourism through National Tourism policy of Bangladesh-2010:

- The government of Bangladesh should facilitate and involve the local people of tourist spot to prevent the pollution
- The Government should construct the adequate economic infrastructure in the tourist zone by the public and private initiative to ensure equal employment opportunity
- National tourism authority should educate and train the tourist guide/ security/guard about the issues of sustainable tourism, so that they can help/assist the local and foreign tourist to protect the environment, culture and heritage of the tourist spot.
- The competent authority should provide the handouts, booklets and books containing the messages of ecotourism & description of tourist spot among the tourists in their buses, airlines, ships, and railway. Tourism authority also establishes the printed and digital billboards that carry the guidelines and videos for the tourist' concern.
- The government may establish some museum on the local caste, ethnicity, customs, culture and heritage. Then tourist may be inspired to preserve the environment spontaneously.

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## Introduction to the Study

n this report the main focus point is on health care Organization, its practice and policy. Healthcare sector mainly emphasizes on health, science and

Square Hospitals Ltd., a concern of Square Group is a 400 bed tertiary care hospital. The hospital is an affiliate partner of Methodist Healthcare, Memphis, Tennessee, USA, Singhealth, Singapore, Bangkok Hospital Medical Centre, Thailand and Christian Medical College, Vellore, India.

A lot of Physicians have joined from CMC-Vellore, India. Bangladeshi physicians with impeccable reputation are also part of the medical team. Huge emphasis has been made on quality nursing services, as we have trained over a hundred nurses for over a year. We have nurse educators from Australia, UK, India and the Philippines. Nurses and technicians have already received training from CMC- Vellore which continues to be an ongoing process.

Square Hospital is located in the heart of Dhaka and aims to serve greater portion of the capital city. At present it comprises of two buildings on either side of panthapath connected by over bridge. The main hospital building is 18 stories and is approximately 450,000 sq.ft. The second building (ASTRAS) is located across the street and is 16 stories with 136,000 sq.ft. The second building is expected to be operational by 2011. Both facilities are constructed in accordance with US Fire and Building safety standards.

The outpatient department of this hospital can serve up to 1200 patients daily, through 60 examination rooms. To ensure optimum healthcare-hospitality, the

patients are closely monitored in their waiting times in outpatient clinics, emergency and admissions.

## OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY

The main objective of this study is to study from the different department of the Organization, the origin, the growth, the development status of the industry, the present scenario of the industry and the future scenario of the Organization.

The study also helps to recognize the problems of the company and to become manifest with the possible solutions and recommendations.

The Overall Objective of the Study

- To study overall Organizational structure.
- To collect information about its products and
- To know different functions and services of the entire Human Resource department.
- To know the everyday jobs of top management and how to implement the responsibility in a competitive economy.
- Job Analysis with Job Description and Job Specification
- To analysis and justify the Organization using SWOT analysis.

#### SCOPES OF THE REPORT III.

The report deals with the HRM practice including HRP, recruitment and selection process, training and development process, Compensation management, employee relation and separation etc. the study will allow learning about the HRM issues. importance, modern techniques and models used to make it more efficient. The study will help to differentiate between the practice and the theories that direct to realize how the organization can improve their HRM practice and process.

## LIMITATIONS OF THE REPORT

In performing this report I have faced some limitations like:

- Time is a major limitation that would mostly with stands a comprehensive study on the topic selected.
- Various confidential matters, forms, reports were not disclosed to me from HRD.

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- Some strategies of business and operation were restricted to handover.
- Improper combination among various departments.
- Other departments are busy and did not get their departments information.

#### V. Company Profile



## Square Group of companies

SQUARE Group of Companies is one of the leading business enterprises of Bangladesh. After a 54 year long journey, it is a symbol in the business world of Bangladesh. But the journey was not easy. The company met its downfall in more than one occasion. But because of the great leadership skill of Mr. Samson H Chowdhury, the company overcame all its hindrance and finally became what it is today. What started as a small pharmaceutical company expanded its branches and became a huge group of company. Here is a brief timeline of the journey of the extraordinary company:

Back in 1958. Samson H Chowdhury and three of his friends started SQUARE Pharma as a Partnership Firm. They named it 'SQUARE' because of having four founders and to symbolize their equal contribution. After 10 years of hardship, they finally transformed into a Private Limited Company. In 1974, they made a partnership deal with Janssen Pharmaceutica, a company from Belgium which was basically a subsidiary of Johnson and Johnson International, USA. This partnership turned SQUARE Pharma into a modern company with latest technologies.

8 years after the Janssen Pharmaceutica agreement, SQUARE made their company further advanced by signing a Licensing Agreement with F. Hoffman-La Roche Limited. 1985 was a great year for SQUARE Pharma because they got the first position in the pharmaceutical marketing sector of Bangladesh, beating all other national and multinational pharmaceutical companies. In 1987, SQUARE created history by becoming the first Bangladeshi company to export pharmaceutical products.

In 1988, SQUARE expanded their business by introducing SQUARE Toiletries Limited. This new company became a private limited company in 1994. In the same year, SQUARE Pharmaceuticals offered their shares to the general mass. The 90's was exceptionally good for SQUARE Group of Companies. They started bulk production of pharmaceuticals during this decade, they won the National Export Trophy, they established a new industry and named it 'SQUARE Textile Limited" and they started manufacturing agro-chemicals and veterinary medicines.

