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Foreword

This biennial report provides information on BIDS activities for two years covering the period July 2004 to June 2006. Earlier biennial reports were published with considerable time lag. The lag has been reduced substantially in the current publication and we hope that the upcoming biennial reports will be even more up-to-date when published.

The period under review has witnessed renewed national and international commitments towards poverty reduction and human development as envisaged in the Millennium Development Goals. The drive towards globalization, notwithstanding the stalled process of the Doha Round of negotiations, has also gained ground with further integration of the national economies. BIDS has been keenly aware of these developments and a reflection of this may be found in the coverage of these topical issues in the research output of BIDS.

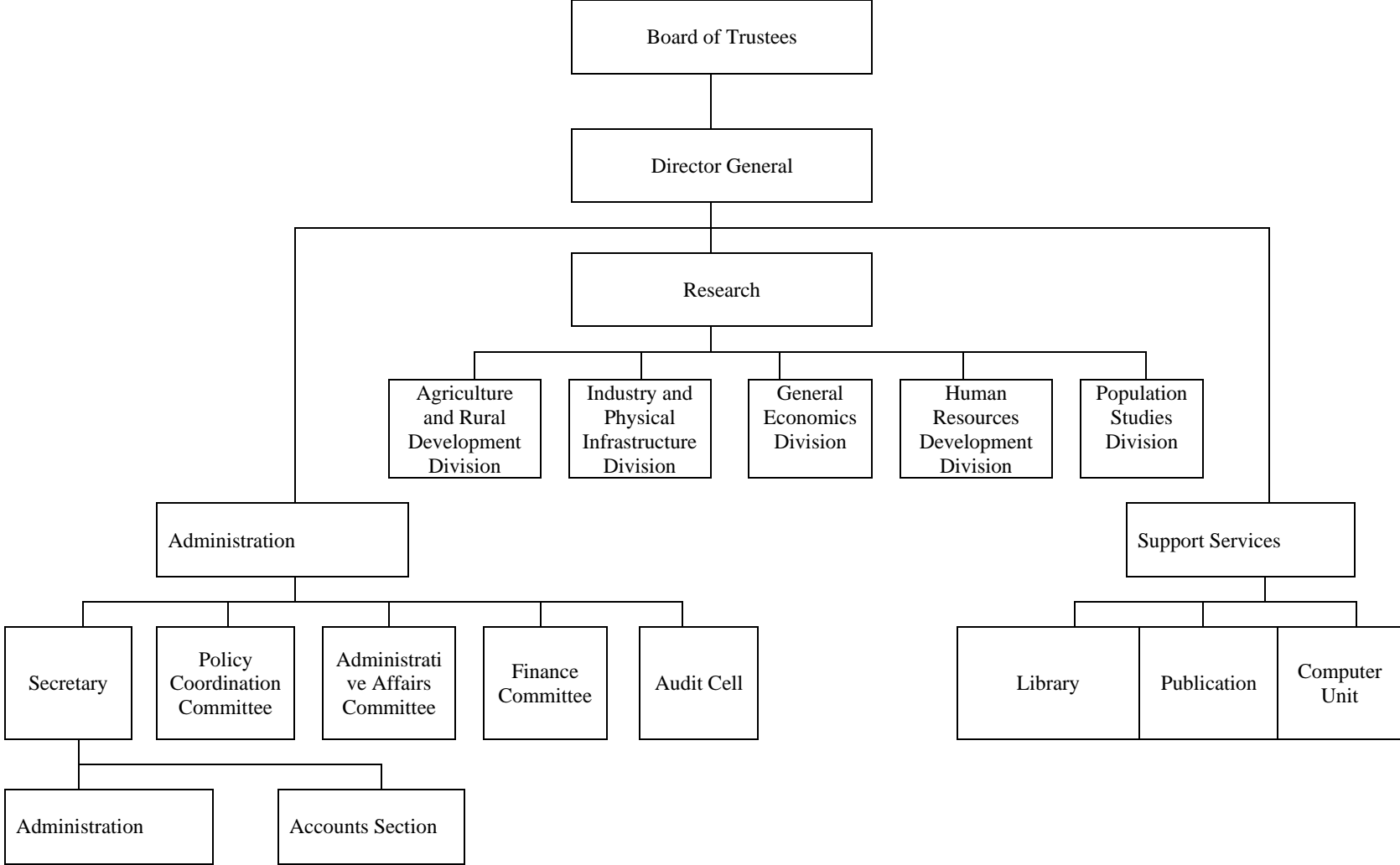
BIDS contributes to policy-making in a variety of ways. Some of these originate from the sponsored research undertaken by BIDS. In other cases, BIDS contributes more directly in policy-making by preparing background papers for various Ministries and government functionaries. BIDS researchers also participate as members in national advisory, steering and technical committees. Preparation of the national budget, WTO related policy issues, monitoring and implementation of PRSP are some of the important areas of BIDS participation.

