

SUSTAINABILITY REPORT OF UNION BANK LTD

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Overview

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We would focus on environmental issues at the center of banking activities. UBL has formed a strong Sustainable Finance Committee comprising 12(twelve) members and Sustainable Finance Unit comprising 8 (eight) members as per guideline of Bangladesh Bank to look after the activities related to sustainable finance and working to formulate its own ESRM guideline. Apart, the bank has been following guideline on Environmental and Social Risk Management (ESRM) guideline issued by Bangladesh Bank. Union Bank Ltd. has introduced green financing products through which we are able to finance various projects which are environmental friendly. For example, we are financing in ETP (Effluent Treatment Plant) at manufacturing unit, Auto Bricks, solar panel under sustainable finance for safeguarding the environment from Industrial pollution.



Sustainability Finance

Sustainable Finance Policy has not been confined to only Green Taxonomy but also Sustainable Finance Taxonomy. Green Taxonomy includes green banking activities, green finance policy, ESDD, utilization of Climate Risk Fund, internal environmental management including carbon footprint measurements, green marketing, disclosures etc., whereas Sustainable Finance Taxonomy contains Sustainable Agriculture, CMSME, Socially Responsible Financing and identification process of sustainable linked finance, R&D for sustainable product innovation, marketing, awareness, capacity building and sustainable finance disclosure for banks & FIs etc.

In addition, we are working in opening A/c. of students and low income people under the umbrella of Banking service which also a part of sustainable Finance. Keeping the growth in sustaining manner, we also finance in SME (women Entrepreneur) because we believe without the development of half of countries citizen our nations ultimate goal will not be accomplished. At large we may say that, Union Bank is highly focusing on vision 2020 goals of the government to create value for the Bank.

Social Obligations

Over the years, the expansion of corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities of banks has been contributory to the advancement of the 'Sustainable Banking'. 'CSR' is not only about philanthropy today, it is directly allied with the concept of 'sustainable banking', and sometimes these two terms indicate the same bunch of banking actions. During the year UBL spend Taka 123.48 million under, Education, Health, Disaster Management and Environment programs, Cultural Welfare, Infrastructure improvement in remote/ underprivileged areas, Income generating activities for the underprivileged population which was Taka 118.36 million in 2019.

Green Banking

UBL certainly playing a particularly useful role in promoting green finance. Firstly, banks provide finance, a critical input for business operations. Thus, banks are in a strong position to not only encourage their clients to go for green

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technology and practices, they can also provide finance for this. Secondly, due to their intensive interactions with the clients, banks are a great source of information on the business sector.

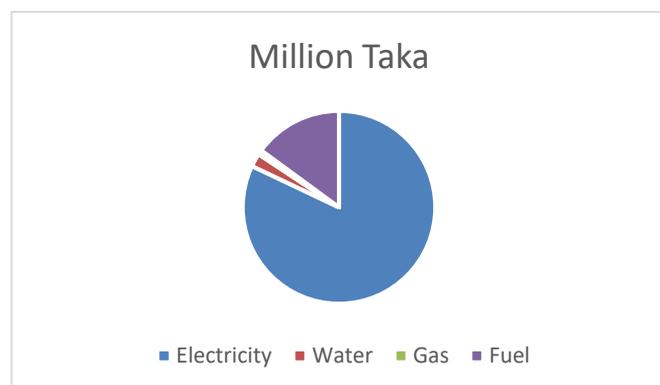
Online Banking

UBL has been introducing online Banking service to its clients after very days of its inception. UBL introduced Online Banking Service to our clients and it covers all our 95 branches, 63 own ATMs. Clients can also have access to their accounts through internet & Mobile Banking. Online Banking system is a great way to reduce wastage of paper.

Environment obligations Energy Savings

UBL is keen on saving energy. Almost all of the bulbs being used in this office are of energy saving type. We are saving around 50% electricity(used for lighting purpose) by using the day light in our corporate office, Our electronic communication reduces paper consumption thereby reduce

Energy Consumption 2020



Reducing Energy & Resource Consumption

UBL is in reorienting the banks towards inclusive and sustainable finance in addition to their widespread digitization which itself is a greening exercise. The central bank also provided recognition to those financial institutions who went for green products. They also get better CAMELS rating from the regulator which enhanced their reputational incentives to go green. Instruments of Green Banking offered by our banking service includes E-Statement, SMS Banking, SMS Alert, Net Banking, E Fund Transfer and Digital Attendance and Paperless Board of Directors meeting, E Mail corresponding, Video Conference, Tele Conference, which help reducing printing paper.

Integrated Reporting

UBL presents relevant information about its organization strategy, governance systems, and performance and future prospects in a way that reflects the economic, environmental and social environment within which it operates. The goal is to give a comprehensive picture of the organization, thus helping management, investors and other stakeholders make better-informed decisions.

Green banking practices in 2020

UBL has been financing in various projects of Green financing products which are environment friendly. Bank has extended green finance in the different green projects like Auto Bricks, ETP and Solar power. We also working on Carbon Footprint Measurement, Green Marketing and organizing workshop on green Banking of our Bank officials for developing awareness of green banking. During the year 2020 banks significance green banking activities are highlighted in below.

Consumption (per employee in million Taka)	Year 2020
Electricity Consumption	0.0231
Water Consumption	0.0006
Paper Usage	0.0027
Transport expenses for official purpose	0.0030
Electricity Consumption	0.0232
Water Consumption	0.0006
Paper Usage	0.0029
Transport expenses for official purpose	0.0065
Water Consumption	0.0231