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Foreword

This biennial report provides information on BIDS activities for two years covering the period July 2006 to June 2008. Earlier biennial reports were published with considerable time lag which has been substantially reduced in the current publication. We hope that the future biennial reports will be even more up-to-date when published.

The period under review has witnessed unprecedented rise in food and fuel prices in the global and domestic markets, which had significant adverse impact on food and energy security in the country. The soaring food prices specially that of rice had threatened to undermine the gains in poverty reduction that Bangladesh achieved over the last decade or so. Although the price has come down in recent months, these markets are likely to remain volatile in the short to medium term due to the global financial crisis, climate change and erratic global food production. BIDS has been keenly aware of these developments which have been reflected in the research activities recorded in this Report.

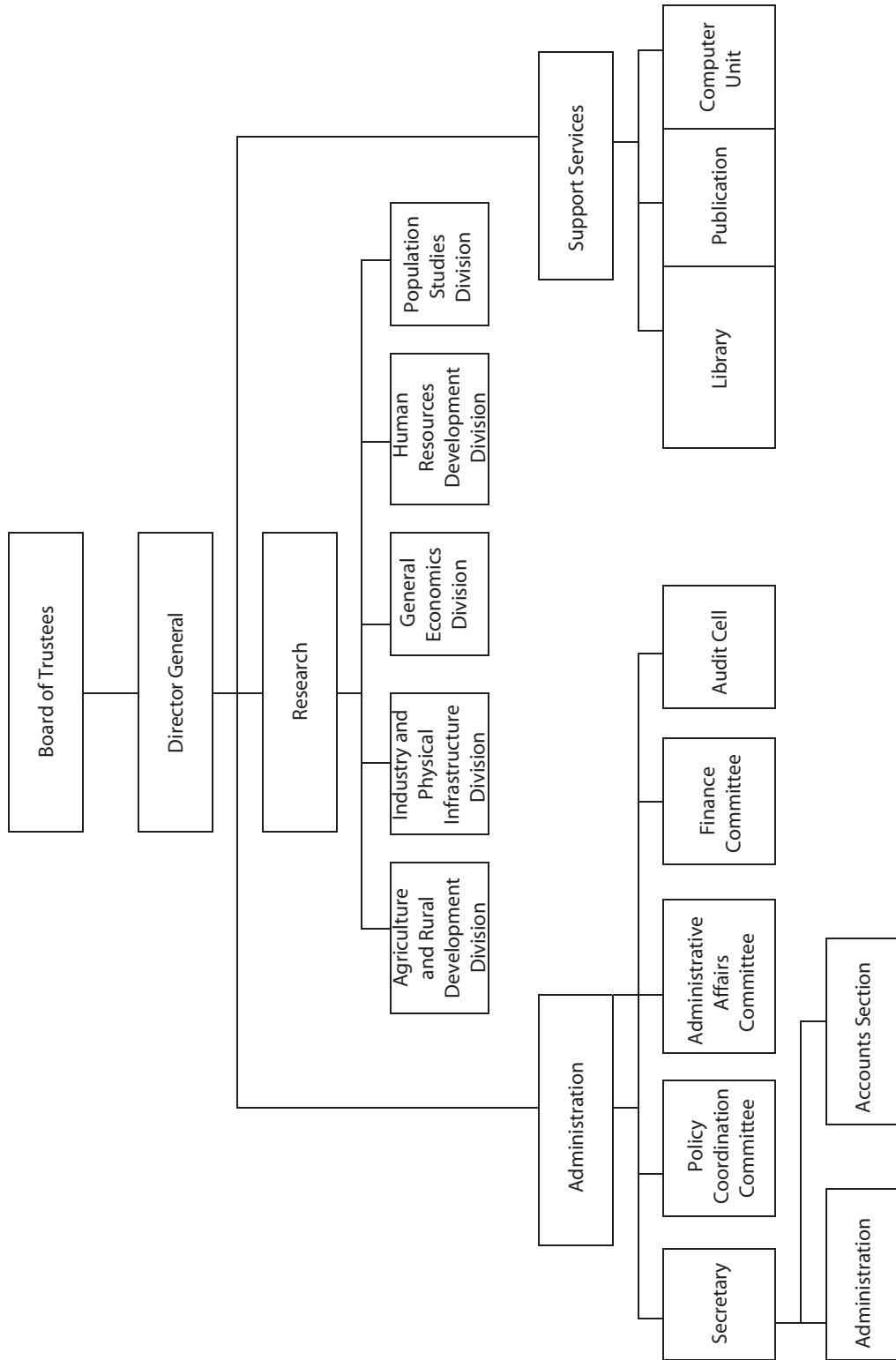
It is widely recognised that there has been a wide gap between research and policy-making in Bangladesh. In fact, conduct of policy research in Bangladesh remains somewhat ad hoc, uneven and sparse. While the major research institutes do undertake important research and often make “policy suggestions”, these frequently remain somewhat general in nature and hence not very helpful for specific policy formulation. Even when important findings emerge, these remain unnoticed and ignored due to lack of an effective dissemination mechanism. Moreover, there is little understanding or insights about the policy-making process in the country or the manner in which the policy agenda is set. It is in this context that BIDS has set up the Policy Resource Programme (PRP) to build necessary capacity, conduct demand-driven policy analysis, create strong, organic links with policymakers and the media and generally act as a resource for analysts, practitioners and policymakers interested in all aspects of development policy. During its inception phase (2007-08), PRP organised several consultation workshops to ascertain ways to reach the policymakers, and the areas to focus on, as well as to explore the nature of demand-driven policy research, with a view to making dissemination mechanism more effective and so on. These have been briefly discussed in this report.

BIDS completed 50 years of its establishment in 2007. The Golden Jubilee of BIDS was celebrated in a befitting manner. A number of important professional activities were undertaken on this occasion throughout the year. The event marking the celebration was launched on 15 July 2007. Professor Rehman Sobhan made the Keynote presentation on “The Future of BIDS: Building a Sustainable National Institute” in the Launching Ceremony which was graced by Dr. Fakhruddin Ahmed, Honourable Chief Advisor, Caretaker Government as the Chief Guest. Several seminars/roundtable discussions were also organised on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee Celebration of the Institute. These included, among others, a special seminar on “Pro-poor Growth and Food Security: Recent Experience in Bangladesh”, roundtable discussion on “Policymakers and Policies: From Past into the Future”, and on “Flood Loss Mitigation and Adaption Policy in Bangladesh”. The Golden Jubilee Celebration was rounded off with an International Conference on “Development Prospects of Bangladesh: Emerging Challenges”, in December 2007. A number of distinguished national and international experts including Professor Nurul Islam, Professor Gustav Ranis and Dr. Just Faaland who were closely associated with the Institute in the past participated in the Conference. A Special Volume based on the papers presented in the Conference is expected to be published soon.

Dr. Quazi Shahabuddin
Director General



Organogram of BIDS Administrative Structure





Agriculture and Rural Development Division

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Date of Initiation: February 2008

Date of Completion: Ongoing

Project Director: Dr. M. Asaduzzaman

Team Member:

Dr. K.M. Nabiul Islam

Funding Agency: The World Bank

This project tries to find out how far the diesel subsidy to farmers have reached them, what are the correlating factors and what have been the productivity and welfare impacts.

Project output:

Draft report on "Adequacies and Effectiveness of Fuel Subsidies to the Poor Bangladeshi Farmers."

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Funding Agency: World Bank, CIDA and the Royal Dutch Government

This project has tried to look into governance issues as they arise in general and the particular context of Bangladesh. Several studies were specifically commissioned by BIDS for the

Bangladesh case studies. The international contributions and the Bangladesh studies have later been edited and finally published in a book.

Project Output:

A book titled "A Ship Adrift: Governance and Development in Bangladesh," edited by Nurul Islam and M. Asaduzzaman. Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, Dhaka.

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Date of Completion: December 2006

Project Director: Dr. M. Asaduzzaman

Team Members:

Mr. M. Mudabbir Hussain

Dr. A. H. M. Billah (external consultant)

Funding Agency: UNDP/Environment Policy Studies

The study looked into the issues related to integrating environmental concerns into development planning and its institutional mechanism and the possible ways to improve the process future.

Impact of Paid Employment and Self-Employment on Income and Prospects of Household Food Security

Date of Initiation: October 2007

Date of Completion: May 2009

Project Director:

Dr. Rushidan Islam Rahman

Team Members:

Dr. Anwara Begum

Md. Harunur Rashid Bhuyan

Funding Agency: Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

The objective of the present study is to focus on household food insecurity (FIS) and provide an analysis of the factors affecting the food security status so that appropriate counteracting policies may be adopted to ensure better food security prospects. A sample survey has been conducted for the study. The survey covers four villages in different proximity to two district centers.



I. Introduction

Mandate

The Bangladesh Unnayan Gobeshona Protishtan or The Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) is a multi-disciplinary organisation for policy-oriented research on development issues (mainly in the context of Bangladesh). BIDS serves as a conduit for dissemination of development information through its library, publications, website and seminar programmes. BIDS researchers also directly contribute to formulation of development policies through participation in government committees and task forces.

Goals and Objectives

The objectives of BIDS are:

- to function as an agency for initiating and conducting study, research and dissemination of knowledge in the fields of economic development, population studies, human resources and other social issues related to planning for national development and social welfare;
- to collect information and generate data, conduct investigations, undertake research projects for purposes of planning and policy formulation;
- to conduct training courses in economics and allied social sciences;
- to provide information and offer advice on modern research techniques and methodology in economics, demography and other social sciences;
- to conduct academic and policy research in core development areas including development economics;
- to organise workshops, seminars, conferences to disseminate research findings and share ideas.

A Brief History

The Institute started in Pakistan as the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) in June 1957. From the very beginning, PIDE was served by a distinguished body of foreign scholars as well as a significant number of Bengali scholars. It was able to attract a large number of bright young economists and demographers who began their career at the Institute, went abroad for training and made significant contributions to research and policy advice.

The Institute was officially moved to Dhaka in January 1971. When Bangladesh emerged as a sovereign country in December of the same year, the Institute was renamed the Bangladesh Institute of Development Economics (BIDE). A Parliamentary Charter was awarded in 1974 and the Institute was renamed again as the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) to reflect the multi-disciplinary focus of development research. It was incorporated as an autonomous body, governed by a high powered Board of Trustees under the Chairmanship of the Minister of Planning. Since 1974, through a process of national level institutional restructuring, two other establishments—the Population Study Centre and the National Foundation for Research on Human Resources Development—both of which had research objectives similar to that of BIDS, were merged with the Institute in 1982 and 1983 respectively.

During the Pakistan period, PIDE's primary research focus was on industry and trade-related issues. PIDE pioneered studies on effective protection rates, exchange rate policies, industrial investment, etc.

Over time, with changing economic and social realities, the focus changed to issues relating to macroeconomic issues, poverty, international trade, agricultural development, food security, microcredit, industrial development, labour issues, health, nutrition, education, poverty and inequality, environment, water resources management, energy, gender, empowerment, migration, urbanisation and other such development issues. In the future, the most likely areas to receive increased attention include macroeconomic and trade issues, energy and globalisation. Attempts are under way to encourage young recruits to specialise in these areas as well as by arranging short-term training courses for mid-level staff.

Initially the Institute was funded by regular government budgetary support. In 1983, the Government created an endowment fund to ensure a source of recurring revenue for running the Institute, thereby reducing its dependence on regular state budgetary support, and enabling BIDS to enjoy more functional autonomy. Some donor agencies and foundations provide external resources. The financial statement of the Institute is given in Appendix 1.

II. Administrative Structure

BIDS has an efficient and well-staffed administrative unit, which looks after all the administrative affairs associated with research and provides logistic support for research activities. The accounts section within the administrative unit handles all the financial affairs of the Institute. The administrative structure of BIDS includes the following bodies:

The Board of Trustees

BIDS is governed by a high-powered Board of Trustees, with the Minister for Planning as the Chairman and Director General as the Chief Executive of the Institute. Secretary of BIDS provides administrative assistance to the Director General and also officiates as Secretary to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees is composed of the following:

Chairman: The Minister for Planning, ex-officio

Trustees

- A member of the Planning Commission to be nominated by the Chairman;
- The Director General of the Institute, ex-officio;
- The Chairman or a Member of the University Grants Commission to be nominated by it;
- The Governor, Bangladesh Bank, ex-officio;
- The Secretary, Ministry of Finance, ex-officio;
- The Secretary, Ministry of Education, ex-officio;
- Two Senior Fellows of the Institute;
- Three Senior Staff Members of the Institute;
- The Director General, Bangladesh Rural Development Board, ex-officio;
- One Trustee to be appointed by the President.

Statutory Committees

There are three statutory committees for decentralising administration and sharing responsibilities within BIDS. These committees are: (i) The Policy Coordination Committee (PCC); (ii) The Administrative Affairs Committee (AAC); and (iii) The Finance Committee (FC).

The Director General is the Chairperson of PCC. All Research Directors of the Institute, the Chairpersons of AAC and FC, the five Chiefs of Division, and Secretary, BIDS, are ex-officio members. The functions of PCC include: policy recommendations to the Director General on allocation of research funds; awarding of scholarships and fellowships; nomination to seminars, workshops and other professional activities; control, management and administration of projects; nomination of members to AAC and FC; and nomination of Senior Fellows.

The AAC makes recommendations on accommodation, transport, and personnel matters of the staff. The FC supervises the income expenditure of the Institute and advises the Director General on all matters relating to accounts, administration of property, funds, preparation of budget and clearance of bills. The members of PCC, AAC, and FC holding office for the period 2006-2008 are listed in Appendix 2.

Senior Fellows

The BIDS statute provides for an advisory committee of 12 Senior Fellows who are nominated by the Policy Coordination Committee and are selected from among eminent professionals in the country in various fields. The Senior Fellows are appointed by the Board of Trustees for a period of three years. The Senior Fellows serve in their individual capacities without honorarium, and provide guidance in designing and implementing the professional programmes of the Institute. The Senior Fellows appointed for the period 2007-2009 are listed in Appendix 3.

III. Research Divisions and Staff

The research staffs of the Institute are members of five Divisions, each of which has a Chief selected from the Division and appointed by the PCC for a period of two years. The five Divisions are:

- Agriculture and Rural Development Division
- General Economics Division
- Human Resources Development Division
- Industry and Physical Infrastructure Division
- Population Studies Division

However, as the academic areas of interest as well as the expertise of the researchers are cross-sectoral, membership to a Division does not preclude a researcher from participating in research activities and projects under other Divisions.

Agriculture and Rural Development Division (ARDD)

This Division mainly deals with issues related to agriculture, natural resources management and rural development. Agriculture is defined broadly to include crop, livestock, forestry and fisheries. Much of environmental research also falls under the purview of this Division. Recent research of the Division includes work on poverty monitoring, evaluation of microcredit, employment and labour markets, agricultural land and role of tenancy, a number of studies on environment related issues and the rural energy situation in Bangladesh.

General Economics Division (GED)

The researchers in GED are involved mainly in research related to macroeconomic management, international trade, and management pertaining to monetary and fiscal policies. Recent major research includes preparation of the Human Development Report, a study on sustainable livelihood, domestic resource cost of agricultural production, construction of an Input/Output Table for the Bangladesh

Economy, affordability to finance poverty reduction programmes, trade cooperation in South Asia and chronic poverty.

Human Resources Development Division (HRDD)

The mandate of the HRDD is to carry out research on issues related to human resource development. Thus, education, health, nutrition, poverty, and gender issues are the major areas of focus in this Division. Recent major research includes the role of social capital and people's consultative process in development, decentralisation and governance issues, educational efficiency and equity, and dynamics of socio-economic processes such as migration and urbanisation.

Industry and Physical Infrastructure Division (IPID)

All research related to manufacturing including small and medium enterprises (SMEs), micro enterprises and rural industries are carried out in this Division. Research on rural infrastructure has been carried out both in this Division and in ARDD. Recent research includes those on regional trade regimes and industrialisation, industrial and technological competitiveness, rehabilitation of sick industries, issues related to labour productivity and post-MFA fall-outs, decent work in the industrial sector, and globalisation.

Population Studies Division (PSD)

This Division is primarily staffed by demographers. The research conducted by this Division in the recent past goes beyond quantitative aspects of population dynamics and focuses on empowerment and reproductive behaviour, health service provision and consumption and health seeking behaviour, elderly health and vulnerability, poverty and health interlinkages, domestic violence, citizenship and rights, dowry and adolescent reproductive health.

There are 81 research positions sanctioned by the Board of Trustees, of which 45 are filled at present. The research staff are supported by more than one hundred non-research staff in the various sections such as Administration, Accounts, Library, Publication, and the Computer Unit. Brief profiles of the BIDS research staff are given in Appendix 4.

Sanctioned and Current Strength of BIDS Research Staff (as on June 2008)

Posts	Number of Positions	
	Sanctioned	Present
Director General	1	1
Research Director	5	5+2*
Senior Research Fellow	14-2*	12+1**
Research Fellow	28-1**	14
Research Associate	28	10
Research Assistant	4	Nil
Statistical Assistant	1	Nil
Total	81	45

* Upgraded by the Board of Trustees in its 74th meeting held on 20-06-2001 & 81st meeting held on 27-12-2006.

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IV. Support Services

The BIDS Library and Documentation Centre

The BIDS Library, the largest social sciences library in Bangladesh, has a collection of over 1,40,000 books, documents, journals and microfiches. It provides a wide range of services to the user community, including current awareness, reproduction, inter-library lending and reading facilities. Annually, about 10,000 users avail of the library facilities. Because of its rich collections, the library attracts students, teachers and researchers from different parts of Bangladesh. The library produces an information dissemination bulletin for Bangla books. It also participates in information networks to facilitate resource-sharing, and maintains inter-library loan relationships with selected libraries in Dhaka city.

The computerisation process at the library began in 1991. Since 1995, data on new books, documents, journal articles and BIDS publications have been entered into the personal computer. Up till now, about 65,000 records are available in the in-house databases. The library offers services from these in-house databases.

About 12 CD-ROM databases are available in the library such as Econ-Lit, Popline, World Development Sources, World Development Indicators, Global Development Finance, Program-Procurement in World Bank Financed Projects, Information USA, Journal of Economic Literature, World Development Report, and World Bank Africa Database. In addition to the World Bank and United Nations, the library has been designated as the depository of publications of the International Monetary Fund and Asian Development Bank. Besides other normal library services, users can avail full Internet Services.