Recently BIDS has opened a new external window under the name, “Bangladesh Development Researchers’ Forum” (BDREF). The main objective of the Forum is to intensify interactions with academia, policy planners, development practitioners and other stakeholders on burning development issues through (a) organizing roundtable sessions, (b) special discussion sessions for young researchers, (c) dissemination workshop, (d) formal and informal interaction among development researchers living both at home and abroad, and (e) networking with other organizations.

The BIDS completes 50 years of its establishment in 2007. We plan to celebrate the Golden Jubilee in a befitting manner. A number of activities including public lecture series, roundtable discussions and publication of special volumes will be undertaken on this occasion. We hope to provide a narrative of these activities in the next biennial report.

Quazi Shahabuddin
Director General

Organogram of BIDS (Administrative Structure)



THE INSTITUTION

I. Introduction

Mandate

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

Goals and Objectives

The objectives of BIDS are:

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

A Brief History

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

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

During the Pakistan period, the PIDE's primary research focus was on industry and trade-related issues. The PIDE pioneered studies on effective protection rates, exchange rate policies, industrial investment, etc. Over time with changing economic and social realities the focus changed to issues relating to macroeconomic issues, poverty, international trade, agricultural development, food security, microcredit, industrial development, labor issues, health, nutrition, education, poverty and inequality, environment, water resources management, energy, gender, empowerment, migration, urbanization and other such development issues. In future, the most likely areas to receive more attention include macroeconomic and trade issues, energy and globalization. Attempts are under way to encourage young recruits to specialize in these areas as well by arranging short term training courses for mid-level staff.

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

II. Administrative Structure

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

The Board of Trustees

BIDS is governed by a high-powered Board of Trustees, with the Minister for Planning as the Chairman and Director General as the Chief Executive of the Institute.

Secretary of BIDS provides administrative assistance to the Director General and also officiates as Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees is composed of the following:

Chairman: The Minister for Planning, ex-officio

Trustees

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

Statutory Committees

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

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

The AAC makes recommendations on accommodation, transport, and personnel matters of the staff. The FC supervises the income expenditure of the Institute and advises the Director General on all matters relating to accounts, administration of property, funds, preparation of budget and clearance of bills. The members of PCC, AAC, and FC holding office for the period 2004-2006 are listed in Appendix 2.

Senior Fellows

The BIDS statute provides for an advisory committee of 12 Senior Fellows who are nominated by the Policy Coordination Committee and are selected from among eminent professionals in the country in various fields. The Senior Fellows are appointed by the Board of Trustees for a period of three years. The Senior Fellows serve in their individual capacities without honorarium, and provide guidance in designing and implementing the institutes professional programs. The Senior Fellows appointed for the period 2003-2006 are listed in Appendix 3.

III. Research Divisions and Staff

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

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

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

Agriculture and Rural Development Division (ARDD)

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

General Economics Division (GED)

The researchers in GED are involved mainly in research related to macroeconomic management, international trade, management pertaining to monetary and fiscal policies. Recent major research includes preparation of Human Development Report, study on sustainable livelihood, domestic resource cost of agricultural production, construction of Input/Output Table for the Bangladesh Economy, affordability to finance poverty reduction programs, trade cooperation in South Asia and chronic poverty.

Human Resources Development Division (HRDD)

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

Industry and Physical Infrastructure Division (IPID)

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

Population Studies Division (PSD)

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

There are 81 research positions sanctioned by the Board of Trustees, of which 49 are filled at present. The research staff are supported by more than one hundred non-research staff in the various sections such as Administration, Accounts, Library, Publication, and the Computer Unit. Brief academic profiles of the BIDS research staff are given in Appendix 4.

