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# Message

from the Chairman of the  
Board of Trustees



**Air Vice Marshal (Retd.) A K Khandker**  
**Honourable Minister**  
**Ministry of Planning**

Government of the People's Republic of  
Bangladesh

It is with great pleasure that I write this message for the BIDS Biennial Report 2009-2010. In line with the glorious past, BIDS has been striving hard to achieve its goal of conducting policy-relevant research to help shape policy debates, promote research excellence, and strengthen partnerships for development in Bangladesh. In the process, BIDS has made valuable contributions in the field of knowledge generation and in improving the quality of policies through research and other activities. It is encouraging to note that BIDS is providing a unique, relevant, and valuable service to the policymakers, and has reaffirmed its full commitment to work towards promoting a shared and sustained development in Bangladesh.

As the Biennial Report 2009-10 indicates, BIDS provided analytical input and technical support in a number of critical policy issues during the period under review. As the think tank with the mandate to assist the policymakers, BIDS suggested credible domestic policies to face the global price hike of food commodities and ensure food security in the country. Moreover, the global financial crisis and the consequent global economic recession had considerable impact on the Bangladesh economy with adverse economic and social consequences. This brought out the need to give a fresh and critical look to the impact of the crisis on our development policy and performance in the context of globalization and economic integration. It became crucial for Bangladesh to mull over this question at this point in time when Bangladesh is charting out a new course of development through framing the long term Perspective Plan (2010-2021) and the Sixth Five Year Plan (2011-2015) with a view to realizing the Vision 2021. I am pleased to note that BIDS has played its due role in these activities.

At this time, it is only natural to expect that BIDS, the country's premier think tank, will reposition itself to play a more pro-active role in shaping the future agenda in the coming days not just for the government but for everyone concerned with the theory and practice of development in general and of Bangladesh in particular.

Looking ahead at the coming years, I am confident BIDS will continue to serve the cause of sustainable and inclusive development in Bangladesh and elsewhere in the developing world.



Air Vice Marshal (Retd.) A K Khandker, BU





# Message

from the Director General



The Biennial Report 2009-2010 provides summary information on BIDS activities covering the period from July 2008 to December 2010. As we look back to the two and a half years under review, I would like to express our deep appreciation for the guidance, support, and help we have received from the Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board of Trustees, Distinguished Senior Fellows, and all our partners both in the government and in civil society.

It is my privilege to inform you that BIDS has made considerable progress in scope, depth, and scale of its activities during this period. We are thankful to the government, our national and global partners, other partner organizations, and our friends both at home and abroad who continue to endorse our efforts and contribute to our success.

The period under review has been eventful for BIDS in many respects. During 2009, Quazi Shahabuddin completed his two terms as the Director General of the Institute. His tenure has been enormously productive for advancing the Institute's objectives. We wish him all the best in the continuation of his remarkable professional career and, I am confident, given the commitments of the large number of BIDS professionals to our mission, we would be able to carry forward the high standards of performance set by him.

Over the last two and a half years, BIDS has moved forward in its mission of building research capacity and conducting in-depth and policy relevant research. BIDS has strived towards generating research outputs to address some of the difficult issues of development facing Bangladesh as well as other developing countries. In 2009, the government provided Tk. 200 million to BIDS to create a Research Endowment Fund exclusively to carry out policy research at the Institute which has significantly enhanced our scope of conducting institutional research. During the period, BIDS has built a cadre of professionals capable of bringing them and their knowledge into the mainstream of development research and evidence-based policy making in the country through policy relevant works. The BIDS researchers have provided important professional support to the government, especially to the Planning Commission, in preparing long and medium term plans and programs for the country.

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In research undertakings, our motto is to ensure the quality of research, completeness in terms of interpretation, analysis of available and feasible options, widest possible participation and consultation among concerned stakeholders, and reflection of the nature of research-policy nexus surrounding specific issues. In this context, it may be added that the Secretariat of the South Asia Network of Economic Research Institutes (SANEI) was re-located in BIDS in October 2009 which no doubt would provide unique opportunities to expand the Institute's outreach and network across the region and beyond. In the pursuit of BIDS vision, our continuing priorities remain the following: conduct quality research, facilitate learning in development solutions, foster policy dialogue, disseminate policy options, and develop coalitions for promoting informed policy making. In order to bring success in influencing policies, BIDS researchers always remain prepared to take advantage of policy windows, learn to create new windows, and play the role of 'policy entrepreneurs' to tap defining moments in promoting the causes of shared and inclusive development as articulated in the BIDS Charter.

In the coming years, we look forward to further concretizing this long term vision for being part of a process that places BIDS firmly on the level of engagement in furthering better research and better policy leading to better Bangladesh.

Finally, I would like to express my deep gratitude to all BIDS professionals and other staff, especially to Nehraz Mahmud and Humayra Ahmed, who have cooperated and contributed to the preparation and publication of this Report.



**Mustafa K. Mujeri**

Director General

# About BIDS

## The Institute

The Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), popularly known as the Bangladesh Unnayan Gobeshona Protishthan in Bangla, was established as the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) in June 1957 to service the growing demand of policy research in the country. The Institute was moved to Dhaka in January 1971 and was renamed as the Bangladesh Institute of Development Economics (BIDE) after Independence.

Subsequently, a Parliamentary Charter was given to the Institute in 1974 to work as an autonomous institution governed by a Board of Trustees under the Chairmanship of the Minister of Planning and having representatives from both public and civil society institutions. The Institute was also renamed as the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) to reflect the multi-disciplinary focus of the country's research needs for policy making. The process of restructuring also included the merger of two other national level research institutions, the Population Study Center and

the National Foundation for Research on Human Resource Development, into BIDS in 1982 and 1983 respectively giving the Institute a broad and more policy oriented mandate.

Sustained efforts spanning over nearly 55 years of its existence have enabled BIDS to emerge as the premier research institute and the leading think tank of the country to advance research on critical national and regional development issues, promote coalition and partnerships for dissemination of knowledge and policy options ensuring national ownership and reflecting Bangladesh's perspectives of development, build research excellence to advance credible policy options, provide platforms to promote policy debates, act as a policy entrepreneur to advance research based policies, and influence policies and programs to improve the quality of the country's development process for achieving the cherished goals within the minimum time horizons.

## Vision and Mission

The Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) shall operate as a dynamic, effective, and forward looking institution and remain as the country's center of excellence for carrying out research on developmental concerns facing Bangladesh and other developing countries and for disseminating research findings, knowledge, and policy implications in order to promote research based policies. This would largely be achieved through ensuring the quality and relevance of its research and other outputs and maintaining high professional competency of its staff.

The mission of BIDS is to facilitate learning in development solutions through conducting credible research, fostering policy dialogue, disseminating policy options, and developing coalitions to promote informed policy making. The Institute conducts training on research methodologies and carries out evaluation of development interventions. The BIDS researchers also contribute directly to formulation of government policies through their interactions and participation in the policy making process.



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## Strategic Objectives

The strategic objectives of BIDS are crystallized around the theme of generating reliable policy oriented research on development issues along with strengthening research-policy links to promote informed policy making in Bangladesh. In the quest of its strategic objectives, BIDS activities are multi-dimensional and inherently straddle several objectives:

- Promote excellence in policy research and extend the knowledge frontiers to facilitate learning in development solutions especially in priority areas of development related to social well being of the poor and disadvantaged groups in society;
- Generate socioeconomic data to facilitate analytical research on current economic and social issues and enable informed development planning and policy formulation by the government;
- Assist the policymakers in designing credible development strategies for achieving economic and social goals;
- Expand research outreach to civil society and other stakeholders to help shape policy debates on key development issues, develop broader understanding and consensus, and promote knowledge based policy agenda;
- Conduct training and capacity building programs and promote the application of cutting edge research techniques and appropriate methodologies in economics and allied social sciences to develop human and institutional capacities within the government and in other institutions;
- Promote research communication and networking with national and international partners to share research findings; and
- Stimulate interaction within the research community including policymakers, civil society, and other stakeholders through organizing

workshops, seminars, conferences, and using alternative modes of print and electronic media.

## Focus and Target Groups

BIDS undertakes a wide spectrum of activities covering its mandate of enriching the country's policy environment, creating awareness on improving policy responses, creating policy analysis and dissemination capacities, and influencing policies. In order to meet the mandate, BIDS works with a large group of stakeholders including the Parliamentarians, policymakers, government functionaries, professionals, business leaders and trade union representatives, civil society organizations, grassroots organizations and nongovernment organizations (NGOs), policy activist groups as well as development partners and other interest groups. Close collaboration of all relevant stakeholders in various processes along with a high quality of research ensures the heightened status of BIDS as the country's premier policy research institute and its wide success in transforming research into policy actions to touch the lives of the common people, especially the poor and disadvantaged groups in society.

## Governance and Management Structure

BIDS has a well structured governance and management structure to guide and support its professional activities. The Director General acts as the Chief Executive Officer of the Institute who is appointed by the Board of Trustees for a period of three years.

## The Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is the highest decision making body of BIDS which is chaired by the Minister of Planning of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. The Board of Trustees usually meets thrice a year and approves the work plan and the budget as well as provides guidelines for developing human and professional capacities. The structure of the Board of Trustees can be seen in Box 1.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### 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 Protishthan, 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 Protishthan

Three Senior Staff Members of the Protishthan

Director General, Bangladesh Rural Development Board, Ex-officio

One Trustee to be appointed by the President

The Chairperson of PCC is the Director General and the ex-officio members include all Research Directors, Chairpersons of AAC and FC, Chiefs of all Divisions, and the Secretary of BIDS. The PCC advises the Director General on major policy issues of the Institute such as allocation of research funds, awarding of scholarships and fellowships, nominations to workshops and professional meetings, project administration and management, nomination of Senior Fellows, and selection of members to other Statutory Committees. The PCC generally meets every week to take stock of BIDS activities and discuss issues related to professional as well as administrative matters. Minutes of the PCC meetings are circulated among all concerned staff to ensure follow-up actions and monitoring. The PCC also helps in designing the research strategy and research priorities, formulating capacity building programs, and building dissemination strategies for BIDS.

The AAC recommends on administrative matters of the Institute to the Director General for necessary action. The FC is responsible for financial management and makes recommendations on all financial matters to the Director General. The list of members of the three Statutory Committees during the period 2008-2010 can be seen at Annex 2.

## The Senior Fellows

The Statute of BIDS provides for forming an Advisory Committee of twelve Senior Fellows, who are nominated by the PCC and appointed by the Board of Trustees for a period of three years. The Senior Fellows are nominated from among the country's eminent professionals in various fields who can provide guidance in planning, designing, and implementing BIDS programs. The names of the Senior Fellows nominated for the period 2008-2010 are given in Annex 1.

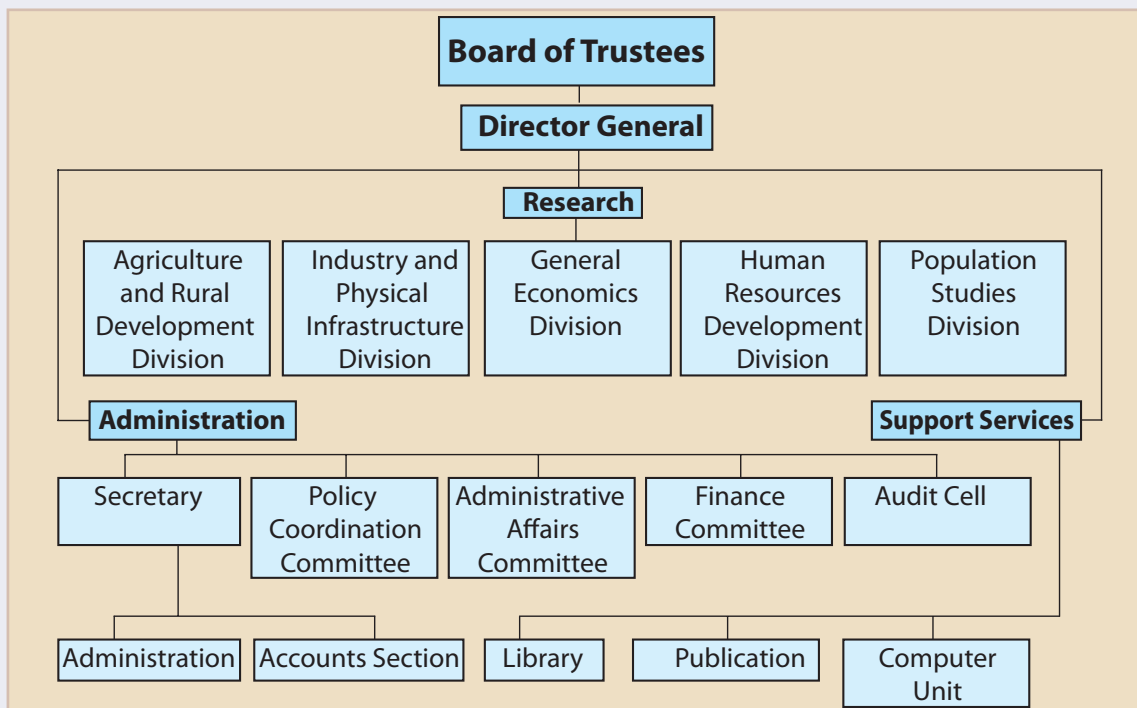
## Statutory Committees

BIDS has three Statutory Committees to assist the Director General in running the Institute and promote shared and decentralized administration. The Statutory Committees are: (i) Policy Coordination Committee (PCC); (ii) Administrative Affairs Committee (AAC); and (iii) Finance Committee (FC).

## Institutional Structure and Staff

The Institute is run by a group of professional and non-professional staff who work together in implementing the work plan and perform other responsibilities. The Organogram of the administrative structure of BIDS is given in Figure 1.

Each professional staff is a member of one of the five Research Divisions of BIDS. The coordination of the activities in each Division is ensured by the Division Chief who is appointed by the PCC for a period of two years. However, given the highly inter-sectoral nature and cross-cutting dimensions of development issues, the domain of Research Divisions gets blurred and the researchers often conduct research within a multi-disciplinary focus ensuring close inter-Divisional linkages.



■ **Agriculture and Rural Development Division (ARDD)**

As the name indicates, the Agriculture and Rural Development Division (ARDD) is the home of research and other activities pertaining to agriculture, natural resources management, environment and climate change issues, development of rural nonfarm activities and rural infrastructure, and other broader issues of rural development. Many of the activities of the Division relate to identifying the challenges of sustainable food security and nutrition and promoting policy options within the broader frameworks of ensuring livelihood security of the country's rural population. In view of the broad nature and the prime importance of the rural sector in the country, recent analytical research of ARDD provides a broad canvass covering key areas such as rural poverty dynamics and monitoring poverty process, employment and labor market issues, microcredit and financial inclusiveness, land market and tenancy reforms, productivity growth and agricultural diversification, non-crop agriculture and nonfarm activities, rural infrastructure development, and climate change impacts.

■ **General Economics Division (GED)**

The focus of the activities of the General Economics Division (GED) relates to macroeconomic issues including stability and growth; fiscal, monetary, and related policy framework; external sector developments; and analyzing the framework of inclusive development. The recent research activities have covered wide areas on issues of macroeconomic management including assessing the impact of the global economic crisis, nexus between monetary and fiscal policies for development, creating sustainable livelihoods, analyzing human development and assessing progress toward MDGs, regional cooperation issues, and analyzing the dynamics of chronic poverty.

■ **Human Resources Development Division (HRDD)**

The activities of the Human Resources Development Division (HRDD) center around promoting human development in a broad sense covering all dimensions including education, health, nutrition, gender, social inclusion and empowerment, and poverty dimensions in human



development. The recent research of the Division has covered both cross-cutting and specific dimensions of human development such as equity and efficiency issues in education, health aspects of development, social capital development and empowerment issues, decentralization and governance, and dynamics of migration and urbanization.

### ■ Industry and Physical Infrastructure Division (IPID)

The Industry and Physical Infrastructure Division (IPID) carries out research and other activities related to industry and infrastructure in general with special emphasis on small and medium enterprises, microenterprises, rural industries and nonfarm activities, and infrastructure development, particularly on developing rural infrastructure for balanced and inclusive development of the country. Recent research in the Division covered several areas including labor productivity and decent work issues, globalization and manufacturing industries, regional trade regimes and manufacturing growth, and competitiveness of export industries in an open regime.

### ■ Population Studies Division (PSD)

The activities of the Population Studies Division (PSD) extend beyond the quantitative aspects of population dynamics to cover critical areas for transforming population into an important element and the most significant outcome of the country's development process. The areas cover empowerment and reproductive behavior, health service provision and health seeking behavior, child and elderly health and vulnerability, maternal health and household behavior, poverty-health interfaces, domestic violence and violence against women, citizenship and rights, and adolescent reproductive health.

## Professional Staff

The current strength of the research staff in BIDS can be seen in Table 1. At present, 45 positions of the research staff are filled-in out of a total number

of 81. The academic profile of BIDS professionals is given in Annex 3. There are more than 100 non-research staff at BIDS who work in various support sections such as Administration, Accounts, Library, Publication, and the Computer Unit. The BIDS contacts are given in Annex 4.