The new century has been remarkable for SQUARE group as well. They started SQUARE Spinning Limited in the year 2000, SQUARE Knit Fabrics Limited and SQUARE Fashions Limited in 2001. They started SQUARE Consumer Products Limited, SQUARE Informatix Limited and the really popular SQUARE Hospitals Limited in the same year. So they made their biggest expansion within the first two years of the new century. In 2003, they made a management agreement with Bumrungrad Hospital International of Thailand and gave them the responsibility to supervise the operation of SQUARE Hospital.

With a slow but strong progress, SQUARE Group of Companies became a legend in the business world of Bangladesh. It is one of the most revenue generating company of Bangladesh. Currently they have over 3500 employees working in the company. Providing best quality product and customer satisfaction is their primary motto.

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1	SQUARE PHARMACEUTICALS LTD	ESQUARE
2	SQUARE TEXTILES LTD.	SQUARE TEXTILES LTD.
3	SQUARE TOILETRIES LTD.	SOURCE TOLETHIES LTD.
4	SQUARE CONSUMER PRODUCTS LTD.	SQUARE CONSUMER PRODUCTS LTD.
5	SQUARE FASHIONS LTD.	SQUARE Fashions Limited
6	SQUARE INFORMATIX LIMITED	SQUARE INF®RMATIX
7	SQUARE AGRO DEVELOPMENT & PROCESSING LTD.	SQUARE AGRO DEVELOPMENT & PROCESSING LTD.
8	SQUARE HERBAL & NUTRACEUTICALS LTD.	SQUARE HERBAL & NUTRACEUTICALS LTD.
9	SQUARE YARNS LTD.	Square Yarns Ltd.
10	SQUARE HOSPITALS LTD.	SQUARE Hospitals Ltd.
11	SQUARE SECURITIES MANAGEMENT LTD.	SQUARE SECURITIES MANAGEMENT LTD.  Dedicated to advanced technologies as unique as you
12	SQUARE AIR LIMITED	SQUARE AIR LIMITED
13	SQUARE TEXCOM LIMITED	
14	MEDIACOM LIMITED	Mediac m

15	SQUARE FASHION YARNS LTD.	SQUARE Fashions Limited
16	MAASRANGA TELEVISION	maasranga television
17	SEBAZPUR TEA COMPANY LTD.	SABAZPUR TEA COMPANY LTD.
18	AEGIS SERVICES LIMITED	A Barnets Same
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#### Company Profile VI.



TYPE OF BUSINESS ENTITY	PRIVATE
INDUSTRY	HEALTHCARE
FOUNDED	2006
HEAD QUARTERS	PANTHAPATH, DHAKA
KEY PEOPLE	FOUNDER CHAIRMAN: Samson H Chowdhury MANAGING DIRECTOR : Tapan Chowdhury DIRECTOR : K.M.Saiful Islam
REVENUE	330 crore +
EMPLOYEES	2500+
WEBSITES	www.squarehospitals.com

### Mission

- ➤ Deliver Quality health care within 5 CORE standards:
- Adhering to high ethical and moral standards at all times.
- Making service quality top priority in all we do.
- Training staff to work within a quality care environment.
- Providing quality health care service in all processes.
- Delivering customer satisfaction through quality services.

### Vision

Our vision is that Square Hospital will become the location of choice for Bangladeshis and people of South and Southeast Asia for quality healthcare and an integrated centre for clinical services, medical and nursing education and research.

### Obiective

Our objectives are to conduct transparent business operation based on market mechanism within the legal & social frame work with aims to attain the mission reflected by our vision.

## Departments of Square Hospitals' Ltd

## Medical Services

- ✓ Anesthesia
- ✓ Cardiac and Vascular surgery
- ✓ Cardiac Anesthesia
- ✓ Cardiology & CCU
- ✓ Day Care
- ✓ Dentistry
- ✓ Dermatology
- ✓ Endocrine
- ✓ ENT
- ✓ ER
- ✓ Executive/ well child
- ✓ Extension Wing
- ✓ GE
- ✓ General Surgery
- ✓ Haematology
- ✓ HDU
- ✓ ICU
- ✓ Infection Control
- ✓ Internal medicine
- ✓ Interventional cardiology
- ✓ IVF
- ✓ Medicine
- ✓ Microbiology
- ✓ Nephrology
- ✓ Neuro-ICU
- ✓ Neuromedicine
- ✓ Neurosurgery
- ✓ NICU/PICU
- ✓ Nursery
- ✓ OBGYŃ

- Oncology Medicine
- ✓ Ophthalmology
- ✓ Orthopaedics
- ✓ Paediatric Surgery
- ✓ Paediatrics
- ✓ Pathology (Histopath)
- ✓ Pathology general
- ✓ Physical Medicine
- ✓ Psychiatry
- ✓ Radiology
- ✓ Respiratory Medicine
- ✓ SFU
- ✓ Sonology
- ✓ Surgery
- ✓ Urology
- ✓ Vaccination