The Publication Section

The main thrusts of the Publication Section are to publish books, journals, reports and monographs, improve the marketability of the Institute's publications, and thus contribute significantly in promoting a wider dissemination of research findings. The publication unit is outfitted with necessary equipment for the Institute's publishing requirements. The unit also provides sales services to its local and foreign customers and promotes its publication through complimentary and exchange programmes. The output of this unit such as research reports, research monographs, quarterly journal—*The Bangladesh Development Studies*— has wide circulation amongst researchers, policymakers and the concerned citizens in general.

BIDS Publications

BIDS is publishing two regular journals—one in English and the other in Bangla. Occasional publications include books, research monographs, research reports, project reports and working papers.

Journals

(a) *The Bangladesh Development Studies (BDS)*

The Bangladesh Development Studies (BDS) is the quarterly journal of the Institute. This is published in English. It enjoys international reputation and is currently in its 35th years of publication. It contains research articles, notes, and book reviews by BIDS researchers as well as by national and international scholars.

(b) *The Bangladesh Unnayan Samikkhya (BUS)*

The journal, *Bangladesh Unnayan Samikkhya (BUS)*, is published annually in Bangla. It contains articles, notes and book reviews. It is widely read by not only students and researchers, but also by people of different walks of life who are interested in development issues of Bangladesh.

Books

Research works, either on theoretical, analytical or field-based issues, pursued by researchers of BIDS are occasionally published in the form of books. Some books take the shape of review of the Bangladesh economy in a particular year.

Research Monographs

Research Monographs are published in book form, and focus on some particular area of study undertaken by the Institute.

Research Reports

Research Reports are mimeographed papers, which are often a part of, or lead to, a larger study.

Project Reports

Project reports, published by BIDS, contain the findings of research projects pursued by the Institute.

The Computer Unit

The Computer Unit is an important component of the research infrastructure of BIDS, which was established in 1982 with the objective of providing data processing support to BIDS research. In an effort to be financially self-reliant, the Unit provides commercial services and enjoys the distinction of being the first organisation to computerise electricity bills in Bangladesh for the Bangladesh Power Development Board in 1983.

As technology has changed over time, the Computer Unit has adjusted to it. There have been changes in several dimensions. All the researchers now have computers in their office rooms. Computers are now extensively used in support services such as the Accounts Section, Administration, the Publication Section, Library and Documentation Section. All these computers operate under a single network managed by this Unit with support from the Sustainable Development Network Project (SDNP). The network is now connected to the internet. Researchers can also access the internet from their residence through dialup connection. The Unit manages a dedicated website (www.bids-bd.org). The BIDS library has been put on-line for part of its holdings. There are several network shared printers located in different parts of the building. In a nutshell, the Unit has expanded very fast and provides valuable services (hardware and software) to research and all support service sections.

The Computer Unit also supports BIDS and all its research projects for data management, statistical analysis, graphics, simulations and custom programming using the different types of statistically data analysis software.

There are several efficient IT (Hardware, Software and Network) experts to support BIDS.

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF BIDS: 2007

I. Launching Ceremony

The Golden Jubilee Celebration of the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) was launched on 15 July 2007. Dr. Fakhruddin Ahmed, Honourable Chief Advisor of the Caretaker Government, graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Professor Rehman Sobhan was the Guest of Honour and made the keynote presentation on "The Future of BIDS: Building a Sustainable National Institution." Dr. Mahabub Hossain, Former Director General, BIDS was present as the special guest, while Dr. A.B. Mirza Md. Azizul Islam, Honourable Advisor for Finance and Planning and Chairman, BIDS Board of Trustees chaired the event. Dr. Quazi Shahabuddin, Director General, BIDS gave the welcome address. The Launching Ceremony was well attended by renowned academicians, high government officials, development partners and distinguished members of civil society.

II. Special Seminars/Roundtable Discussions

Several Seminars/Roundtable Discussions were organised on the occasion of Golden Jubilee Celebration of the Institute. These are briefly discussed below:

- (a) A special seminar on "Pro-poor Growth and Food Security: Recent Experience in Bangladesh" was held on 10 August 2007 in BRAC Inn Conference Room. The following papers were presented in the seminar.
- (1) Pro-poor Growth: Recent Evidence from HIES Data by Dr. Rushidan Islam Rahman
 - (2) Regional Dimensions of Several MDG-based Quality of Life Indicators by Dr. Md. Asaduzzaman
 - (3) Globalisation, Food Security and Bio-Security by Dr. K.A.S. Murshid

The Seminar was chaired by Dr. Mahabub Hossain, Executive Director, BRAC, and former Director General, BIDS.

- (b) A Roundtable discussion on "Policymakers and Policies: From the Past into the Future" was organised on 6 September 2007 at Spectra Convention Centre, Gulshan, Dhaka. The discussion was divided into two parts: Recounting of Past Experience and Policies, and Guidance for the Future. All former Ministers and Advisors were invited and most of them including Mr. M. Syeduzzaman, Mr. A.M.A. Muhith, Prof. Rehman Sobhan and Mr. M. Hafizuddin Khan participated in the discussion. Dr. A.B. Mirza Md. Azizul Islam, Honourable Advisor for Finance and Planning, chaired the event.
- (c) BIDS organised a Roundtable on "Flood Loss Mitigation and Adaptation Policy" on 27 September 2007. Dr. C. S. Karim, Honorable Advisor, Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, Government of Bangladesh was present on the occasion as the Chief Guest. Dr. Mahabub Hossain, Executive Director, BRAC chaired the Roundtable. Dr. K. M. Nabiul Islam, Senior Research Fellow, BIDS, made the keynote presentation. An eminent group of expert panelists participated in the event. The panelists included, among others, Professor Ainun Nishat, Professor Jamilur Reza Chowdhury, Engr. Mashror-ul-Huq Siddiqi B.U., Engr. Hossain Shahid Mozaddad Faruque, Professor M. Maniruzzaman Miah, Professor Abdus Sattar Mondal, Dr. Atiur Rahman, Professor Jahir Uddin Chowdhury and Dr. M. A. Quasem.
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III. International Conference

The Golden Jubilee Celebration was rounded off with an International Conference on “Development Prospects of Bangladesh: Emerging Challenges,” in which distinguished national and international experts participated. The Conference which was held on 2-3 December 2007 in Hotel Sheraton was divided into five Technical Sessions, in which nine papers were presented on different topics related to development prospects of Bangladesh. In the Inaugural Session, Professor Nurul Islam delivered the Keynote Address on “Institutions for Policy Making in Bangladesh,” as the Guest of Honour, while Professor Gustav Ranis graced the occasion as special guest. The Session was chaired by Professor Rehman Sobhan. The Technical Sessions were rounded off with a Panel Discussion on “Emerging Challenges and Policy Options for Bangladesh’s Development.” Dr. A.B. Mirza Md. Azizul Islam, Honourable Advisor for Finance and Planning, graced the occasion as special guest. Six distinguished economists, namely Professor Gustav Ranis, Professor Rehman Sobhan, Professor Just Faaland, Professor A.R. Khan, Professor Wahiduddin Mahmud and Dr. Mahabub Hossain took part in the panel discussion which was chaired by Professor Nurul Islam.

RESEARCH PROJECTS OF BIDS

BIDS has a vibrant research programme spanning all major aspects of development issues and policies. Some major components of this programme are described below.

I. Research Projects

Quazi Shahabuddin

Director General

Distortions to Agricultural Incentives in Bangladesh

Date of Initiation: May 2006

Date of Completion: April 2007

Project Director: Dr. Quazi Shahabuddin

Team Members:

Dr. Zaid Bakht

Dr. Nazneen Ahmed

Funding Agency: The World Bank

The vast majority of the world's poorest households depend on farming for their livelihood. In the past, their earnings were often depressed by pro-urban and anti-agricultural biases of their own country's policies. While progress has been made over the past two decades by numerous developing countries in reducing those policy biases, many trade-reducing price distortions remain inter-sectorally as well as within the agricultural sector of low-income countries. A multi-country study, "Poverty Alleviation through Reducing Distortions to Agricultural Incentives" has been designed to understand the extent of and reasons behind that transformation. As part of the overall project, a series of national country studies in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe/CIS, Latin America and the Caribbean are planned. Bangladesh is included in this new cross-country study. The work on Bangladesh includes estimation of the changing extent of distortions through calculation of various measures of assistance for major agricultural commodities and analysis of the effects of these changes on production incentives in Bangladesh agriculture.

Project output:

- A report titled "Distortions to Agricultural Incentives in Bangladesh," which has been published as a working paper of the World Bank (Agricultural Distortions Working Paper 32, DC. 2007).
- A survey report on "Cost of Production of Various Agricultural Commodities."

Programme for Research on Chronic Poverty in Bangladesh

Date of Initiation: 01 April 2002

Due Date of Completion: June 2009

Project Director:

Dr. Binayak Sen (April 2002 – July 2004)

Dr. Quazi Shahabuddin (August 2004 onward)

Funding Agency: DFID-Bangladesh through CPRC, University of Manchester, UK

The programme seeks to make efforts to reduce poverty in Bangladesh more effective by deepening the understanding of those who are chronically poor, of the processes that keep them in poverty and of the policy measures that will help them overcome poverty and vulnerability. This goal is to be achieved by the dissemination of policy relevant research findings to government agencies, donors and civil society and by developing the capacity of Bangladeshi research institutions to undertake research on chronic poverty. A particular feature is the publication of the Bangladesh Chronic Poverty Report.

The programme which is being implemented in collaboration with CPRC is based at BIDS and draws upon highly reputed researchers as well as development practitioners from BIDS and other research institutes and NGOs.

Agriculture and Rural Development Division

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Team Member:

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Team Members:

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Secondary data has been drawn from various national sample survey reports, particularly the HIES. A direct question on food insecurity was used in the survey to collect specific information regarding food security. Such data might be helpful for successful implementation of safety net and “employment generation scheme” (EGS) activities, through choice of appropriate periods of intervention.

Project Output:

A Study report on “Impact of Paid Employment and Self-Employment on Income and Prospects of Household Food Security.”

Independent Review of the Resettlement Programme under Rural Transport Improvement Project

Date of Initiation: 01 July 2008

Date of Completion: 31 December 2008

Project Director: Dr. Bimal Kumar Saha

Team Member:

Dr. Abdul Hye Mondal

Funding Agency: Local Government Engineering Department (LGED), Dhaka.

The main objective of the study is to assess land acquisition programmes in terms of adoption and implementation of Resettlement Action Plans (RAPs) for mitigating adverse effects of the Rural Transport Improvement Project (RTIP). The study is being carried out in line of principles and guidelines stipulated in the Resettlement Framework (RF) of LGED. The study is mainly based on primary data (generated through field survey) supplemented by secondary data drawn from the offices of LGED and the World Bank.

Project Output:

A study report on “Independent Review of the Resettlement Programme under Rural Transport Improvement Project.”

General Economics Division

Nutrition Outcome and Baseline Survey of Country Programme Activities of the World Food Programme, Bangladesh

Date of Initiation: April 2007

Date of Completion: October 2007

Project Director:

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Funding Agency: World Food Programme (WFP)

WFP, through its current Country Programme (CP) for 2007-2010, provides food assistance in partnership with the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) through three key programmes, namely, Vulnerable Group Development (VGD), Food for Education (FFE) and Community Nutrition (CN). The programme’s aim is to improve the nutritional well being, the livelihoods and the food security of ultra-poor households, with a specific emphasis placed on women.

The Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) was commissioned to conduct a comprehensive study on the efficacy of these programmes in achieving the nutritional goals. The general objectives of the study were: (i) to assess the programmes for their outputs, particularly in terms of changes in the extent of anaemia, anthropometric measurements and behaviour change communication indicators (BCCI) at the end of the previous CP, and (ii) to document the benchmark for the current CP, immediately before its commencement.

Primary data were collected by BIDS during June-August 2007 on participants and non-participants of the programmes with similar socio-economic backgrounds to assess the nutritional impact of the programmes. A combination of quantitative (both biochemical and anthropometric) and qualitative analysis was

carried out to assess the impact of the programmes on children, adolescent girls and adult participants compared to non-participants of the programmes.

Project Output:

A study report on "Food Fortification: Combating Intergenerational Malnutrition among the Extreme Poor in Bangladesh."

Workshop on Bio-Security

Date of Initiation: June 2007

Date of Completion: September 2007

Project Director: Dr. K.A.S. Murshid

Team Member:

Dr. M. Asaduzzaman

Funding Agency: Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

A workshop paper was prepared for presentation in FAO, Rome describing the status of bio-security in Bangladesh agriculture, and to examine some successful agro-processing, export-oriented projects operated by the NGO and private sectors with a view to identifying how bio-security concerns were actually addressed to enable exports to developed country markets.

Determination of Food Availability and Consumption Patterns and Setting up of Nutritional Standards in Bangladesh

Date of Initiation: June 2007

Date of Completion: December 2007

Project Director: Dr. K.A.S. Murshid

Team Members:

Dr. Q. Shahabuddin

Dr. Omar H. Chowdhury

Dr. Mohammad Yunus

Funding Agency: World Food Programme (WFP)

The study examines supply and demand of food and the nutritional status of the population to identify the extent of under-nutrition along with the supply-demand gap to identify suitable policy measures, including setting up a nutrition standard and ways of meeting the food gap to achieve that standard.

Project Output:

A study report on "Determination of Food Availability and Consumption Patterns Setting up of Nutritional Standard in Bangladesh."

Re-emergence of Food Insecurity in Bangladesh: Instability in Food Production and Prices, Nature of Food Markets, Impact and Policy

Date of Initiation: October 2007

Date of Completion: September 2008

Project Director: Dr. K.A.S. Murshid

Team Members:

Dr. Zulfiqar Ali

Dr. Nazneen Ahmed

Dr. Mohammad Yunus

Funding Agency: Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Recent volatility of food markets has led to concerns of re-emerging food insecurity. The study examines the nature and trend of price-quantity instability in food (rice, potato and brinjal) and then examines market performance using conventional approaches as well as from the perspective of real market relationships and real market operations.

Project Output:

A study report on "Food Fortification: Combating Intergenerational Malnutrition among the Extreme Poor in Bangladesh."

Policy Resource Programme of BIDS: Consultation Phase

Date of Initiation: September 2007

Date of Completion: March 2008

Project Director: Dr. K.A.S. Murshid

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Ms. Nehraz Mahmud

Mr. Nazmul Hoque
Mr. Golam Nabi Muzumder

Funding Agency: Manusher Jonno Foundation

A series of consultations were held in Dhaka and regional headquarters to sensitise stakeholders about the need to conduct well-focused policy research and to obtain feedback on major issues and concerns from participants. This consultation phase was concluded with a major national level workshop with the Finance Advisor present as Chief Guest, enabling the programme to obtain buy-in at the very outset from stakeholders and policy makers. This phase ultimately led to the initiation of the BIDS-Policy Resource Programme, which is supposed to begin operation from November 2008.

Supply Chain of Poultry in Bangladesh

Date of Initiation: April 2008

Date of Completion: June 2008

Project Director: Dr. Mohammad Yunus

Team Members:

Dr. Nazneen Ahmed
Prof. Emdadul Haque Chowdhury
(external consultant)

Funding Agency: Academy for Educational Development (AED)

This study focuses on understanding the pattern of poultry supply chains (both commercial and backyard chickens) to keep the stakeholders adequately informed on how to avoid or reduce the future epidemic of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). To that end, the study looked at the aspects of production, marketing, transports, and consumption of poultry products in Bangladesh with a view to assessing bio-security, population at risk of the HPAI, and health and hygiene practices, profitability of the operators in the supply chains. Some key objective of this study are as follows: (1) assess the knowledge of bio-security, population at risk of HPAI, and general health and hygiene among the operators of the commercial and backyard poultry through interviews and other qualitative techniques; (2) assess the current practices, if any, followed together with their adequacy, in preventing

spread of the possible outbreak of HPAI in the future; (3) assess the incidence of behaviour change communication indicators among the stakeholders in the production, transports and marketing and consumption of poultry; and (4) assess the extent of marketing margins of various agents in the poultry business. Five regions were selected for conducting this study, based on poultry population and vulnerability to the HPAI infection: Chittagong, Comilla, Dhaka, Dinajpur and Jessore. The study applied both quantitative and qualitative techniques.

Project Output:

A study report on "Supply Chain Analysis of Poultry in Bangladesh."

Human Resources Development Division

Urban Community Development Programme: A Mid-term Impact Analysis

Date of Initiation: April 2007

Date of Completion: April 2008

Project Director: Dr. Rita Afsar

Funding Agency: Department of Social Services, Ministry of Social Welfare, Dhaka.

This is an evaluative study undertaken to examine how far the project addresses the needs of and benefits the poorest of the poor. In particular, effects of the major programmes—micro-credit and trades training—have been assessed from the perspective of poverty alleviation including income generation, human capital development, population control and family planning. The study also attempts to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the project and suggests some measures for improving the project activities.

A multi-stage and multiple random sample survey design was used for the impact analysis covering the randomly selected sample households and respondents of various programmes e.g. micro-credit, social programmes, etc., followed by qualitative techniques e.g. tracers'

survey for the trainees of various trades; in-depth interviews and focus group discussions (FGD) with the chief executive at the headquarter, district and field level management staff, trainers, project implementation committee members and other stakeholders such as *Pourashava* (municipality) chairmen and a few other members involved in the coordination committee. In this process the study was conducted in eight *Pourashavas*—Manikganj, Rajbari, Kishoreganj, Kurigram, Gaibandha, Bhola, Laxmipur and Sunamganj—out of thirty UCD programme areas.

Project Output:

A study report on “Urban Community Development Programme: A Mid-term Impact Analysis.”

ESRC Research Group on Well-being in Developing Countries

Date of Initiation: October 2002

Date of Completion: September 2010

Project Director: Dr. S.M. Zulfiqar Ali

Funding Agency: University of Bath, UK

This is a collaborative research between the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) and the Department of Economics and International Development, University of Bath, UK. One of the main purposes of this research is to develop a conceptual and methodological framework to understand the social and cultural construction of wellbeing of the people living in specific societies.

Religion and Development

Date of Initiation: February 2007

Date of Completion: April 2009

Project Director: Dr. S.M. Zulfiqar Ali

Funding Agency: University of Bath, UK

This research component builds on and extends existing work within the ESRC Research Group on the Wellbeing in Developing Countries (WeD) research programme. The aim of the religion and development research is to explore the significance of religion to the values and

practices that make up the social and cultural construction of wellbeing in selected sites of Bangladesh.