**Table 1: Number of Research Staff in BIDS**

Post	Number of position	
	Sanctioned	Filled-in (December 2010)
Director General	1	1
Research Director	5	5
Senior Research Fellow	14	12
Research Fellow	28	12
Research Associate	28	15
Research Assistant	4	...
Statistical Assistant	1	...
<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>45</b>

Source: Administration Section, BIDS.

## Support Services

The support services of BIDS are organized under different sections/units in order to ensure adequate coordination and efficient delivery of required services. The aim is to facilitate the smooth functioning of the Institute in pursuit of its goals.

## The Administration Section

The Administration Section is responsible for providing required administrative services to the Institute for its smooth functioning. The Secretary is the head of the administration and also officiates as the Secretary to the Board of Trustees. The total number of staff is around 45 in administration. While the Director General as the Chief Executive oversees the administration, the AAC makes recommendations on administrative matters. During the period under review, physical facilities have been significantly improved and the BIDS building has been renovated to provide needed support to the Institute's research and other activities. A plan has been taken up to construct a new multi-storied building to expand the activities of BIDS.

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## The BIDS Library

The BIDS Library is the largest social sciences library in Bangladesh. It has a collection of nearly 130,000 books, documents, journals and microfiches. The Library provides a wide range of services to the user community, including current awareness, reproduction, inter-library lending and reading facilities. Annually about 5,000 users visit the Library and avail the facilities. Due to its rich collections, BIDS Library usually attracts students, teachers and researchers from different parts of Bangladesh and outside.

The BIDS Library is a participant in information networks to facilitate resource-sharing, and maintains inter-library loan relationships with selected libraries in Dhaka city. The Library operates exchange program with 360 national and international organizations and receives a large number of documents and journals from them in exchange for BIDS publications.

The Library is the depository of publications of the World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The BIDS Library also acted as the South Asian nodal centre of the IDRC sponsored DEVINSA Project.

The Library procures a large number of journals, books, and other publications every year. Besides, it also procures e-journals' consortia like JSTOR, OARE, AGORA, HINARI and aRDi. More than 13 CD-ROM databases are available in the library such as Econ-Lit, Pop line, 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, World Bank Africa Database, Direction of Trade Statistics, International Financial Statistics, Government Finance Statistics, Balance of Payments Statistics, and others.

The Library is now computerized which began in 1991. Since 1995, data on new books, documents, journal articles, and BIDS publications are regularly maintained in the computers. Up till now, 41,000 records of 81,000 documents/books and more than 33,000 records of journal articles and 700 records of journal holdings are available in the in-house database (CDS/ISIS). The Library offers services from these in house databases. The Library has initiated measures to introduce ILMS with OPAC facilities for the national and international users and to build a Development Studies Digital Repository using the publications of BIDS.







such as the accounts, administration, publication, library and documentation are also fully automated. The computers operate under a single network managed by the Section which is also connected to the internet. A part of the BIDS Library has also been put on-line.

The Computer Section also supports BIDS research through data management, statistical analysis, graphics, simulations and customs programming using different statistical data analysis soft wares. The Section manages the dedicated dynamic BIDS website ([www.bids.org.bd](http://www.bids.org.bd)). The major downloadable files on the BIDS website are PDF formatted. The website also supports UNICODE to access Bangla.

## The Publication Section

The main responsibility of the Publication Section is to ensure wide dissemination of BIDS research findings and other activities to policymakers, researchers, members of civil society, and other stakeholders through accessing all available means of electronic and print media including publication of books, journals, reports, policy briefs, monographs, and other publication formats. The Publication Section is outfitted with all necessary equipment for meeting the Institute's publishing requirements. The Section also provides sales services to its local and foreign customers and promotes its publication through complimentary and exchange programs. The outputs of this Section including research reports, research monographs, and the Institute's quarterly journal have wide circulation amongst researchers, policymakers and the concerned citizens in general, both at home and abroad.

## The Computer Section

The Computer Section, an important component of the Institute's research infrastructure, provides data processing and other computer technology related support to BIDS researchers. The Computer Section rapidly adjusts to changing technologies to ensure efficient service delivery. All researchers have access to computers and internet services. Support services

The BIDS has installed its own Server and backup Server to maintain Internet and email system using Open Source Software. The Wi-Fi (Wireless Network) technology has also been set in across the BIDS premises to have instating access to Internet. The Broad Band Internet Connectivity is using both Fiber Optic Cable and Radio Link.



## Research Activities

The research activities of BIDS are planned keeping in view its mandate of promoting research based policies in Bangladesh. The priority agenda is to carry out research on policy relevant issues that meet both short and strategic longer term issues facing Bangladesh. The key consideration is the policy content of research so that the research outputs can be of direct relevance to the policymakers and program implementers, both at macro and micro levels.

In order to reduce the dependence on donor funded research and enhance BIDS capacity to undertake policy oriented research in accordance with the priorities of the government and the policymakers, the government has provided BIDS with Tk. 200 million in the fiscal year 2009/10 to set up a 'Research Endowment Fund' (REF). The income from the REF is used exclusively to undertake policy research that caters directly to the needs of the government and the policymakers. The BIDS has adopted guidelines for ensuring proper use of the REF. The Institute seeks other national and international institutions to come forward to contribute to the REF in order to strengthen the core institutional research of BIDS for fulfilling its mandate.

During the period under review, the research portfolio of BIDS can be classified under six broad thematic areas:

### Macroeconomic Policy, Poverty and Inclusive Growth

#### Recent Performance of the Bangladesh Economy: An Assessment of the State of the Economy and Short-Term Outlook 2009-10

The report was presented in a seminar jointly organized by the BIDS and the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) on 23 February 2010. The mid-term review of the economy was organized around seven priority areas: (i) revitalizing the economy: expansion of fiscal space; (ii) accelerating economic growth: priority to agriculture; (iii) promoting social development and strengthening social safety nets; (iv) developing power and energy; (v) maintaining macroeconomic stability; (vi) assessing economic well being; and (vii) looking ahead: challenges and critical policy responses. The review identified five critical challenges for the policymakers that include raising the level of investment, accelerating economic growth and promoting food security, managing inflation and lowering inflation expectations, reducing regional variation in economic performance, and improving governance across the board. The review was prepared by a BIDS Team led by Mustafa K. Mujeri and consisted of M. Asaduzzaman, Quazi Shahabuddin, Zaid Bakht, K.M. Nabiul Islam, Nazneen Ahmed, Mohammad Yunus, S.M. Zulfiqar Ali, Anwara Begum, Narayan Chandra Nath, Monzur Hossain, Md. Harunur Rashid Bhuyan, A.T.M. Saifullah Mehedi, Md. Mansur Ahmed, and Md. Zabid Iqbal.



### Regional Knowledge Network for Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Growth

This project aims to link existing knowledge work in Asia on poverty reduction and inclusive growth through linking existing and new knowledge work in Asian countries through a regional website on poverty and inclusive growth and facilitating exchange of new ideas through studies and conferences. The project is supported by a three year technical assistance under ADB's Poverty Network Project. The project would be completed in 2011 and Mustafa K. Mujeri is its Project Director. The co-researchers are Nazneen Ahmed and Binayak Sen.

### Formulation of Technical Framework and Background Studies for the Sixth Five Year Plan (2011-2015) of Bangladesh and Support to Monitoring Poverty Reduction Strategy and MDGs in Bangladesh

The project activities provide the technical and analytical basis for preparing the Sixth Five Year Plan (2011-2015) of Bangladesh by the Planning Commission. Specifically, the activities (i) prepare the technical framework of the Plan including an input-output table for FY2007, a sequentially dynamic computable general equilibrium model and an econometric model to undertake alternative policy simulations and draw distributional and poverty implications of alternative growth scenarios; (ii) conduct twenty background studies on selected topics for use in preparing the Plan document; and (iii) provide training to relevant officials for satisfactorily using the strategic results in preparing the Plan. The project would be completed in June 2011 and Mustafa K. Mujeri is the Project Director. Under the project, the following studies have been completed:

Study No.	Name of the Study	Researchers
01	Macroeconomic Framework and Financial Sector Development for the Sixth Five Year Plan	Mustafa K. Mujeri Monzur Hossain
02	A Review of Fiscal and Other Macro Incentives in the Manufacturing Sector: Implications for Future Policies	Zaid Bakht Nazneen Ahmed
03	SMEs Development in Bangladesh with emphasis on Policy Constraints and Financing	K. M.Nabiul Islam Salma Chaudhuri Zohir Monzur Hossain
04	Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Development in Bangladesh and Issues in Privatization of SOEs	Abdul Hye Mondal Narayan Chandra Nath
05	Power and Energy Development and Management: Benchmark Analysis and Future Policies	M. Asaduzzaman Mansur Ahmed
06	Crop Agriculture and Agrarian Reforms in Bangladesh: Present Status and Future Options	Mahbub Hossain Uttam Deb
07	Developing Non-Crop Agriculture in Bangladesh: Present Status and Future Development	Quazi Shahabuddin Mohammad Yunus Zulfiqar Ali
08	Strategies for Coping with Climate Change, Environment Sustainability, and Natural Disasters in Bangladesh	M. Asaduzzaman Ahsanuddin Ahmed AKM Enamul Haque Qamar Munir
09	Alternative Modes of Financing for the Sixth Five Year Plan	Selim Raihan Bazlul H. Khondker

10	The National Security in Bangladesh: Strategies and Cost Effectiveness	BISS (Sheikh Md Monirul Islam, AK M Nazrul Islam, A T Salahuddin Ahmed, Neila Husain Chowdhury, Mohammad Mahfuz Kabir)
11	Employment and the Labor Market: A Guide to Employment Policies	Rushidan Islam Rahman Abdul Hye Mondal Zabid Iqbal
12	Education and HRD: Quality and Management Issues in Bangladesh	Manzoor Ahmed, Kazi Saleh Ahmed, Anwara Begum, Anir Chowdhury, Mohammad Ibrahim, Nurul Islam Khan, M. Tanvir Muntasim, Samir Ranjan Nath, and Mohammed Abdur Rafiq
13	Universal Social Protection Strategy: Hard Core Poverty and Safety Nets Programs in Bangladesh	K.A.S. Murshid Dilip Kumar Roy Anwara Begum
14	A Study on Health, Nutrition and Population Planning in Bangladesh	M. A. Mannan Mr. M. Sohail Mr. A.T.M. Shaifullah Mehedi
15	Emerging Issues in Income Growth of Rural Households, Development of Non-Farm Activities and Safety Net Provisions	M. A. Baqui Khalily Rushidan Islam Rahman
16	Export Promotion and External Issues: Present Status and Future Development	M. Ismail Hossain Mohammad Mahfuz Kabir
17	Towards Digital Bangladesh: Prospects and Constraints in Developing the ICT Sector	Ananya Raihan
18	Urbanization Management and Emerging Regional Disparity in Bangladesh: Policies and Strategies for Decentralized Economic Growth	B. H. Khondakar Syed Naimul Wadood Shubhasish Barua
19	Developing the Technical Framework for the Sixth Five Year Plan (2011-2015) Construction of the Input Output Table for 2006/07	Bazlul H Khondker Selim Raihan Quazi Md. Emdadul Huque Quazi Md. Emdadul Huque
	Background Study: Livestock	
	Background Study: Poultry	
20	The Dynamic CGE Model for the Sixth Five Year Plan (2011-2015) of Bangladesh	Selim Raihan Bazlul H Khondker
21	Employment Structure of the Bangladesh Economy: A Disaggregated Data Base for the Sixth Five Year Plan (2011-2015)	Dilip Kumar Roy
22	A Study on Small and Micro Enterprises (SME) Development in Bangladesh	Kazi Iqbal Farzana Munshi Syed Shah Saad Andalib
23	A Study on Implementing the Plan: The Challenges of Good Governance, Implementation Capacity, and Monitoring and Evaluation	Minhaj Mahmud
24	A Social Accounting Matrix for Bangladesh, 2006/07: Methodology and Results	Selim Raihan Bazlul H Khondker



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### **The Impact of the Global Financial Crisis on Bangladesh**

The study examines the impact of the global financial crisis on Bangladesh with particular reference to exports, remittances and imports along with budgetary implications. The study was completed in April 2009 and KAS Murshid was its Project Director. The co-researchers were Salma Chaudhuri Zohir, Mansur Ahmed, Zabid Iqbal, and ATMS Mehdi.



### **Fiscal and Policy Space for Crisis Response with a Focus on Employment and Labor Market: A Study of Bangladesh**

In the background of recent global economic crisis, the study identifies the broad elements of a possible post-crisis development agenda consisting of measures to cope with severe external shocks in future and sustain development strategies with an improved social face especially for achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The study gives particular attention to employment and labor market aspects of development so that adverse effects on employment during future crises can be addressed. The study proposes a package of employment and labor market programs within the framework of a basic social floor. The study also demonstrates that the necessary fiscal space for implementing such a program can be created through the country's own resources. The study

would be completed in March 2011 and Zulfiqar Ali is its Project Director. The co-researchers are Mustafa K. Mujeri and Rizwanul Islam.

### **Employment, Human Development and Social Protection**

#### **Social Management for the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA)**

The study identifies the strengths and weaknesses of social management practices in the Export Processing Zones (EPZs) of Bangladesh. In the process, the study provides an assessment of the regulatory environment applicable to the EPZ enterprises and develops mechanism to monitor implementation of those in EPZ factories. The study advocates for installing awareness raising programs in order to maintain better labor compliance in EPZ factories which should concentrate more on informing the workers regarding both their rights and responsibilities. Moreover, better compliance can become an important marketing tool for the EPZ factories. The study was completed in December 2008 and Nazneen Ahmed acted as its Project Director. Other team members were Md. Harunur Rashid Bhuyan and Golam Nabi Majumder.

#### **Social Management System in the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority**

The study develops several mechanisms to improve social management within the factories of the Export Processing Zones (EPZs) of Bangladesh. A sustainability plan is also developed for various ongoing social programs within the EPZs. The study also explores the role of various awareness raising programs in enhancing better labor compliance in EPZ enterprises. The study maintains that not only the labor compliance issues, but the environmental compliance issues should be monitored as well in EPZ factories. The study was completed in April 2010 and Nazneen Ahmed acted as the Project Director. Team members included Mohammad Yunus and Md. Nazmul Hoque.

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### **Outcome Monitoring Survey of the Vulnerable Group Development Activity of the World Food Program, Bangladesh**

The study findings reveal that the Vulnerable Group Development (VGD) program and its associated development package make a positive impact on women of the programmed households compared with those in the control households. The positive impact is most prominent in ensuring food security and improving nutritional status of women and children, behavior change communication, and the quality of life of the poor households. However, external factors such as unusual food price hike constrain the realization of full benefits and scale down the program benefits among the target groups. The study was completed in February 2009 and its Project Director was Abdul Hye Mondal.

### **Universal Social Protection Strategy: Hard Core Poverty and Safety Nets Programs in Bangladesh**

The most urgent challenge confronting Bangladesh is to eliminate widespread poverty and raise the standard of living of the masses. A significant proportion of the people are poor and very poor, and it is generally accepted that an appropriate

safety net program needs to be in place to address those amongst the poor who are chronically poor, the transient poor, or are in special circumstances. Keeping in view the resource and other constraints, this study examines the possibility of devising a universal social protection scheme in Bangladesh. The study was completed in November 2009 and KAS Murshid was its Project Director.

### **Program for Research on Chronic Poverty in Bangladesh**

The program seeks to reduce poverty in Bangladesh more effectively 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 to overcome poverty and vulnerability. This goal is to be achieved by the production and 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. The program is a sub-centre of the Chronic Poverty Research Centre (CPRC) - a partnership of southern and northern research institutes and development advocacy organizations led by IDPM at the University of Manchester. This program spearheads CPRC



work in Bangladesh and also contributes more broadly to the strengthening of CPRC through its theoretical and methodological insights. Sharifa Begum is the Project Director of the Program and core team members include Zulfiqar Ali, Binayak Sen and Quazi Shahabuddin.

## **Agriculture, Food Security and Rural Development**

### **Adequacy and Effectiveness of Fuel Subsidies to the Poor Farmers**

This study examines not only at the operation of the subsidy but also its implications for relative use of inputs in cultivation of all rice crops. The main survey on 960 farm households was supplemented with community information as well as a Pump Owners Survey. In addition, the study examines issues related to efficacy of fertilizer subsidy and the costs of production of major rice crops and economics of pump operation. The study was completed in March 2009 and M. Asaduzzaman was its Project Director and K.M. Nabiul Islam of BIDS was the co-researcher.

### **Diesel Subsidies to the Poor Bangladeshi Farmers – An Evaluation**

This study analyzes the effectiveness of the diesel subsidy program of the government initiated in 2008. Primary information from nearly 1,300 farmers was collected in 16 districts for the purpose. The study finds that there have been various limitations of the listing of eligible farmers and thus there has been leakage of the subsidy to ineligible farmers. Furthermore, the amount of subsidy is rather small compared with the cost of irrigation. The study was completed in December 2008 and M. Asaduzzaman was its Project Director. K.M. Nabiul Islam was the co-researcher.