## Accounts & Finance Services

- ✓ Accounts & Finance
- ✓ Business Office
- ✓ ICT Services

### Administration Services

✓ Administration

## Ancillary Services

- ✓ Ancillary Services
- ✓ Blood Bank
- ✓ Central Sterilization Services Department
- ✓ Clinical pharmacy
- ✓ Diagnosis Services
- ✓ Health Information Management
- ✓ Laboratory & pathology
- ✓ Microbiology
- ✓ Patient Nutrition Services
- ✓ Physiotherapy
- ✓ Radiology & Imaging
- ✓ Radiotherapy/Oncology

## Branch Office

✓ Sylhet Office

### **Emergency**

✓ Emergency Services

## Engineering Services

- ✓ Engineering
- ✓ Biomed Engineering

## Human Resources

✓ Human Resources Department

## Management Support Services

- ✓ Communication
- ✓ Food & Beverage
- ✓ Housekeeping & Laundry
- ✓ Management Support
- ✓ Safety & Security
- ✓ Transport

## Material Management Services

- ✓ Inventory Management
- ✓ MMS
- ✓ Procurement

## Nursing Services

✓ Nursing

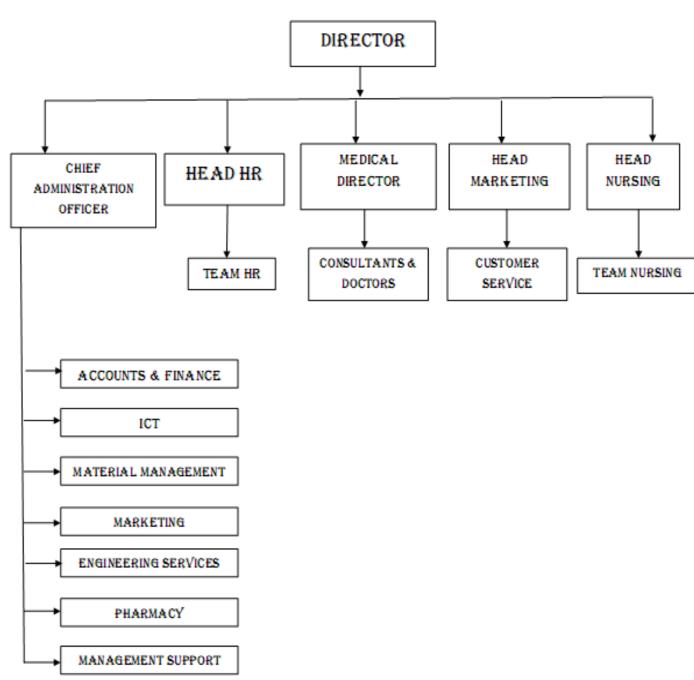
Square College of Nursing

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## About The Hospital

- 420 Bed multi-disciplinary hospital facility
- Out / Inpatient + Diagnostics all together
- 24 Hours Services in all major areas
- Fully Equipped Emergency Services
- State of Art ICU/ CCU/ NICU Services
- Built to international safety standards
- Many staff with "overseas" experience
- Infection Control and TQM Programs

## VII. Organization Structure



#### Departmental Study VIII.

Every organization needs functional departments to run the Organization efficiently and effectively. If the departments are divided into units then the workflow problems will be easier to solve easily. Such type of division of work is helping an Organization to put the right person on the right job which can be only be done by selecting people for various departments according to their skills, qualifications and work knowledge. Departmental segregation employee to clarify his/her role efficiently.

Square Hospital has the following departments:

- Accounts & Finance Department
- Human Resource Department
- Marketing Department
- ICT Department
- Medical Department
- Nursing Department
- Engineering Department

Department Structure:

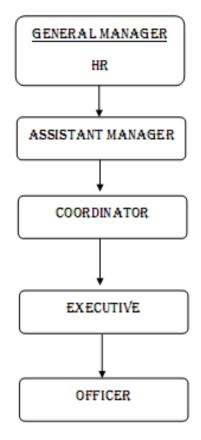
- Material Management Support
- Management Support Services
- Pharmacy Department
- Administration Department

I worked in Square Hospitals' Human Resource department and look after the Recruitment and Selection process from October, 2015. Hereby I am summarizing the Human Resource departmental structure in a brief.

#### HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT IX.

Human Resource is the department that is related with organizing, directing, controlling of the compensation, integration, procurement development of the overall company. Human Resource department's main function is to manage, recruit, select, train up and develop an employee for an organization.

Square Hospital is the Company with more than employees including doctors, nurse, PCA, Accounts graduated, marketing graduated as well as HR graduated people.



## Square Hospital offers

Square Hospital is one of the best Hospitals in Dhaka City which offers -

- World's best medical service.
- Pay skill to employee if related to their performance.
- Structured oriented leadership for the performers to enrich their career.
- Value added training is provided to all sort of staffs based on their needs.

Recruitment & Selection: Recruitment is the process through which the company selects the right employee for the

right position.