Industry and Physical Infrastructure Division

Long-term Socio economic Study of the Rural Roads and Markets Improvements and Maintenance Project-2 (Phase -III)

Date of Initiation: February 2005

Date of Completion: 2008

Project Director: Dr. Zaid Bakht

Team Member:

Dr. Md. Abdul Latif

Funding Agency: LGED

This study attempts to assess the long-term socio-economic impact of rural transport and trade infrastructure development carried out by the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) of the Government of Bangladesh (GoB) during 1997-2002 under the project titled “Rural Roads and Markets Improvements & Maintenance Project-II (RRMIMP-II).” A quasi-experimental design involving “before-after” and “with-without” analysis was applied in the study. The report attempts to assess how road and market development triggered changes in various production sectors of the village economy covering transport, trade, services, agriculture and rural manufacturing and also examine changes at the household level with respect to household’s assets holding.

Project Output:

A study report on “Long-term Socio economic Study of the Rural Roads and Markets Improvements and Maintenance Project-2 (Phase -III).”

Mapping and Analysis of Growth-Oriented Industrial Sub-Sectors and their Skill Requirements in Bangladesh

Date of Initiation: June 2008

Date of Completion: September 2008

Project Director: Dr. Abdul Hye Mondal

Team Member: Dr. Rushidan Islam Rahman

Funding Agency: ILO and EC

The project has developed the criteria for selecting the sub-sectors for this study involving their (potential) strategic importance to the Bangladesh economy, competitiveness and employment growth in particular for the skilled and educated workforce. It focuses on competitiveness of particular sectors rather than the country as a whole. As far as competitiveness is concerned, measures like productivity (both partial factor productivity and total factor productivity), cost (labour as well as total) per unit of the product, etc. plus any other relevant indicators have been examined. The sub-sectors selected for this study are *high skills-intensive*.

Samples of some four large enterprises within each of the eight selected industrial sub-sectors were selected and establishment surveys were undertaken in order to assess their growth, competitiveness and export *potential*. From the analysis, suggestion is made for the most probable course of future growth, competitiveness and export potential in these industrial sub-sectors.

In the analysis, assessment is made of the industrial sub-sectors' current and potential future need for skilled and educated workforce. Approaches and indicators are developed enabling to characterise the sub-sectors regarding the current mixes of their educated and skilled workforce. The dynamics of skilled employment in the sub-sectors are examined. The occupational and skills qualification characteristics of the workforce in the sub-sectors are mapped out and analysed.

The project identifies scenarios for future demand for engineers, technicians, skilled clerical, highly skilled, skilled and semi-skilled workers in case the sub-sectors continue to grow, aim to improve their competitiveness, and exports. Besides, it maps out and analyses the recent and current enterprise initiatives in promoting skills development of engineering, clerical staff and workers in the companies covered by the samples including the impact of such initiatives.

Project Output:

A study report on "Mapping and Analysis of Growth-Oriented Industrial Sub-Sectors and their Skill Requirements in Bangladesh."

Economic Evaluation of the Proposed Expansion of Dhaka Export Processing Zone and Chittagong Export Processing Zone

Date of Initiation: 30 April 2007

Date of Completion: Ongoing

Project Director: Dr. Abdul Hye Mondal

Team Member:

Dr. Mohammad Yunus

Funding Agency: Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA)

The objective of the study is to contribute to an improved understanding of the dynamic economic impact of the proposed expansion of the Dhaka Export Processing Zone (DEPZ) and Chittagong Export Processing Zone (CEPZ) on the economy of Bangladesh and to assess whether expansion of these two EPZs is financially and economically viable to meet our national goals. The study is essentially based on secondary data available with BEPZA, CEPZ and DEPZ. It also draws heavily upon the published and unpublished research works and time-series data collected from CEPZ and DEPZ. Personal interviews with the key informants of BEPZA provide useful insights to supplement secondary information on these two EPZs.

Project Output:

A draft report on "Economic Evaluation of the Expansion of the CEPZ and the DEPZ."

Stakeholder Consultation on Institutional and Partnership Issues in a Sea-facing Coastal Districts, Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan (ICZMP), WARPO, Ministry of Water Resources, GoB, 2006

Date of Initiation: December 2004

Date of Completion: December 2006

Project Director: Dr. K.M. Nabiul Islam

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Funding Agency: Royal Netherlands Embassy

The objective of the research was to contribute to laying out a set of development strategies and programmes by way of feeding required information into the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan (ICZMP) process, especially the Coastal Development Strategy (CDS). Focused on institutional issues, particularly related to participations, partnerships and linkages among institutions, the study also identified areas for priority actions. Models of a local-level framework for partnerships and recommendations on how to proceed towards their implementation were also formulated.

Project Output:

A study report on "Stakeholders Consultations on Institutional and Partnership Issues in 9 Sea-facing Coastal Districts under Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan (ICZMP)."

Benefit Monitoring and Evaluation of Small Scale Water Resources Sector Project- II

Date of Initiation: August 2006

Date of Completion: Ongoing (Probable date of completion: February 2009)

Project Director: Dr. K.M. Nabiul Islam

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 Ms. Nehraz Mahmud

Funding Agency: Asian Development Bank (ADB)

The Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) implemented 280 small scale water resources management subprojects during its first phase. Another 300 subprojects are currently under implementation during its second phase. The purpose of the subprojects is to improve water management, flood management, drainage improvement, water conservation and command area development, benefiting a net area of up to 1,000 hectares with a view to increasing production in agriculture and fishery resources, generating more income and employment, thereby contributing to overall reduction in poverty. The study has two components: the first component involves a benchmark study of 30 subprojects of the second phase, to be carried out before their implementation, while the second component involves carrying out evaluation for 10 subprojects of SSWRDSP-1, for which a baseline study was already carried out back in 2002.

Project Output:

- Thirty Benchmark Survey Reports on different study areas including Dhaka, Gopalganj, Kishoreganj, Narshingdi, Netrokona, Mymensingh, Madaripur, Tangail, Chapai Nawabganj, Panchagarh, Rangpur, Rajshahi, Naogaon, Bogra, Natore, Cox's Bazar, Chittagong, Laxmipur, Khulna, Jessore, Meherpur, Barisal, Patuakhali, Sylhet and Moulavibazar districts.
- A Synthesis Report, Selected 30 Subprojects, Benefit Monitoring & Evaluation (BME) Study, SSWRDSP-II.
- An Impact Evaluation Study Report, Selected 10 Subprojects, SSWRDSP-I.

Monitoring and Impact Survey of Aquaculture Development Project, Faridpur

Date of Initiation: February 2006

Date of Completion: July 2006

Project Director: Dr. Narayan Chandra Nath

Funding Agency: IFAD and DOF

The objective of the study is to monitor performance and make impact evaluation of the

Aquaculture Development Project. Detailed objectives are to see whether the beneficiaries belong to the target group, to see whether supports to the benefits are adequate to their needs and whether the project could bring positive outcome to the beneficiaries and community as a whole. The study covered eight central western districts of Bangladesh where the project was in operation. The districts covered by the study and project operation are Faridpur, Magura, Rajbari, Jessore, Kushtia, Chuadanga, Meherpur, and Jhenaidah. The Aquaculture Development Project is an example of a tripartite arrangement of cooperation between an international development agency (IFAD), government agency and non-government organisations. Though emphatic on fish culture development, the project is a broad based one covering infrastructure, aquaculture development and community mobilisation for poverty alleviation.

The study aimed at seeing whether the goal of the project was accomplished in terms of improving the standard of living and the conditions of village life for communities with a strong presence of fishers and fish farmers in the eight project districts. The study aimed at examining the development of the capability of sustainable increase in the fish production of *haors* and ponds and ultimately improvement of socio-economic conditions of the rural people.

The detailed objectives of the study were to see whether the project could:

- Boost fisheries/aquaculture production and the incomes of the people living in poverty;
- Establish and strengthen community organisations to ensure access to the institutions through which technical and social services can be provided to the target groups on a sustainable basis;
- Improve the status of women by including them in the project mainstream activity of pond aqua-culture and by providing support for other income generating activities;
- Improve the resource base through the

rehabilitation of suitable large water bodies and fish ponds;

- Improve access, hence product marketing, to and from rural communities through the improvement of rural roads and growth centres.

Instruments of Questionnaire Based Survey, Focus Group Discussions and Case Studies were used for data generation. Sets of quantitative as well as qualitative socioeconomic indicators have been used for performance monitoring and impact study.

Project Output:

A study report on "Monitoring and Impact Survey of Aquaculture Development Project, Faridpur."

Gender Analysis for Improving Mobility in Dhaka City

Date of Initiation: April 2008

Date of Completion: August 2008

Project Director: Dr. Salma Chaudhuri Zohir

Team Members:

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Mr. Wajid Hasan Shah

Funding Agency: The World Bank

The study focused on gender differentiation of access, exposure, safety, and mobility, transportation and women's economic empowerment in Dhaka. Urban transport systems that primarily carry people to and from employment centers are often inadequate for women, who must combine income-generating activities with household and familial activities. Women commuters' exposure to air pollution and unsafe traffic is much greater as they commute mostly by walking and slow moving vehicle. Moreover, in the absence of footpaths and due to encroachment of the existing ones by vendors and construction materials, women have to walk on the road, which is often unsafe. This made women commuters more prone to accident than men. Unlike men, women commuters also face sexual and other harassment in the street due to

lack of proper transport facilities. Above all, women have less affordability to avail transport facilities and therefore, performed most of the activities outside home by non-motorised transport (NMT), which was strenuous, time-consuming and potentially harmful for them physically, especially to their reproductive health. In order to improve the means of women's physical mobility, it is imperative to assess the transport needs of women with more focus on their accessibility, affordability and security and the present project has been undertaken to this end. The key objectives of this study are to: (i) help Dhaka Transport Authorities design and implement more effective interventions to improve access and mobility for both males and females, with particular attention to facilitating women's access to labour, product, and financial markets; and (ii) mainstream gender concerns into any urban transport related policies and any subsequent planning derived from them.

Project Output:

A study report on "Gender Analysis for Improving Mobility in Dhaka City."

**Diversification of Bangladesh Exports:
Assessing Implications of the EU Sanitary and
Phytosanitary Standards**

Date of Initiation: 24 May 2006

Date of Completion: 23 July 2008

Project Director: Dr. Nazneen Ahmed

Team Members:

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Dr. Muhammad Yunus

Mr. Md. Harunur Rashid Bhuyan

Mr. Md. Nazmul Hoque

Funding Agency: The European Commission,
Bangladesh

This study looked into the implications of Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary (SPS) Measures of the European Union on export diversification attempts of Bangladesh. In this study, implications of SPS measures of WTO and related regulations of the EU on two export sectors of Bangladesh were analysed. The sectors covered in this study are

shrimp and agro-processing. Structured questionnaire-based field survey was conducted on firms associated with the whole value chain of shrimp (hatchery to processing) and various agro-processed commodities.

The results of the study reveal that shrimp processing plants are compliant with international SPS rules and regulations, while a number of SPS related concerns prevail in other parts of the shrimp value chain. This is a concern from the point of view of traceability. Though agro-processing is considered to be a highly potential export sector of Bangladesh, this sector has to improve a lot in terms of health and hygiene concerns related to export of processed agricultural and food products. It was specially noted in the study that knowledge regarding SPS measures is very poor among entrepreneurs and managers. Moreover, there is lack of competent technicians who can help in laboratory testing.

The study concluded that investment in improving the regulatory system to control quality of food products and for training of people regarding SPS issues will positively impact the export of such products to the European market.

Project Output:

A study report on "Diversification of Bangladesh Export: Assessing Implications of the EU Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary Standards."

**Promoting Employment Intensive Growth in
Bangladesh: Policy Analysis of Manufacturing
and Service Sectors**

Date of Initiation: 3 April 2007

Date of Completion: 30 November 2007

Project Director: Dr. Nazneen Ahmed

Team Members:

Dr. Muhammad Yunus

Mr. Md. Harunur Rashid Bhuyan

Mr. Mohammad Mainul Hoque

Funding Agency: The International Labour Office
(ILO), Bangladesh

The basic purpose of this study was to explore the possibility of a more employment-intensive growth in Bangladesh, especially through the

growth of labour-intensive manufacturing and service sectors. In doing so, the study looks at the performance of the manufacturing sector of Bangladesh in terms of employment generation since the early 1990s. In particular, the study examines whether there has been any structural shift in the sector in terms of factor intensity. The study also examines the performance of the service sector in terms of employment generation. In order to provide a backdrop for necessary changes in policy, the study reviews various policies which have influenced the performance of the manufacturing and service sectors. In that context, it focuses on selected employment intensive manufacturing and service sectors, examines the opportunities and constraints faced by them, and identifies policy changes needed to encourage growth of those sectors.

The study concluded that policies should aim at increasing the value addition of the sectors experiencing positive employment growth alongside growth in value addition. These sectors include, for example, furniture and fixture; printing and publications; pharmaceuticals, plastic products; food manufacturing, pottery; non-metallic minerals and leather and leather products. Moreover, attention should be given to a few sectors which are employment intensive and yet have not been able to achieve their potential growth, such as wood products and dairy products.

Project Output:

A study report on "Promoting Employment Intensive Growth in Bangladesh: Policy Analysis of Manufacturing and Service Sectors."

Population Studies Division

Citizenship, Participation and Accountability-Planning Phase

Date of Initiation: July 2006

Date of Completion: November 2006

Project Director: Mrs. Simeen Mahmud

Funding Agency: Institute of Development Studies, Sussex University, U.K.

Citizenship, Participation and Accountability-Phase-3

Date of Initiation: May 2006

Date of Completion: August 2006

Project Director: Mrs. Simeen Mahmud

Funding Agency: Institute of Development Studies, Sussex University, U.K.

BIDS-IUSSP International Seminar on Gender and Access in South Asia

Date of Initiation: September 2006

Date of Completion: December 2006

Project Director: Mrs. Simeen Mahmud

Funding Agency: International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP)

Stakeholder Consultation for Annual Program Review

Date of Initiation: February 2007

Date of Completion: December 2007

Project Director: Dr. Sharifa Begum

Funding Agency: The World Bank

This project is about the stakeholders' consultation for the annual programme review of HNPSP carried out by BIDS for the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GoB and the development partners. Some major objectives of this study are as follows:

- To elicit views of various stakeholders on public health services or services delivered by the public health facilities and identify key issues and constraints with them in the process.
- To elicit constructive inputs from stakeholders with regard to different services that public health facilities deliver.
- To draw suggestions from the stakeholders on ways to improve the health sector services in Bangladesh for addressing more effectively the shortcomings and challenges that have been persisting or arising within the current framework of HNPSP.
- To evaluate the perceptions around private sector involvement in the delivery of health service.

Data was collected through focus groups discussions, interviews with key informants and roundtable discussions and the process lasted for about two months.

Project Output:

A study report on "The stakeholders Consultation Report: Key Findings and Areas of Improvements."

Stakeholder Consultation: Mid-term Review of HNPSP

Date of Initiation: December 2007

Date of Completion: August 2008

Project Director: Dr. Sharifa Begum

Team Member: Dr. Zulfiqar Ali

Funding Agency: The World Bank

The focus of the stakeholders' consultation for Mid Term Review (MTR) of the HNPSP, 2008 was carried on maternal health care including family planning and detailed issues covered in the consultation are: family planning, antenatal care, delivery care, postnatal care, maternal morbidity and abortion/miscarriage. The broad objectives of the consultation are:

- To elicit views of different stakeholders on family planning and various maternal health care services and delivery services at the local level.
- To understand major obstacles in using these services by the women, particularly the poor women.
- To draw suggestions as to how the women at the local level could be better placed to make use of these services.

To analyse, conduct consultations and gather necessary information, focus group discussions at the local level, in-depth interviews, case studies and consultation workshop with different stakeholders at national level were held. The information was collected from five rural locations representing both EOC and non-EOC areas including remote areas and two urban locations.

Project Output:

"A Mid Term Review (MTR) 2008 of Bangladesh Health Nutrition and Population Sector Programme (HNPSP)."

Preparation of a Strategy for Partnership with Civil Society and Others for Promotion of Reproductive Health and Gender Issues Linked to ICPD, MDG and PRSP

Date of Initiation: April 2008

Date of Completion: November 2008

Project Director: Dr. Sharifa Begum

Team Member: Mr. Md. Harunur Rashid Bhuyan

Funding Agency: Planning Commission, GoB Bangladesh.

This study focused on how the Planning Commission should interact with civil society and other organisations from time to time to incorporate their ideas in population, RH and gender issues into the sectoral policies and plans and thereby contribute to the development process effectively. This had clearly focused sector-wise areas of partnership and possible actions in order to integrate population and gender into sectoral and national development policies and plans consistent with ICPD, MDGs and the second PRSP (2008-11).

The main objectives of this study are the following: (i) to assess the nature of action programmes (to what extent it is gender responsive) in different sectors implemented by development partners, private and civil society, human rights-based-organisations to address the gender and reproductive issues reflecting ICPD, MDGs and PRSP through the development of an analytical framework; (ii) to assess the responses of different stakeholders including GO, NGOs, donors UN agencies, think-tanks in addressing gender and reproductive health issues; (iii) to identify the gaps and challenges in addressing gender and reproductive health issues to achieve the targets of ICPD, MDGs, and PRSP and identify the critical areas of partnership including potential gender responsive action to enhance the capacity of the government; and (iv) to have a series of meetings with civil society members and the government officials including NGOs and develop a strategic partnership plan as final product to support the Population Planning Wing of the Planning Commission.

To collect the data, direct interactions with stakeholders through face to face interview, national seminar and regional workshops were held to find out the status of integration of population, reproductive health, and gender in sector policies, plans and programmes and their status of implementation at the operational level.

Project Output:

A study report on "A Strategy of Partnership with Civil Society and others for Promotion of Population, Reproductive Health & Gender linked with ICPD, MDGs and PRSP."

Research Studies on Discriminatory Provisions towards Women and Girls

Date of Initiation: April 2008

Date of Completion: November 2008

Project Director: Dr. Sharifa Begum

Team Member: Mr. Md. Harunur Rashid Bhuyan

Funding Agency: Planning Commission, GoB Bangladesh

It is by now established that population and gender are at the core of development and they in turn influence greatly the socio-economic development of a society. Hence, for achieving sustainable development in the country, Bangladesh has showed great interest and commitment to mainstream population and gender issues into the development activities.

To focus on the commitment, this study looked at the current status and constrain of Integration of Population and Gender into the National and Sectoral Policies, Plans and Programmes to triumph over the present situation. Some of the key objectives of the study are the following: (i) to examine the current status of integration of population and gender into different national and sectoral policies and strategies; (ii) to identify gaps, barriers and constraints in mainstreaming population and gender concerns into different national and sectoral policies, strategies, and programmes; and (iii) to identify corrective measures and develop a guideline of mainstreaming population and

gender concerns into the national and sectoral policies and strategies.