### **Food Availability, Consumption Patterns and Nutritional Standards**

The study examines the supply of and demand for 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

for Bangladesh and ways of meeting the food gap to achieve that standard. The study was completed in September 2008 and KAS Murshid was its Project Director.



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

The study examines the nature and trend of instability in price and quantity of selected food items (rice, potato and brinjal) in Bangladesh. It also examines market performance using conventional approaches as well as from the perspective of real market relationships and real market operations. The study was completed in September 2009 and KAS Murshid was its Project Director.

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

The study uses 2005 Household Income and Expenditure Survey and other household survey based data to examine household vulnerability to food insecurity, seasonality of food scarcity, lack of household level accessibility and nutrition awareness, relative role of paid and self-employment especially for female earning members in mitigating household food insecurity and promoting children's welfare. The



study was completed in May 2009 and Rushidan Islam Rahman was its Project Director. The co-researchers were M Harunur Rashid Bhuyan and Anwara Begum.

### **Household Food Security: Role of Seasonality and Type of Employment**

The study examines the links between sector and status of employment (self and wage employment), underemployment (seasonal and year round) and household income and its impact on household level food security. Identification of indicators of food insecurity and 'faces' of food insecurity at household level, the links between type of employment and food insecurity and the responses to food insecurity are the key queries and objectives in the study. The results reveal households' vulnerability to food insecurity, occurrence of seasonality of food scarcity, lack of household level accessibility and nutrition awareness, relevance of and lack of wage employment especially for female earning members and its positive role towards household gains and children's welfare. The study was completed in May 2009 and Rushidan Islam Rahman was its Project Director.

### **Impact Evaluation of the Bangladesh Rural Development Board**

This study was carried out for the Rural Development and Cooperatives Division of the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. The study provides an assessment of the contribution of the Bangladesh Rural Development Board in poverty alleviation and rural development and reviews its performance in terms of identified criteria. The study was completed in June 2009 and S.M. Zulfikar Ali was the Project Director. The names of co-researchers are Quazi Shahabuddin, M. Asaduzzaman, Abdul Hye Mondal, Md. Harunur Rashid Bhuyan and Mansur Ahmed.

### **Food Security and Mitigation in Bangladesh Agriculture: Searching for a Low Carbon Path of Development**

The project aims to find and analyze the carbon footprint in Bangladesh agriculture from the farmers' field to the purchase by the consumers. Two crops, rice and potato, will be targeted. Both direct and indirect use of energy, fertilizer,





and water and consequent carbon signature will be investigated using secondary information and verified through field level investigation of another institution which is looking at non-crop agriculture. The analysis will also try to find out how the carbon signatures differ by type of farm. The project will be completed in March 2011 and M. Asaduzzaman is its Project Director.

#### **Participatory Livestock Development Project-II**

The study carried out the final impact evaluation of the Participatory Livestock Development Project (PLDP-II) of the Palli Karma Sahayak Foundation (PKSF). Assessing the history of the project from its inception to completion, the study evaluates project performance and compares actual achievements with qualitative and quantitative objectives laid down in the log frame and appraisal report covering inputs, outputs, and impacts of implemented activities. The study identifies several problems and deviations from planned design and outcomes and traces the underlying factors in implementation and management of the project. The project was completed in August 2010 and Kazi Ali Toufique was its Project Director. The team members included: Monzur Hossain, Kazi Iqbal, and Zabid Iqbal.

#### **Supply Chain Analysis of Poultry in Bangladesh**

This study documents aspects of production, marketing, transports, and consumption of poultry products in Bangladesh with a view to assessing bio-security, population at risk of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), and health and hygiene practices, and profitability of the operators in the supply chains. The study was completed in June 2008 and Mohammad Yunus was its Project Director. The co-researchers were Emdadul Haque Chowdhury of Bangladesh Agricultural University and Nazneen Ahmed.

#### **Supply Chain of Hilsa in Bangladesh**

The study explores the supply chain and the prices of hilsa (fish) at various stages to examine value added at different stages and its distribution among different stakeholders. The study employs the value chain analysis method and provides new information of hilsa supply chain in the country. The study was completed in January 2009 and its Project Director was S.M. Zulfikar Ali. The co-researchers were Quazi Shahabuddin, Mansur Ahmed and Md. Matiur Rahman.



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## Population, Health and Gender Issues

### Assessing the Knowledge, Attitude and Practice of Religious Leaders towards Reproductive Health and Gender Related Issues

The study examines the change in knowledge, attitude and practices of trained religious leaders relative to those not reached by the UNFPA supported intervention programs on reproductive health and gender related issues including violence against women. The study brings out that training of religious leaders improves the knowledge and awareness towards major aspects of reproductive health and gender issues. The findings suggest that the level of knowledge of religious leaders regarding 'safe motherhood', 'complications during pregnancy' and understanding of 'reproductive health' changes significantly because of training. Trained religious leaders are found to deliver important messages and disseminate information on the benefits of small family, family planning, need for anti-natal and post-natal care, and other aspects of reproductive health including STD, HIV/AIDS. The study was completed in April 2009 and its Project Director was M.A. Mannan with Mohammad Sohail as the co-researcher.

### The Stakeholders' Consultation Report: The Mid Term Review of the Bangladesh Health, Nutrition and Population Sector Program

The consultation was organized to elicit views of different stakeholders on family planning and maternal health care services at the local level and understand the major obstacles of women, particularly rural women, in using these services. The report was based on focus group discussions, in-depth interviews, case studies and consultation workshop with different stakeholders both at local and national levels. The findings suggest that the first important task with regard to maternal services in the national level is to create awareness in the community about importance of maternal health care services and make people understand that the act of childbearing viz. pregnancy and childbirth require special attention and care. The project was completed in August 2008 and Sharifa Begum was its Project Director with Zulfiqar Ali as the co-researcher.

### An Inventory and Statistics on Violence against Women in Bangladesh: Who is Doing What and Where

The study provides an inventory of statistics on violence against women in Bangladesh and identifies existing services to address the needs of the victims of violence and suggests indicators for monitoring. The findings show that violence against women is rising especially due to unchanged deep rooted values, beliefs and attitudes towards women, social tolerance of domestic violence, and lack of gender sensitivity in dealing with cases of violence. Various actions are suggested for reducing violence against women such as organizing resistance movement, creating awareness, providing legal services and working for legal reforms. The study was completed in May 2009 and its Project Director was M.A. Mannan with Salma Chaudhuri Zohir as the co-researcher.

### Discriminatory Provisions Towards Women and Girls

In order to promote women's human rights and protect all their interests, the UN CEDAW is an international human rights treaty devoted to the rights of women. The study assesses the CEDAW implementation in Bangladesh based mostly on secondary information and recommends that measures have to be taken to create awareness among people, particularly among policymakers, planners and program/project implementers about CEDAW, NPWA, and NAP to make them gender sensitive and enable them to appreciate the role and importance of women. The study was



completed in November 2008 and Sharifa Begum was its Project Director.

### **Impact Study of Legal Services Provided by the Madaripur Legal Aid Association**

The study provides an assessment of the appropriateness, effectiveness, and efficiency of the legal aid services provided by the Madaripur Legal Aid Association (MLAA) and identifies intervention factors and target population characteristics. While the focus has been on enforcement of rights through effective implementation of informal justice mechanisms, the question of what exactly is being implemented, and the nature of justice provided to the beneficiaries has also been addressed. The findings show that MLAA initiatives incorporate a strong element of preventive justice. They differ from traditional justice forums by incorporating a perspective that is transparent, feminist and pro-poor, and a process that is democratic. The study was completed in June 2009 and M.A. Mannan was the Project Director.

### **A Strategy for Partnership with Civil Society and Others for Promotion of Reproductive Health and Gender Issues Linked to ICPD, MDGs and PRSP**

The study reflects on how the Planning Commission will interact with civil society and other organizations to incorporate their ideas on population, RH and gender issues into the sectoral policies and plans, and thereby contribute to the development process effectively. To assess the nature of action programs, the study uses qualitative and participatory research methods to find out the status of integration of population, reproductive health and gender in sectors policies, plans and programs. The role of civil society is found critically important and it recommends a system of regular monitoring and follow up to ensure the coordination of the stakeholders at district and upazila levels. The study was completed in November 2008 and M.A. Mabud was its Project Director and co-researchers were Sharifa Begum, Osman Ali, Shamsun Nahar and Harunur Rashid Bhuyan.

### **Impact of Water and Sanitation Interventions on Childhood Diarrhea: Evidence from Bangladesh**

The study examines the role of improved water and sanitation on child health in terms of diarrheal diseases. The study was carried out using information from 'Bangladesh Health and Demographic Survey 2007'. Using both propensity score matching and bivariate logit regression techniques, the study observes that it is the combined access to improved water and sanitation that can give maximum effects compared with their isolated use. The study finds some weak evidence that improved toilets can reduce the incidence of childhood diarrhea to some extent, but mere access to safe water does not have any statistically significant impact on it. Sharifa Begum was the Project Director and co-researchers were Mansur Ahmed and Binayak Sen.

### **The Final Evaluation of CARE Bangladesh's PROTIRODH Project**

The CARE Bangladesh's PROTIRODH Project aims to reduce violence against women and reinforce the fulfillment of women's rights in selected rural locations and among sex workers in selected urban centres. This evaluation study assesses the extent to which the implementation of the project has led to an improvement in the situation of women and sex workers and examines changes in the capacity of civil society and communities to support women's rights. The evaluation finds significant impact of PROTIRODH activities in different areas such as reducing violence, raising mass awareness against violence, and providing quality services to the victims of violence. The study was completed in July 2010 and M.A. Mannan was the Project Director.

### **Workshop on Violence against Women**

The workshop titled "An Inventory and Statistics on Violence against Women in Bangladesh: Putting into Place a Database" was jointly organized by BIDS and the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (EKN) on 1 October 2009. The participants agreed that the findings would help planners and policymakers in designing effective strategies to

deal with violence. It emerged during discussion that to combat violence against women was a major stumbling block to achieve gender equality and empowerment of women, and there was a need for a reliable database for collecting regular information about the intensity of the problem in which all stakeholders should participate. The project was completed in November 2009 and M.A. Mannan was the Project Director.

### **Integration of Population and Gender Concerns into the National and Sectoral Policies and Strategies: Current Status and Constraints**

The study examines the extent of integration of population and gender concerns into the national and sectoral policies, programs and strategies and identifies barriers and constraints in these regards. The study has been prepared based on review of various national and sectoral policy documents, strategies and plan documents, and through gathering primary information from policy-makers, planners, field level officials and different stakeholders at local level. The study notes that integration of both the issues into different sectoral activities remains insufficient with population concerns. A major constraint in the integration process is the lack of coordination and monitoring of the process. Also, there systemic inefficiencies for this including lack of awareness among officials about gender and population issues, shortage of skilled manpower, inadequate sectoral policies, inadequate design of the projects/ programs, lack of resources, and others. Sharifa Begum was the Project Director.

### **A Review to Identify Legal Provisions that are Inconsistent with CEDAW in Bangladesh**

The study reviews the implementation of CEDAW provision in Bangladesh using general legal framework within which the legal rights are protected

by the government machineries. Utilizing both secondary and primary information, the study observes that Bangladesh is yet behind in implementing the CEDAW. Also, there are weaknesses and gaps in prevalent legal provisions which deprive women from justice. Sharifa Begum was the Project Director and co-researchers included Advocate Salma Ali, Mr Osman Ali and Harunur Rashid Bhuyan.

### **Natural Resources Management and Climate Change**

#### **A Study of the Principal Marketed Value Chains Derived from the Sunderbans Reserved Forest**

The study investigates aspects related to economics of resource extraction of twelve Sunderbansreserveforestproducts. The main actors in the value chains associated with the resource extraction are harvesters, beparis, farias, choto mahajans, boro mahajans, aratdars, wholesalers and retailers.





The study finds huge income inequality among the actors in the value chain. The resource harvesters earn net returns in the range of only 3 to 7 percent while they create value additions (in terms of price) by as high as 50 to 75 percent, depending on type of products. Intuitively, given the existing economic situation, the process of SRF extraction is deepening poverty levels, which may also widen the income gap between the rich and the poor in the region. The study makes specific policy recommendations for improving the value chains, terms of trade, marketing system, economic conditions of bottom-layer actors in the value chain, co-management, and conservation and overall sustainable harvest management. The study was completed in August 2010 and K.M. Nabiul Islam was its Project Director.

#### **Social Analysis for the Economic Adaptation to Climate Change**

The study assesses the social vulnerability for costing climate change adaptation in Bangladesh. The study focuses more on primary intervention of collecting data from selected hotspots and combines qualitative and quantitative approaches to field investigation. The study indicates that synergistic impacts of multiple hazards are greater than the sum of impacts of individual events and impacts of multiple hazards create a ripple effect making the communities further vulnerable to climatic events. The study was completed in December 2009 and S.M. Zulfiqar Ali was its Project Director. The co-researchers were M. Asaduzzaman, Md. Harunur Rashid Bhuyan and Iqbal Alam Khan.

#### **Sustainable Land Management in Bangladesh: Issues, Constraints and Potentials**

The study, undertaken on behalf of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, explores the economic and social issues responsible for sustainable land management in the country. The study was completed in December 2010 and S.M. Zulfiqar Ali was its Project Director. The co-researchers were M. Asaduzzaman, Bimal Kumar Saha, Mansur Ahmed and Nehraz Mahmud.

## **Industry, Infrastructure and Regional Cooperation**

### **Formal and Informal Employment Growth in Manufacturing in South Asia: India and Bangladesh**

The study examines the evolving pattern of the size structure in the manufacturing sector of Bangladesh and its implications for growth and equity. The study uses unit level data from Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) relating to Census of Manufacturing Industries (CMI) and Annual Establishment and Institution Survey (AEIS) along with field based case studies of three manufacturing industries, footwear, knitwear and light engineering. The study was completed in September 2010 and Zaid Bakht was its Project Director. Other team members were Mohammad Yunus and Nazneen Ahmed.

### **Mapping and Analysis of Growth-Oriented Industrial Sub-Sectors and Their Skill Requirements in Bangladesh**

The study selects, using appropriate criteria, sub-sectors of manufacturing activities for support through skill training provision. Seven sub-sectors are selected from the survey of enterprises: drugs and pharmaceuticals, textiles, food manufacturing, furniture and fixtures, pottery and china ware, leather and leather products, and transport equipment. The study comes up with suggestions for introducing market needs relevant training and



implementing TVET reforms including installing lifelong learning mechanisms and articulation. The study was completed in September 2008 and its Project Director was Abdul Hye Mondal.

### **Competitiveness of Garment Industry in Bangladesh**

The study examines how the competitiveness of garments industries in Bangladesh has changed after the phasing out of MFA. For this purpose, a field survey of 300 sample garments enterprises has been carried out. Of the sample enterprises, 200 belong to the sample of 222 enterprises that were surveyed by IDE in 2003. The rest of the sample enterprises are chosen from the list of enterprises set up after 2003 obtained from the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) on the basis of appropriate sampling methodology. The study was completed in February 2010 and Zaid Bakht was its Project Director. Team members included Mohammad Yunus and Nazneen Ahmed.

### **Assessment of Social Safeguard of the Persons Affected by the Padma Multipurpose Bridge Project**

Under the project, a census of households and individuals likely to be affected directly and indirectly by the proposed Padma Multipurpose Bridge Project (PMBP) project right-of-way is conducted in order to ensure social safeguard compliance. The study recommends discreet resettlement policy framework and plan for the project affected persons (PAPs) embodying not only adequate mitigation principles but also development strategies for improving the cognitive skills and capacity of the PAPs and creating an enabling environment for them. The study will be completed in March 2011 and its Project Directors are Abdul Hye Mondal and Mustafa K. Mujeri.

### **Independent Review of the Resettlement Program under Rural Transport Improvement Project**

The study assesses land acquisition programs in terms of adoption and implementation

of Resettlement Action Plans (RAPs) for mitigating adverse effects of the Rural Transport Improvement Project (RTIP). This study shows that road improvement has considerably improved the access of rural communities to various economic and social opportunities. The study nevertheless recommends that land administration rules and regulations need to be simplified, adequate and timely compensation is to be paid and grievance redress mechanism as an integral part of the program must be ensured. The study was completed in December 2008 and its Project Director was Bimal Kumar Saha.

### **Integration of ICT Industries and Its Impact on Market Access and Trade: The Case of Bangladesh and India**

The development of the ICT sector critically depends on strategic alliance and networking as well as on proper infrastructure and human capital development. There is strong evidence that forming alliances, clustering and networking help small firms to compete, grow and cooperate with large firms. By surveying ICT firms in India and Bangladesh, the study explores modalities and mechanisms through which ICT firms could forge horizontal links among them, and vertical



linkages with larger manufacturing and service industries for increasing market access, enhancing investment flows, promoting skill development and fostering technological advancements. In addition to global value chain analysis, the study makes use of spatial econometric model to capture the spatial interdependence (integration) effect on the profitability of ICT firms. The study was completed in December 2010 and Monzur Hossain was its Project Director. The team members of the study were Zaid Bakht, Mohammad Yunus and Naoko Shinkai of Nagoya University.