Square Hospital Recruits mainly -

- All specialties Doctors (Consultant, Ass. Consultant, Specialist, RMO)
- o Nurses (Junior Nurse, Staff Nurse)
- Patient care Assistants (PCA)
- Customer Care Officers
- 1. Responsibilities Performed by HR
- We assist in developing HR rules
- We ensure that policy is communicated to all

Square Hospital's Recruitment & Selection process is as below-

We develop new policies as required

Square Hospitals Basic HR functions are

- o IT Specialists
- o Accounts & Finance Specialists
- o Human Resources Specialists
- o Engineers and Maintenance Staffs
- o Drivers, Cleaners, Cooks etc.
- We ensure that staffs are advised about Rights, Wrongs, and Responsibilities
- We the HR assist employees in their work

HR PLANNING INTERNAL SOURCE, DATA BANK, ADVERTISEMENT SHORT LIST CV'S COMPLETE APPLICATION FORM INTERVIEW PROCESS BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION MEDICAL CHECK UP JOB OFFER & APPOINTMENT DEPLOYMENT

Fig. 1: Recruitment & Selection Process

#### RECRUITMENT & SELECTION PROCESS X.

## Requisition

At first HR personnel need to identify the vacant position, job description of the vacant position and then employee specifications is prepared by the concerned department and have to send to HR department.

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2. Department Division Name.						
3. Designation (position) for which reque	st is made:					
4. Number of vacant positions:						
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Pic: Requisition Form

## b) Advertisement

Square Hospital provides advertisement only for few positions to newspapers, Online circular and other sources of CV's are collected from its internal sources.



Pic: Online Advertisement

## c) Interview

Square Hospitaltakes oral interview for all sorts of positions including doctors, nurses; executives etc and give evaluation through their own evaluation form.

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Pic: Interview Evaluation Form

## d) Training

After taking oral interview, they finally take employees who have better experience, better English skills and then provide them training by identifying their needs.

## e) Placement

Finally, Human Resource department prepares the necessary documents and then send the selected candidates to his respective department for placement.

Training Development:Human management regards training and development as a function concerned with organizational activity aimed at bettering the job performance of individuals and groups in organizational settings.

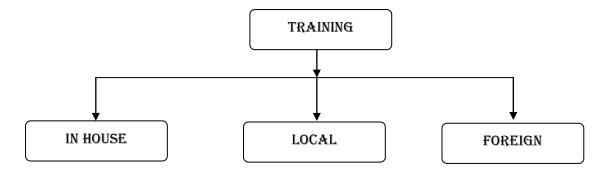
Square Hospitals arrange In-service educational programme for nurses and also arrange Continuous Medical Education (CME) for Doctors on every Wednesday.

Annual training plan is made depending on the initiative development priorities. Training needs is regularly reviewed by a specific HR coordinator and he set up the plans for training at the beginning of the year.

Training can be -

- On the Job method 0
- Off the job method 0
- Job rotation method 0
- Training provided by experienced persons 0
- Conference method 0
- **Apprenticeship**

## Training in Square Hospital can be -



- Organize and Co-ordinate In-House & Local trainingwhich is provided by Experience Doctors or by Departmental Managers.
- We provide training to:
  - High Potential Employees
  - Higher Responsible person
  - Committed Employees

## 3. Performance Appraisal

The performance appraisal process is an opportunity to recognize performance against the objectives and behaviors (performance attributes) required for success. Performance appraisals allow managers to provide staff coaching and support in a structured way.

The management team of Square Hospital appraises and maintains performance record of employees periodically and when required.

Probation period

- 6 months
- Extendable to 12 months

Resignation from service

- **x** Any time on probation
- x One month notice period for permanent employees

Termination of service

- **x** Any time on probation
- 1 month notice period / basic pay in lieu of notice period

## 4. Promotion & Transfer

According to Pigours and Myers, "Promotion is advancement of an employee to a better job - better in terms of greater responsibility, more prestige or status, greater skill and especially increased rate of pay or salary".

Square Hospital provides promotion on the basis of merits, vacancy and capacity of the employee. They give promotion by evaluating an employee's previous working history and work performance.

If an employee get promotion, then the Hospitals HR provide promotion letter to that employee, change the designation status and also increase the salary.

Promotion: Depending on performance & vacancy.

*Increment:* Based on performance once a year.

Transfer: At discretion of Hospital, transfer and may change the department.

Retirement age: 57 Years

Working Hours: 8 hours shifts (May be required to work alternating shifts)

Confidentiality: Company's information, Business strategy/Policy/Documents are highly confidential. So, all the employees are requested to not to disclose his/her salary to anyone.

Termination: At first the HR team did the Primary investigation, then sends Show-cause notice to the employee and asks to give explanation for such incident. Finally HR teams did the Formal investigation and decide whether to terminate that employee or not,

## 5. Leave Management

For any organization, especially for startups and small businesses, employee leave management is a crucial aspect. Such records of employees help you keep track of their diligence. It also indicates the interest your employee has in his/her work.

Types of Leaves

- Casual Leave (10 days)
- Sick Leave (14days)
- Earn Leave (18 days)
- Maternity leave (112days or 16 weeks)

Leave application should be submitted to HR leave management coordinator at least a day before incase of casual and earn with their departmental Head's approval.

Sick leave applications have to be submitted with Doctors advice paper after observing the leave.