To collect data, policy documents of different sector ministries as well as those adopted at the national level were reviewed; in-depth interviews and several regional and national workshops were also conducted.

Project Output:

A study report on "Integration of Population and Gender into the National and Sectoral Policies, Plans and Programmes: Current Status and Constraints."

Estimating the Cost of Domestic Violence in Bangladesh

Date of Initiation: July 2006

Date of Completion: October 2008

Project Director: Dr. M.A. Mannan

Team Members:

Mrs. Simeen Mahmud

Dr. Selim Raihan (external consultant)

Funding Agency: International Centre for Research on Women (ICRW)

The main objectives of the study are:

- To estimate the direct costs of (i.e. value of goods and services used in treating or preventing) intimate partner violence;
- To examine the indirect costs of domestic violence (i.e. income loss through job loss, decreased productivity or increased absenteeism);
- To assess the impact of spousal violence on children and their education (i.e. intergenerational transmission and educational performance of children);
- To document and compare the strategies and services that women use to deal with the violence they experience.

Project Output:

A study report on "Estimating the Cost of Intimate Partner Violence in Bangladesh."

II. Individual Project Reports

Agriculture and Rural Development Division

Rushidan Islam Rahman

Research Director

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1. *Impact Assessment Study of EU- GSP and Rules of Origin*, sponsored by European Union, March-August, 2007.

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1. *Local Level Public Finances in Bangladesh of the World Bank*, Washington, D. C., USA, April-September 2008.
2. *Harnessing Services Trade for South Asia's Development: Potential for Trading in Transport Services in Bangladesh*, sponsored by the World Bank, Washington, D.C., USA, January-April 2007.

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 2. *A review analysis of the three stand alone issues related to gender and PRSP*. Sponsored by Steps towards Development, March 2008.
 3. *Temporary Migration of Workers and Services Trade in Bangladesh*. Worked as a Migration Specialist in this World Bank commissioned study, June 2007-December 2007.
 4. *Recruitment Processes, Outcomes and Vulnerabilities to Exploitation of Migrant and Contract Labour from Bangladesh to the Gulf States*, commissioned by the ILO, Dhaka in October 2007.
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6. *Promoting Decent Work Agenda in the RMG Industry of Bangladesh: A Concept Note.* Commissioned by the ILO, Dhaka, May 2007.
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2. *Health Professionals in Tobacco Control: Evidence from Global Health Professionals Survey (GHPS) of Medical Students in Bangladesh 2006.* Report prepared for the South-East Asia Region Office of the World Health Organization (WHO-SEARO), December 2006 (Co-author).

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 3. *Labour Market Outcome and the Growing Labour Unrest in Bangladesh.* A paper prepared for the Bangladesh Employers' Federation, November 2007.
 4. *Economic Evaluation of the Proposed Expansion of Dhaka Export Processing Zone and Chittagong Export Processing Zone,* (Draft Report). Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, June 2007 (Co-author).
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2. *Stakeholder Consultation on Institutional and Partnership Issues in Sea-facing Coastal Districts*, Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan (ICZMP), WARPO, Ministry of Water Resources, GoB and the Royal Netherlands Embassy, 2006.

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1. *Macroeconomic Management for Pro-poor Growth*, Bangladesh Planning Commission, 2008.
2. *Trade Facilitation - An Overview of Concerned Issues and Desirable Stand of Bangladesh*. Report submitted to Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industries (FBCCI), October 2007.
3. *Monitoring Performance and Impact Evaluation of Aquaculture Development Project (AQDP)*, for IFAD and DOF, 2006.

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Research Fellow

1. Prepared a short paper titled "Economic Empowerment of Women in Bangladesh" for Action Aid, Bangladesh, 2008.
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3. Worked as a consultant of the "Bangladesh Trade Support Programme" of the Ministry of Commerce, Bangladesh to conduct a study on the *Movement of Natural Persons*, 2007.
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1. *Semi-Structured Interviews for Strategic Impact Inquiry (of Sex Workers)*, sponsored by CARE Bangladesh, March - April 2008.
2. *Safe Motherhood and Status of Maternal Care Services in Bangladesh*: Sponsored by ANESVAD Foundation of Spain, November 2006 to March 2008.
3. *Baseline Survey for Assessing the Knowledge, Attitude and Practices with regard to Violence against Women and Sex Workers*, sponsored by CARE Bangladesh, September 2007- January 2008.

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1. *Annual Programme Review of Bangladesh Health, Nutrition, and Population Sector Programme (HNPS) 2007: The Stakeholders Consultation; Key Findings and Areas of Improvement*, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, sponsored by The World Bank.
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3. "Explaining Pro-poor Growth in Bangladesh: Puzzles, Evidence and Implications," Chapter 4 of Timothy Besley and Louise J. Cord (eds.) *Delivering on the Promise of Pro-poor Growth: Insights and Lessons from Country Experiences*, The World Bank, and Palgrave MacMillan, 2007.

Agriculture and Rural Development Division

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Research Director

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2. "Power to the People: Reform and Governance of the Electricity Sector of Bangladesh," under publication in the Proceedings of the Governance Seminar held in Dhaka, November 2006.

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1. "Inequality in Access to Education and its Impact on the Labour Market: A Vicious Cycle" in Q. Shahabuddin and R. I. Rahman (eds.) *Development Prospects of Bangladesh: Recent Experience and Emerging Challenges*, Special Volume for Golden Jubilee of BIDS (forthcoming).
2. "Recent Situation of Unemployment and Underemployment in Bangladesh," *Bangladesh Unnayan Shamikkhya*, 2008.
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4. *International Financial Institutions' Use of Aid Conditionality: The Case of Bangladesh*, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Oslo, November 2006.
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2. *Review Analysis of the Three Stand-alone Issues in the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper: Tall Targets and Little Achievements*, GPG, Gender and PRSP Group, GPG Secretariat, Steps Towards Development, Dhaka, March, 2008 (co-author).
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6. "Women, Labour Migration and Remittances: South Asia," an entry in *Encyclopedia of Women in Islamic Culture*, Brill Academic Publishers, Leiden, Netherlands, 2006.

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3. “বাংলাদেশের জাতীয় বাজেটে বরাদ্দকৃত অর্থের ব্যবহারদ ক্ষতা,” *বাংলাদেশ উন্নয়ন সমীক্ষা*, বার্ষিক সংখ্যা, পঞ্চবিংশতিতম খণ্ড, ১৪১৪, ৬ এপ্রিল ২০০৮।
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Nazneen Ahmed

Research Fellow

1. "Global Trade Liberalization: Implications from Some Alternative Scenarios" in Mohammad A Razzaque and Edwin Laurent (eds.) *Global Rice and Agricultural Trade Liberalization: Poverty and Welfare Implications for South Asia*, Commonwealth Secretariat, UK and Academic Foundation, New Delhi, India, 2008 (co-author).
2. "Distortions to Agricultural Incentives in Bangladesh," *Agricultural Distortions Working Paper 32*, World Bank, Washington, DC, 2007 (co-author).
3. "Market Imperfections" in R. Ruben, J. Pender and A. Kuyvenhoven (eds.) *Sustainable Poverty Reduction in Less-favoured Areas*, (co-author) CABI publishers: Wallingford, UK, 2007.
4. "Consequences of Abolition of the Multi-Fibre Arrangement Quotas on the Apparel Industry of Bangladesh – a Computable General Equilibrium Analysis," in R. Ruben, J. Pender and A. Kuyvenhoven (eds.) *Sustainable Poverty Reduction in Less-favoured Areas*, CABI Publishers, Wallingford, UK, 2007 (co-author).
5. "Rural Women of Bangladesh: from Home to Market," in J. Arunachalam and U. Kalpagam (eds.) *Rural Women in South Asia*, Rawat Publication, Jaipur, India, 2007.
6. "The Readymade Garment Industry of Bangladesh," *Dialogue + Cooperation Occasional Papers South East Asia, Europe*, 2/2006, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Singapore, 2006.

Population Studies Division

Simeen Mahmud

Research Director

1. "The Pledge to End Poverty: The Image and the Reality of International Aid for Health and Population in Bangladesh," in proceedings of a symposium on *Poverty and Growth*, Organised by the Institute of Developing Economies, Japan, November 2007, to be published by Palgrave-Macmillan (forthcoming).
2. "Social Policy, Education and Gender in Bangladesh," in J. Jha (ed.) *Gender and Education: Challenges in South Asia*, UNESCO (Forthcoming).
3. "Why do Garment Workers in Bangladesh Fail to Mobilize?" forthcoming in ZED Book Series on Citizenship, (draft Oct. 2007).
4. "People's Participation in Health Systems in Rural Bangladesh," in A. Cornwall and V. Coelho (eds.) *Spaces for Change: Politics of Participation in New Democratic Arenas*, IDS, Sussex University and Zed Books, UK, 2007.
5. "Increasing Voice in the Health Sector in Bangladesh: Is there a Role for Citizen Participation?" *Citizenship and Rights in Bangladesh*, Special Volume, *Bangladesh Development Studies*, Vol. 29, Nos. 3&4, March 2007.
6. Guest Editor, *Citizenship and Rights in Bangladesh*, Special Volume, *Bangladesh Development Studies*, Vol. 29, Nos. 3&4, March 2007.
7. "Girls' Schooling and Marriage in Rural Bangladesh," in E. Hannum and B. Fuller (eds.) *Children's Lives and Schooling Across Societies, Research in Sociology of Education*, Volume 15, Elsevier, The Netherlands and USA, 2006 (co-author).
8. "Fertility Decline under Poverty," in S. Ahmed and W. Mahmud (eds.) *Growth and Poverty: The Development Experience of Bangladesh*, The World Bank and UPL, Washington D.C. and Dhaka, 2006.
9. "Compliance Versus Accountability: Struggles for Dignity and Daily Bread in the Bangladesh Garment Industry," in P. Newel and J. Wheeler (eds.) *Rights, Resources and the Politics of Accountability*, IDS, Sussex University and Zed Books, UK, 2006 (co-author).

M.A. Mannan

Senior Research Fellow

1. *Safe Motherhood and Status of Maternal Care Services in Bangladesh* (accepted for publication as a book) by ANESVAD Foundation of Spain, and Community Development Library, Dhaka.
2. *Street Children in Bangladesh: A Socio-economic Analysis*. Published by DSS, Ministry of Social Welfare, July 2007.

Sharifa Begum

Senior Research Fellow

1. "Social Security for Elderly in Bangladesh," in S. Irudaya Rajan (ed.) *Social Security for the Elderly: Experiences from South Asia*, Routledge Taylor and Francis Group, New Delhi, 2008 (co-author).
 2. "Maternal Health, Child Well-being and Intergenerationally Transmitted Poverty: Does Women's Agency Matter?" (accepted for publication in the JDS special issue on Poverty) (co-author).
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A.B.M. Shamsul Islam

Research Fellow

1. "Social Security for the Elderly: Experiences from South Asia," S. Irudaya Rajan (ed.) Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, India, Routledge New Delhi, 2008 (co-author).
2. "Active Participation of the Elderly Population of Bangladesh in Economic Activities: A Gender Related Analysis"(in Bengali), in Salina Hossain, Rita Afsar and Masuduzzaman (eds.) *Gender and Socio-economic Development*, Dhaka, February 2007.

Humayra Ahmed

Research Associate

1. "Bangladesher Nari: Kormokhetre Onshogrohon o Jothajotho Mullayon Shirshok Porjalochona," in Selina Hossain, Rita Afsar, Masuduzzaman (eds.) *Gender o Artho-Shamajik Unnayan*, Maola Brothers, Gender Granthamala 3, February 2007.
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II. Papers Presented at International and National Seminars

Agriculture and Rural Development Division

Md. Asaduzzaman

Research Director

1. "Stages of Shrimp Production & Their Characteristics." Paper Presented at the Workshop under Diversification of BD Exports, Dhaka, June 2008.
2. "Regional Inequality in Bangladesh: In Search of Explanations." Paper Presented at the International Conference, *Changes and Innovations in Food and Agriculture System in Bangladesh: Implications for Pro-poor Growth*, November 2007.
3. "Food for All: A Rights based Approach in Bangladesh Perspective." Keynote paper presented at a Seminar in Observance of the World Food Day, organised by the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, held in Dhaka, Bangladesh 16 October 2007.

Rushidan Islam Rahman

Research Director

1. "Inequality in Access to Education and its Impact on the Labour Market: A Vicious Cycle." Paper presented at the International Conference on *Development Prospects of Bangladesh: Emerging Challenges*, Organised by Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, 2-3 December 2007.
 2. Measurement, Data and Policy: Research Issues on Poverty and Inequality. Lecture delivered on Workshop on *Microfinance, Poverty and Rural Development*, organised by Institute of Microfinance, Dhaka, 26 December 2007.
 3. Gender Dimensions of Labour Market in Bangladesh: Conceptual Issues and Empirical Results. Paper presented at the Joint Economics and Econometrics Seminar at Monash University, Australia, 5 October 2007.
 4. "Pro-poor Growth: Recent Evidence from HIES Data." Paper presented at the Special Seminar on *Pro-Poor Growth and Food Security: Recent Experience in Bangladesh*, Organised by BIDS on the Occasion of Golden Jubilee, 16 August 2007.
 5. "Microfinance and the Hardcore Poor." Paper presented at the workshop on *microfinance*, organised by Institute of Microfinance, Dhaka, 26 December 2006.
 6. Gender and Labour Market: Trends and Determinants. Paper presented at a VC organised by The World Bank, Dhaka, 26 July 2006.
 7. "Price and Wage Data in Bangladesh: Comments on Quality of Data and Suggestions for Improvement." Paper presented at the Workshop on "Improvement of Price and Wage Data" organised by BBS, Dhaka, 26 July 2006.
 8. "Who Gets What: A Gender Analysis of Public Expenditure in Bangladesh." Book Review Presented at the Launching Ceremony of the Book, organised by North South University, Dhaka, 19 July 2006.
 9. Improving Statistics on Informal Sector Workers: Role of Bangladesh's Labour Force Survey. Paper presented at the workshop on *Improving Statistics on Informal Employment*, organised by UNIFEM and HOMENET South Asia, New Delhi, 11-12 July 2006.
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General Economics Division

Kazi Ali Toufique

Senior Research Fellow

1. "Floodplain Aquaculture in Bangladesh: A Case of Enchantment or Disenchantment?" Paper presented in a seminar jointly organised by Department of Economics, Lund University, Sweden and SASNET (Swedish South Asian Studies Network) in Lund, Sweden, 15 March 2007.
2. "Common Interests, Private Gains: A Study of Co-operative Floodplain Aquaculture." Paper presented at the International Conference on *Community Based Approaches to Fisheries Management*, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 7-8 March 2007 (co-author).

Dilip Kumar Roy

Senior Research Fellow

1. "Economic Globalization and Importance of Trade Statistics." Keynote paper presented at the NEC Auditorium, Planning Commission, Dhaka, organised by Bangladesh Statistical Association, April 2008.
2. "Some Aspects of Non-agricultural Market Access for Bangladesh Exports." Paper presented at the BRAC Centre, organised by Bangladesh Unnayan Onneshan, Dhaka, December 2007.
3. "Impact Assessment Study of EU Generalized System of Preference and Rules of Origin." Paper presented at Sheraton Hotel, jointly organised by Bangladesh Unnayan Onneshan and BTSP of Ministry of Commerce, June 2007 (co-author).
4. "Governance and Economic Growth: The Challenges for Bangladesh." Paper presented in the seminar organised by The Sigur Center for Asian Studies, The Elliot School of International Affairs, The George Washington University, Washington, DC, USA, September 2006.

Mohammad Yunus

Research Fellow

1. "Diversification of Bangladesh Export: Assessing Sanitary and Phytosanitary Standards on Shrimp Sector of Bangladesh." Paper presented at the BIDS-EU Seminar, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 23 June 2008.
 2. "Competitiveness of the Knitwear Industry in Bangladesh: Background of Its Development Amid Global Competition." Paper presented at the ABCDE Conference of the World Bank, Cape Town, South Africa, 9-11 June 2008 (co-author).
 3. "Promoting Employment-Intensive Growth in Bangladesh: Policy Analysis of the Manufacturing and Service Sectors." Paper presented at the ILO-BIDS seminar, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 25 February 2008 (co-author).
 4. "Research and Policy Divide." A keynote paper presented at the regional workshop at Chittagong, organised by BIDS-PRP, 8 January 2008.
 5. "Results of the Food Demand System." Paper presented at the seminars on *Determination of Food Availability and Consumption Patterns and Setting up of Nutritional Standards in Bangladesh*, at BIDS and FPMU, December 2007.
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Human Resources Development Division

Rita Afsar

Senior Research Fellow

1. "Review Analysis of the Three Stand-Alone Issues in the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper: Tall Targets and Little Achievements." Paper presented at Steps Towards Development organised seminar, CIRDA Auditorium, 18 March 2008.
2. "Bringing Women Entrepreneurs in Policy Focus for SME Development in Bangladesh." Paper presented at the seminar organised by Bangladesh Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BWCCI) in collaboration with the Centre for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) on *Strengthening Capacity of Women Entrepreneurs*, at the Conference Room (VIP Lounge), The National Press Club, Dhaka, 26 February 2008.
3. "A Critical Analysis of CRC Reporting Trends and Implementation Status in Bangladesh." Paper presented at the Save the Children, Sweden and Denmark and its partner organisations organised seminar, LGED Auditorium, 18 February 2008 (co-author).
4. "Population Movement in the Fluid, Fragile and Contentious Borderland between Bangladesh and India." Paper presented at *Panel 10: Living in A Borderland: The View from Below*. An international conference organised by Panos Asia and Guwahati University, 16-18 January, 2008.
5. "Urbanisation, Migration and Remittances: Changing Development Trajectory in Bangladesh." Paper presented at the Workshop on Changes and Innovations in Food and Agriculture System in Bangladesh: Implications for Pro-Poor Growth, organised by BIDS, BRF, RED of BRAC, BRAC Centre, Mohakhali, Dhaka in collaboration with IFPRI, 26-27 November 2007.
6. "Remittances Management in South Asia: Promoting Remittances and SME Links in Bangladesh." Resource Paper presented in the Nepal Rastra Bank organised seminar on *Management of Workers' Remittances in SAARC Countries*, Kathmandu, 9-11 May 2007.
7. "Gender Matters: Dynamics of Internal Migration in Bangladesh and Policy Imperatives." Paper presented in Spectra Convention Hall and BIDS respectively on 17 February and 21 March 2007.
8. "Poverty, Inequality and Challenges of Pro-Poor Governance in Bangladesh." Paper presented at the *Panel 17th on Political Economy of Decentralization: Socio-economic Consequences, European Conference on South Asian Studies*, Leiden, 17 July 2006.