### **Benefit Monitoring and Evaluation of Small Scale Water Resources Sector Project – II**

The study has two components: one involves a benchmark study of 30 subprojects and the second involves carrying out evaluation for 10 subprojects for which baseline studies were carried out in 2002. The small scale water resources management subprojects aim to improve water management, flood management, drainage improvement, water conservation and command area development, benefiting a net area of up to 1,000 ha 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 was completed in March 2009 and K.M. Nabiul Islam was its Project Director. The team members included: Quazi Shahabuddin, M. Asaduzzaman, M. Salim Ullah, Pratimal Paul Mazumder, Quamrul Ahsan Chowdhury, Md. Abul Quasem, Mohamed Nuruzzaman, Mirza M. Shafiqur Rahman, Md. Karimullah Bhuyan, and Nehraz Mahmud.

### **India, Bangladesh and the North-East: Transit and Transshipment—Strategic Considerations**

The study untangles the complex issues, both economic and strategic, that has dogged the issue of 'transit' for decades, and provides a clear and lucid analysis of options and suggestions. The study was completed in 2009 and KAS Murshid was its Project Director.

## **Governance: Policies and Institutions**

### **Post Workshop Activity**

The international workshop held in Dhaka in 2006 to sensitize the Bangladeshi policy analysts through intensive deliberations on the issues of governance. The workshop was the first step towards understanding the nature of governance problem and its relationship with development. The post-workshop publication was in terms of a peer-reviewed book including the papers presented in the workshop, titled "A Ship Adrift: Governance and Development in Bangladesh" edited by Nurul Islam and M. Asaduzzaman. The book is intended to initiate a debate, more wide ranging than what is going on at the moment, to look into the broader philosophy behind governance reform and also to look at the issues that arise in specific sectors as well as in the management of the economy as a whole. The project was completed in September 2008 and M. Asaduzzaman was its Project Director.

## **Policy Resource Program (PRP): Influencing Policy through Research**

The Policy Resource Program (PRP) of BIDS acts as a servicing unit to build necessary capacity, conduct demand-driven policy analyses, create strong, organic links with the policymakers and the media,







and provides a platform for providing resources for analysts, practitioners, and policymakers interested in all aspects of development policy. The PRP employs a unique and dynamic combination of policy-based research, strategic communications, and targeted outreach to engage and educate the public and the policymakers on development issues. K.A.S. Murshid is the Director of the Program.

A total of seven working papers and other articles have been published under the PRP over the period.

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## Publications by BIDS Researchers

The BIDS researchers publish regularly their research and professional work in different forms including journal articles, book chapters, policy briefs, policy papers, working papers, and in the popular media such as newspaper and journal articles. A selected list of such publications is given below.

### Mustafa K. Mujeri

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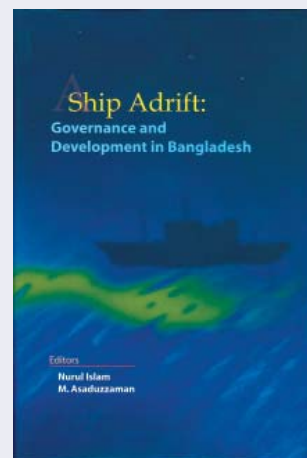
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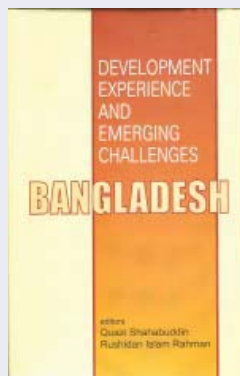


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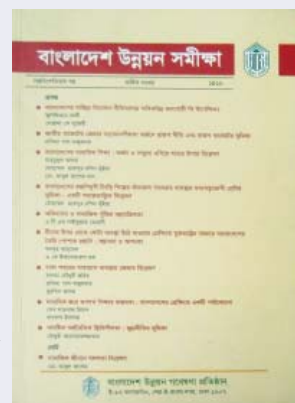
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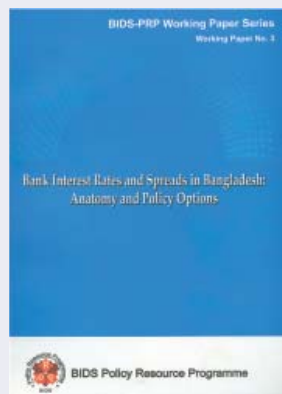
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Team Member, Flood Vulnerability Assessment Study of Four Major Urban Agglomerations of Gujarat State, carried out by the Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority and the World Bank, Delhi, completed in July 2009.

Co-author, "Development of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMES) in Bangladesh with Emphasis on SME Financing" a background Study for the Sixth Five Year Plan (2011-15) of Bangladesh

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NAC Expert Committee Member for Evaluation

of PEDP II, 2010, Ministry of Primary and Mass Education

National Expert Committee Member, Publication and Research: Expert Committee on Education, Ministry of Primary and Mass Education.

Member, Technical Committee on "Education Watch", Report of CAMPE.

Expert Committee Member, Technical Advisory Group of CAMPE, on Attaining the Millennium Development Goals, for the People's Forum on MDGs (PFM) Report

Life Member, Asiatic Society of Bangladesh.

Member, Finance Committee, BIDS.

CAMPE Council (Board) Member.

Academic Council Member of the Dhaka School of Economics, 2010.

Resource Person and Expert Reviewer for the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, BUET

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Member-Secretary (former), Policy Coordination Committee, BIDS

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Member, National Steering Committee, Enhanced Integrated Framework, WTO Cell, Ministry of Commerce.

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#### **Serajul Islam Laskar**

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"Urbanization in Perspective Plan – The Case of Bangladesh": a position paper prepared for the Perspective Plan 2011-2021, Planning Commission, 2009.

"Improvement of Governance including Civil Service Reforms, Judicial Reforms and Law and Order Improvement": a background paper prepared for the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP), Planning Commission, 2008.

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Member, Academic Council, Dhaka School of Economics.

Member, Executive Committee, Bangladesh Economic Association, 2007-2009

Member, Working Group for Monitoring and Evaluation of Performance of PRS II, Ministry of Industry, 2009

Member, Working Group for Monitoring and Evaluation of Performance of PRS II, Ministry of Post and Telecommunication, 2009

"Trade Facilitation", Report published by the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industries (FBCCI), Dhaka, 2008.

#### **Salma Chaudhuri Zohir**

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Member, Expert Committee on Edible Oil, Ministry of Commerce.

Member, Expert Committee on Service Sector, Ministry of Commerce

Member, Committee for Finalizing the List of Hazardous Work, ILO and the Ministry of Labor.

An Inventory and Statistics on Violence against Women in Bangladesh: Who is doing What and Where, (co-author) The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (EKN), Bangladesh, 2009

#### **Karimullah Bhuiyan**

Research Fellow

“Prospects of Employment Generation and the Features of Labor Markets: A Guide to the Employment Policies for the Sixth Five Year Plan (2011-2015)” (co-author), Background paper for the Sixth Five Year Plan (2011-2015) of Bangladesh.

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Chairman, Computer Management Committee, BIDS,

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#### **Monzur Hossain**

Research Fellow

Member Secretary, Policy Coordination Committee, BIDS

#### **Kazi Iqbal**

Research Fellow

Background paper on small and micro enterprises for the Sixth Five Year Plan (2011-2015) of Bangladesh.

#### **Minhaj Mahmud**

Research Fellow

“Implementing the Plan: The Challenges of Good Governance, Implementation Capacity, and Monitoring and Evaluation”, Background paper for the Sixth Five Year Plan (2011-2015) of Bangladesh.

# Dissemination, Advocacy and Publication

**B**IDS has invested considerable efforts and resources during the period 2008-2010 to strengthen its dissemination, advocacy, and publication activities keeping in view the need to better understand the constraints associated with bridging research and policy and tap the opportunities that could make visible differences in effective bridging at both national and sub-national levels. For BIDS, bridging means not only informing policy choices to the policymakers but also be concerned with adopting policies in practice and their effective implementation. For the purpose, BIDS makes concerted efforts to improve understanding of the links between research and policy and to bridge the gap between researchers, policymakers, and intermediary organizations such as the media, professional organizations, and advocacy groups in order to promote evidence-based policy making in Bangladesh.

## BIDS Website

The BIDS website ([www.bids.org.bd](http://www.bids.org.bd)) has now emerged as the most important mode for communicating research and other activities to researchers, policymakers, civil society, development partners, and others interested in BIDS activities. The BIDS website was first built in 2001, but it has been totally revamped and streamlined in 2009. Under the streamlining process, a new, dynamic, and redesigned website has been created and the institutional process has

been put in place for its regular maintenance and updating under the supervision of the Website Development and Management Committee and technical support from the BIDS Computer Unit. Most of the research materials and BIDS publications are downloadable from the website. Information on current events is posted regularly on the homepage along with images from the events.

## BIDS Publications in 2008-2010

Over the period of 2008-2010, BIDS researchers have upheld their tradition of publishing reports of quality research in various forms including books, monographs, research reports, project reports, occasional papers, articles in different journals, and in the form of popular writings both in English and Bangla.

## Journals

### The Bangladesh Development Studies (BDS)

The Bangladesh Development Studies (BDS) is the refereed quarterly journal of the Institute. This is published in English. It enjoys international reputation and is currently in its 33rd year of publication. The journal publishes research articles, notes, and book reviews by BIDS researchers as well as by national and international scholars. The 32nd and 33rd volumes of BDS were published in 2009 and 2010 respectively. The 33rd volume of BDS contained a Special Issue on The Human Rights Approach to Development.



### The Bangladesh Unnayan Samikkhya (BUS)

The Bangladesh Unnayan Samikkhya (BUS) is published annually in Bangla. It contains articles, notes, features, and book reviews. It is widely read by researchers, students, and





people of different walks of life who are interested in development issues of Bangladesh. The 26th and 27th issues of BUS were published in 2009 and 2010 respectively

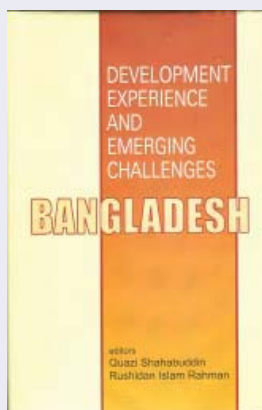
## Edited Volumes

### Development Experience and Emerging Challenges: BANGLADESH

Despite widespread pessimism, Bangladesh has achieved considerable success and performed well in several areas of development. The economy has also moved to a higher growth path over the last two decades. This has led many to believe that Bangladesh can realize its growth potential so as to join the ranks of middle income countries within a decade or so. The transition to the higher growth regime has, however, been accompanied by worsening income distribution over time. This obviously raises concern about the quality of growth in terms of rate of poverty reduction, degree of income inequality, and generation of productive employment. This volume, edited by Quazi Shahabuddin and Rushidan Islam Rahman, contains selected papers and proceedings of the panel discussion of an international conference on the theme, 'Development Prospects of Bangladesh: Emerging Challenges', organized by BIDS in December 2007 on the occasion of its Golden Jubilee Celebration. It is expected that the ideas and the engaging intellectual debate on development experience, emerging challenges, and policy options for development of Bangladesh presented in the volume will be useful to a wide audience, both academicians and development practitioners alike.

### A Ship Adrift: Governance and Development in Bangladesh

In the development discourse, the failure of



nations to grow economically and gain socially has been attributed in a large measure to the lack of 'good' governance. The issue remains elusive to many, when the ground reality sometimes contradicts the new conventional wisdom. Over the past one decade and a half, Bangladesh has enjoyed a fair pace of economic growth and made impressive gains in several key social indicators. Yet the country ranks poorly on many aspects of governance. This raises several questions: Does governance really matter in development? Would Bangladesh's performance have been better or qualitatively different with seemingly better governance? Or, is governance in Bangladesh not as bad as these perception-based indicators seem to suggest? An international workshop in Dhaka examined these and related issues in 2006 to better explore and understand ways in which governance and development interact and interface with each other. This book, edited by Nurul Islam and M. Asaduzzaman, brings together selected papers from the workshop. It is expected that the book will initiate wide ranging debates to look at governance issues that arise in specific sectors as well as in the management of the economy as a whole.

## Special Publications

### Role of Experts in Policy Advice: Lessons of Experience

In this volume, Professor Nurul Islam, one of the leading development economists who has successfully combined professional excellence with policy making at the highest level, examines the role of experts in policy advice in order to draw lessons from his valuable personal experience. Recognizing the highly complex nature of policy making in a modern state, he suggests that, apart from building up strong public institutions



for policy analysis, it is imperative to encourage vigorous debates outside the government among different points of view in order to arrive at the decision by the government. In reality, there always exists a range of unpredictability in policy outcomes; and policy decisions involve some judgment so that policymakers need to be flexible and wise enough to make mid-course corrections as failures in policy option or implementation become apparent.

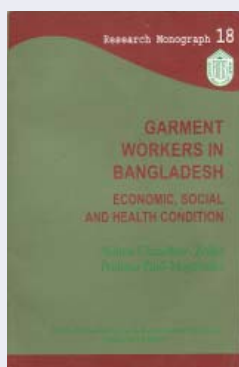
This research report provides the results of a detailed evaluation of the Old Age Allowance Program of the Government of Bangladesh. The project design and its operational aspects are examined in order to generate recommendations for formulating future actions in a more appropriate and effective manner enabling the government to achieve the program objectives in the best possible manner. The study was undertaken by Pratima Paul-Majumdar and Sharifa Begum.

## BIDS Research Monographs

### Research Monograph 18

#### Garment Workers in Bangladesh: Economic, Social and Health Condition

This monograph provides data base on socioeconomic conditions on female workers in the garments industry in Bangladesh. In addition, the study provides analysis on organizational aspects of the firms and their impact on the workers. The analysis includes economic conditions, social security, and health conditions of the workers. It also discusses the legal rights of the garment workers. An interesting dimension of the analysis is the status of the garment workers within their households and in society at large. The study was conducted by Salma Chaudhuri Zohir and Pratima Paul-Majumder. It was first published in 1996 and was reprinted in 2008.



## BIDS Project Reports

### Project Report 3

#### Social Assistance Program for Destitute Women in Bangladesh

This project report provides a review of the Destitute Women's Allowance Program of the Government of Bangladesh through looking into its general features, background of the beneficiary women, implementation and operational aspects of the program at the field level, and the program impacts. The study also provides the estimate of the resource requirement for full coverage of all destitute women under the program. The project report has been prepared by Sharifa Begum and Pratima Paul-Majumder.



## BIDS Research Reports

### Research Report 182

#### The Old Age Allowance Program for the Poor Elderly in Bangladesh

## BIDS Policy Briefs

### Policy Brief 0901

#### Implications for Human Development—Impacts of Food Price Volatility on Nutrition and Schooling

This policy brief discusses the impacts of the 2007/08 food price inflation on nutrition and on school attendance. The brief reports that by withdrawing a child from school, such households could save around 8 percent of their monthly expenditure; and by sending them to work they could cover 10-11 percent of their

monthly household expenses. The policy brief recommends increasing targeted cash transfer and regular monitoring of dropout levels involving local governments in such events. The policy brief is prepared by Imran Matin, Monira Parveen, Narayan Chandra Das, Nick Mascie-Taylor, and Selim Raihan.

## Policy Brief 0902

### Price Support, Domestic Procurement Program and Public Stock Management

The policy brief examines the dilemma of trying to keep food prices low for consumers, especially poor people, while ensuring prices are high enough to give farmers the incentive to grow more food. Along with filling some important knowledge gaps, the analysis calls for improving the effectiveness of procurement and price support to the farmers. This is prepared by Quazi Shahabuddin, M. Asaduzzaman, Edward Clay, and Steve Jones.

## Policy Brief 0903

### Rice Technologies: Strategic Choices and Policy Options

The policy brief discusses options for Bangladesh for maintaining national food self-sufficiency at a time when agricultural diversification is putting increasing pressure on scarce land resources and the land available for rice cultivation is declining by up to one percent a year due to river erosion, urbanization, housing needs, and infrastructure development. The brief has been prepared by Mahabub Hossain, M. Asaduzzaman, M.A. Sattar Mandal, Uttam Deb, and Steve Jones.

## Policy Brief 0904

### Input Prices, Subsidies and Farmers' Incentives

This policy brief examines the alternative approaches of influencing farmer incentives by subsidizing agricultural inputs or by procurement of food grain and open market sales in Bangladesh. The analysis argues that the government needs to undertake a systematic evaluation of the effectiveness and cost to the government of each approach for ensuring more effective and efficient use of public resources. This brief has been prepared by M. Asaduzzaman, Quazi Shahabuddin, Uttam Kumar Deb, and Steve Jones.

## Policy Brief 0905

### Rethinking Food Security Strategy: Self-sufficiency or Self-reliance

This policy brief discusses whether Bangladesh should continue to pursue a national food security strategy based on self-reliance or return to its earlier policy of food



self-sufficiency through domestic production. The brief argues for self-sufficiency in rice production to meet domestic demand in normal production years. This brief has been prepared by Uttam Deb, Mahabub Hossain, and Steve Jones.