#### Leave Entitlements

# PERMANENT **EMPLOYEE ≭**Casual Leave = 10 days

- **≭**Sick Leave= 14 days
- **≭**Annual Leave= 18 days
- **≭**Maternity Leave = 16 weeks

## CONTRACTUAL

**EMPLOYEE** 

- **★** Casual Leave = 20 days
- **≭** Sick Leave= 14 days
- **★** Maternity Leave = without pay
- **≭** CME Leave 10 days (Consultant)

#### CONSOLIDATED **EMPLOYEE**

- **★** Casual Leave = 10 days
- **✗** Sick Leave= 14 days
- **★** Annual Leave= 18 days
- **✗** Maternity Leave = 16 weeks

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#### Salary Administration

Pay day: Salary is being transferred within 5th day of the following month.

#### Pay Review

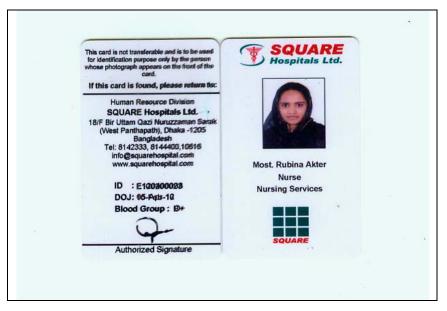
- Review is made annually
- Considering salary survey
- In comparison with other Hospitals

#### ID card Management

Every employee got an Identity Card when they joined. In order to get the Identity Card they have to fill up a form requiring some information, e.g. their name, designation, department name, present as well as permanent address, blood group, emergency contact person's name and details etc.

If the employee lost his/her ID card then he/she has to submit Police GD copy and a fine of BDT.250.

Square Hospitals' HR department has its own Identity Card machine and specific departments ID card is provided by the designated HR employee.



Pic: ID card

#### XI. **JOB ANALYSIS**

Job Analysis is a primary process which helps to collect data. The process includes job description and jobspecification related data. The Job vacancy only can be fulfilled when the Hr manager collects these two sets of data.

Job analysis helps in order to accurately place the right person in thye right place and also at the right time. This analysis helps both employer and employee to understand about what to deliver and the processes to deliver.

Writing down both the job description and job specification helps the employees to cope up with the new challenges that the company will meet.

#### Job Analysis Job Description Job Specification Job Title Qualifications Job Location Experience Job Summary Training Reporting to Skills Working Conditions Responsibilities Job Duties Emotional Machines to be Used Characteristics Hazards Sensory Demands

#### JOB DESCRIPTION XII.

Job description of any company includes

- Job related basic data
- Job related information like job title, job location, whom to report, summary of the job, nature of the job, objectives of the job, duties as well as tasks to be performed, working condition, tools and equipments to be used by the employee and hazards that is involved in the job.

As a Human Resource employee my Job description is

Job Title	Human Resource Officer		
Tasks and Responsibilities	-look after the Recruitment & Selection process -Give Orientation to new employees, provide them id cards, upload their names to HR matrix -Maintain good working condition, make good relations with employees, motivate them -Train them to develop their career & Train about their job description & specificationCompensation management, Maintain rewards & IncentivesLeave management - Maintain Compliance related issues -Maintain Internal Communications		
Supervisor	Md. MahmudulHasan (Human Resource Coordinator)		
Qualifications	BBA. MBA ( Major in Human Resource)		
Working Hours	8 hours (9am to 5 pm)		

#### XIII. JOB SPECIFICATION

A written statement of the educational qualifications, qualities that is required for the job, experience level, technical, physical and communication skills that is required for the job is known as Job Specification.

Job specification also includes intelligence level, mental health condition, leadership skill, emotional ability, creativity, flexibility and adaptability etc.

#### Purpose of Job Specification

- Job specification helps to identify a person's capability, whether he/she is eligible for the post or not.
- It provides detailed information about a job including job responsibilities, required technical and physical skills and abilities and much more.
- Job specification helps the recruiting team to identify what level and what kind of qualifications,

Weaknesses

qualities and characteristics should be needed for the job position.

It also helps to select the most appropriate candidate for the particular job.

#### SWOT ANALYSIS XIV.



In SWOT analysis, Strengths and Weaknesses considered as an internal factor and it can be controlled and on the other hand Opportunities and Threats are considered as external factor and cannot be controlled. Strenaths

Square Hospital is a well known hospital for its provision of quality management and it well behaved medical care. The hospital attracts more and more staffs by providing lots of facilities.

- Square Hospital has a good Brand Name and it is a renowned and familiar hospital in Dhaka City as well as in Sylhet City.
- ✓ Square Hospital has well known and efficient surgeons and Doctors which is the biggest strength of the hospital.
- The hospital is also popular for its good infrastructure and world class services.
- Square hospital is located in Panthapath, Farmgate, which is in the heart of Dhaka City and most residential area.
- The hospital is popular for its new preventive medical services, telemedicine and more than 50 specialties.
- Well equipped pharmacy of the hospital also attracts its patients.

The weakness of the hospital is very few to detract its ability to attain the core goal.

Cost of the services provided by the hospital is high as because the hospital focuses on a specific class

- of people. Lower income people may not be able to afford the cost.
- High workload of the staffs especially for the nurses.
- ✓ Limitations of beds in Paediatrics and OBGYN sectors.

#### **Opportunities**

- Easy to recruit nurse from the Nursing College of SQUARE.
- Strong Collaboration with Governments.
- ✓ Increased demand for the healthcare services as the hospital is located in a potential area.
- Square Hospital has demands also for the people outside the Dhaka City.
- Easy ambulance and helicopter facility of the Hospital.