Sanctioned and Current Strength of BIDS Research Staff

(as on June 2006)

Posts	Number of Positions	
	Sanctioned	Present
Director General	1	1
Research Director	5	5+1*
Senior Research Fellow	14-1*	11
Research Fellow	28	19
Research Associate	28	11
Research Assistant	4	1
Statistical Assistant	1	Nil
Total	81	49

* Upgraded by the Board of Trustees in its 74th meeting held on 20-6-2001.

IV. Support Services

The BIDS Library and Documentation Centre

The BIDS Library, the largest social sciences library in Bangladesh, has a collection of over 1,30,000 books, documents, journals and microfiches. It provides a wide range of services to the user community, including current awareness, reproduction, inter-library lending and reading facilities. Annually, about 10,000 users avail of the library facilities. Because of its rich collections, the library attracts students, teachers and researchers from different parts of Bangladesh. The library produces an information dissemination bulletin for Bangla books. It also participates in information networks to facilitate resource-sharing, and maintains inter-library loan relationships with selected libraries in Dhaka city.

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

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

The Publication Section

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

BIDS Publications

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

Journals

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

The Bangladesh Development Studies (BDS) is the quarterly journal of the Institute. This is published in English. It enjoys international reputation and is currently in its 33rd years of publication. It contains research articles, notes, and book reviews by BIDS researchers as well as by national and international scholars.

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

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

Books

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

Research Monographs

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

Research Reports

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

Project Reports

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

The Computer Unit

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

As technology changed over time the computer unit had adjusted to it. There have been changes in several dimensions. All the researchers now have computers in their office rooms. Computers are now extensively used in support services such as the accounts section, administration, the publication section, library and documentation section. All these computers operate under a single network managed by this Unit with

support from the Sustainable Development Network Project (SDNP). The network is now connected to the internet. Researchers can also access to the internet from their residence through dialup connection. The unit manages a dedicated website (www.bids-bd.org). The BIDS library has been put on-line for part of its holdings. There are several network share printers located in different parts of the building. In a nutshell, the unit has expanded very fast and provides valuable services to (hardware and software) research and all support service section.

The computer Unit also supports BIDS and all research projects of BIDS for data management, statistical analysis, graphics, simulations and customs programing using the different types of statistically data analysis software.

There are several efficient IT expertises Hardware, Software and Network to support the BIDS.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES OF BIDS

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

I. Research Projects

Quazi Shahabuddin

Director General

Operationalizing Pro-poor Growth in Bangladesh (OPPG)

Date of Initiation: February 2004

Date of Completion: December 2004

Project Director: Dr. Quazi Shahabuddin

Team Members:

Dr. Quazi Shahabuddin

Dr. Binayak Sen,

Dr. M.K. Mujeri

Funding Agency: DFID

Operationalizing Pro-poor Growth work program aims to provide better advice to government on policies that facilitate the participation of poor people in the growth process. More specifically, the work aims to gain a better understanding of the pathways by which poor people contribute to and benefit from growth, the role of country conditions in affecting the impact of policies on growth and poverty outcomes, and the extent to which specific policies are good for growth and bad for poverty (at least in the short run) or vice versa. A seminal component of the work program is a series of country case studies and the present research project is one of them. These studies will contribute to understand better how country contexts affect the ability of poor people to participate in economic growth and to benefit from it. More specifically, they will shed further light on a range of key questions, such as:

- Which factors explain the varied impact of growth on poverty alleviation?
- What are the individual policies and initial conditions that increase the rate of poverty reduction for a given level of growth?
- How can we increase the participation of the poor in the growth process?
- Do poverty reduction policies reinforce or undermine growth in the short or long run and vice versa?

Program for Research on Chronic Poverty in Bangladesh (PRCPB)

Date of Initiation: 01 April 2002

Date of Completion: 30 April 2006

Project Director:

Dr. Binayak Sen

(01 April 2002 – 31 July 2004)

Dr. Quazi Shahabuddin

(01 August 2004 onward)

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

The program seeks to make efforts to reduce poverty in Bangladesh more effective by deepening the understanding of those who are chronically poor, of the processes that keep them in poverty and of the policy measures that will help them 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. A particular feature is the publication of the Bangladesh Chronic Poverty Report.