## BIDS Occasional Paper Series

### No. 01: The Challenge of Jobless Growth in Developing Countries: An Analysis with Cross-Country Data

The paper empirically highlights that the relationship between economic growth and poverty reduction is not invariant. Similar rates of economic growth are associated with different rates of poverty reduction and the difference is significantly explained by the employment intensity of economic growth. The study identifies a number of gaps in the literature relating to the sectoral composition of output and points to what needs to be done if an employment diagnostic exercise is to be carried out in a country. The study has been prepared by Rizwanul Islam who was a Visiting Research Scholar at BIDS in 2009.



and too slow a reduction in poverty. He also notes that the lament about slow growth and poverty reduction may sound incongruous in the context of their historical evolution; and his disappointment emanates from the sense that opportunities that were well within reach were allowed to slip.

## BIDS Project Seminar/Workshop Series

As a part of its dissemination activities, BIDS conducts seminars, workshops, consultation and similar events at different stages of project implementation in order to get feedback as well as disseminate findings and recommendations to the policymakers, practitioners, researchers, media and civil society at large. Usually, such activities remain in-built in individual projects implemented by BIDS.

### Some recent project seminars/workshops include:

Food Security, Access to Food, Social Safety Net Programs and Budgetary Implications by Dr. Quazi Shahabuddin of BIDS on 19 September 2010.

Disaster Management, Food Security and Budgetary Implication by Dr. Monzur Hossain of BIDS on 11 August 2010

Comparative Performance of the Bangladeshi, Cambodian, and Kenyan Readymade Garment Industries during the Decade by Dr. Mohammad Yunus of BIDS, and Dr. Tatsufumi Yamagata, Mr. Takahiro Fukunishi, Ms. Yoko Asuyama of IDE-JETRO on 1 August 2010.

Food Security, Domestic Food Production, Agricultural Support and Budgetary Implications by Dr. M. Asaduzzaman of BIDS on July 29, 2010

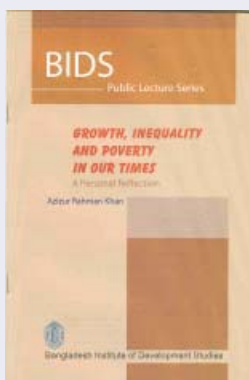
India, Bangladesh and the North East: Transit and Transshipment – Strategic Considerations by Dr. K.A.S. Murshid of BIDS on July 21, 2010.

Challenges in Boosting International Migration in Bangladesh by Dr. Kazi Iqbal and Dr. Mohammad

## BIDS Public Lecture Series

### Growth, Inequality and Poverty in Our Times: A Personal Reflection

This Public Lecture was delivered by Azizur Rahman Khan, Emeritus Professor of Economics, University of California, Riverside. In the lecture, he recollects perceptions since his childhood of too little growth, too great an increase in inequality,





Yunus of BIDS on 19 July 2010.

Roundtable Discussion on Safety Net Programs in Bangladesh: Assessing the Performance of Selected Programs by Dr. M. A. Mannan of BIDS on 7 July 2010.

Bangladesh Food Security Investment Forum 2010 jointly organized by the Ministry of Food and Disaster Management with technical backstopping from the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), and the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the United Nations during 26-27 May 2010.

Agricultural Extension Services in Crop Sector of Bangladesh, presented by Dr. M.A. Quasem and organized by the Policy Resource Program of BIDS on 8 June 2010.

Economic and Budgetary Outlook 2010-11 presented by Dr. Monzur Hossain of BIDS for the Members of the Parliament on 5 May 2010.

Employment Growth in Manufacturing in India and Bangladesh, jointly organized by BIDS and the Institute for Human Development (IHD), India on 28-29 April 2010.

National Budget and the Economy for the MPs, organized by BIDS for the Members of the Parliament on 4 April 2010

The Supply Chain and Prices of Hilsa Fish in Bangladesh, presented by Dr. Zulfiqar Ali and organized by BIDS on 4 March 2010.

Determinants of Interest Rate Spread in Bangladesh, presented by Dr. Monzur Hossain of BIDS and organized by the Policy Resource Program of BIDS on 6 January 2010.

Assessment of BRDB's Contribution in Poverty Reduction and Rural Development and Review of its Management and Two-Tier Cooperative System, presented by Dr. Zulfiqar Ali and organized by BIDS on 30 December 2009.





# Institutional Capacity Building

In addition to research and related activities, institutional capacity building is a key component of BIDS work agenda in order to position the Institute to meet the emerging challenges as well as enhance the professional capacity of young BIDS researchers. In appropriate cases, the scope of capacity building programs is extended to researchers outside the BIDS including the government officials and the private research organizations. Besides, workshops, lecture series on development issues, internal seminar series and similar events are a regular part of BIDS activities with the aim of developing capacity of researchers and expanding the outreach of research.

## **BIDS Seminar Series**

The Seminar Series is one of the regular programs of BIDS which is held throughout the year. In the Series, well known policymakers, academicians, researchers, and other professionals from home and abroad present papers on which lively discussions take place by participants from BIDS as well as outside. The seminar series is a well known program of BIDS and interested participants from relevant government agencies and representatives from civil society, the media, and the development partners regularly participate in the program. Recent seminars organized under the Series include:

**Provision of Microinsurance: The Choice among Delivery and Regulatory Mechanisms** by Professor Syed M. Ahsan, Concordia University & the Institute of Microfinance and Dr. Minhaj Mahmud, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies on 15 February 2011.

**Must Growth be Desequalizing under Globalization? Glimpses from the Experience of (Mostly) China and India** by Dr. A. R. Khan, Professor of Economics Emeritus, University of California, Riverside on 8 February 2011.

**Was the Gradual Approach Not Possible in the USSR** by Dr. Nazrul Islam, Senior Economic

Affairs Officer, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations, Geneva on 12 January 2011.

**Improved Sales Offers for Improved Cook stoves** by Professor David I. Levine, Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley on 6 January 2011.

**Fiscal Space and Developing Economies** by Dr. Iyanatul Islam, Chief, Country Employment Policy Unit, Employment Policy Development, ILO, Geneva. on 30 December 2010.

**Promoting Global Agricultural Growth and Poverty Reduction** by Dr. Will Martin, Manager, Agriculture and Rural Development, Development Research Group, World Bank, Washington DC on 27 December 2010.

**Gradual Repayment with Sequential Financing in Micro-finance** by Dr. Prabal Roy Chowdhury, Professor, Planning Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi and Professor Kunal Sengupta, University of Sydney on 23 December 2010.





Transformation of the Role of Land Mortgages and its Implications in Rural Bangladesh during the 1990s by Professor Koichi Fujita, Division of Economic and Political Dynamics, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University on 20 July 2010

Managing Labor Migration: Implications for Bangladesh by Professor Philip Martin, Comparative Immigration & Integration Program, Department of Agricultural & Resource Economics, University of California, Davis on 21 March 2010

Recent Performance of the Bangladesh Economy: An Assessment of the State of the Economy and Short Term Outlook FY2009-10 A Seminar was organized by BIDS in collaboration with the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) on 23 February 2010. Dr. Mustafa K. Mujeri and Dr. M. Asaduzzaman of BIDS presented the keynote paper.

Promoting Growth with Stability: Challenges for the Current Monetary Policy Stance by Dr. Mustafa K. Mujeri, Dr. Zaid Bakht and Dr. Monzur Hossain of BIDS in 2009.

FY10 Monetary Stance and Agricultural Credit by Dr. M. Asaduzzaman of BIDS on 23 August 2009

Exchange Rate Management under Floating Regime in Bangladesh by Dr. Monzur Hossain of BIDS on 16 July 2009.

### Internal Seminar Program

The BIDS has introduced the Internal Seminar Program to facilitate internal capacity building through professional interactions amongst the researchers. Under the Program, every researcher is required to present the outline of his/her study in an internal seminar before he/she actually starts working on any project. The purpose is to improve the study design by getting feedback from the co-researchers on the objectives, scope and methodology of the study. Similarly, the researchers are encouraged to use the Program to share initial findings and insights and improve study analysis with feedbacks received from the seminar. One auxiliary objective of the Program is to improve the presentation skills of the junior researchers. For this purpose, the junior researchers are especially encouraged to actively participate in the Program. The Program also provides a forum for introducing visiting research scholars and Interns and their on-going works to BIDS researchers. Occasionally, brainstorming sessions are also arranged under the Program to discuss topical economic issues and build consensus on BIDS research related issues. The Internal Seminar Program is normally organized every alternative week. Dr. Zaid Bakht is the Coordinator of the Program.



### **Budget Seminars for the Members of the Parliament**

The program aimed to sensitize the Members of the Parliament on issues relating to budget and the state of the economy, so that they could play a more effective role in the Parliament with regard to budget preparation and monitoring. Under the Program, research reports, analytical reports on the state of the Bangladesh economy, briefs on the role of the budget in the economy, and reports on economic and budgetary outlook were prepared and the findings were disseminated through organizing interactive seminars with the Members of the Parliament. Dr Zaid Bakht was the Project Director of the Program and co-researchers were Dr. Monzur Hossain, Dr. Mohammad Yunus and Dr. Nazneen Ahmed.

### **Parliamentary Standing Committee and Budget Oversight**

Under the Program, BIDS conducted a series of three seminars on 'Food and Disaster Management and Budget Oversight' for the members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Food and Disaster Management. The seminars discussed ways through which the Members can oversee

budgetary expenses and economic policy. The program ended in September 2010 and Dr. Monzur Hossain was its Project Director. The team members were: Dr. Quazi Shahabuddin; Dr. M. Asaduzzaman and Dr. Zaid Bakht.

### **Training Program on the Technical Framework of the Sixth Five Year Plan (2011-2015) of Bangladesh**

As a part of BIDS activities of preparing twenty background studies and the technical framework of the Sixth Five Year Plan (2011-2015) of Bangladesh for the General Economics Division of the Bangladesh Planning Commission, BIDS organized a two-week training program in December 2010 for the relevant professionals of the Planning Commission on technical aspects of plan formulation. The training covered areas such as the methodology and results of the Bangladesh Input-Output Table 2006-07, methodology and results of the Bangladesh Social Accounting Matrix 2007, technical specification of the Sixth Five Year Plan model and the macroeconomic framework, employment module of the Plan framework, computable general equilibrium modeling framework of the Sixth Plan and the GAMS software, and simulation exercises with the Plan model framework. Mustafa K. Mujeri is the Project Director of the Program.

### **Post Graduate Diploma in Macroeconomic Analysis**

BIDS is conducting the Postgraduate Diploma in Macroeconomic Analysis as an intermediate level training program (between the Bachelors and the Masters levels) jointly with BRAC University. The Program involves 24 credits, equivalent to eight full time courses spanning two semesters, each of 13 weeks duration. The target participants in the training program include junior and mid-career officers of the General Economics Division of the Planning Commission and relevant line ministries of the government. The curriculum for the training program was developed in consultation with the stakeholders which was approved by the University Grants Commission. A total of 15 trainees completed their training during January-

June 2010. Zaid Bakht is the Project Director of the Program.

### Visiting Scholar Program

From 2009, BIDS has started the Visiting Scholar Program (VSP) which is designed to support institutional capacity building program of the Institute through creating opportunities to professionals/senior researchers from home and abroad to undertake collaborative work/joint research with BIDS researchers in mutually agreed areas. This Program is especially suitable for Bangladeshi researchers, academicians, and scholars living and working (temporarily or permanently) abroad. Non-Bangladeshi scholars or scholars living in Bangladesh are also covered under the Program.

Dr. Naoko Shinkai, Associate Professor, Graduate School of International Development, Nagoya University, Japan visited BIDS under the Visiting Scholar Program in October 2009.

Dr. Rizwanul Islam, former Director of the Employment and Policy Planning Unit of ILO, Geneva joined BIDS as a Visiting Research Scholar during November 2009 to February 2010 and worked on addressing the challenge of jobless growth in developing countries in collaboration with BIDS researchers. His research has been

published under BIDS Occasional Paper Series under the title, 'The Challenge of Jobless Growth in Developing Countries: An Analysis with Cross-Country Data' in October 2010.

Professor Fahad Khalil of the Department of Economics, University of Washington, Seattle, USA visited BIDS as a Visiting Research Scholar during August-September 2010 and worked with BIDS researchers on areas of mutual interest.

Dr. Niaz Asadullah of the Department of Economics, University of Reading, UK and a Research Fellow at IZA, Bonn was in BIDS as a Visiting Research Scholar during August-September 2010 to pursue research of mutual interest.

### Internship/Volunteer Program

The Internship/Volunteer Program (IVP) of BIDS has been designed in 2009 in order to provide opportunities for fresh graduates of related disciplines to learn through active participation in ongoing research and other activities of BIDS. Bangladeshi graduates from recognized educational institutions completing a minimum of four year graduation course in relevant fields are considered for the Program. Non-Bangladeshi graduates are also covered under Internship/Volunteer Program.

### Participation of BIDS Professionals in National and International Events

The participation in various national and international events is an important component of capacity building program of BIDS professionals. During the period, BIDS researchers widely participated in such events as Session Chairs, Panelists, Designated Discussants, Keynote Speakers as well as participants. Besides, a number of mid-level and junior researchers participated in various training programs organized by national and international organizations. The BIDS professionals also participate in seminars, workshops, conferences, and similar events in Bangladesh and outside Bangladesh on a regular basis. The details of such participation are given in Annex 5.





## Networking and Expanding Outreach

The principal aim of networking and expanding outreach is to encourage institutional collaboration, engage in research on themes of relevance, and facilitate the exchange of knowledge and expertise between the institutions. The BIDS is also engaged in intellectual partnerships with leading international institutions to support quality research and impact evaluations. The emphasis is on mutual development of capacity, address the knowledge gaps, and gather evidence on what works, when, why, and how much toward improving the lives of the poor people. Under its networking and outreach strategy, BIDS is actively engaged in promoting the exchange of ideas and cooperation for collaborative research and facilitating knowledge sharing among researchers and policymakers.

A major vehicle of expanding outreach is to organize BIDS dialogues involving policymakers, researchers, policy analysts, academicians, and other stakeholders which essentially provide a platform for stimulating evidence-based policy debates on issues of interest so as to bring about greater clarity around the concepts and the solutions. These platforms are also used to stimulate discussion and engage in the widest possible dissemination of BIDS research outcomes and findings from specific studies.

### The South Asia Network of Economic Research Institutes (SANEI)

Since October 2009, the Secretariat of the South Asia Network of Economic Research Institutes (SANEI) has been located at BIDS. The SANEI is a regional initiative to foster networking amongst economic research institutions in South Asia. The aim of the Network is to establish strong research interlinkages among diverse economic research institutes in the South Asian region.

The SANEI is the Global Development Network's Regional Network Partner for the South Asia region. As the Network Partner of Global Development Network (GDN), SANEI works to ensure the generation of research by those best placed to

understand the complexities of the challenges faced by South Asia to mitigating poverty and promoting inclusive development.

The SANEI comprises of member institutes based in the countries of South Asia (Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka). Recently, initiatives have been taken to expand the SANEI network to remaining SAARC countries (Afghanistan, Bhutan, and Maldives). SANEI has a membership of 55 research institutes in the South Asia region. There are 12 research institutes from Bangladesh, 25 from India, 3 from Nepal, 10 from Pakistan and 5 from Sri Lanka. The Network encourages relevant research institutes of the region to become member of SANEI.

The principal driving force behind SANEI is its Steering Committee (SC) which acts as a conduit for disseminating information about the Network. The Research Advisory Panel (RAP) comprising four internationally renowned economists from South Asia evaluates research proposals submitted from the network of institutions. The panel reviews the progress of the projects and provides expert guidance with the objective to improving the quality of research.





<b>Coordinator</b>	Mustafa K Mujeri	Director General	Bangladesh institute of Development Studies (BIDS)	Bangladesh
<b>Steering Committee (SC)</b>	Wahiduddin Mahmud	Chairman	Professor of Economics, University of Dhaka	Bangladesh
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	Nimal Gunatilake	Member	CEO, Marga Institute	Sri Lanka
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	Wahiduddin Mahmud	Member	Professor of Economics, University of Dhaka	Bangladesh
	S R Osmani	Member	Professor of Development Economics, University of Ulster	UK

So far SANEI had organized a total of ten Annual Conferences, and ten Lecture Series. Since its inception in 1998, SANEI has funded 121 research studies through its 11 rounds of Regional Research Competitions (RRCs). On the SANEI 12th round of Regional Research Competition (RRC) in 2010,

10 studies have been selected for funding. SANEI has the most prominent social science research institutes in South Asia as its partners. This cooperation allows the Network to reach the core constituency-local researchers and policymakers in South Asia.