#### **Threats**

- Many more well structured and new preventive medical sectors are coming to the market.
- Unable to attract nurses as most of the nurses leave the job because getting Government posting.
- Many Foreign Doctors are leaving the countries because of not having social securities.

#### FINDINGS, SUGGESTIONS AND XV. Conclusions

#### **Findings**

- Square Hospital maintain hygienic and clean environment to its premises.
- Square Hospital has AEGIS cleaner who cleans the hospital daily basis.

- Square Hospital provides 24x7 hours emergency service to its patients.
- All the employees of the hospital work as a team and always remain active especially at the night shifts.
- Some Organization like World Vision, British Council is the corporate client of Square Hospital and the Hospital authority maintains a good relationship with its corporate clients.
- Square Hospital provides newly invented medical facilities, use fully automated machine and innovative technologies which attracts the patients.
- Square Hospital provides 24x7 hours ambulance and helicopter facility.
- The employees of the hospital are the essence part, so they are treated with special facilities. Example: One employee parents, spouse and children get 50% discount incase of OPD and IPD service.

#### Suggestions

- Square Hospital has high customer demand, so the hospital authority needs to increase its bed numbers.
- Square Hospital should provide facilities to the poor people, so that they can get better treatment from the best place.

#### Conclusion

Square Hospitals' slogan is "At Square We Care" and the hospital authority tries to maintain this Moto to all of its patients and the Doctors, Nurses, Administration staffs try to provide their level best quality services to its OPD and IPD clients. Square Hospital is one of the leading Hospital in Dhaka city and people from outside Dhaka come here to get the best treatment. The Hospital management teams are always there to provide satisfied treatment to its clients. Hospital is always upgraded with newly invented technologies and medical cares. Government also takes treatment from Square Hospital and always gives support for the betterment of this hospital.

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#### Introduction

ustainability and sustainable development have enormous meaning to explain. Every element corresponding economic progress, environmental security and social justice connects each other and each strengthening the other. Now a day, travel and tourism business is one of the profitable and largest institutions in the world. The result of determinations on sustainability is given by managers and researchers in different disciplines assistances to raise the number of contributions and new thoughts in marketing and management. There are many degrading effects on tourism that need to be addressed quickly. For this reason, sustainable tourism tries to diminish the negative tourism behavior as it has been given priority for the development of tourism and it has also been politically supported (Sharpley, 2003).

Tourism industry explores potential capacity to create a job, job opportunity for women and downgraded groups (Gorg, 2000; Cukier, 2002). Sustainability shelters tourism elements to widespread a tourism practice. Many scientists are conferring it as the continuous improvement of tourist experiences in the sense of economic, social and environmental issues

(Butler, 1991; Briguglio, Archer, Jafari, & Wall, 1996; Vellas & Becherel, 1999; Sharpley, 2000; WCED, 1987).

The main motive of sustainable tourism is to save the environment, keep the environment clean by creating consciousness in regards to culture, social fairness, and the economic welfare as well by fulfilling the need by raising the standard of living for both long and short run (Liu, Tzeng, Lee, & Lee, 2013) in urban and rising nations (Swarbrooke & Horner, 2004; Mitchell & Hall, 2005). It also put emphasize on intergenerational equity and intra generational equity (Liu et al, 2013). The possibility to maintain this standard has an area for a period of unlimited time (Butler, 1993, 1999). Development regarding sustainability tries to lead the residents' life style in community tourism by elevating the economic benefits for the local community and help to prepare natural environment and delivering best quality experience for tourists (Park & Yoon, 2009; Bramwell & Lane, 1993; Park, Yoon, & Lee, 2008; McIntyre, 1993; Stabler, 1997).

Effective communication system helps tourism to be the largest and fastest growing business sectors in the world. A number of tourists have grown 25 million to 669 million from 1950 to 2000 and reached 1 billion in 2012. A remarkable 7 percent is propagated of tourist arrivals totaled of 1.3 billion. This tourist number is expected to be 1.8 billion in 2030. (UNWTO, 2018)

#### LITERATURE REVIEW

Since the late 1980s sustainable tourism development has been an important outlook and it has been flourishing specifically in tourism studies. Buckley (2012) first used the term 'sustainable tourism' about twenty years ago. In the first decade, a study was carried out on the basic structure of the grounds of tourism, economics, and environment studies. In the second decade, this concept went down to a class of critiques which included (Sharpley, 2000; Saarinen, 2006; Liu, 2003; Lane, 2009b; and Liu, Tzeng, & Lee, 2013). Bramwell and Lane (2013)who were two greatest founder of this theory of tourism says that the emergence of sustainable tourism acted as a negative and sensitive concept in reaction to several problems, like as ecological harm and its influence on traditional culture and society. It is seen that tourism development

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is consecutively capable of solving and try to positively change the concept regarding sustainable tourism. This sustainable tourism has a great motive to establishing the ways that will ensure the positive benefits and also help to control the regulation and the development as well that was established (Bramwell & Lane, 2012).

