The Ford Foundation was established on Jan. 15, 1936, with an initial gift of $25,000 from Edsel Ford, whose father Henry, founded the Ford Motor Company. During its early years, the foundation operated in Michigan under the leadership of Ford family members. Since the founding charter stated that resources should be used “for scientific, educational and charitable purposes, all for the public welfare,” the foundation made grants to many kinds of organizations.

In the second half of the nineties following Ford Foundation’s decision to close its operations in Bangladesh, the country chapter of Ford Foundation expressed their interest in providing financial and technical support for the establishment of a national philanthropic foundation. In 1997 Bangladesh Freedom Foundation (BFF) emerged out of a group of eminent citizens and at the time Ford Foundation formally requested Mr. Mahfuz Anam, Editor, The Daily Star, to serve as the Chairperson of an Advisory Committee to oversee the process. The Foundation (BFF) was then formally registered as a Trust in September 1997 with Mr. Mahfuz Anam and Prof. Rehman Sobhan, Chairperson, Center for Policy Dialogue, as the founding Chairperson and Treasurer respectively.

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Asia Pacific Philanthropy Consortium (APPC)

The Asia Pacific Philanthropy Consortium is an independent association of grant making
philanthropic institutions and organizations that support the growth and development of philanthropy in the Asia Pacific region. The Secretariat is based in Manila, Philippines, with the Board of Directors currently made up of members from Australia, Bangladesh, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and the United States.

Bangladesh Freedom Foundation (BFF) accomplished a number of Research work in Bangladesh in collaboration with APPC in many times.

WINGS

WinGs is a network of over 140 associations of grantmakers and other grantmaker support organizations in 54 countries around the world that seeks to strengthen philanthropy and a culture of giving through mutual learning and support, knowledge sharing and professional development among its members. While working in different contexts, they share a common vision of a strong, global philanthropic community that strives to build more equitable and just societies around the world. bff is one of the supporting organisation of the Asia-Pacific region.

The GSRD Foundation

The GSRD Foundation, a non profit foundation set up by denim brand G-Star of Netherlands, invested in one of the project area of Promoting Science Education (PSE) project of Bangladesh Freedom Foundation in 2010. The project aims to promote and popularise science education in 20 secondary schools in Pirojpur district.