### SANEI at a glance

	Inception	1998
<b>01</b>	Member Countries	Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka
<b>02</b>	Member Institutes	55
<b>03</b>	Regional Research Competition (RRC)	12
<b>04</b>	Completed Studies	121
<b>05</b>	Final Phase (11th RRC)	10
<b>06</b>	First Phase (12th RRC)	10
<b>07</b>	Conferences	10
<b>08</b>	Lecture Series	10
<b>09</b>	Key Fund Contributors	Global Development Network (GDN) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
<b>10</b>	SAARC Recognition	Application under process with the SAARC Secretariat through Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka, Bangladesh
<b>11</b>	Registration	South Asia Network of Economic Research Institutes (SANEI) is registered as a nonprofit economic research society under the Societies' Registration Act 1860, Bangladesh

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### **Memorandum of Understanding between BIDS and IFPRI**

In July 2009, BIDS and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) with its headquarters in Washington DC signed an agreement to establish cooperative relations to promote collaborative research and capacity strengthening activities. Potential collaborative activities would cover a wide range of areas such as building a stronger and more integrated knowledge support system in Bangladesh for future food policy analysis and helping agricultural and rural development strategy decisions, strengthening policies and programs to reduce poverty and hunger, and evaluating the implementation and impacts of various interventions. The BIDS and IFPRI have

started collaboration under the Policy Research and Strategy Support Program (PRSSP) with support from the USAID.

### **Research Collaboration between BIDS and Bangladesh Bank**

The BIDS and the Bangladesh Bank (the central bank) have agreed to undertake joint research and related activities on issues of mutual interest ,especially relating to macroeconomic modeling and forecasting and the overall monetary and financial systems of the country. Under the Agreement, the two institutions will collaborate in research, training, joint holding of workshops/ seminars, and any other activity agreed upon by both the parties.



# Looking Ahead: Serving the Cause of Shared and Inclusive Development

From an operational perspective, promoting research-based policies is the ultimate goal of BIDS activities. The expectation is that research would contribute to bringing a more pro-poor orientation in the policy agenda and serve the cause of shared and inclusive development. For achieving this, the endeavor of BIDS is to continue to work on creating strong research-policy links that would ensure the use of research outcomes in policy formulation, directly or indirectly.

For making the efforts more effective, BIDS has been taking special measures to understand the underlying processes, such as how receptive is the policy framework to research outcomes? what is the extent to which research can influence the processes, activities, and actions underlying the policy making framework? in what ways research affects policy? and how to judge the influence

policy? No doubt these are complex issues and the efforts of BIDS are to focus on intermediate influences as well that are often important for building policy capacity and furthering dialogues to bring consensus and enhance the chances of adopting research based policies in Bangladesh. In this context, the focus of BIDS is also to understand the broader issues of research-policy nexus that exists in the country.

In bringing research closer to policies, BIDS continuously strives to develop interactions and linkages with transmitting vehicles such as other think tanks, networks, and institutions who work for different targeted policy audiences for ensuring wider and more effective dissemination and use of BIDS policy messages. Along with carrying out policy research, an important agenda for BIDS is therefore to develop advocacy coalitions with various government and non-government actors sharing similar values and beliefs which can emerge as a powerful force in influencing policies.

For ensuring acceptance by the policymakers, BIDS research emphasizes several factors, such as its quality, completeness in terms of interpretation, analysis of available and feasible options, widest possible participation and consultation among concerned stakeholders, and the nature of research-policy nexus surrounding specific issues. In effect, in order to bring success in influencing policies, BIDS researchers always remain prepared to take advantage of policy windows, learn to create new windows, and play the role of 'policy entrepreneurs' to tap defining moments in promoting the causes of shared and inclusive development as articulated in the BIDS Charter.



## **Annex 1 : The BIDS Board of Trustees & BIDS Senior Fellows**

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## **Annex 2: Members of BIDS Statutory Committees**

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Dr. Mustafa K. Mujeri  
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Research Director
4. Dr. K. A. S. Murshid  
Research Director
5. Dr. Rushidan Islam Rahman  
Research Director
6. Dr. Binayak Sen  
Research Director
7. Dr. Bimal Kumar Saha  
Senior Research Fellow  
&  
Division Chief, Agriculture and Rural Development  
Division  
(up to 31 January 2010)  
  
Dr. Kazi Ali Toufique  
Senior Research Fellow  
&  
Division Chief, Agriculture and Rural Development  
Division  
(since 28 October 2010)
8. Dr. K. M. Nabiul Islam  
Senior Research Fellow  
&  
Division Chief, Industry and Physical Infrastructure  
Division  
(up to 31 January 2010)
9. Dr. M. A. Mannan  
Senior Research Fellow  
&  
Division Chief, Population Studies Division  
(since 1 February 2010)
10. Dr. Sharifa Begum  
Senior Research Fellow  
&  
Chairman, Administrative Affairs Committee
11. Dr. Dilip Kumar Roy  
Senior Research Fellow  
&  
Division Chief, General Economics Division  
(up to 31 January 2010)  
  
Dr. Kazi Ali Toufique  
Senior Research Fellow  
&  
Division Chief, General Economics Division  
(from 1 February 2010 to 27 October 2010)  
  
Dr. Mohammad Yunus  
Senior Research Fellow  
&  
Division Chief, General Economics Division  
(since 28 October 2010)
12. Dr. Pratima Paul Majumder  
Senior Research Fellow  
&  
Division Chief, Human Resources Development  
Division
13. Dr. S. M. Zulfiqar Ali  
Senior Research Fellow  
&  
Convenor, Research & Publication  
(from 17 April 2007 – to 30 June 2009)  
  
Dr. Mohammad Yunus  
Senior Research Fellow  
&  
Convenor, Research & Publication  
(from 1 July 2009 to 22 September 2010)  
  
Dr. Minhaj Uddin Mahmud  
Research Fellow  
&  
Convenor, Research & Publication  
(since 23 September 2010)
14. Dr. S. M. Zulfiqar Ali  
Senior Research Fellow  
&  
Member Secretary  
(up to 21 February 2010)  
  
Dr. Monzur Hossain  
Research Fellow  
&  
Member Secretary  
(since 22 February 2010)

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### Administrative Affairs Committee 2009-2010

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3. Dr. Syed Nadeem Ahmed  
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&  
Member  
(up to 27 July 2009)  
Dr. Anwarul Islam  
Chief Librarian  
&  
Member  
(since 28 July 2009)
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Chief Accountant  
&  
Member  
(up to 30 September 2010)  
  
Mr. Md. Bashir Alam  
Chief Accountant (a.i.)  
&  
Member  
(since 1 October 2010)
6. Mr. Md. Meftaur Rahman  
Chief Publication Officer  
&  
Member
7. Mr. Riton Kumar Roy  
IT Manager (a.i.)  
&  
Member

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(up to 8 July 2009)
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Senior Research Fellow  
&  
Member  
(up to 7 July 2009)
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Member  
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Chief Accountant (a.i.)  
&  
Member  
(since 1 October 2010)

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### **Annex 3: Academic Profile of BIDS Professionals**

#### **Mustafa K. Mujeri**

Director General

Dr. Mustafa K. Mujeri obtained his M.A. in Economics from the University of Rajshahi in 1970; and earned M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from McMaster University in 1974 and 1978 respectively. He has long teaching and research career at different universities and institutions at home and abroad. Before joining BIDS as the Director General in April 2009, he served as the Chief Economist of the Bangladesh Bank (central bank). He has wide ranging experience in consultancy and research on development issues in different UN and other international, multi-lateral, bilateral, and private sector organizations. He has published extensively in national and international journals. He has also served in various policy making and other committees at both national and international levels. His current areas of research interest include: poverty and MDGs monitoring and analysis; macro policy analysis and strategic development issues; application of modeling and quantitative techniques in development policy; public policy analysis; sustainable rural and participatory development; social development; poverty reduction strategy formulation and policy/program development; monitoring and evaluation of programs/projects, and monetary policy analysis.

#### **Abu Ahmed Abdullah**

Research Director

Mr. Abu Ahmed Abdullah obtained an M.A. in Economics from Dhaka University in 1965 and another M.A. from Harvard University in 1970. He joined the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics in 1966. He also served in several positions outside the country including that of a Visiting Scholar at the Christian Michelsen Institute, Bergen in 1977-78, a Visiting Associate Professor in the Department of Economics, University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1986-87. He has a number of publications in national and international journals. His research interests are the political economy of agrarian structure, agricultural price policy, rural development, and

social development. He retired from BIDS as a Research Director in March 2010.

#### **M. Asaduzzaman**

Research Director

Educated in Dhaka University, London School of Economics and the University of Sussex, Dr. M. Asaduzzaman joined the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics in 1969 as a Staff Economist. Currently, he is a Research Director of BIDS. Dr. Asaduzzaman's research interests encompass areas of agriculture, natural resource management and rural development. His recent areas of interest include investment opportunities in agriculture for ensuring food security and transition to a post-green revolution world, energy development in Bangladesh and challenges of climate change and problems of rural energy development. He is one of the Commissioners in the International Commission on Sustainable Agriculture and Climate Change under the CGIAR.

#### **Omar Haider Chowdhury**

Research Director

Dr. Omar Haider Chowdhury obtained an M.A. in Economics from the University of Dhaka in 1968. He earned another M.A. from the University of Manchester in 1974 and 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 and worked as Research Director of BIDS till 2010. He has published extensively 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 development especially of Bangladesh. He worked as consultant for different organizations including ADB, FAO, World Bank, UN-ESCAP, and APDC. He retired as Research Director in 2010.

#### **Quazi Shahabuddin**

Research Director

Dr. Quazi Shahabuddin obtained his M.A. in Economics from Dhaka University in 1967, M.Sc.

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from the London School of Economics in 1975, and Ph.D. from McMaster University 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 Organization under the Ministry of Water Resources. He has conducted extensive research 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, contributed to edited volumes, and co-edited several books. Dr. Shahabuddin served as the Director General of the Institute from January 2003 to March 2009. He retired as a Research Director of BIDS in 2010.

#### **Zaid Bakht**

Research Director

Dr. Zaid Bakht obtained his Ph.D. in Economics from Cornell University in 1978. His research areas include industrial development, rural non-farm activities, regional trade, rural infrastructure, private sector development, and macroeconomic policy. He is involved in a number of national policy making bodies and advisory committees. Currently, he is working as a Research Director of BIDS.

#### **Khan Ahmed Sayeed Murshid**

Research Director

Dr. K.A.S. Murshid obtained a Ph.D. in 1985 from Cambridge University for his thesis on food policy. In addition, he has expanded his research interest in other research areas, including infrastructure and irrigation, informal and rural credit markets, food grain markets, food security and poverty, human resources development and rural energy. He has published extensively in national and international journals and contributed to various edited volumes. 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. Currently, he is working as a Research Director of BIDS.

#### **Rushidan Islam Rahman**

Research Director

Dr. Rushidan Islam Rahman obtained her M.A. in Development Economics from the University of Sussex and Ph.D. from Australian National University. She has worked in a number of major research projects covering small scale irrigation projects, agricultural growth performance and its distributional impact, women in poverty, and linkages between employment and poverty. She has been involved in policy advising through membership of various committees and participation in policy dialogues. She has worked for different international organizations including ILO, ADB, UN-ESCAP, UNDP and IFPRI in various capacities. She has published a large number of articles in national and international journals, contributed to edited volumes, and co-edited several books. Her current research interests include education, food security, unemployment and labor market, poverty, rural non-farm activities, gender inequity in the labor market and microfinance. Currently, she is a Research Director of BIDS.

#### **Binayak Sen**

Research Director

Dr. Binayak Sen is currently a Research Director at BIDS. During 2004-2009, while on leave from BIDS, he worked as a Senior Economist at the World Bank in Washington, D.C. He is currently an Associate Editor of the Bangladesh Development Studies.

He received MA in Economics from Moscow State University with distinction (1982). He received PhD in Economics from Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (1985). As development practitioner, he has served in the past on a number of important national commissions and committees. Over the past decade, he has led, on behalf of BIDS, a number of multidisciplinary research teams that produced major flagship reports on Bangladesh. He has also gained considerable skills and experience in the broad areas of development economics by working on other countries and contributing to analytical reports prepared by the World Bank



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on India, Sri Lanka, and Pakistan. He has worked with a distinguished group of academics, and produced a number of publications in peer-reviewed academic journals and/ or contributed chapters to several books in the area of poverty analysis, human development, growth economics, labor market and regional inequality issues. He is interested in mix-methods and multidisciplinary research in the broad area of development and keen in working with diverse disciplinary backgrounds and approaches.

#### **Mahmudul Alam**

Senior Research Fellow

Dr. Mahmudul Alam obtained B.A. (Honours in Economics) from Dhaka University in 1968, M.Sc. in Economics from Islamabad University in 1968, M. Sc. in Economics from Islamabad University in 1969, a Diploma in Development Economics from Cambridge University in 1975, and a D. Phil in Development Studies from IDS, Sussex University in 1982. His current research interests are socioeconomics of education, human resource development, training and institution building. He has been working as a Senior Research Fellow of BIDS.

#### **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 in 1976, and a Ph.D. in Economics from Delhi School of Economics in 1987. He has been working in BIDS since November 1974. He has undertaken research and consultancy works focusing primarily on gender dimension of poverty, gender violence, impact evaluation of social safety nets, maternal and child health, and primary health care. He has extensive experience in conducting research sponsored by national and international organizations 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 a number of publications including three books. Currently, he is working as a Senior Research Fellow of BIDS.

#### **Muhammad Abdul Latif**

Senior Research Fellow

Dr. Muhammad Abdul Latif obtained his M.A. in Economics from Dhaka University in 1974 and joined BIDS as a Staff Demographer in 1975. He did his M.Sc. in Demography at the London School of Economics in 1976 and received his Ph.D. in Industrial Economics from the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in 1985. His major research interests cover areas in industrial economics, rural infrastructure, and microcredit. He worked as a Senior Research Fellow of BIDS till 2010.

#### **Sharifa Begum**

Senior Research Fellow

Dr. Sharifa Begum has done M.A in Economics from the University of Dhaka, M.Sc. in Medical Demography from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and Ph.D. in Population Studies from International Institute for Population Sciences, Bombay. Her current areas of work relate to population, health, reproductive health, poverty, water, sanitation and women. Currently, she is working as a Senior Research Fellow of BIDS.

#### **Chowdhury Anwaruzzaman**

Senior Research Fellow

Dr. Chowdhury Anwaruzzaman obtained an M.A. in Economics from the University of Dhaka in 1970 and joined the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics as an Assistant Staff Economist. He completed an M.A. in Economics in 1975 and received a Ph.D. in Economics from Cornell University in 1994. His areas of interest are monetary, macro and international economics. He worked as a Senior Research Fellow of BIDS till 2010.

#### **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

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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 in organizations such as UNDP, UNCHR, USAID, World Bank, ADB, ILO, UNICEF, JBIC and ICIMOD. The areas of his current research interest cover employment generation and labor welfare, assessment of current and future skill demand, social economics, human values, human rights and dignity, industrial economics, and nutrition and anthropometry. He has completed a large number of research works published in reputed national and international journals and books. He worked as a Senior Research Fellow of BIDS till 2010.

#### **Rita Afsar**

Senior Research Fellow

Dr. Rita Afsar completed her Ph.D. in Population Studies from University of Adelaide in 1995. She received her M.A. from the University of the Philippines, Diliman and an M.A. in Sociology from Delhi University in 1985, M.A. in Social Work in 1978, and she completed her B.A. in Political Science in 1976 from Lady Shri Ram College, Delhi University. Her principal areas of research include population studies with particular reference to policy oriented research in international and rural-urban migration, urbanization, globalization and regional development, immigration and brain-gain, social capital, gender analysis, changes in women's employment, roles and status, empowerment and related issues, poverty, labor (including decent work) and governance issues, RMG sector and institutional analysis in development discourse. Currently, she is working as a Senior Research Fellow of BIDS.

#### **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 a 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 reputed international journals. He has been working as a Senior Research Fellow of BIDS.

#### **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. His current research interests include political economy of agrarian questions, poverty condition of agricultural laborers and tenants, land acquisition and peasant movement. Currently, he is working as a Senior Research Fellow of BIDS.

#### **Pratima Paul-Majumder**

Senior Research Fellow

Dr. Pratima Paul-Majumder completed her Ph.D. from Central School of Planning and Statistics, Warsaw 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 1973. She served as a consultant to a number of projects conducted by various national and international organizations. Her research interests involve a wide range of subjects from sericulture industry to economics of slums and squatter settlements to garment and tea industries and gender issues. Currently she is working as a Senior Research Fellow in BIDS.

#### **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 in Warsaw. He obtained a second Master's Degree from UFSIA, University of Antwerp and subsequently Ph.D. in Applied Economics from the same University. He has a number of published articles in international and national academic journals in the areas of international trade, industrial economics, and employment. He has co-authored several chapters in published books. He also worked as a short-term consultant for the World Bank, DFID, ADB, and EU. His current areas of research interest relate to industrial employment and international trade. He worked as a Senior Research Fellow of BIDS till 2010.

#### **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 and training in Rural Research and Rural Policy from IDS of Sussex University. He obtained a Ph.D. from the Flood Hazard Research Centre at Middlesex University, London. 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 published widely in journals, published two books on flood loss management, and co-authored and contributed to several books. Currently, he is working as a Senior Research Fellow at BIDS.