Tourism sustainability may be viewed as "a concept that has a positive impact on the reduction of tension and differences created by the tangled interaction between the tourism industry, visitors, environment and communities" (Bramwell & Lane, 1993). The tourism sector is considered as a substance of industrial activity due to its operation of proper environmental resources and their transformation for selling in the market (Garrod & Fyall, 1998-99). Therefore it is more important to give attention to the influence over the environment when tourism is involved with other economic activities. According to several authors such as McKercher (1993) and Holden (2009), the practices of eco-sustainability should be shared within the tourism market, to ensure the proper implementation by both the consumer and suppliers.

The environment conscious organization where the organizers are engaged to arrange programs like save energy, water, and reduce solid wastages for saving money is known as green hotels .The practices of eco-sustainability are applied in those enterprises with a dual purpose such as-protection of the environment and being economically productive. Many studies shows the advantages and complications in creating hotels more eco-sustainable "(Schaper & Carlsen, 2004; Bohdanowicz, 2006; Chan-Wong, 2006; Chan, 2008; Han, Hsu, Jae & Lee, 2009; Molina, Claver, Pereira, Moliner, & Tari, 2009; Han, Hsu, Jane, & Sheu, 2010)". These advantages and complications may be economical, organizational and commercial. Regarding the energy conservation, Han et al. (2009, 526) say that customers who have a positive idea about green hotel are interested to stay at the green hotel by showing a positive attitude towards eco-friendly behavior in daily life by recommending it and paying more. This means there is a market niche where the communication strategies are taken to give importance to ecological initiatives so that the offer can be recognized.

Research shows that renewable energy is recognized as credible to hotel customers and ascertains to practice green behavior (such as reducing the use of air conditioner), but very few customers agree to pay more price for this eco-friendly room (Dalton Lockington, & Baldock, 2008). It happens because some consumers are not aware of the cost that is spent to create a hotel eco-sustainable on a primary basis. Chan (2008) figured out that the maintenance cost and implementation is the basic barrier to Environment Management System (EMS) adoption. Other barriers to eco-sustainable project development include lack of

technical know-how, limited access to advisory agencies, etc.

In the end, Chan and Hawkins stated about the organizational aspects that EMSs could increase satisfaction and lead to employee loyalty by having better work place conditions (such as-better health, fresh air, etc.). Moreover, a special preference was given to ISO-14001 certifications, Chan-Wong (2006, 489) showed that "hotel emplovees may become disappointed because of the increased paper work, preparatory work, and additional workload that is required by the standards." Lack of feeling and training in case of an employee could be a barrier to the adoption of ISO standards.

some experimental described in As contributions (Wong Turner, & Stoneman, 1996), the publics' good intention towards environment does not easily interpret into balanced buying behavior and consumption. Although people appreciate all sensible issue related to sustainable tourism but in reality, they are not interested to pay more for those eco-friendly products (Fuller, 1999; Naylor, Irwin, & Raghunathan, 2010). A person can have a general impression their behavior has to mature if there is a positive impact of environment sustainability on an enterprise's competitiveness. UNWTO (2010) analyzed that about 5% global CO2 releases in the world through tourism sector and it has been expected that by 2035 its rates will be raised to 130% which will be the one of the major reason for global impact on climate change.

To know about the seriousness of the study, it is expected to contribute the main knowledge about sustainable tourism, and the main goal of this study is to identify the behavior of tourists towards its necessity of sustainable measures in a tourist destination.

#### III. METHODOLOGY

#### a) Participants

The participants of 180 that has been randomly chosen from avariety of customers like students, business person, housewives, service holders.

#### b) Data Collection

This study utilized a survey to gather data from the tourist of Cox'bazar city as it is the largest tourist place in Bangladesh. The questionnaire utilized questions from previous research on sustainable sensitivity of tourists and sustainable initiatives in tourism destination (Pavia, Floricic, & Cerovic, 2015). Random sampling technique was used for data collection, and the field work has been done by Postgraduate marketing students. Data were collected August and September 2018 by contacting the customers personally. Respondents were provided a five-pointLikert scale of "Strongly Agree" to "Strongly Disagree" (1- strongly agree, 5 -strongly disagree) and asked to respond to each statement.

#### Data Analysis

Data analysis involved multiple steps. First, survey responses were keyed in to SPSS 20 software, a trusted software program for conducting statistical analysis. Frequencies were conducted to review for missing data and any errors in keying. Reliability of certification status was ensured by comparing responses to the original population list. Next, descriptive data were estimated using frequencies and crosstabs.

#### IV. Analysis and Findings

#### a) Reliability Analysis

Reliability is analysed to determine the adequacy of internal consistency based on Cronbach's Alpha  $(\alpha)$  .It has been assumed that when the value of Cronbach's Alpha is 0.70 or more, the scale is reliable. From table 1, we see that our Cronbach's Alpha is 0.702 that indicate the internal consistency and reliability of the scale.