Pratima Paul-Majumder

Senior Research Fellow

1. "Role of Fiscal Policy in Attaining Gender Responsive National Budget in Bangladesh." Presented a series of papers in national seminars organised by Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha (BNPS) and Institute for Environment & Development, held in Dhaka, Chittagong, Mymensingh, Khulna, Sirajgonj, April- June 2008.
 2. "Rethinking Social Protection Strategy: Parity First." Paper presented in the seminar on National Budget 2008-2009: Challenges and Response, organised by BIDS, Dhaka, 9 April 2008.
 3. "Concept of GRP." Paper presented in an international workshop on Strategic Planning Gender Responsive Budgeting, organised by Step Towards Development (STD) held at RDEC, LGED Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka, 23-24 March 2008.
 4. Factors Affecting Utilization Efficiency of Allocation Earmarked for Women's Development in the National Budget of Bangladesh. *Presented a series of papers in national seminars held in Dhaka, Chittagong, Mymensingh, Khulna, Sirajgonj, During April- June 2007.*
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5. “গ্রামীণ নারী উদ্যোক্তা ও নারীর ক্ষমতায়ন” প্রবন্ধ উপস্থাপন, বাংলাদেশ নারী প্রগতি সংঘ (বিএনপিএস) ও ইনস্টিটিউট ফর এনভায়রনমেন্ট অ্যান্ড ডেভেলপমেন্ট (আইইডি) কর্তৃক আয়োজিত নারী উদ্যোগ ও লোকজ সংস্কৃতি বিষয়ক সেমিনার, নেত্রকোণা, বাংলাদেশ, ২২-২৪ মার্চ ২০০৭।
6. “Impact of Globalization on Women’s Employment and Employees.” Paper presented in a seminar organised By UBINIG, Bangladesh, 5 August 2006.

Anwara Begum

Research Fellow

1. Quality and Capability Issues in Education: Implications for the National Budget 2008-2009. Paper presented in a seminar on National Budget 2008-2009: Challenges and Response, organised by BIDS, Dhaka, 9 April 2008.
2. “Housing Development: Rural and Urban,” for the Bangladesh PRSP II. Paper presented for a National Level Workshop under the auspices of the Planning Commission, Ministry of Planning, GoB, 28 March 2008.
3. “Gender Issues and Study Framework.” Paper presented for the FAO research on “Impact of Self-employment and Paid Employment on Household Food Security,” at the Food Building (Khaddya Bhavan) under the auspices of the NFPCSP of FAO and GoB, 18 February 2008.
4. “Education Budget 2007-2008.” Paper presented at the National Press Club under the auspices of Nari Progoti.
5. Paper presented as Discussant in the International Workshop on *Population Movements: Non-Traditional Issue in South Asian Security Discourse*, organised by Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU), University of Dhaka, at BRAC Centre Inn, 22 August 2006.

S.M. Zulficar Ali

Research Fellow

1. Paper presented in the workshop on *Global Tobacco Surveillance System (GTSS)* organised by WHO South-East Asia Region Office held in Nepal during 25-29 February 2008.
2. Paper presented in the International Conference on *Wellbeing in International Development* organised by ESRC Research Group on Wellbeing in Developing Countries (WeD), University of Bath, UK, 28-30 June 2007.
3. Paper presented on “Stakeholders Consultation for Annual Programme Review (APR) 2007 of Health, Nutrition and Population Sector Programme (HNPSP)” at the National Consultation Workshop organised jointly by the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, Dhaka, 07 April 2007 (co-author).

Mohammad Harunur Rashid Bhuyan

Research Associate

1. “Biopsy of Bangladeshi Marriage in New York.” Paper presented at the Visual Sociology Seminar, The New School for Social Research, New York, USA, 10 May 2007.
2. “Mahatma Gandhi’s Swadeshi Movement: A Consumption, Social, Philosophical and Nationalistic Movement in British India.” Paper presented at the Consumption and the City Seminar, The New School for Social Research, New York, USA, 16 November 2006.
3. “Critical Discussion on Wallerstein’s Ideas about Knowledge and World System Analysis, and its Implication on Indigenous Research.” Paper presented at the Sociology of Knowledge Seminar, The New School for Social Research, New York, USA, 17 July 2006.

Industry and Physical Infrastructure Division

Abdul Hye Mondal

Senior Research Fellow

1. "Globalization and How It Works." Paper presented at the Training Programme on *Globalization: Workers' Rights and the Role of Trade Unions*, organised by the Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies, 18–20 June 2008.
2. "Trade Unions: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives." Paper presented at the National Defence College training course for top-ranking civil and military officials of Asian and African countries, 20 April 2008.
3. "Informal Sector in Bangladesh: A Strategic Framework for Development." Paper presented at a seminar on the *Women Workers in the Informal Sector of Bangladesh: A Strategic Framework for Development*, held in Dhaka under the auspices of Partnership of Women in Action and Nagorik Uddog, 08 March 2008.
4. "Post-Sidr Livelihood Restoration and Economic Recovery in the Non-Agricultural Sector of Bangladesh," ILO Mission Report, Dhaka, 07 January 2008.
5. "Globalization, Structural Adjustment and Economic Change." Paper presented at the training course on *Trade Union Organization and Leadership Development*, organised jointly by the ILO, BILS and National Coordination Committee of Workers Education (NCCWE), 17-24 September 2007.
6. "National Development and Women in the Informal Sector of Bangladesh." Paper presented at the seminar on the *Informal Sector: The Condition of Women Workers and What Needs to be Done*, organised by Nagorik Uddog in observance of the International Women Day (08 March), Dhaka, 07 March 2007.
7. "Hazardous Child Labour in Bangladesh and the Challenges for its Prevention and Elimination." Paper presented at the MLE-ILO National Workshop on *Hazardous Child Labour in Bangladesh*, 17 August 2006.

K.M. Nabiul Islam

Senior Research Fellow

1. "Flood Loss Assessment Methods- Lessons from Bangladesh." Presentation made at the World Bank, Delhi, June 2008.
 2. "Flood Vulnerability Assessment Methods – Applicability for Gujarat State Disaster Management." Presentation made at the World Bank, Gujarat, India, May 2008.
 3. "Urban and Non-agricultural Impacts of Flooding – The Case of Bangladesh." Paper presented at the *Authors' Meeting of The Economic Impacts of Natural Disasters, Do they Cost the Earth?* UN-ISDR/CRED, Geneva, April 2008.
 4. Economics Associated with Floods and Flood Impacts Assessments. Lecture delivered to the Institute of Economic Growth, University of Delhi, India, February 2008.
 5. "Emergency Flood Response for the People Affected by Water Logging in Jessore, Khulna and Satkhira Districts." Presentation made at European Commission Humanitarian Office (ECHO), Islamic Relief, Dhaka, February 2008.
 6. "Flood Vulnerability Assessment: Experience from Bangladesh." Paper presented at Egis-BCEOM, Gujarat, India, February 2008.
 7. "Water Governance and Sustainability of Development for Bangladesh." Paper presented at *World Citizens Assembly on Water (WCAW)*, Conference held in Marseille, France, November 2007.
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8. "Flood Loss Management: An Overview from Bangladesh." Paper presented at MICRODIS Project, Economic Working Group Meeting, Economics Department, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India, November 2007.
9. "Flood Loss Management: Mitigation and Adaptation Options for Bangladesh." Key note presentation at Gyan Mela: Roundtable, BIDS, Dhaka, 27 September 2007.
10. "Assessing Efficiency of Adaptation Options to Climate-Related Disaster: Insights from Bangladesh." Paper presented at Seventh Annual IASA-DPRI Forum on Integrated Disaster Risk Management, Stresa, Italy, 19-21 September 2007.
11. "The Economic Rationale for Disaster Risk Reduction: Cost-Benefit Analysis." Paper presented at ProVention Meeting, International Federation of Red cross and Red crescent Societies, Stresa, Italy, 18 September 2007.
12. "Disasters Preparedness against Risk of Flood and Earthquake in Bangladesh." Presentation made at the European Commission Humanitarian Office (ECHO), Islamic Relief, Dhaka, May 2007.
13. Findings from Stakeholder Consultation on Institutional and Partnership Issues in a Sea facing Coastal Districts. Keynote presentation at National Workshop, Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan (ICZMP), WARPO, IDB Bhaban, Dhaka, December 2006.

Narayan Chandra Nath

Research Fellow

1. "WTO Issue of Trade Facilitation." Paper presented at BEA Biennial Conference, 12-15 December 2007.
2. "Tourism Sector in Bangladesh: Insights from a Micro Level Survey." Paper presented at BEA Biennial Conference, 12-15 December 2007.

Salma Chaudhuri Zohir

Research Fellow

1. "Gender Issues in Urban Transport." Paper presented at the workshop held at the BIDS Conference room, 29 April 2008.
2. "Tackling Economic and Social Vulnerability of Women: Gender Sensitive Public Policies." Paper presented at the UNU-WIDER Conference on *Fragile States-Fragile Groups*, Helsinki, 15-16 June 2007.

Nazneen Ahmed

Research Fellow

1. "Diversification of Bangladesh Export: Assessing Implications of the Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary Standards on Shrimp Sector of Bangladesh." Paper presented at the BIDS-EU seminar held at Hotel Sheraton, Dhaka, 23 June 2008.
 2. "জৈষ্ঠর সংবেদনশীল জাতীয় বাজেট প্রণয়নের মাধ্যমে নারী-পুরুষের সমতা প্রতিষ্ঠা: আমাদের করণীয়." Paper presented as the keynote speaker in a seminar organised by *Bangladesh Mahila Parishad* at Press Club Auditorium, Dhaka, 13 May 2008.
 3. WTO and Bangladesh: A lecture given at the National Defense College, Bangladesh as a resource person for the National Defense Course, 23 April 2008.
 4. "Economic Empowerment of Women in Bangladesh." Paper presented as a keynote speaker in a seminar on *Economic Empowerment: Women in Bangladesh*, organised by Action Aid Bangladesh to celebrate International Women's Day, at CIRDAP auditorium, 5 March 2008.
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5. "Promoting Employment-Intensive Growth in Bangladesh: Policy Analysis of the Manufacturing and Service Sectors." Paper presented at the ILO-BIDS seminar, Marble Room, Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, 25 February 2008.
6. "GATS Mode 4: How to Make it Beneficial for LDCs?" Paper presented in a seminar organised by *Unnayan Onneshon* (the innovators) at BRAC Centre, Dhaka, 8 December 2007.
7. "GATS Mode 4: Negotiations and LDCs." Paper presented in a seminar organised by Ministry of Commerce and Bangladesh Trade Support Programme at Hotel Sheraton, Dhaka, 10 September 2007.
8. "Distortions to Agricultural Incentives in Bangladesh." Paper presented at the Workshop on *Distortions to Agricultural Incentives in Asia-Pacific Countries* sponsored by the World Bank and the International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium (IATRC) held in Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre, Queensland, Australia, 12 August 2006.

Population Studies Division

Simeen Mahmud

Research Director

1. "Social Protection from a Citizen's Perspective." Paper presented at the Conference on *Universalising Socio-Economic Security in South Asia*, organised by the Institute of Human Development, New Delhi and the Institute for Social Studies, The Hague, Delhi, February 2008.
2. "The Pledge to End Poverty: The Image and the Reality of International Aid for Health and Population in Bangladesh." Paper presented in a symposium on *Poverty and Growth* organised by the Institute of Developing Economies, Japan, November 2007.
3. "How Equitable is Access to and Use of Reproductive Health Care and Family Planning Services in Bangladesh? A Review of the Evidence." Paper presented at the 16th Annual IAFFE Conference on *Feminist Economics*, Bangkok, June 29-July 1, 2007.
4. "How Equitable is Access to and Use of Reproductive Health Care and Family Planning Services in Bangladesh? A Review of the Evidence." Paper presented in the International Conference on *Best Practices for Scaling Reproductive Health and Family Planning Programmes and Reducing Maternal and Neonatal Mortality*, Islamabad, November 20-21, 2006.

Sharifa Begum

Senior Research Fellow

1. Maternal Health Care Services in Bangladesh: Few Observations from Recent Data. Paper presented in the *Bangladesh Public Health Conference-2008*, Unnayan Anneshan: The Innovators, Dhaka, 13-14 June 2008.
 2. "National Budget 2008-09: Expectation of the Elderly." Keynote paper presented at the pre-budget seminar on *Elderly*, Resource Integration Centre (RIC), Dhaka, 11 May 2008.
 3. "Women's Health and Health Needs in Bangladesh." Paper presented in the workshop on *Tackling Social and Economic Determinants of Health through Women's Empowerment: The SEWA Experience*, Ahmedabad, Gujrat, India, 6-8 September 2007.
 4. "Expectation of the Elderly and National Budget in Bangladesh." Paper presented at the pre-budget Seminar on *Elderly*, Resource Integration Centre (RIC), Dhaka, 5 June 2007.
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5. "Condition of Elderly and Family Support for Them: Evidence from Bangladesh." Paper presented in the Expert Group Meeting on the Regional Preparation for the *Global Review of Madrid Plan of Action on Ageing*, UNESCAP, Bangkok, 27-29 March 2007.
6. "Population Ageing and Economic Security of the Elderly in Bangladesh: An Overview." Paper presented at the Regional Seminar on *Ensuring Social Protection/Social Pension in Old Age in the context of Rapid Ageing in Asia*, Help Age International and ESCAP, Bangkok, 29-31 January 2007.
7. "Fertility Level, Trends and Differentials: half a Decade Perspectives." Paper presented at the International Conference on *Emerging Population Issues in the Asia-Pacific Region: Challenges for the 21st Century*, International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai, India, 10-13 December 2006.
8. "Health System in Bangladesh: An Overview." Paper presented at the Equity Workshop organised by the Global Equity Gauge Alliance (GEGA), Colombo, Sri-Lanka, 5-9 December 2006.

III. Policymaking Activities

Quazi Shahabuddin

Director General

1. Member, Board of Governors, BARD, Comilla.
2. Member, Board of Management, BARI, Gazipur.
3. Member, Senate, Chittagong University.
4. Member, Senate, Jahangirnagar University.
5. Member, Independent Committee for Monitoring and Evaluation of PRS and Attainment of MDGs in Bangladesh.
6. Member, Advisory Committee on Review of National Accounts, BBS.
7. Member, Steering Committee, Capacity Building for GED for Preparation of Development Plans, Planning Commission.
8. Member, International Program Advisory Board, Research-into-Use Program, NRI Ltd, U.K.

Agriculture and Rural Development Division

M. Asaduzzaman

Research Director

1. Chairperson of the CGE of UNFCCC.
 2. Member of the High Level Monitoring and Review Committee on WTO matters, Ministry of Commerce.
 3. Advised BRAC on questionnaire for understanding constraints to diffusion of improved cook stoves for limiting indoor air pollution.
 4. Editor, Proceedings of the International Workshop on Governance and Development held in Dhaka, November 11-12, 2006.
 5. Member of the CGE of UNFCCC.
 6. Contributed to the preparation of the Budget Brief giving specific inputs on several issues.
 7. Chair, Technical Sub-Committee on Agricultural Census, BBS.
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8. Member, PoE, Indian River Linking Project Impact.
9. Chair, Technical Working Group on Mitigation for Preparation of Bangladesh Bali Action Plan, Ministry of Environment and Forest.
10. Chair, Technical Working group on Agriculture and WTO matters.
11. Trustee, Bangladesh Krishi Gobeshona Endowment Trust.
12. Director, Bangladesh Krishi Gobeshona Foundation.
13. Member, Drafting Committee on Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan for Bangladesh.

Rushidan Islam Rahman

Research Director

1. Executive Committee on Assessment of the Current Status of National Accounts Data, Ministry of Planning, March 2005 to date.
2. 'General Body' of Bangladesh Social Development Foundation, June 2005 to date.
3. Research Grant Panel of FAO, March 2007 to date.
4. Microcredit Regulatory Authority, September 2006 to date.
5. Technical Committee on Gender Statistics, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, November 2008 to date.

Bimal Kumar Saha

Senior Research Fellow

1. Member, Coordination Committee of IRD Projects, CIRDAP.
2. Member, Steering Committee, Pally Pragati Prakalpa, BRDB.

General Economics Division

Dilip Kumar Roy

Senior Research Fellow

1. Member, WTO Working Group 4: TRIPS and TBT.
2. Member, Selection Committee for Consultants of 2nd PRSP.
3. Member, Preparatory Committee for BIMSTEC Ministerial meeting.
4. Participated in the meeting on Citizen Charter, at the Ministry of Planning.
5. Member, Core Group on Trade in Services within SAFTA framework.

Human Resources Development Division

Pratima Paul-Majumder

Senior Research Fellow

1. Member, SID Bangladesh Chapter.
 2. Advisor, Agribusiness Development Organization of Bangladesh (ADOB).
 3. Member, Bangladesh Economic Association.
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4. Member, Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad.
5. Member, Executive Committee, Karmajibi Nari.
6. Member, Executive Committee, Bangladesh Freedom Foundation.
7. Member, Bangladesh Mohila Parishad.

Anwara Begum

Research Fellow

1. National Expert Committee Member of "Publication and Research: Expert Committee on Education," under the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education of Government of Bangladesh.
2. Member of the Technical Committee on "Education Watch," Report of Campaign For Popular Education, CAMPE.
3. Expert Committee Member for the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) of CAMPE, on "Attaining the Millennium Development Goals," for the People's Forum (PFM) on MDGs Report, in collaboration with Campaign For Popular Education (CAMPE), Bangladesh, since 2006.

S.M. Zulfiqar Ali

Research Fellow

1. Member, Advisory Committee, Caritas Development Institute, Caritas, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
2. Member, Board of Directors, Unnayan Shamannay, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Industry and Physical Infrastructure Division

Zaid Bakht

Research Director

1. Member, Advisory Committee for the Securities & Exchange Commission.
2. Member, Committee to Review National Income Accounts, Ministry of Planning.
3. Member, Peer Review Group for Draft Industrial Policy 2008.