#### **Anwara Begum**

Senior Research Fellow

Dr. Anwara Begum obtained her Ph.D. from the University of Liverpool in 1995. 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 programs, 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. Currently, she is working as a Senior Research Fellow of BIDS.

#### **Mohammad Yunus**

Senior Research Fellow

Dr. Mohammad Yunus obtained his M.S.S. in Economics from the University of Chittagong in 1990, M.Sc. and M. Phil. from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow in 1997 and 1998 respectively, and Ph.D. from the Georgia State University, Atlanta in 2006. He joined the BIDS in 1992. His current research interests include taxation, state and local government fiscal policies, fiscal decentralization, food security and poverty alleviation, exchange rate issues, tobacco consumption and health hazards, and applied econometrics (time-series and panel data). He has published extensively in both national and international journals. He has also to his credit numerous other publications in the form of research reports, and contributed to various other edited volumes. Currently, he is working as a Senior Research Fellow of BIDS.

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## Annex 5: Participation in National/ International Meetings and Conferences

### Mustafa K. Mujeri

Director General

"Reducing Poverty and Hunger in the Asia Pacific LDCs by Accelerating Sustainable and Inclusive Development", Paper prepared for the High Level Asia-Pacific Policy Dialogue on the Brussels Program of Action for the Least Developed Countries, 12-14 January 2010, jointly organized by UN-ESCAP, GOB and BIDS in Dhaka.

"The Global Economic Crisis and Monetary Policy Implementation in Developing Asia: Experience, Challenges, and Policy Implications", Paper prepared for the Seminar on 'Strengthening the Response to the Global Financial Crisis in Asia-Pacific: The Role of Monetary, Fiscal and External Debt Policies', 27-30 July 2009, jointly organized by UN-ESCAP and Bangladesh Bank in Dhaka.

"Constraints and Development Gaps Facing Asia Pacific Landlocked Developing Countries: An Overview", Paper prepared for the Expert Group Meeting on Progress Made and Constraints Faced by the Asia Pacific Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs), 25 January 2011 organized by UN-ESCAP in Bangkok.

### M. Asaduzzaman

Research Director

"Food Security in Bangladesh: Experiences, Issues and Budgetary Implications", presented before the Parliamentarians, Dhaka 2010.

"Unity against Hunger", Keynote presentation made at the National Seminar in observance of the World Food Day, October 2010 hosted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Dhaka

"Investing in Crop Agriculture in Bangladesh for Higher Growth and Productivity, and Adaptation to Climate Change", presented at the Food Security Investment Forum, Dhaka May 2010.

### Quazi Shahabuddin

Research Director

"Promoting Food Security through Sustainable Agriculture", paper presented in High-Level Asia-Pacific Policy Dialogue on Brussels Program of Action for the Least-Developed Countries, held on



18-20 January, 2010 in Dhaka.

"Food Security, Access to Food, Social Safety Net Programs and Budgetary Implications", paper presented before the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Food and Disaster Management, held on 19 September, 2010 in Dhaka.

"Income, Consumption, Safety Nets and Public Food Distribution", presented at the Food Security Investment Forum, Dhaka May 2010.

### K.A.S. Murshid

Research Director

'Impact of the Global Financial Crisis', Paper presented at BIDS, 16 March 2009, Dhaka.

'Evaluation of Greater Mekong Sub-region Programs', Resource Person, Asian Development Bank, 22-23 October 2009, Phnom Penh.

'Food Price Hike', Panelist, 26 December 2009, PPRC, Dhaka.

Second Conference on Greater Mekong Subregion, Resource Person, Asian Development Bank, 29 March 2010, Vientiane.

3rd Conference of Greater Mekong Subregion,

Resource Person, Asian Development Bank, 15-16 July 2010, Hanoi.

'The Impact of the Global Financial Crisis', UNDP, 2-3 May 2010, Beijing.

'Impact of the Global Financial Crisis', UNDP, Kathmandu

Rice Market Institutions – A NIE Approach, CMI, 7 December 2010, Bergen.

'India, Bangladesh and the Northeast, Transit and Transshipment', BIDS-PRP, 21 July 2010, Dhaka.



'Markets and Food Security', BIDS-IFPRI Seminar on National Food Policy Review, May 2010, Dhaka.

### **Rushidan Islam Rahman**

Research Director

'Improving Monitoring and Review Mechanism and Preparation for LDC IV' at 'Brainstorming Meeting on the Substantive Preparation for NLDC IV: Towards a New Partnership for LDCs', organized by UN-OHRLS, New York.

'Developing Human and Institutional Capacities to Support Inclusive and Sustainable Development of the LDCs' at 'High-Level Asia-Pacific Policy Dialogue on the BPoA for the LDCs, Dhaka, 18-20 January, 2010 organized by ESCAP and GoB.

'An Analysis of Real Wage in Bangladesh and Its

Implications for Underemployment and Poverty', Paper Presented at Festschrift Conference in Honor of Professor Azizur Rahman Khan, March 27-28, 2009 at University of Massachusetts, USA.

'Labor Market Response to Demographic Changes in Bangladesh', International Conference at Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi, November 11-12, 2008.

'Household Food Insecurity: Role of Employment Pattern and Seasonality', at BIDS Seminar Program, November 24, 2009.

'Impact of Self Employment, Wage Employment on Income and Household Food Security' paper presented at workshop on 'Research in Support of the National Food Policy: Review of Preliminary Findings', July 7-8, 2008 Dhaka, organized by GoB, USAID, EU and FAO.

'Analysis of Competitiveness, Growth, and Skill Requirements of the Manufacturing and Service Sectors of Bangladesh' (jointly with Dr. A.H, Mondal), presented at the 'Inception workshop on TVET Reform in Bangladesh' organized ILO, July 26, 2008, Government of Bangladesh and EC.

Participant, Expert Group Meeting on State of Bangladesh Economy in FY 2009-10, May 30, 2010, CPD.

Discussion Session on 'Impact of Global Financial Crisis on Bangladesh and the Policies Necessary to Minimize the Negative Fallout', organized by Office of the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh, February 15, 2009.

Discussant, 'Market Volatility, Vulnerability and Food Security in Bangladesh': 15-16 February 2009, Dhaka, organized by Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies and Department for International Development, UK.

Pre-budget discussion session with Finance Minister, organized by Ministry of Finance, April 2, 2009.

Participant, Round Table Conference on National Budget 2009-2010 organized by Policy Research



Institute and The Financial Express, May 13, 2009.

Participant, Expert Group Meeting on the State of the Bangladesh Economy in FY 2009, organized by CPD, June 3, 2009.

Moderator: Discussion Session on 'Microfinance in Coastal Areas' held at Institute of Microfinance, November 12, 2009.

Participant, Roundtable on 'Operationalising Pro-poor Growth: Research Policy Links', held on December 15, 2009, organized by BIDS, Economic Research Group and International Growth Centre, Dhaka.

#### **M .A. Mannan**

Senior Research Fellow

"Migration and Urbanization: The Bangladesh Perspective", Paper presented at the seminar titled "State of Urban Bangladesh: Ground Realities and Challenges", PPRC and World Bank, Dhaka, 9 February 201.

"An Inventory and Statistics on Violence against Women in Bangladesh: Putting into Place a Database" – Paper presented at the Dissemination Seminar, jointly organized by BIDS and EKN, 1 October 2009.

"An Inventory and Statistics on Violence against Women in Bangladesh: Who is doing What and

Where", draft report for dissemination workshop, Dhaka, 25 May 2009.

#### **Sharifa Begum**

Senior Research Fellow

"Maternal Health Care Utilization in Bangladesh: Reality and Challenges' a paper presented at the 11th Annual Conference of the Population Association of Pakistan (PAP), held in Bahaudding Zakarya University, Multan, Pakistan, November 25-27 2010.

'Contraceptive Use in Bangladesh: Recent Evidence and Issues' and 'Intergenerational Relationship in Bangladesh: Evidence on Support to the Elderly by the Younger Generation', two papers presented at the First Asian Population Conference, New Delhi, November 16-20, 2010.

'Impact of Water and Sanitation Interventions on Childhood Diarrhea: Evidence from Bangladesh' presented in a workshop organized by the 3ie/GDN, New Delhi, 29-30 October 2010.

'Dynamics of Poverty in Rural Bangladesh, 2005-2010: Do Parental Conditions Matter?' (co-author), paper presented at the CPRC Conference, Manchester, September 8-10, 2010.

'Population Aging in Bangladesh: Future Prospects, Implications and Readiness"; paper presented at the Sub-regional Seminar on Ageing Preparedness





in South-East Asia and South Asia, Jakarta, 7-8 October 2009.

Pre-conference workshop on 'Impact Evaluation of the Development Programms/Projects' organized by 3ie/GDN 11th Annual Global Development Conference, Prague, 12-19 January 2010.

Workshop on "Perspectives on Impact Evaluation: Approach to Assessing Development Effectiveness-2009, conducted by GDN, Cairo, 23 March-3 April 2009.

Workshop on 'Designing and Implementing Social Transfer Program', organized by the Asia-Pacific Regional Development Centre, HelpAge International, Chiang Mai, 26 October – 8 November 2008.

### **Abdul Hye Mondal**

Senior Research Fellow

"Globalization and How It Works", a paper presented at the Training Program on "Globalization: Workers' Rights and the Role of Trade Unions" organized by the Bangladesh Institute of Labor Studies, 18 – 20 June 2008.

Guest Lecture on "Labor Market in Bangladesh: An Overview" for the B.S.S. Final Year students in the

Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, 20 January 2009.

Guest Lecture on "Collective Bargaining Practices in Bangladesh" for the B.S.S. Final Year students in the Department of Economics, University of Dhaka, 20 January 2009.

"Women in the Informal Sector of Bangladesh and National Development", a paper presented at a seminar on the 'Contribution of Women Workers in the Informal Sector to the National Economy: State Recognition and Responsibility', Partnership of Women in Action and Nagorik Uddyog, Dhaka, 28 March 2009.

"Trade Unions: Past, Present and Future", a paper presented at the National Defence College Training Course for Top-Ranking Civil and Military Officials of Asian and African Countries, 10 May 2009.

"Importance of Ratification of ILO Convention 138 to Eliminate Child Labor in Bangladesh", a paper presented on the occasion of International Child Day, Dhaka, 22 April 2010.

"Monitoring and Assessing Progress on Decent Work in Bangladesh", a paper presented in a National Seminar held in Dhaka, 27 April 2010.

“Skill Shortages for Green Jobs in Bangladesh”, a paper presented at the workshop on ‘Global and European Syntheses of Skills for Green Jobs’, ILO and the CEDEFOP, Geneva, 17-18 May 2010.

#### **Kazi Ali Toufique**

Senior Research Fellow

Guest Lecturer on Sustainable Development, University of Amsterdam, 11 March 2009.

#### **Bimal Kumar Saha**

Senior Research Fellow

Presented a paper entitled “Land Perform and Peasant Movement in Bangladesh: A Study of Political Economy” in an international seminar on “Rethinking Poverty Eradication in South Asia: An Agenda for Inclusive Development” (jointly organized by CPD and SACEPS) held at Dhaka during 12-13, October, 2008.

Keynote presentation in a Workshop on Land Reform, Distribution of Khas Land and Peasant Movement in Bangladesh jointly organized by the Institute of Media and Communication Studies (ICS) and Association for Land Reform and Development (ALRD) held at RDRS Auditorium, Rangpur during 30 April – 01 May, 2010.

#### **Pratima Paul-Majumder**

Senior Research Fellow

Presented a workshop paper titled “Impact of Small Scale Water Resource Development Sub-Projects on Women”, organized by LGED and ADB, Dhaka, 2008.

Presented a paper titled “Concept of Gender Responsive National Budget” in a workshop on Strategic Planning and Gender Responsive Budgeting Organized by Step Towards Development, Dhaka, 23-24 March 2008.

Presented a paper titled “Gender Dimension of Transport Constraints” in a Workshop on ‘Gender Analysis for Improving Mobility in Dhaka City’ organized by BIDS, 8 July 2008.

কর্মজীবী নারী কর্তৃক আয়োজিত “নারীর ক্ষমতায়ন এবং শিক্ষা ব্যবস্থা: প্রেক্ষাপট দক্ষিণ এশিয়া” শীর্ষক আলোচনা সভায় বিশেষ অতিথি হিসাবে অংশগ্রহণ, বাংলাদেশ জাতীয় প্রেস ক্লাব, ১৫ জুলাই ২০০৮.

Presented a paper titled “Gender Dimension of Transport Needs in Bangladesh”, International Conference on “Best Practices to Relieve Congestion on Mixed-traffic Urban Streets in Developing Countries” held at IIT Chennai, September 12-14, 2008.

Presented keynote paper titled “Role of National Budget in fulfilling MDG regarding Gender” in a seminar organized by Bangladesh Nari Pragati Sangha (BNPS), Dhaka, May 5, 2010.

Presented a paper on “Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining Rights in the Export Processing Sector in Bangladesh” in a workshop organized by ILO, Geneva, 6 September, 2010.

#### **Dilip Kumar Roy**

Senior Research Fellow

“Social Protection Index and Extreme Poverty: Some Issues”, paper presented in the 4th Social Experts Meeting on Social Indicators in Asia, Seoul, 24-25 November 2009.

“Extreme Poor and Safety Net Programs in Bangladesh”, paper presented in the 5th Social Experts Meeting on Social Indicators in Asia, OECD/Korea Policy Centre. Seoul, 25 November 2010.



Participated in the 11th Annual Global Development Network (GDN) Conference, Prague, January 2010.

“Openness and Size of Government : Some Issues”, Paper presented at the Conference of Bangladesh Statistical Association, NEC Auditorium, Planning Commission, Dhaka, 22 May 2009.

“Employment Statistics in Bangladesh Economy: Some Issues”, paper presented at the Seminar on “Statistics for All” at East West University Auditorium, Dhaka, 22 May 2009.

#### **K.M. Nabiul Islam**

Senior Research Fellow

Flood Loss Modeling, Construction of Depth Damage Data Sets & Vulnerability Analysis for Gujarat, Assessment of Four Major Urban Agglomerations of Gujarat State Knowledge Transfer Session-II, INFOCITY CLUB Resort, Gandhinagar, February 2010.

Climate Change, Urban Flooding and Flood Impact Assessment Methods – Lessons from Bangladesh and India, Ho Chi Minh City, June 2009.

Climate Change and Urban Flooding, Round Table Conference , Ho Chi Minh City, June 2009.

Water Governance in Bangladesh: Issues and Challenges, Islamabad, July 2009.

Flood Vulnerability Assessment Methods – Applicability for Planning Gujarat State Disaster Management, Lecture on Flood Loss Assessment Methods, World Bank, Egis-BCEOM, Gujarat, June 2009.

Interface between Water, Poverty and Equity: Some Empirical Evidence from a Developing Country, International Initiative for Water Sustainable Development, 5th World Water Forum, Istanbul, April 2009.

Implication for Climate Change in the Coastal Bangladesh and Its Mitigation Option: Participatory Water Governance Approach, International Initiative for Water Sustainable Development, 5th World Water Forum, Istanbul, March 2009.

Mainstreaming Adaptation to Climate Change in Coastal Bangladesh by Building Water Alliances, International Initiative for Water Sustainable Development, 5th World Water Forum, Istanbul, March 2009.

Urban and Non-agricultural Impacts of Flooding-The Case of Bangladesh, UN-ISDR, CRED, Geneva, July 2008.

A Study of the Principal Marketed Value Chains Derived from the Sundarbans Reserved Forest, Integrated Protected Area Co-Management (IPAC), Forest Department, Dhaka, 10 August 2010.

Urban and Non-agricultural Impacts of Flooding – Methods of Assessments and Vulnerability Analysis, organized by UNDP and UNEP, in collaboration with the South Asia Network for Development and Environment Economics (SANDEE) and the Bangladesh Planning Commission, Dhaka, 13-14 October 2009.

Interface between Water, Poverty and Equity: Some Empirical Evidence from a Bangladesh, BUET (Lecture given to IWFM, BUET), July 2009.

Benefit Monitoring and Evaluation Study on Second Small Scale Water Resources Development Sector Project (SSWRDSP-1& II), LGED, June 2009.







Water and Poverty, Lecture delivered to Training Workshop for SAWA Fellows on Water and Equity, Institute of Water and Flood Management, BUET, August, 2008.

#### Anwara Begum

Senior Research Fellow

Discussant at the "First Manpower Development and Opportunities Conference 2009", Dhaka, 2-4 July 2009.

Discussant in a seminar organized by People's Empowerment Trust: All Parliamentary People's Group, Dhaka, 26 March 2009.

Technical Advisory Group Member of BBS Survey on Children in Sexually Exploited Working Condition (CSEC) study

Lecture on Gender Budgeting: Budgeting for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment, Module 3: From PRSP to Resource Allocation, Performance, Participation and Gender Concerns, BCS Cadre Service Recruits, 17 March 2009

Resource Person for "National Strategy for Accelerated Poverty Reduction II (FY 2009-2011) Working Group, Ministry of Education, 12 April 2009.