Table 1: Reliability Analysis

#### Reliability Statistics

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Cronbach's Alpha	No. of Items
.702	10

Table 2: Demographic characteristics of the respondents

Demographic Variables of the Respondents:

	Frequency	Percent		
Male	104	65.0		
Female	56	35.0		
Less than 30	56	35.0		
30-45	94	58.8		
46-65	10	6.3		
HSC		6.3		
Education Bachelor's degree		30.0		
Master's degree	102	63.8		
Service holder		62.5		
Business man		12.5		
Profession House wife		15.0		
Student		10.0		
Total	160	100.0		
	Male Female Less than 30 30-45 46-65 HSC Bachelor's degree Master's degree Service holder Business man House wife Student	Female       56         Less than 30       56         30-45       94         46-65       10         HSC       10         Bachelor's degree       48         Master's degree       102         Service holder       100         Business man       20         House wife       24         Student       16		

socio-demographic The profile of respondents indicates 65% of the respondents are male while 35% are female. Most of the respondents (59%) between ages 30-45 years. The results also revealed that 63.8 of the respondents obtained a master degree while 30% have bachelor degree. The findings also show that the highest number of respondents' profession is service holder 62.5% and 15% is a housewife.

#### V. Correlation Analysis

Table 3: Correlation Analysis

Correlations					
		Age	Education	Conscious about sustainable tourism	
	Pearson Correlation	1	.115	.224**	
Age	Sig. (2-tailed)		.146	.004	
	N	160	160	160	
Education	Pearson Correlation	.115	1	.150	
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.146		.058	
	N	160	160	160	
Conscious about sustainable tourism	Pearson Correlation	.224**	.150	1	
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.004	.058		
	N	160	160	160	
**. Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).					

According to Pallant (2007), the value of Pearson correlation indicates the relationship among the variables and from the table 3 we see that both age (r=.224) and education(r=.150) has a very weak but

positive relationship with the consciousness sustainable tourism. It indicates that as the age grows their consciousness also raises and also in the case of education level as well.

Table 4: Attitudes of tourists towards the importance of sustainable initiatives Attitudes of Tourists towards Sustainable Initiatives

	Mean Value	SA	Α	N	D	SD
While choosing the destination, opting for those with green initiatives prevailed in making the decision.	1.68	46.3	46.3	1.3	6.3	0
When travelling to the destination I care about how my behavior influences the local surroundings (environment).	2.91	11.3	28.8	26.3	25.0	8.8
Knowing the fact that, by choosing a certain destination and hotel, I am contributing to nature preservation and sustainable development, it would represent added value to my tourist stay.	2.68	11.3	42.5	23.8	11.3	11.3
I am willing to give a small financial donation for planned and organized activity in the destination.	3.06	5.0	35.0	17.5	33.8	8.8
I would behave more responsibly than usual in a tourist destination that is developing responsibly and cares about the environment.	2.24	20.0	48.8	18.8	12.5	0.0
When I have the opportunity, I personally and physically engage in sustainable activities	2.36	18.8	45.0	20.0	13.8	2.5
I recognize the importance of compensation and replacement of used resources (e.g. if a tree has been cut for the purposes of tourist development, then afforestation is organized).	3.17	8.8	21.3	26.3	31.3	12.5
Sustainability and economic usefulness are achieved by using local produce in the catering facilities in the destination.	2.11	26.3	48.8	13.8	10.0	1.3
When I travel I often choose hotels that are involved in socially responsible activities.	2.69	12.5	41.3	18.8	20.0	7.5
After returning from a trip I would talk to my family and friends and praise green initiatives.	2.79	7.5	41.3	20.0	27.5	3.8

From table 4 it has been seen that respondents either male or female has the very good attitudes towards sustainable initiatives and in some few cases, their attitude was not up to the level. While respondents have been asked to answer the above questions to find out their attitude maximum of them shows the positive response and they are very much concern about that in case of choosing the destination, opting for those with initiatives prevailed in making green decision(92.6%), contributing to nature preservation and sustainable development (53.8%), behave more responsibly than usual in a tourist destination that is developing responsibly and cares about environment(68.8%),When have the opportunity, personally and physically engage in sustainable activities (63.8%), When travel respondents choose hotels that are involved in socially responsible activities (53.8%).

But in some cases the respondent attitude showed negative in respect of, when traveling to the destination respondents' (33.8%); do not care about how their behavior influences the local surroundings; about 42.6% respondent don't do the financial donation for planned, and organized activity in the destination; about 43.8% respondent don't do any compensation and

replacement of used resources and after returning from a trip 31.3% respondent do not talk and praise green initiatives to their family and friends.

#### VI. Conclusion

The study shows the way to encourage the marketing and retaining efforts in the proper direction of sustainable tourism. Though the negative attitudes are few the observation that has been identified should be minimized by taking the necessary steps immediately. The consciousness regarding tourism sustainability should be promoted not only in the Cox's Bazar city, but it needs to be promoted in the whole country as the most of the respondents are from various cities who are the regular visitors of this tourist place. Destination marketers and voluntary programmers may find concern in this. Small business owners and managers can get help from such kind of study. The entities involved with tourism industry alike: destination marketing organizations, community officials, tourism related businesses, online travel booking companies, and tour guides can be guided by this study. To progress sustainable tourism, cultivate sustainable businesses, and support destinations in sustainability initiatives and certification, the consequences of this research can be

utilized. Lastly, the information of this study may use for supervision to small business, certification programs and tourism business in developing business commitment and understanding business objects for authorization.

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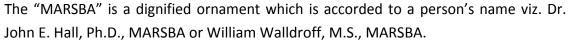
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