Abdul Hye Mondal

Senior Research Fellow

1. Member, Research Proposal Evaluation Committee, "Capacity Building of General Economics Division for Preparation of Development Plans" Project, General Economics Division, Planning Commission, March 2005 – Present.
 2. Member, National Committee on SAARC Convention Implementation Progress and UN CRC Third and Fourth Periodic Report Preparation, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, March 2006 – Present.
 3. Member, Working Group on PRSP Implementation – Monitoring and Evaluation, Ministry of Industries, 08 October 2006 – Present.
 4. Member, Proposal Evaluation Committee, Formulation of Outline Participatory Perspective Plan (OPPP), General Economics Division, Planning Commission, 29 January 2008 – Present.
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K. M. Nabiul Islam

Senior Research Fellow

1. Member, Research and Academic Committee, Institute of Water and Flood Management, BUET.
2. External Examiner, Diploma, Masters and Ph. D. Degree Thesis, Institute of Water and Flood Management, BUET.
3. Senate Member, Jahangirnagar University.

Narayan Chandra Nath

Research Fellow

1. Member, Executive Committee of Bangladesh Economic Association for 2005-07 and 2007-09.

Salma Chaudhuri Zohir

Research Fellow

1. Member, Taskforce on The New Partnership for Development Act 2007, Ministry of Commerce, 2007.
2. Member, "Expert Group on Integrated Multi-Modal Transport Policy," Planning Commission.
3. Member, Committee on NAMA, Ministry of Commerce.
4. Member, Committee on FTA, Ministry of Commerce.

Md. Salimullah

Research Fellow

1. Member, Major Terms and Condition Committee of Chittagong Port Authority.

Nazneen Ahmed

Research Fellow

1. Member of the Committee of Cross Cutting Issues under the Bangladesh Quality Support Programme (BQSP) of the Ministry of Commerce.
2. Member of the Committee on Non-Tariff Barriers under the WTO Cell, Ministry of Commerce (2007).
3. Member, Core Discussion Group on Service Trade Negotiation, Ministry of Commerce (2006).

Population Studies Division**Simeen Mahmud**

Research Director

1. Member, Board of Trustees, Central Women's University, Dhaka.
2. Member, Board of Editors, The Bangladesh Development Studies, quarterly journal of the BIDS.
3. Member, Bangladesh Expert Panel for the Micro-credit Summit Campaign, Washington, DC.

Sharifa Begum

Senior Research Fellow

1. Member, Panel of Expert, National Health Policy, 2008, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
 2. Member, Executive Body, Forum for the Rights of the Elderly, Bangladesh (FRE'B) and Editor, Newsletter, FRE'B.
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IV. BIDS Policy Resource Programme (PRP)

The BIDS-PRP has been established to promote policy research based explicitly on research needs of policymakers and key stakeholders. The programme also seeks to build research capacity, and to forge strong, organic links with policymakers and the media, and generally act as a resource for the development community. Some key objectives of this programme are:

- To conduct demand-driven policy research and analyses
- To respond to demand through rapid desk reviews as well as basic research
- To build policy research capacity
- To network with other researchers, analysts and institutions
- To use advanced communication strategies for dissemination
- To focus specifically on policy processes to influence adoption and implementation

The programme will be officially launched from November 1, 2008 aided by a grant from Manusher Jonno Foundation, initially for an 18-month period. An advisory committee consisting of senior and eminent persons has been formed, drawn from Government, academia and the private sector. Two areas of research have so far been identified, namely on the impact of the global financial crisis and on exchange rate and interest policy in Bangladesh. The first study will be a dissemination seminar and be held in February/March 2009. The second study will be launched after completing the first study. The advisory committee will deliberate on the research agenda for the remaining time at hand, and will help BIDS-PRP arrive at a list of prioritised issues. It is expected that during the entire 18-months of the programme, a total of 6 studies on key policy research issues will be completed.

A number of e-networks are in the process of being established, including a network of researchers and a network of grassroot organisations. This is an attempt to strengthen existing links with researchers, especially with those based outside Dhaka, and to incorporate grassroot views into policy research. It is expected that a two-way communication can be built up with these stakeholders to assist us with e.g. agenda setting, discussion of findings, as well as dissemination.

Appendix 1

BIDS Financial Statement

Particulars	30.06.2007	30.06.2008
Property and Assets:		
Fixed Assets at written down Value	7,900,861.00	9,507,066.50
BIDS Building	47,310,000.00	47,310,000.00
Investments at cost	296,426,338.13	322,649,463.13
Accrued Interest on Investments	18,010,700.00	45,408,400.00
Bills Receivable	8,596,676.85	1,792,000.00
Sundry Debtors	687,982.52	8,270,882.50
Sub Total	378,932,558.50	434,937,812.13
Current Assets:		
Stock of Stationery	173,766.36	203,488.23
Advance and Prepayments	4,363,965.95	4,223,900.95
Cash and Bank Balances	14,816,105.46	23,478,645.74
Sub Total	19,353,837.77	27,906,034.92
Total:	398,286,396.27	462,843,847.05
Fund and Liabilities:		
Capital Fund	29,049,531.21	47,372,658.21
ADP Allocation (Building Cons)	47,310,000.00	47,310,000.00
Govt.Trust Fund	100,000,000.00	100,000,000.00
Ford Foundation Grant	27,868,000.00	31,868,000.00
Professorial Fellowship Fund		
Other Funds	187,378,065.06	227,200,080.96
Other Liabilities	6,680,800.00	9,093,107.88
Total:	398,286,396.27	462,843,847.05
Income:		
Allocation from the Govt.	26,553,000.00	28,392,000.00
Interest on Investment		
Interest from Trust Fund	11,697,000.00	11,876,000.00
Sales of Publication	148,000.00	221,000.00
Interest from Project & other Sources	172,106.00	140,430.00
Project Overhead & Levy	1,182,000.00	3,194,000.00
Income from other Sources	4,409,593.10	3,534,892.12
Total:	44,161,699.10	47,358,322.12
Expenditure:		
Salary and Allowances	33,855,704.91	34,345,857.21
Salary of Temp.Staff	1,734,726.94	1,811,305.56
Travelling Expenses	140,241.00	256,615.00
Library Expenses	109,616.00	417,133.00
Stationery	395,199.94	496,151.13
Conveyance and Car	2,431,661.50	2,449,209.50
Printing and Publication	328,732.35	404,818.00
Repair and Replacement of Office		
Machinery and Furniture	96,580.00	162,148.00
Maintenance of Office Building	612,522.00	389,815.00
Depreciation	877,917.00	1,056,340.00
Postage,Telephone and Telegram	1,083,426.00	1,372,898.00
Electricity and Light System	958,825.00	601,506.00
Network Maintenance	-	90,800.00
Insurance Rates and Taxes	258,009.21	221,052.68
Liveries for Low paid Employees	78,850.00	218,560.00
Entertainment for DG Office	117,267.00	29,267.00
Audit and Legal Fees	21,000.00	51,000.00
Advertisement	56,629.50	42,821.54
Contingencies	327,726.00	218,635.00
BIDS Computer Expenses	642,076.75	529,200.00
Seminar Expenses	34,988.00	187,189.50
Purchase of Vehicle	-	2,006,000.00
Infrastructure Expenses		
Total:	44,161,699.10	47,358,322.12

Appendix 2**List of Members of Statutory Committees****Policy Coordination Committee (PCC)
2006 – 2007**

1. Dr. Quazi Shahabuddin, Director General All Research Directors & Division Chiefs:	Chairman
2. Mr. Abu Ahmed Abdullah, Research Director	Member
3. Dr. M. Asaduzzaman, Research Director	Member
4. Dr. Omar Haider Chowdhury, Research Director	Member
5. Dr. Zaid Bakht, Research Director	Member
6. Dr. K.A.S. Murshid, Research Director	Member
7. Dr. Rushidan Islam Rahman, Research Director & DC, ARDD	Member
8. Ms. Simeen Mahmud, Research Director & DC, PSD	Member
9. Dr. Rita Afsar, DC, HRD	Member
10. Dr. Abdul Hye Mondal, DC, IPID	Member
11. Dr. Chowdhury Anwaruzzaman, DC, GED	Member
12. Dr. Sharifa Begum, CFC	Member
13. Dr. Chowdhury Anwaruzzaman/Dr. Abdul Hye Mondal, CAAC	Member
14. Mr. Karimullah Bhuiyan, Convenor, R & P	Member
15. Mr. Syed Nadeem Ahmed, Secretary	Member
16. Mr. Syed Nadeem Ahmed/Dr. Mohammad Yunus	Member-Secretary

**Policy Coordination Committee (PCC)
2007 – 2008**

1. Dr. Quazi Shahabuddin, Director General All Research Directors & Division Chiefs:	Chairman
2. Mr. Abu Ahmed Abdullah, Research Director	Member
3. Dr. M. Asaduzzaman, Research Director	Member
4. Dr. Omar Haider Chowdhury, Research Director	Member
5. Dr. Zaid Bakht, Research Director	Member
6. Dr. K.A.S. Murshid, Research Director	Member
7. Dr. Rushidan Islam Rahman, Research Director	Member
8. Ms. Simeen Mahmud, Research Director	Member
9. Dr. Rita Afsar/Dr. Pratima Paul-Majumder, DC, HRD	Member
10. Dr. Abdul Hye Mondal/Dr. K.M. Nabiul Islam, DC, IPID	Member
11. Dr. Chowdhury Anwaruzzaman/Dr. Dilip Kumar Roy, DC, GED	Member
12. Dr. Rushidan Islam Rahman /Dr. Bimal Kumar Saha, DC, ARDD	Member
13. Dr. Sharifa Begum, CFC & DC, PSD	Member
14. Dr. Abdul Hye Mondal, CAAC	Member
15. Dr. S.M. Zulfiqar Ali, Convenor, R & P	Member
16. Mr. Syed Nadeem Ahmed, Secretary	Member
17. Dr. Mohammad Yunus	Member-Secretary

Administrative Affairs Committee (AAC)
05/01/2006 – 04/01/2007

1. Dr. Chowdhury Anwaruzzaman, Senior Research Fellow	Chairman
2. Dr. Nazneen Ahmed, Research Fellow	Member
3. Mr. Syed Nadeem Ahmed, Secretary	Member
4. Mr. Md. Razaul Hoque Mondal/Mr. Riton Kumar Roy, EDP Manager (a.i.)	Member
5. Mr. Md. Mozakker Hossain, Chief Accountant	Member
6. Mrs. Shahana Parveen, Chief Librarian (a.i.)	Member
7. Mr. Md. Meftaur Rahman, Chief Publication Officer (a.i.)	Member

Administrative Affairs Committee (AAC)
05/01/2007 – 30/06/2008

1. Dr. Abdul Hye Mondal, Senior Research Fellow	Chairman
2. Dr. Nazneen Ahmed, Research Fellow	Member
3. Mr. Syed Nadeem Ahmed, Secretary	Member
4. Mr. Riton Kumar Roy, EDP Manager (a.i.)	Member
5. Mrs. Shahana Parveen, Chief Librarian (a.i.)/Mr. Minhaz Uddin Ahmed, Chief Librarian	Member
6. Mr. Md. Mozakker Hossain, Chief Accountant	Member
7. Mr. Md. Meftaur Rahman, Chief Publication Officer (a.i.)	Member

Finance Committee (FC)
05/01/2006 – 04/01/2007

1. Dr. Sharifa Begum, Senior Research Fellow	Chairman
2. Dr. Md. Salimullah, Research Fellow	Member
3. Dr. S.M. Zulfiqar Ali, Research Fellow	Member
4. Mr. Syed Nadeem Ahmed, Secretary	Member
5. Mr. Md. Mozakker Hossain, Chief Accountant	Member-Secretary

Finance Committee (FC)
05/01/2007 – 30/06/2008

1. Dr. Sharifa Begum, Senior Research Fellow	Chairman
2. Dr. Anwara Begum, Research Fellow	Member
3. Dr. S.M. Zulfiqar Ali, Research Fellow	Member
4. Mr. Syed Nadeem Ahmed, Secretary	Member
5. Mr. Md. Mozakker Hossain, Chief Accountant	Member-Secretary

Appendix 3**Senior Fellows, BIDS
(Period: 1-1-2007 to 31-12-2009)**

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Dhaka | 8 | Dr. A.B. Mirza Md. Azizul Islam
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| 3 | Prof. Jamilur Reza Choudhury
Vice Chancellor
BRAC University
Mohakhali, Dhaka | 9 | Dr. Fakhruddin Ahmed
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| 5 | Prof. Abdullah Abu Sayeed
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Editor, The Daily Star
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| 6 | Prof. Hafiz G. A. Siddiqi
Vice Chancellor
North South University
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Banani, Dhaka 1213 | 12 | Dr. Zafrullah Chowdhury
Chairman
Gonoshasthya Kendra
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Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205 |
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Appendix 4

ACADEMIC PROFILES OF RESEARCH STAFF

Quazi Shahabuddin

Director General

Dr. Quazi Shahabuddin obtained his M.A. in Economics from Dhaka University in 1967, M.Sc. at the London School of Economics in 1975, and Ph.D. from McMaster University, Canada in 1982. Prior to joining BIDS as a Senior Research Fellow in 1991, he served as Deputy Chief in the Planning Commission, Government of Bangladesh and as Consultant-Economist in the Master Plan Organisation under the Ministry of Water Resources. He has undertaken extensive research and consultancy work in the fields of growth performance and risk management in agriculture, management of water resources, food policy analysis and chronic poverty in Bangladesh. He has published extensively in various national and international economic journals including *Oxford Economic Papers*, *The Journal of Development Studies*, etc. He has also contributed to various edited volumes. He co-edited a book on "The 1998 Floods and Beyond - Towards Comprehensive Food Security in Bangladesh" published jointly by the University Press Limited and the International Food Policy Research Institute. He was the Executive Editor of the BIDS quarterly journal, *The Bangladesh Development Studies*, during the 1992-2002 period. He is currently a member of the Policy Analysis and Advisory Network for South Asia (PAANSA) under the South Asia Initiative, IFPRI.

Agriculture and Rural Development Division

M. Asaduzzaman

Research Director

Dr. M. Asaduzzaman joined the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, the precursor of BIDS, in 1969 as Staff Economist. He holds his current post since the end of 1997. Key

capabilities of Dr. M. Asaduzzaman encompass several areas of professional and institutional activities. He has been educated in the London School of Economics and the University of Sussex, England. He has research experience in various fields. Generally they fall in the area of agriculture, natural resource management and rural development. Within this broad area, his past research includes one of the first rigorous studies on technological change in agriculture (Ph.D. thesis), institutional and management issues in rural infrastructure development (one of the first rigorous such analysis of WFP-aided programs anywhere in the world), environmental issues such as coastal environmental management, climate change, comprehensive evaluation of water resource development, comparative evaluation of poverty eradication programs under alternative institutional frameworks, critical review of long-term historical record of growth performance of Bangladesh agriculture, energy modeling, particularly related to climate change issues, local level planning, local government resource mobilisation, construction of I-O models for Bangladesh and agriculture trade and globalisation and modeling of free trade arrangements.

Dr. Asaduzzaman's current research interests include modeling of Bangladesh trade under WTO and free trade rules, rural energy, energy development and its governance with particular reference to the power sector, and private investment in schooling.

Dr. Asaduzzaman has served in various national and international committees including the high powered committee on WTO matters under the Ministry of Commerce, and also as Chair and earlier member of the Consultative Group of Experts for the Non-Annex 1 countries of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Rushidan Islam Rahman

Research Director

Dr. Rushidan Islam Rahman obtained her M.A. in Development Economics from the University of

Sussex, England and her Ph.D. degree from Australian National University. She has worked in a number of major research projects of BIDS including an evaluation of the impact of Grameen Bank and BRAC, studies on small scale irrigation projects, assessment of agricultural growth performance and its distributional impact, women in poverty and linkages between employment and poverty in Bangladesh. During the last ten years, she has been involved in policy advising through membership of various committees and participation in policy dialogues of the Government, NGOs and Development Partners. Currently she is serving as the editor of the Research Report Series of BIDS.

She has served as an external collaborator of ILO during 2007 and as a consultant of ADB during 2004-2005. She has been a resource person of the Center on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific during 1995 and 1997-1998. She has also served as a consultant of the World Bank, UNESCAP, UNDP and IFPRI.

She has published a large number of articles in national and international journals. Her important publications include "Labour Market in Bangladesh: Changes, Inequalities and Challenges", Research Monograph, No. 21, BIDS, 2007; Agriculture and Rural Development in Bangladesh (in Bengali, with Dr. Mahabub Hossain), UPL, 2003; Savings and Farm Investment in Bangladesh, (co-author, M.K. Mujeri), Focus Study Series No. 11, CIRDA, 2000. She has edited a volume on "Performance of the Bangladesh Economy", BIDS, 2003. In addition, she has contributed to several edited volumes including 'Independent Review of Bangladesh's Development', 2000 and 2004 of the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) and "Reducing Rural Poverty in Asia: Challenges and Opportunities: Microenterprises and Public Employment Schemes" edited by Nurul Islam, The Howarth Press Inc, New York, 2006.

Her current research interests include education, food security, unemployment and labour market, poverty, rural non-farm activities, gender inequity in the labour market and microfinance.

Bimal Kumar Saha

Senior Research Fellow

Dr. Bimal Kumar Saha obtained an M.A. in Economics from Dhaka University in 1974, an M. Phil. from the Institute of Bangladesh Studies, Rajshahi University in 1979 and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Calcutta in 1995. He has worked extensively in the fields of agrarian structure, technological change, land reform and development. He has a number of publications, including a book on comparative agrarian development in Bangladesh and West Bengal. He has served as a Visiting Teacher of Economics at BRAC University, Dhaka and at the Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences (IHS) in National University, Dhaka. He has also been an examiner of Ph.D. Thesis at Visva Bharati, Santiniketan.

His current research interests include political economy of agrarian question, poverty condition of agricultural labourers and tenants, land acquisition and peasant movement.

Md. Mizanur Rahman

Research Fellow

Mr. Mizanur Rahman obtained an M.Sc. in Statistics from Dhaka University in 1973, and in 1981 he received an M. Phil in Economics from Cambridge University, U.K. His areas of research interest include mathematical economics and statistics, econometrics, and internal migration.

S.M. Zahedul Islam Chowdhury

Research Associate

Mr. S.M. Zahedul Islam Chowdhury has completed B. Sc. (Hons.) and M. Sc. in Economics from Jahangirnagar University and joined BIDS as a Research Associate in April 2004. His areas of interest are agriculture and rural development, women's empowerment and health issues, etc. He has been pursuing his Ph.D. in Turkey.