Seminar discussant, "Literacy Assessment Survey (LAS), 2008, and "District Education Profile (Cox's Bazar and Lalmonirhat)", BBS, Dhaka, 16 April 2009.

Discussant for Bangladesh Nari Progoti Sangha (BNPS) Seminars on "Status of Women in PRSP in Bangladesh", 18 April 2009, "Status of Implementation of Policies and Other Commitments Related to Women in Bangladesh", 25 April 2009, and "Status of Women in National Budget of Bangladesh", Dhaka, 30 May 2009.

Presentations on "Poverty and Health: Bangladesh Context", and "Multi-Dimensional Nature of Poverty", for Civil Service College, Dhaka.

Gender Specialist and Special Guest Speaker for National Seminar on "Women Safe Migration and Development", WARBE, Dhaka, 30 December 2009.

Discussant at the "Symposia on Learning from Neighbours: The Trajectory of Educational Progress", Dhaka, 27-28 June 2009.

Focal Point/Expert Resource Person at the meeting on "Open-Ended Working Group on Global Forum on Migration and Development GFMD", in preparation for the Bangladesh Team from Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 18 October 2009

Resource Person in meeting on "Forced Labor of Children Working in the Dry Fish Sector of Bangladesh", Dhaka, 8 December 2009.

Attended Expert Group Meeting on "National Education Policy 2009: Some Important Points for Consideration", Dhaka, 2 August 2009.



Resource Person at the National Seminar on “Status of Implementation of National Policies and other Commitments Related to Women in Bangladesh”, organized by BNPS, Dhaka, June 20, 2009.

Resource Person for Conference on “Challenged Children: Unsuccessful SSC Students of 2009 and Guardians”, Dhaka, 11 July 2009.

Resource Person at the High Level Workshop on Gender Equality in Education: Beyond Numbers, Dhaka, 4 December 2010.

Attended International Workshop on “Dhaka Flood Hazard” at Bonn and Cologne, 5-11 July 2010.

Presented Country Paper on “Effects of the Global Financial Crisis in GCC Countries and Its Impact on Migrant Workers and Remittances: The Bangladesh Experience”, organized by Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum, 20 July 2009.

Attended Meeting as a Resource Person for writing a chapter on “The Bangladesh Experience of Return Migrant Workers”, Kathmandu, 1-2 September 2009.

Delegate and Technical Expert in South Asia Civil Society Consultation on Education, Dhaka, 11-12 December 2009.

### **Mohammad Yunus**

Senior Research Fellow

“Challenges in Boosting International Migration from Bangladesh” Seminar paper at the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, July 19, 2010, Dhaka.

“Current Situation of the RMG Industry in Bangladesh” BIDS-IDE Seminar presentation at the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, August, 01, 2010, Dhaka.

“Time Series and Revenue Forecasting in Bangladesh” Presentation at USAID PROGATI Training Workshop, August, 11, 2010, Dhaka

“Trade and Employment” Presentation at Tripartite



Training on Assessing and Addressing the Employment Effects of Trade ILO, August, 12, 2010, Dhaka.

“An Estimate of the Gains from Developing Functional Corridors for the Transit of Goods through Bangladesh” Presentation at Bangladesh Tariff Commission, May 20, 2010, Dhaka.

“Knitwear Industry in Bangladesh: A Case Study of Firms in Narayanganj” Workshop Paper presented at the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, April 28-29, 2010, Dhaka.

“Technical Efficiencies in the Manufacturing Industries in Bangladesh” Workshop Paper presented at the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, April 28-29, 2010, Dhaka.

“An Estimate of the Gains from Developing Functional Corridors for the Transit of Goods through Bangladesh” Presentation at the Asian Development Bank, April 26, 2010, Manila.

“Costs of Non-cooperation in Transport Services in the SAARC Sub-region: Bangladesh Perspective” Presentation at the Asian Development Bank’s Sixth Meeting of the RETA 6417: Supporting Networks of Research Institutes and Think Tanks in South Asia Phase II, April 8-9, 2010, Bangkok.

“Costs of Non-cooperation in Transport Services in the SAARC Sub-region: Bangladesh Perspective”, Presentation at the inception meeting of the study by South Asia Centre for Policy Studies (SACEPS) held at the Research and Information Services for

Developing Countries, February 17, 2010, New Delhi.

“Knitwear Industry in Bangladesh: A Case Study of Firms in Narayanganj” Workshop presentation at the Institute for Human Development, December 18, 2009, New Delhi.

“Competitiveness of the Knitwear Industry in Bangladesh: Background of Its Development Amid Global Competition” Presented at the ABCDE Conference of the World Bank, June 9-11, 2008, Cape Town.

“Diversification of Bangladesh Export: Assessing Sanitary and Phytosanitary Standards on Shrimp Sector of Bangladesh” Presentation at the BIDS-EU Seminar, June 23, 2008, Dhaka.

“Promoting Employment-Intensive Growth in Bangladesh: Policy Analysis of the Manufacturing and Service Sectors”, Presentation at the ILO-BIDS Seminar, February 25, 2008, Dhaka

#### **S M Zulfqar Ali**

Senior Research Fellow

Presented a paper on “Supply Chain of Hilsa in Bangladesh” in the dissemination workshop organized by BIDS, 4 March 2010.

Presented a paper on “Extreme Poverty in Bangladesh: Are the Issues Overlooked in Anti-Poverty Policies?” Poverty-Day Conference organized by SHIREE, Dhaka, October 2009.



Made a presentation in the EACC inception workshop organized by the World Bank, Dhaka, 8 June 2009.

#### **Nazneen Ahmed**

Senior Research Fellow

Presented a paper titled “Cross Cutting Issues: Governance and Gender” at the Bangladesh Food Security Investment Forum, Dhaka, 26-27 May 2010.

Presented a paper titled “Social Impacts of Global Economic Slowdown: The Case of Bangladesh”, at the Asia-wide Regional High-level Conference on ‘The Impact of the Global Economic Slowdown on Poverty and Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific’, organized jointly by ADB, ASEAN Secretariat and others, Hanoi, 28-30 October 2009.

Presented a paper titled “Liberalization of Trade in Transport Services: Case of Transit through Bangladesh” at the International Seminar jointly organized by South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM) and CUTS international on Mainstreaming International Trade into National Development and a Southern Agenda on Global Trade Governance, Dhaka, 1-2 February 2009.

Presented a paper titled “Employment in Manufacturing Sector: Performance according to Sizes of Establishments” at BIDS-IHD joint workshop on “Employment Growth in Manufacturing in India and Bangladesh”, Dhaka, 28-29 April 2010.

Presented a paper titled “State of the Bangladesh Economy” in a seminar jointly organized by BIDS



and USAID-PROGOTI, Dhaka, 21 March 2010.

Delivered a key note presentation titled “Bangladesh Knitwear Industry, Crisis and Beyond: Challenges and Strategies” at the national seminar organized by Bangladesh knitwear Manufacturer and Exporters’ Association (BKMEA), Dhaka, 3 November 2009.

Delivered a presentation titled “Social Management in EPZs: Towards a Better Practice” at the seminar organized by Dhaka Export Processing Zone, Dhaka, 2 November 2009.

Delivered a presentation titled “BEPZA’s Approach to Social Management: Towards a Better Practice” at the Gender Seminar organized by IFC-BICF, Dhaka, 12 August 2009.

Delivered a key note presentation titled “২০০৯-১০ সনের জাতীয় বাজেটের জেডার সংবেদনশীলতা” in a seminar organized by Bangladesh Mahila Parishad, Dhaka, 27 June 2009.

Gave a presentation on “WTO and Bangladesh” participated as a resource person in a workshop with the Members of Parliament on Trade Policy and Trade Agreements, Dhaka, 23-24 May, 2009.

Presented a paper titled “দেশের শিল্পখাতে বিশ্বমন্দার সম্ভাব্য প্রভাব: উত্তরণের উপায়”, in a seminar organised by the Ministry of Industry, Government of Bangladesh, Dhaka, 23 April, 2009.

Presented a paper titled “Agro-processing Sector of Bangladesh and Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary Standards”, BIDS-EU Seminar on SPS and Agro-processed Sector of Bangladesh, Dhaka, 13 October 2008.

**Serajul Islam Laskar**  
Research Fellow

Presented the Preliminary Report on ‘The Labor Force Survey 2009’ in a seminar jointly organized by BBS and the World Bank, Dhaka, 28 December 2009.

**Narayan Chandra Nath**  
Research Fellow

“ Status and Determinants of Investment and Options for Future Development”, Paper presented at BEA 17th Biennial Conference, Dhaka, April 8-10, 2010.

“Industrial Policy Issue of Privatization”, Paper presented at 17th BEA Biennial Conference in Dhaka, 8-10 April 2010.

**Salma Chaudhuri Zohir**  
Research Fellow

“Who Does What and Where: State Response to Violence Against Women in Bangladesh”, Paper presented at the workshop on “Inventory of Statistics on Violence Against Women”, BIDS, May 25, 2009.

“Gender Issues in Dhaka Urban Transport: A Review”, Paper presented at the International Conference on Best Practices to Relieve Congestion on Mixed-traffic Urban Streets in Developing Countries at IIT Madras, Chennai, September 12-14, 2008.

“Protecting Geographical Indications in Bangladesh”, Paper presented at the FAO-EC Regional Seminar on Rural Development and Agriculture and Food Quality Linked to Geographical Origin in Asia: Lessons and Perspectives, held at Imperial Queen’s Park, Bangkok, Thailand, on 8-11 June 2009.

### ABM Shamsul Islam

Research Fellow

“Some of the Main Causes of Environmental Pollution and Its Dreadful Consequences” (in Bengali), published in the memorabilia in occasion of the World Environment Day-2009, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, Dhaka, June 5, 2009.

“Population of the World is Expected to Exceed 9 Billion by 2050: Bangladesh Perspective” (in Bengali), published in the memorabilia in occasion of the World Population Day 2009, Directorate of Family Planning, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, Dhaka, July 11, 2009.

“Elderly are a Remarkable Part of the World Population: They should also be Contemplated Today” (in Bengali), published in the memorabilia in occasion of the World Population Day 2010, Directorate of Family Planning, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, Dhaka, July 11, 2010.

### Dr. Monzur Hossain

Research Fellow

“Exchange Rate Policy in Bangladesh: An Assessment and Strategic Policy Options”, presented at a national seminar at BIDS on July 16, 2009 organized by the BIDS-PRP, Dhaka.

“Exchange Rate Policy in Bangladesh”, presented

in an International seminar on “Governance and Public Policy: Issues and Challenges” on July 18, 2009, organized by Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi.

“Promoting Growth with Stability: Challenges faced by the Monetary Policy Stance”(jointly with M.K. Mujeri and Zaid Bakht), A seminar held at BIDS in August, 2009, Dhaka.

“Determinants of Interest Rate Spread in Bangladesh”, presented at a national seminar at BIDS on January 6, 2010, organized by the BIDS-PRP, Dhaka.

Mid-term Review Report on “Integration of ICT Industries and Its Impact on Market Access and Trade: The Case of Bangladesh and India” presented in the 7th Meeting of RETA 6417, 26-27 August, 2010, Singapore.

“Bangladesh’s Vision 2021 Toward Economic Development: Strategic Plans and Policy Directions”, Presented at a seminar at Nagoya University, Japan on December 3, 2010.

Presented a paper on “Economic and Budgetary Outlook for Bangladesh, 2010-11” in a seminar organized by BIDS for the Members of Parliament on May 5, 2010, Dhaka.

Presented a paper on “Disaster Management, Food Security and Budgetary Implications” in a seminar organized by BIDS for the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Food and Disaster Management on August 11, 2010, Dhaka.

### Minhaj Mahmud

Research Fellow

‘Happiness in Rural Bangladesh: A Two Layer Analysis’, Seminar presentation, Centre for International Trade and Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University, March 26, 2010, New Delhi.

‘Economics of Climate Change and Health in Bangladesh’, Invited Speaker, Economic Approaches to Climate Change and Poverty: Workshop for Policymakers and Researchers in





Bangladesh, organized by the UNDP, UNEP, the Planning Commission of Bangladesh and SANDEE 13-14 October 2009, Dhaka.

**A.T.M. Shaifullah Mehedi**

Research Associate

Presented a paper titled “Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA): Methods and Scope”, workshop organized by the Center for Asian Studies and Department of Government and Politics, Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka, February 20, 2010.

Presented a paper titled “Focus Group Discussion (FGD): a tool for qualitative data collection”,

workshop organized by the Center for Asian Studies and Department of Government and Politics, Jahangirnagar University, Dhaka, February 20, 2010.

Presented a paper titled “Lévi-Strauss and Social Structure: A Review of Bangladeshi Rural Structure” (co-author) in a seminar on “Remembering Claude Lévi-Strauss: Structuralism and Beyond”, Dhaka, January 13, 2010.

Presented a paper titled “Women’s Participation in Trade Union: Case Construction and Chatal Sector of Bangladesh” (co-author), in a Conference on Informal Sector Labor, Dhaka, October 1-3, 2009.





## Annex 6: Financial Statements

The financial management system of BIDS is sound and is based on modern and computerized accounting system in order to ensure the efficient and effective use of its limited resources. For meeting its expenses, BIDS receives grants from the government on an annual basis to match its own earnings from endowment funds and other sources. BIDS ensures a transparent and accountable financial management system supported by high standards of internal and external auditing on a regular basis. On financial matters, BIDS is accountable to its Board of Trustees as well as to the government.

### BIDS Financial Statement

The summary statement of financial activities and the balance sheet given below is taken from the audited reports for the year ending 30 June 2009 and unaudited reports for the financial year ending 30 June 2010.

#### Summary of BIDS Financial Statement

<i>Particulars</i>	<i>30.06.2009</i>	<i>30.06.2010 (Unaudited)</i>
<b><i>Property and Assets:</i></b>	<b>Amount (TK)</b>	<b>Amount (TK)</b>
Fixed Assets at written down Value	13,982,966.00	13,543,046.00
BIDS Building	47,310,000.00	47,310,000.00
Investments at cost	173,796,525.00	178,055,400.00
Bills Receivable	7,898,413.00	16,069,230.50
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>242,987,904.00</b>	<b>254,977,676.50</b>
<b><i>Current Assets:</i></b>		
Stock of Stationery	196,428.00	239,211.02
Advance and Prepayments	4,059,237.00	4,504,040.00
Cash and Bank Balances	28,934,456.00	348,993,331.90
Sub Total	<b>33,190,121.00</b>	<b>39,642,582.92</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>276,178,025.00</b>	<b>294,620,259.42</b>
<b><i>Fund and Liabilities:</i></b>		
Capital Fund	22,934,096.00	22,944,744.85
ADP allocation (Building Cons)	46,634,000.00	46,634,000.00
Govt. Trust Fund	100,000,000.00	100,000,000.00
Library End. Fund	31,346,000.00	31,346,000.00
Professorial Fellowship Fund	5,591,888.00	5,619,555.00
Other Funds	58,220,542.00	75,075,959.57
Other Liabilities	11,451,499.00	13,000,000.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>276,178,025.00</b>	<b>294,620,259.42</b>
<b><i>Income:</i></b>		
Allocation from the Govt.	33,505,000.00	39,141,000.00
Interest on Investment	394,077.00	
Interest from Trust Fund	12,470,000.00	11,790,000.00

Sales of Publication	321,370.00	137,046.00
Income from Project & other Sources	2,210,295.00	667,633.00
Project O.H & Levy	2,027,272.00	5,000,000.00
Income from other Sources	1,781,195.00	3,199,120.46
<b>Total:</b>	<b>52,709,209.00</b>	<b>59,934,799.46</b>
<b>Expenditure:</b>		
Salary and Allowances	40,675,198.00	45,877,555.55
Salary of Temp.Staff	2,036,577.00	2,133,965.72
Travelling Expenses	447,433.00	425,497.00
Library Expenses	614,025.00	206,659.50
Stationery	785,263.00	935,932.00
Conveyance and Car	2,146,111.00	2,340,363.60
Printing and Publication	594,351.00	571,893.75
Repair and Replacement of Office Machinery and Furniture	158,823.00	341,089.00
Maintenance of Office Building	218,752.00	514,557.00
Depreciation	1,553,663.00	1,504,784.62
Postage,Telephone and Telegram	1,044,889.00	958,070.00
Electricity and Light System	484,331.00	635,346.00
Network Maintenance	181,800.00	558,372.50
Insurance Rates and Taxes	199,175.00	419,510.47
Liveries for Low paid Employees	82,327.00	241,356.00
Entertainment for DG office	33,297.00	22,053.00
Audit and Legal Fees	22,686.00	250,495.00
Advertisement	163,712.00	85,472.00
Contingencies	152,827.00	214,185.00
BIDS Computer Expenses	338,513.00	396,926.00
Seminar Expenses	184,788.00	366,415.75
Purchase of Computer	590,668.00	316,950.00
Procurement of Lift & Server	-	617,350.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>52,709,209.00</u></b>	<b><u>59,934,799.46</u></b>







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