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

Distortions to Agricultural Incentives in Bangladesh (DAIB)

Date of Initiation: May 2006

Date of Completion: September 2006

Project Director:

Dr. Quazi Shahabuddin

Team Members:

Dr. Zaid Bakht

Dr. Nazneen Ahmed

Funding Agency: The World Bank

The vast majority of the world's poorest households depend on farming for their livelihood. In the past, their earnings were often depressed by pro-urban and anti-agricultural biases of their own country's policies. While progress has been made over the past two decades by numerous developing countries in reducing those policy biases, many trade-reducing price distortions remain inter-sectorally as well as within the agricultural sector of low-income countries. A multi-country study, "Poverty Alleviation through Reducing Distortions to Agricultural Incentives" has been designed to understand the extent of and reasons behind that transformation. This study examines questions such as:

where is there still a policy bias against agricultural production? To what extent has there been "overshooting" in the sense that some developing country food producers are now being protected from import competition, following the examples of earlier industrializing Europe, then Japan and then Korea and Taiwan? What are the political economy forces behind the more successful reformers and how do they compare with those in less successful countries where distortions to agricultural incentives remain? How important have international forces been relative to domestic political forces in bringing about reforms during the past two decades, as compared with the earlier decades analyzed by Krueger, Schiff and Valdes (and others) in the 1980s? What can be done to accelerate reductions in the agricultural protectionist policies of rich countries that are harmful to poor farmers in developing countries? What policy lessons can be drawn from developing countries from those differing experiences to ensure better growth enhancing and poverty reducing outcomes from own-country reforms in the future too, including less "over-shooting" to a protectionist regime? As part of the overall project, a series of national country studies in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe/CIS, Latin America and the Caribbean are planned. Bangladesh is included in this new cross-country study. The work on Bangladesh includes estimations of the changing extent of distortions through

calculations of various measures of assistance for major agricultural commodities and analysis of the effects of these changes on production incentives in Bangladesh agriculture.

Agriculture and Rural Development Division

Study on Environmental Policy Analysis

Date of Initiation: October 1998

Date of Completion: December 2005

Project Director: Dr. M. Asaduzzaman

Funding Agency: UNDP

Environmental Policy Studies is a component of Sustainable Environment Management Program under UNDP financial assistance. Under this component the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) carried out and disseminated the findings of studies on important environmental policy issues and organized workshops and seminars in order to disseminate the findings of these studies to policymakers, administrators, academics, journalists, and members of the public.

Formulation of the Bangladesh Program of Action for Adaptation to Climate Change (NAPA)

Date of Initiation: October 2004

Date of Completion: June 2005

Project Director: Dr. M. Asaduzzaman

Team Member:

Mr. S.M. Zahedul Islam Chowdhury

Funding Agency: UNDP, Dhaka

This study was unique in the sense that this was probably one of the few attempts to integrate livelihood issues in adaptation to climate change. The study looked at spatial aspects of livelihood issues including gender dimensions wherever possible and also the food security problems that may be faced by Bangladesh in coming years. It has predicted that under the assumptions of specific climate change in Bangladesh, the country may have to import an additional 15-16 percent of food to meet shortfalls in food supply.

Environmental Economy Planning Integration

Date of Initiation: February 2005

Date of Completion: December 2005

Project Director: Dr. M. Asaduzzaman

Team Member:

Mr. M. Mudabbir Hussain

Funding Agency: UNDP, Dhaka

This study is trying to find out how far environmental issues have been integrated with the planning process, at the sectoral and national level. This is a sub-contract study under the Environmental Policy Analysis.