General Economics Division

Omar Haider Chowdhury

Research Director

Dr. Omar Haider Chowdhury obtained an M.A. in Economics from the University of Dhaka in 1968 and a second M.A. from the University of Manchester, U.K. in 1974. He obtained his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of London in 1980. He joined the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) as a Staff Economist in 1970, served as the executive editor of the "Bangladesh Development Studies," a quarterly journal of BIDS, during 1986-89 and as a Course Director, Macro Economics, in Advanced Training Programme (ATP), conducted by BIDS (an M.Phil. level training offered to local and foreign students) during 1986-91. He has publications in national and international journals in the areas of economic development in general and nutrition and food policy, macroeconomic management, social welfare and implications of improvements in social and physical infrastructure on the development of Bangladesh in particular and has presented papers in many national and international seminars. He has worked as a consultant for the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Manila, Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), Rome, World Bank (WB), Washington D.C., Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Thailand, Asian and Pacific Development Centre (APDC), Malaysia, etc. He went to Ghana on an FAO mission as an economist in September 1989 to evaluate the Food Distribution System of the country.

Khan Ahmed Sayeed Murshid

Research Director

Dr. K.A.S. Murshid was awarded a Ph.D. in 1985 by the Faculty of Politics and Economics, Cambridge University for his thesis on food policy. He has retained an interest in this area while at the same time branching out into a number of other research areas, including infrastructure and irrigation, informal and rural credit markets, foodgrain markets, food security and poverty, human resources development and

rural energy. He has published extensively in both Bangladeshi and international journals, including the Bangladesh Development Studies, the European Journal of Human Development, World Development, and the Journal of Development Studies. He also has to his credit numerous other publications in the form of research reports, monographs and contributions to various edited volumes. Dr. Murshid combines extensive research experience with familiarity with a wide range of development settings in addition to Bangladesh, including sub-Saharan Africa, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Cambodia. His current areas of research interest include new institutional economics (applications to markets and development institutions), infrastructure, energy and poverty, agriculture, food policy and rural finance.

Chowdhury Anwaruzzaman

Senior Research Fellow

Dr. Chowdhury Anwaruzzaman obtained an M.A. in Economics from the University of Dhaka in 1970. He joined the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics as an Assistant Staff Economist the same year. He completed an M.A. in Economics and all the requirements of Ph.D. except dissertation from Cornell University, USA in 1975, and received a Ph.D. in Economics from the same University in 1994. His areas of interest are monetary, macro and international economics.

Kazi Ali Toufique

Senior Research Fellow

Dr. Kazi Ali Toufique did his B.S.S. and M.S.S. in Economics in 1982 and 1983, respectively from Dhaka University. He obtained an M.A. from Fordham University in 1987, M.Phil. in 1990, and Ph.D. in 1996, both from the University of Cambridge. He joined BIDS in 1989 as Research Associate. His main areas of research interest are institutional economics, livelihoods analysis, natural resource management, environment and agricultural economics. He has contributed to many seminars and conferences both at home and abroad and has also published in reputable international journals such as World Development,

Land Economics, Food Policy and the Indian Economic Journal.

Dilip Kumar Roy

Senior Research Fellow

Dr. Dilip K Roy obtained his Master's Degree from Rajshahi University and later received Post-Graduate Diploma from Central School of Planning and Statistics, Warsaw, Poland. He obtained a second Master's Degree from UFSIA, University of Antwerp, Belgium and subsequently Ph.D. Degree in Applied Economics from the same University. Dr. Roy was a Visiting Researcher in Asian Development Bank Institute, Tokyo and then a Visiting Scholar in George Washington University, Washington D.C. He has a number of published articles in international and national academic journals including *Industry and Development*, *Bangladesh Development Studies*, etc. in the areas of international trade, industrial economics and employment. He also has a number of published Research Reports in IFPRI and BIDS. He co-authored several chapters of the book titled, "Economic Reforms and Trade Performance in South Asia," published by BIDS and UPL in 2004. He has also co-authored Chapter 8, titled "Impact of the 1998 Flood on Household Food Security," of the other book, "The 1998 Floods and Beyond," published by IFPRI and UPL 2004. He worked as a short-term consultant for the World Bank, DFID, Asian Development Bank and EU. His current areas of research interest relate to industrial employment and international trade.

Mohammad Yunus

Research Fellow

Dr. Mohammad Yunus obtained his M.S.S. in Economics from University of Chittagong, Bangladesh in 1990, M.Sc. at the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK in 1997 and M.Phil. from the same University in 1998. He was awarded Ph.D. in 2006 by the Georgia State University, Atlanta, USA, for his thesis on *Essays on Optimal Mix of Taxes, Persistence and Spatiality under Tax Evasion*. He joined the BIDS in 1992 as a Research Associate and was promoted to Research Fellow in

2000. His current research interests include taxation, state and local government fiscal policies, fiscal decentralisation, food security and poverty alleviation, exchange rate issues, tobacco consumption and knowledge about its health hazards, applied econometrics (time-series and panel data). He has published extensively in both nationally and internationally accredited journals. He has also to his credit numerous other publications in the form of research reports, and contribution to various other edited volumes.

Wajid Hasan Shah

Research Associate

Wajid Hasan Shah joined BIDS in July 2001. He has a Master's in Economics from the University of Missouri, Columbia, and a Bachelor's from Truman State University with a major in Economics and a minor in Mathematics. He completed an evening MBA in Development Management with an emphasis on Governance and WTO issues from the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) under University of Dhaka during his tenure at BIDS. Prior to joining BIDS, he had taught Economics part-time at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology and was also Technical Editor for the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)'s Food Management Research Support Project (FMRSP) in Bangladesh. He prepared the Microfinance II report for the World Bank Office. He had also worked on Foreign Direct Investment and Supplier's Credit for the Economics Team of the World Bank Office Dhaka. While at BIDS, he worked on the TRACE project, and also participated in the EU Country Strategy Evaluation for Bangladesh. He also carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Small Grants Program for the World Bank in Bangladesh. His most recent project activity was as a consultant on the World Bank-financed "Gender Analysis for Improving Mobility in Dhaka City" team. His major areas of research interest include foreign investment and financial markets, with particular emphasis on the stock market, although his interests also encompass gender issues, privatisation, governance, NGOs, environmental and health economics, etc.

Mohammad Mainul Hoque

Research Associate

Mohammad Mainul Hoque is working as a Research Associate at BIDS since March 28, 2006. He completed his M.S.S in Economics in 2005 from University of Dhaka. His area of interest includes fiscal and monetary economics, trade policies and tools of restrictions, economics of exhaustible resources, information economics and healthcare demand.

Md. Nazmul Hoque

Research Associate

Md. Nazmul Hoque completed his M.S.S (2003) in Economics in 2005 from Dhaka University. He joined BIDS as Research Associate in August 2007. His areas of research interest include macroeconomic policy issues, open economy macroeconomics, international economics, information economics and economics of nonrenewable resources.

Human Resources Development Division

Mahmudul Alam

Senior Research Fellow

Dr. Mahmudul Alam obtained B.A. (Honours in Economics) from Dhaka University in 1968, M.Sc. in Economics from the Islamabad University in 1968, M. Sc. in Economics from the Islamabad University (now Quaid-e-Azam University), Pakistan, in 1969, a Diploma in Development Economics (DDE) from Cambridge University in 1975, and a D. Phil in Development Studies from IDS, Sussex University, U.K. in 1982.

His current research interests are socio-economics of education, human resource development, training and institution building.

Rita Afsar

Senior Research Fellow

Dr. Rita Afsar had completed her Ph.D. in Population Studies under Human Development Programme, Geography Department, from University of Adelaide, Australia in 1995. She

received her M.A. from the University of the Philippines, Diliman, Manila and an M.A. in Sociology in 1985 from Department of Social Work, Delhi University, M.A. in Social Work in 1978, and she completed her B.A. (Hons.) in Political Science in 1976 from Lady Shri Ram College, Delhi University. Her principal areas of research include population studies with particular reference to labour migration, policy oriented research in International and rural-urban migration, urbanisation, globalisation and regional development, immigration and brain-gain in a number countries of Asia (more particularly Bangladesh, India, Philippines and United Arab Emirates), Africa (Kenya) and Australia, social capital, gender analysis, changes in women's employment, roles and status, empowerment and related issues; poverty, labour (including decent work) and governance issues, RMG sector and institutional analysis in the Third World countries' development discourse.

Pratima Paul-Majumder

Senior Research Fellow

Dr. Pratima Paul-Majumder completed her Ph.D. from Central School of Planning and Statistics, Warsaw, Poland in 1978. She received her B.A. (Honours in Economics) from Chittagong University in 1968 and M.A. in Economics from Dhaka University in 1970 and Dip-in-Planning, Central School of Planning and Statistics, Warsaw, Poland, 1973. She was visiting Research Fellow at the International Centre for Research on Women (ICRW), Washington D.C., USA, from June 1995 to August 1995. She was a consultant to a number of projects conducted by various national and international organisations. She worked as project director of a number of nationally and internationally funded research projects. Currently she is a Senior Research Fellow in the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS). Her research interests comprise a wide range of subjects from sericulture industry to economics of slums and squatter settlements to the garment and tea industries and gender issues.

Serajul Islam Laskar

Research Fellow

After completing an M.A. in Economics, S.I. Laskar joined BIDS in 1973. He obtained an M.A. in Demography from the University of Pennsylvania (USA) in 1975 and an M.A. in Economics from the University of Hawaii (USA) in 1990. He completed all coursework and comprehensives for Ph.D. programme except the dissertation (i.e. attained the level of ABD) at the University of Hawaii. Laskar worked with different international organisations such as UNDP, ADB, ICCDDR,B and the European Commission. He also effectively participated in various international seminars/conferences at home and abroad and represented Bangladesh in various academic and intellectual forums. His research interests include Macroeconomics, Population and development, urbanisation and migration, human resources development (education and health), gender issues and development, environmental sustainability, role of ICT in development, and governance and corruption issues.

Anwara Begum

Research Fellow

Dr. Anwara Begum obtained her Ph. D. from the University of Liverpool for her thesis on "Poor Rural Migrants to the City of Dhaka" in 1995. She published "Destination Dhaka-Urban Migration: Expectations and Reality", in 1999 and "Engendering Garment Industry" in 2006 from the University Press Limited, Dhaka. She is basically an urban planner specialising in housing and migration issues (internal and international) and she has delved intensively into development issues including theoretical frameworks on migration for developing countries. She has considerable experience of quantitative and qualitative data compilation and analysis. She has conducted extensive surveys on the poor, especially the pavement dwellers and the slum dwellers. Her large-scale primary surveys of nearly 3000 respondents on the hard-core poor in urban and rural areas were done through head-count methods, stratified random sampling measures, structured questionnaires including case studies

and FGD, rapid transect walk, and reconnaissance survey techniques. She has also collected primary information for the informal service sector workers (ESCAP report, 1996). She has worked as an International Consultant and authored, along with another colleague from BIDS, the first Global MDG report for Bangladesh, in January 2004, which was commissioned by the UN Secretariat. This Millennium Project which was commissioned by the UN Secretary General, brought together nearly 300 experts from around the world and was directed by Prof. Jeffrey Sachs. She has also authored the report "Follow-up to United Nations Global Conferences Bangladesh 1997-1999." She has worked as a Consultant for Social Safety Schemes for UNDP in 2005 and as Co-Researcher for the UNFPA funded project "Promotion of Responsible Healthy Reproductive and Sexual Behaviour among Adolescents in Bangladesh" in 2006 as the gender specialist.

She has worked as a consultant for the World Bank, IOM, UNIFEM, UNDP, NORAD, SDC, UNICEF and DFID. She has worked as a National Consultant for Mid Decade Review of EFA 2005 and two thematic papers (Women and Children's Advancement, and Health in Relation to Water and Sanitation) as Technical Consultant for the Bangladesh PRSP I, and subsequently as National Housing Consultant for PRSP II. For the last 19 years, she has been an active researcher on rural, urban and international migration, having a wide interest in development issues: female entrepreneurs, gender equality and empowerment of women, employment and income programmes, rural and urban area development priorities, formal and informal industry worker conditions, informal service sector and poverty issues, housing and settlements and the problems of social and economic deprivation of urban and rural poor dwellers, formal and technical education, human resource development and rural-to-urban migration.

S.M. Zulfiqar Ali

Research Fellow

Dr. Zulfiqar Ali obtained his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Bath, UK in

1998. He also completed the Advanced Training Program (which is M.Phil equivalent) in Economics and Quantitative Techniques from BIDS in 1991. Earlier, he obtained B.Sc. (Hons.) and M.Sc. in Economics from Jahangirnagar University in 1989 and 1990 respectively. Later, he completed a course on "Economic Theory and Poverty Reduction: Theory, Empirical Evidence and Implication for South Asia" organised by the World Bank Institute in 1998 and another course on "Human Development: From Theory to Practice" from the Queen Elizabeth House of the University of Oxford in 2000. His areas of interest include growth, inequality and poverty; and human and social development; human wellbeing; applied economics; and natural resources and environmental economics.

Mohammad Harunur Rashid Bhuyan

Research Associate

Mohammad Harunur Rashid Bhuyan completed his Master's in Sociology from the New School University, New York, USA in 2007, and did his M.S.S. and B.S.S. (Honors) in Sociology from Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Bangladesh. Training as an ethnographer from the New School for Social Research has enhanced his capability in qualitative research on development issues. His present research interests include human well-being, poverty, good governance and accountability issues, agriculture, globalisation, cultural diversity, education, child rights, and women empowerment.

Nehraz Mahmud

Research Associate

Nehraz obtained her B.S.S Honors (2002) and M.S.S (2003) degrees in Anthropology from the University of Rajshahi. She joined BIDS on 3rd April 2004 as a Research Associate. Her areas of interest in research are health, gender issues, social inequality, corruption and injustice, rights and social movements, etc.

Mohammad Golam Nabi Mozumder

Research Associate

Mohammad Golam Nabi Mozumder has completed B.S.S. (Hons) and M.S.S. with Sociology

from the University of Dhaka in 2002 and 2003 (academic year) respectively. He joined BIDS in August 2007 as a Research Associate. His major areas of research interests include socio-cultural change and adaptation, religious militancy and social inequality.

Industry and Physical Infrastructure Division

Zaid Bakht

Research Director

Dr. Zaid Bakht obtained an M.Sc. in Economics from Islamabad (now Quaid-e-Azam) University, Pakistan, in 1970, and a Ph.D. in Economics from the Cornell University, USA in 1977. He joined the Institute as Staff Economist in 1971. He has been involved in a number of kanor studies relating to rural industries, rural infrastructure, and fiscal, monetary, trade and industrial policies. His principal areas of research include industrial policy & SME, private sector development, macroeconomic management, trade policy and regional trade. He is currently a Research Director of BIDS.

Muhammad Abdul Latif

Senior Research Fellow

Dr. Muhammad Abdul Latif obtained his M.A. in Economics from Dhaka University in 1974. He joined as a Lecturer in the Department of Economics at the same university in 1975. In the same year he joined BIDS as a Staff Demographer. He did his M.Sc. in Demography at the London School of Economics in 1976. He received his Ph.D. in Industrial Economics from the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in 1985. His major research interests are industrial economics, rural infrastructure, and microcredit.

Abdul Hye Mondal

Senior Research Fellow

Dr. Abdul Hye Mondal obtained his M.A. in Economics from the University of Dhaka in 1966 and Ph.D. in Industrial Economics from the Central School of Planning and Statistics, Warsaw, in 1976. He completed a full course on Human Resource

Development Planning conducted by the ILO in May 1990. He did his postdoctoral studies at Harvard University during 1994-95. He worked as a consultant to *inter alia* the UNDP, UNCHR, USAID, World Bank, ADB, ILO, UNICEF, JBIC and ICIMOD. Areas of his current research interest include: employment generation and labour welfare, assessment of current and future skill demand, policy studies, social economics, human values, human rights and dignity, industrial economics, and most recently, nutrition and anthropometry. He has completed a good number of research works published in reputed national and international journals and books.

K.M. Nabiul Islam

Senior Research Fellow

Dr. K. M. Nabiul Islam obtained his Masters Degree from Dhaka University in 1970 and later received Post-graduate diploma in National Economic Planning from Warsaw (Poland) and training in Rural Research and Rural Policy from IDS of Sussex University, UK. He obtained a Ph.D. from the Flood Hazard Research Centre at Middlesex University, London. The first of its kind in Bangladesh, his Ph.D. research involved developing some flood loss models to apply the benefit assessments to flood protections. Dr. Islam joined BIDS in 1972, and has since been involved in a number of major studies relating to, among others, development of rural and small industries; development of large industries, with particular reference to technological capability; floods; famines; flood and water management; and impact evaluation of rural development and flood control, drainage and irrigation projects. Dr. Islam has two books on flood loss management: *Flood Loss Potentials in Non-agricultural Sectors, Assessment Methods and Standard Loss Database for Bangladesh, 2005*; and *Impacts of Flood in Urban Bangladesh, Micro and Macro Level Analysis, 2006*. Dr. Islam has also co-authored three books on *Choice and Transfer of Technology in Large Industries in Bangladesh: Leather, Fertilizer and Machinery*. He has contributed to *Reconstruction after Disaster, Issues and Practices* (Adenrele Awotona ed.), Sydney. He has also contributed to *Floods, Volume 1* (D J Parker ed.), Routledge, New York, to mark the

end of UN-International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (IDNDR). He has recently contributed two Chapters (one with Reinhard Mechlar) to *The Economic Impacts of Natural Disasters: Do they Cost the Earth?*, UN-ISDR/CRED, Geneva.

Narayan Chandra Nath

Research Fellow

Dr. Narayan Chandra Nath obtained Bachelor (Honours) in Commerce in 1969 and Masters in Accounting in 1972 from Dhaka University. He did his Ph.D. in Industrial Economics at the Institute of National Economy, Baku, USSR in 1978. He worked as Visiting Fellow and did postdoctoral research work on international trade at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, United Kingdom during 1993/94. Dr. Nath started his career as a lecturer in Dohar-Narayanganj Degree College in 1972. He joined the erstwhile National Foundation for Research on Human Resource Development in 1979 as Research Fellow, and acted as action Research Coordinator until 1982. Since then Dr. Nath has been working as a Research Fellow in the Industry and Physical Infrastructure Division of Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies. Over the years, he has carried out several research studies in the areas of industry, international trade, poverty, employment, human resources development, financial market and tourism. He has a number of research publications to his credit. He has made a number of presentations in the international seminars and conferences on international trade, industry and poverty. He is a Fellow of the Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh.

Although he is basically an Industrial Economist, he is involved in research works on divergent issues like international trade including WTO matters, impact evaluation of development projects, financial sector problems including micro finance ones, tourism, economic policy issues, macroeconomic management and problems of poverty alleviation.