General Economics Division

Trade Cooperation and Economic Reform Policy (TRACE)

Date of Initiation: February 2002

Date of Completion: March 2005

Project Director:

Dr. Omar Haider Chowdhury

Funding Agency: European Union

Team Members:

Dr. Quazi Shahabuddin
Dr. Zaid Bakht
Dr. Chowdhury Anwaruzzaman
Dr. Dilip Kumar Roy
Dr. Narayan Chandra Nath
Dr. Abdul Hye Mondal
Dr. Md. Salimullah
Dr. K.M. Nabiul Islam
Dr. Salma Chaudhuri Zohir
Mr. Karimullah Bhuiyan
Mr. Wajid Hasan Shah

The project, TRACE - Trade Cooperation and Economic Policy Reform in South Asia, was financed by a grant from the European Community and was carried out by BIDS in collaboration with other research institutes in South Asia. It involved about a dozen BIDS researchers and a number of expatriate consultants of international repute with expertise in analyzing various aspects of trade and economic cooperation. The core activity of the TRACE project involved an extensive policy oriented research program on trade and economic policy reform in the region. There were also resources within the project for upgrading the research capability of BIDS on international trade and regional economic integration and making the research results public in various ways, including the setting up of a website (www.tracebd.org).

The project's main objectives were: i) to raise the level of informed policy debate on economic reform and regional economic integration among policy-

makers, private entrepreneurs and the general public, ii) to facilitate implementation of appropriate economic reforms and thereby lead to improved opportunities for trade and investment from global sources including the EU, and iii) to contribute towards forging greater regional economic cooperation and thereby accelerating the pace of social and economic development in the region.

Human Resources Development Division

Researching Well-being in Developing Countries – Bangladesh (WeD-Bangladesh)

Date of Initiation: October 2002

Date of Completion: September 2007

Project Director: Dr. Zulfiqar Ali

Funding Agency: ESRC Research Group
on Wellbeing in
Developing Countries
(WeD), University of
Bath, UK

The objective of WeD is to develop a conceptual and methodological approach for understanding the social and cultural construction of wellbeing in developing countries. The distinctiveness of WeD lies in its focus on three key dimensions: Subjective and Objective; Universal and Local; and Process and Outcomes. WeD brings together the subjective, cultural and objective to investigate how people's own perceptions relate to objective indicators of their welfare. It explores how universal models of human welfare

and quality of life relate to local priorities. WeD also goes beyond mapping poverty, inequality and quality of life as conditions or states, to analyze how patterns of benefit and disadvantage are established or reversed over time. The WeD program offers important contributions to the policy thinking. It builds on the growing recognition that development cannot only be measured in terms of income and economic growth, but must consider how people draw on a wide variety of resources in constructing their liveli-hoods. WeD also aims to address the tension between universal and local models in particular contexts which have become a persistent fault-line in international development.

WeD-Bangladesh is a sub-group of the ESRC Research Group on Wellbeing in Developing Countries (WeD) at the University of Bath, UK. As part of WeD, it gains from access to theoretical and methodological work and interaction with an internationally reputed group of interdisciplinary researchers.

Industry and Physical Infrastructure Division

Long-term Socio-economic Impact Study of Rural Roads and Markets Improvement and Maintenance Project (RRMIMP) – II (Phase 3)

Date of Initiation: February 2005

Date of Completion: June 2006

Team Leader: Dr. Zaid Bakht

Project Director: Dr. Md. Abdul Latif

Funding Agency: World Bank and GOB

BIDS carried out Phase I of the study during 1997-98 and collected benchmark data prior to the implementation of the RRMIMP-II by the LGED. The second phase of the study was carried out by BIDS during 2000–2001, which aimed at analyzing the short term impact of the project. Phase-II study was constrained by the fact that not all study roads were fully developed when field survey for the second phase was undertaken. The present phase of the study is based on full coverage of the study roads and focuses on long-term impact assessment of rural infrastructure development carried out under the project. In particular, the study attempts to capture the long run impact of the road and market development on productivity and efficiency in various production and service sectors of the rural economy including transport, trade, agriculture, manufacturing, health, education, etc. The study also examines the ultimate impact of all these improvements on the poverty situation in the study area.

Impact Evaluation of the Social Investment Program Project (SIPP)

Date of Initiation: July 2004

Date of Completion: December 2005

Project Director: Dr. Zaid Bakht

Team Members:

Dr. Md. Salimullah

Mr. Omar Faruque

Funding Agency:

Social Development Foundation (SDF)

The broad objective of SIPP is to cater to the unmet demand of the poor people in rural areas for basic infrastructures and social services by scaling up proven models of social assistance services and by testing and supporting alternative methods of service provision and financing.