Salma Chaudhuri Zohir

Research Fellow

Dr. Salma Chaudhuri Zohir obtained an M.A. in Economics from the University of Dhaka in 1979. In 1981, she received a diploma in Economics from the University of Colorado and received the honour of being cited as a "Highly Distinguished" scholar. She received a second M.A. this time in Development Economics from the Center for Development Economics, Williams College in 1982 and a Ph.D. from the University of Manchester, UK, in 1998, under the supervision of Prof. Diane Elson. She has vast experience in research on issues related to development economics with gender perspective in Bangladesh. She has worked extensively in the areas of employment, gender and development and industry in general and particularly on economic and social issues, and gender issues in industry including the readymade garment industry. She worked as a project director of several national and internationally funded projects and in projects funded by various donors including the ILO, IDRC, EU, Oxfam, DFID and World Bank. She has presented papers in many national and international seminars/workshops. Her current areas of interest include gender issues in economic development, labour economics, industrial economics, and the environment. She has a number of publications to her credit and has authored "Garment Workers in Bangladesh: Economic, Social and Health Conditions," *Research Monograph No. 18*, 1996, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, Dhaka. She was the resource person for the thematic report "Women's Advancement and Rights," on which the gender dimension of the PRSP is based.

Karimullah Bhuiyan

Research Fellow

Mr. Karimullah Bhuiyan obtained his M.Sc. in Statistics from the University of Dhaka in 1970 and joined BIDS in 1972. In 1976, he received a diploma in National Economic Planning from Poland, and in 1980 received a graduate degree in law from Dhaka University. He obtained his M.Sc. in Industrialisation, Trade and Economic Policy

from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow in 1996. He completed a course on Demography at the Institute of Statistical Research and Training, Dhaka, and another course on Entrepreneurship at SIET, Hyderabad, India. Mr. Bhuiyan has been involved in a large number of studies in the field of rural industries, small and large industries, poverty alleviation, food policy and distribution, crop diversification, fish culture, irrigation, water management and sick industries studies in Bangladesh. His current research interests relate to industrial economics and trade, and economic policy. He has a number of publications to his credit.

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Research Fellow

Dr. Md. Salimullah obtained his M.Sc. in Statistics from the University of Dhaka in 1969. He received a second M.Sc. in Industrialisation, Trade and Economic Policy (ITEP), in 1996 and Ph. D. in Economics in 1998 from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK. His doctoral research was a major study on Linkages, Trade and Technology in the Bangladesh Economy. He also obtained Postgraduate Diploma in National Economic Planning from National School of Planning and Statistics, Warsaw, Poland in 1974 and training in Small Industry Management Consultancy from SIET, Hyderabad, India in 1978. His main research interest includes modeling for development policy, trade, rural industrialisation, poverty alleviation, education and forecasting model using extended input-output analysis.

Nazneen Ahmed

Research Fellow

Dr. Nazneen Ahmed has specialisation in conducting research in the areas of international trade and regional trade issues, value chain analysis, general equilibrium modeling, institutional, industrial, gender and labour issues. Dr. Nazneen holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Wageningen, the Netherlands, a Master's in Development Economics from University of Sussex, UK and a Master's and Bachelor's in Economics from the University of

Dhaka. She joined BIDS in 1998 as a Research Associate and became a Research Fellow in 2003. All throughout her student life she has proven her excellence and secured outstanding results in all public examinations and has been awarded a number of national and international scholarships. She has experience of working with a number of donors and international development organisations including the World Bank, DFID, UNCTAD, ILO, IFC, EU, AED, Action- Aid, IFPRI, etc. She has also worked as a consultant for the Ministry of Commerce, Government of Bangladesh.

Population Studies Division

Simeen Mahmud

Research Director

Ms. Simeen Mahmud completed her M.A. in Statistics at the University of Dhaka in 1974 and joined BIDS as Staff Demographer the same year. She obtained an M.Sc. in Medical Demography from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in 1976. Her current research interests include women's status and fertility, female labour use behaviour, exploring the influence of development interventions on women's lives, and more recently citizenship and participation.

M.A. Mannan

Senior Research Fellow

Dr. M.A. Mannan obtained an M.A. in Economics from Dhaka University in 1974, an M.Sc. in Demography from London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) in 1976, and a Ph.D. in Economics from Delhi School of Economics in 1987. He has been working in BIDS since November 1974. During his long research career, he has undertaken research and consultancy work in the fields of health and population. He has extensive experience in conducting research sponsored by national and international bodies including UNFPA, UNICEF, UNDP, World Bank, ICRW, CARE and various agencies of the government. His current research interests include gender issues, reproductive health, rural poverty, and health care financing. He

has to his credit a number of publications including three books. His publications have dealt with topics in maternal and child health, son preference, gender dimensions of poverty, and violence against women.

Sharifa Begum

Senior Research Fellow

Dr. Sharifa Begum obtained her M.A. in Economics from Dhaka University, M.Sc. in Medical Demography from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and Ph.D. in Population Studies from the International Institute for Population Sciences. Her current areas of interest include health, population, poverty and gender.

Mohammed Sohail

Research Fellow

Mr. Sohail did his M.A. in Economics from Dhaka University in 1971 and joined BIDS as Staff Demographer in 1973. Later he studied at the University of Michigan, USA where he completed a Master's degree in Sociology in 1976. He has been involved in a number of population and health related studies. He has to his credit a number of published and unpublished research papers. His current areas of research interest include population studies, population and development linkages, human resource development and health related issues.

Kazi Jahid Hossain

Research Fellow

Kazi Jahid Hossain obtained his B.A. (Honours) and M.A. in Economics from the University of Dhaka in 1967 and 1968 respectively. He obtained an M.Sc. in Demography in 1977 from the London School of Economics. His areas of interest are population, health and education.

A.B.M. Shamsul Islam

Research Fellow

Mr. ABM Shamsul Islam completed his M.Sc. in Statistics from Dhaka University in 1969. Later on he completed a Postgraduate Course in "Economic Development and Planning" from the

Institute for Studies on Economic Development (ISVE), Naples, Italy in 1977-78. His current areas of interests are ageing population, pension scheme and social safety nets, population development and international migration.

Humayra Ahmed

Research Associate

Humayra Ahmed obtained her B.S.S. and M.S.S. from the Department of Economics,

University of Dhaka. She joined BIDS as a Research Associate in 2006. She is currently undertaking her Ph.D. research on Environmental Economics in Queen's University, Belfast (QUB) in the United Kingdom. Apart from environmental issues, her research interest includes health economics, regional trade, economics of gender disparity and microcredit. She has publications on health and gender issues in different journals.

Appendix 5**LIST OF RESEARCH STAFF MOVEMENT****Recruitment during 2006–2008**

1. Mr. Mohammad Golam Nabi Mazumder appointed as Research Associate on 16.08.2007.
2. Mr. Md. Nazmul Hoque appointed as Research Associate on 16.08.2007.

Promotion of Researchers during 2006–2008

1. Ms. Simeen Mahmud promoted as Research Director on 27.12.2006.
2. Dr. Bimal Kumar Saha promoted as Senior Research Fellow on 27.12.2006.
3. Dr. Pratima Paul-Majumder promoted as Senior Research Fellow on 27.12.2006.
4. Dr. Dilip Kumar Roy promoted as Senior Research Fellow on 27.12.2006.
5. Dr. K.M. Nabiul Islam promoted as Senior Research Fellow on 27.12.2006.

Served/Serving outside BIDS during 2006–2008

1. Dr. Binayak Sen, Senior Research Fellow, on extra-ordinary leave without pay for serving at the World Bank in Washington, D.C. USA.
2. Mr. Serajul Islam Laskar, Research Fellow served Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) as Research Director on extra-ordinary leave without pay.
3. Dr. Mahmudul Alam, Senior Research Fellow on extra-ordinary leave without pay for serving at the Open University as Professor (Education).
4. Dr. Mohammad Abdul Latif, Senior Research Fellow, on extra-ordinary leave without pay for serving at the Institute of Microfinance as Director (Research and Knowledge Management).

Went abroad for higher studies during 2006–2008

1. Mr. Subrata Sarker, Research Associate has been pursuing Ph.D. in Economics at the University of British Columbia, Canada.
2. Mr. Saifuddin Mohammad Zahedul Islam Chowdhury, Research Associate has been pursuing Ph.D. in Economics at the Institute of Social Sciences, Ankara University, Turkey.
3. Mr. Md. Asadul Islam, Research Fellow has been pursuing Ph.D. in Economics at Monash University, Australia.
4. Mr. Mohammad Mainul Hoque, Research Associate has been pursuing M.A. in Economics at Iowa State University, USA.
5. Mr. Muhammad Mudabbir Husain, Research Associate has been pursuing Ph.D. in Economics in the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University, USA.
6. Ms. Humayra Ahmed, Research Associate has been pursuing Ph.D. in Environmental Economics in the School of Biological Sciences at Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Rejoined after Study Leave/Extra-ordinary leave during 2006– 2008

1. Dr. Mohammad Yunus, Research Fellow rejoined BIDS after completion of a Ph.D. in Economics from the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University, Atlanta, USA.
2. Ms. Nehraz, Research Associate, rejoined BIDS after completion of an M.A. in Anthropology and Women's Studies from Brandeis University, M.A., U.S.A.
3. Mr. Mohammad Harunur Rashid Bhuyan, Research Associate rejoined BIDS after completion of an M.A. in Sociology from the New School University of New York, USA.

Retirement/Resignation during 2006-2008

1. Dr. Sajjad Zohir, Senior Research Fellow, retired from the service of BIDS on 11.01.2007.
 2. Dr. Md. Abul Basher, Research Fellow, ceased to be in the service of BIDS from 06.09.2006.
 3. Mr. Md. Jahirul Islam, Research Associate, tendered resignation from the service of BIDS on 27.07.2007.
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Appendix 6**List of BIDS Publications****The Bangladesh Development Studies**

Volume XXXI	March-June 2005	Nos. 1 & 2
Articles		
A R Khan	:	Employment and Millennium Development Goals: Analytics of the Linkage
Gour Gobinda Goswami Saima Khan	:	Does Political Risk Lead to Purchasing Power Disparity? A Panel Disaggregated Approach
Notes		
Ziaul Abedin Sumimaru Odano	:	Determinants of International Trade Disputes: Evidence from the WTO Regime
Md Ezazul Islam Bishnu Pada Biswas	:	Public Debt Management and Debt Sustainability in Bangladesh
Shamim Ahmed Md Ezazul Islam	:	Demand for Money in Bangladesh: A Cointegration Analysis
Volume XXX	September-December 2004	Nos. 3 & 4
Articles		
M K Mujeri	:	Changes in Policy Framework and Total Factor Productivity Growth in Bangladesh
Shamim Ahmed Md Ezazul Islam	:	The Monetary Transmission Mechanism in Bangladesh: Bank Lending and Exchange Rate Channels
Syed Munir Khasru Mohammad Muaz Jalil	:	Revisiting Kuznets Hypothesis: An Analysis with Time Series and Panel Data
Notes		
Md Habibur Rahman	:	Financial Development-Economic Growth Nexus: A Case Study of Bangladesh
M A Quasem	:	Changes in Economic Status of Rural Households in Bangladesh: A Case Study of Two Villages

Volume XXX	March-June 2004	Nos. 1 & 2
Articles		
Abdur Razzaque	:	The Small Country Assumption, Econometric Estimates and Policy Making: A Reassessment with Bangladesh's RMG Exports to the European Union
Mohammad Mainul Hoque Abdur Razzaque	:	Exchange Rate Pass-Through in Bangladesh's Export Prices: An Empirical Investigation
Shamim Ahmed Md Ezazul Islam	:	Interest Rate Responsiveness of Investment Spending in Bangladesh
Notes		
Md Rabiul Islam Md Wahidul Habib Md Habib-Uz-Zaman Khan	:	A Time Series Analysis of Finance and Growth in Bangladesh
Rezaul Karim Md Nazrul Islam Khan Md Akhtaruzzaman	:	Nutritional Status of Young Children in a Bangladesh National Nutrition Program Area: A Case Study

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Research Monographs

- No. 21 Labour Market in Bangladesh: Changes, Inequities and Challenges, August 2007. By Rushidan Islam Rahman.
- No. 18 Garment Workers in Bangladesh Economic, Social and Health Condition, 2008 (Reprinted). By Salma Chaudhuri Zohir and Pratima Paul-Majumder.

Research Reports

- No. 182 The Old Age Allowance Programme for the Poor Elderly in Bangladesh, May 2008. By Pratima Paul-Majumder and Sharifa Begum.
- No. 181 Role of Dhaka Export Processing Zone: Employment and Empowerment, December 2007. By Salma Chaudhuri Zohir.

Project Reports

- PR : 03 Social Assistance Programme for Destitute Women in Bangladesh, 2008. By Sharifa Begum and Pratima Paul-Majumder.
- PR : 02 Development Dimension of the Doha Agenda: A Major Concern for South Asia, 2007. By Salma Chaudhuri Zohir and Narayan Chandra Nath.

Special Publication

শিক্ষাক্ষেত্রে বৈষম্য এবং সবার জন্য মানসম্মত শিক্ষা, ২০০৭. সম্পাদনায়ঃ রুশিদান ইসলাম রহমান

Appendix 7**BIDS Seminars/Workshops/Conferences**

02 August 2006	<i>Intergenerational Economic Mobility in Rural Bangladesh</i>
Speaker	Dr. Mohammad Asadullah, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Oxford University,
5 October 2006	<i>Roundtable on Bangladesh in Next Five Years: Strategies for Reducing Inequality in Access to Quality Education</i>
Panelists	Dr. Rushidan Islam Rahman, Research Director, BIDS Dr. Mahmudul Alam, Senior Research Fellow, BIDS Dr. Monzoor Ahmed, Director, IED, BRAC University, Bangladesh
8 October 2006	<i>The State of the Poorest 2005/2006 Chronic Poverty in Bangladesh: Tales of Ascent, Descent, Marginality and Persistence</i>
Speakers	Dr. Binayak Sen, Senior Research Fellow, BIDS Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman, Executive Chairman, PPRC
28 February 2007	<i>Roundtable on Bangladesh in Next Five Years: Meeting the Health Care Needs in a Changing Socio-economic Scenario</i>
Panelists	Ms. Simeen Mahmud, Research Director, BIDS Dr. Omar Rahman, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Independent University of Bangladesh (IUB) Dr. A. M. Zakir Hussain, Staff Consultant, Urban Health, ADB Dr. Anwar Iqbal, Associate Scientist, Public Health Sciences Division, ICDDRB Dr. Zafarullah Chowdhury, Gonoshasthaya Nagar Hospital
21 March 2007	<i>Gender Matters: Dynamics of Internal Migration in Bangladesh and Policy Imperatives</i>
Speaker	Dr. Rita Afsar, Senior Research Fellow, BIDS
07 April 2007	<i>Stakeholders Consultation for Annual Programme Review (APR) 2007 of Health, Nutrition and Population Sector Programme (HNPS)</i>
Speakers	Dr. Sharifa Begum, Senior Research Fellow, BIDS Dr. S.M. Zulfiqar Ali, Research Fellow, BIDS
16 August 2007	<i>Pro-Poor Growth and Food Security: Recent Experience in Bangladesh</i> BIDS Golden Jubilee Celebration Programme
Speakers	Dr. M. Asaduzzaman, Research Director BIDS Dr. K. A. S. Murshid, Research Director, BIDS Dr. Rushidan Islam Rahman, Research Director BIDS
6 September 2007	<i>Policy Makers and Policies: From the Past into the Future</i> A Roundtable, BIDS Golden Jubilee Celebration Programme
Coordinator	Dr. M. Asaduzzaman, Research Director, BIDS
27 September 2007	<i>Flood Loss Mitigation and Adaptation Policy</i> A Roundtable on BIDS Golden Jubilee Celebration Programme

Speaker	Dr Nabiul Islam, Senior Research Fellow, BIDS
26-27 November 2007	<i>Changes and Innovations in Food and Agriculture System in Bangladesh: Implications for Pro-Poor Growth</i>
2-3 December 2007	<i>Program of International Conference on Development Prospects of Bangladesh: Emerging Challenges</i>
Speakers	Professor Nurul Islam, Emeritus Fellow, IFPRI Professor Gustav Ranis, Professor Emeritus, Yale University Dr. Just Faaland, Emeritus Fellow, CMI Professor Rehman Sobhan, Chairman, CPD Dr. A. R. Khan, Professor Emeritus, University of California, Riverside, USA Dr. Mirza Md. Azizul Islam, Honourable Adviser for the Finance and Planning, Caretaker Government, Bangladesh Professor Arthur MacEwan, University of Massachusetts, Boston. Professor Wahiduddin Mahmud, Dhaka University Dr. Mahabub Hossain, Executive Director, BRAC Dr. Zaidi Sattar, Consultant, The World Bank Dr. Rizwanul Islam, Special Adviser on Growth, Employment and Poverty Reduction, ILO Dr. M. K. Mujeri, Chief Economist, Bangladesh Bank Dr. Rushidan Islam Rahman, Research Director, BIDS
December 2007	<i>Determination of Food Availability and Consumption Patterns and Setting up of Nutritional Standards in Bangladesh</i>
Speaker	Dr. Mohammad Yunus, Research Fellow, BIDS
8 January 2008	<i>Research and Policy Divide: a regional workshop</i>
Speaker	Dr. Mohammad Yunus, Research Fellow, BIDS
25 February 2008	<i>Promoting Employment-Intensive Growth in Bangladesh: Policy Analysis of the Manufacturing and Service Sectors</i>
Speaker	Dr. Nazneen Ahmed, Research Fellow, BIDS
3 March 2008	<i>Programme (Draft) National Consultation Workshop Mid-Term Review of HNPSP</i>
Speakers	The Study Team, BIDS
09 April 2008	<i>National Budget 2008-2009: Challenges and Responses</i>
Speakers	Dr. Rita Afsar, Senior Research Fellow, BIDS Dr. Pratima Paul-Majumder, Senior Research Fellow, BIDS Dr. Anwara Begum, Research Fellow, BIDS
29 April 2008	<i>Workshop on Gender Issues in Urban Transport</i>
Speaker	Dr. Salma Chaudhuri Zohir, Research Fellow, BIDS
23 June 2008	<i>Diversification of Bangladesh Export: Assessing Sanitary and Phytosanitary Standards on Shrimp Sector of Bangladesh, BIDS-EU Seminar</i>
Speakers	Dr. Nazneen Ahmed, Research Fellow, BIDS Dr. Mohammad Yunus, Research Fellow, BIDS

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