The present study aims at generating baseline data with a view to assessing the impact of SIPP with respect to the following:

- Examine the effectiveness of rural institutions in terms of participation of poor.
- Evaluate the performance of these institutions in planning, implementation and maintenance of the social and economic infrastructure from the perspective of technical quality, cost effectiveness and beneficiary satisfaction.
- Assess the sustainability of rural institutions.
- Examine the impact on social awareness and community empowerment.
- Assess developments and improvements brought about in the existing social and economic infrastructure.
- Determine the improvement in the access of poor to the various service delivery systems

- Assess the resulting benefit in employment and income as well as in human development.

Policy Research on the Socially Disadvantaged Women (Commercial Sex Workers) and their Children in Bangladesh (PRSDWB)

Date of Initiation: November 2005

Date of Completion: July 2006

Project Director: Dr. Abdul Hye Mondal

Team Member: Mr. Asadul Islam

Funding Agency: Department of Social Services, Ministry of Social Welfare, GoB

The objective of the study was twofold: (i) to assess and analyze the existing condition of the commercial sex workers and their children in the light of the concerns and crucial issues involved in empowering and mainstreaming them; and (ii) to suggest appropriate strategies and policy measures for empowering and mainstreaming them into the society.

Aquaculture Development Project (AQDP)

Date of Initiation: February 2006

Date of Completion: July 2006

Project Director:

Dr. Narayan Chandra Nath

Funding Agency: IFAD and DOF

The objective of the study is to monitor performance and make impact evaluation of Aquaculture Development Project. Detailed objectives are to see whether the beneficiaries belong to the target group, to see whether supports to the benefits are adequate to their needs

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

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

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

- Boost fisheries/aquaculture production and the incomes of the people living in poverty;
- Establish and strengthen community organizations to ensure access to the institutions through which technical

and social services can be provided to the target groups on a sustainable basis;

- Improve the status of women by including them in the project mainstream activity of pond aquaculture and by providing support for other income generating activities;
- Improve the resource base through the rehabilitation of suitable large water bodies and fish ponds;
- Improve access, hence product marketing, to and from rural communities through the improvement of rural roads and growth centres.

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

**WTO Doha Round and South Asia:
Linking Civil Society with Trade
Negotiation (SAFIT)**

Date of Initiation: January 2005

Date of Completion: March 2006

Project Director:

Dr. Salma Chaudhuri Zohir

Team Member:

Dr. Narayan Chandra Nath

Funding Agency: Novib (Oxfam, The Netherlands) and coordinated by Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS), India

Multilateral trade negotiation under Doha Development Agenda (DDA) which resumed after the collapse of the fifth Ministerial of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Cancun in September 2003, culminated in the General Council meeting in July 2004 that adopted “July Package.” The July Package sets the stage for negotiations among members during the run-up to the Hong Kong Ministerial and beyond it. It identified five priority areas for further negotiations: Agriculture, Non-Agriculture Market Access (NAMA), Services, Trade Facilitation and Development Dimensions. While the first four areas have annexes in the July Package, the fifth area i.e. development dimension, which includes effective market access; special and differential treatment towards achieving enhanced flexibility in WTO rules; implementation issues addressing consistency with a multilateral rules-based system; enhanced capacity-building programs; and concerns of the LDCs, is a cross-cutting issue. Under this project on each of these issue, the position of a particular South Asian country and perceptions of civil society that included trade union, business bodies, women’s group working on trade and gender linkages will be placed with those of other South Asian countries, in order to work out a common position on each of the five issues. Five research organizations from five South Asian countries viz. Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, participated in this study and each would highlight the concerns of South Asian countries and

LDCs per se on the five key issues. BIDS was entrusted with Development Dimension of the July Framework agreement.

The objective of the BIDS study was:

- To provide a brief discussion on the integration in the multinational trading system;
- To define development dimension of the Doha Ministerial Declaration;
- To give an overview of the outcome on development dimension, especially since the Doha Ministerial Conference;
- To provide the perspectives on negotiation strategy of South Asian countries;
- To provide stakeholders perceptions of development dimension. The outcome of the study was to be discussed in five consultation workshop in five countries and to be published in a book.

Evaluation of DYD Programs in Socio-Economic Development and Poverty Reduction in Bangladesh

Date of Initiation: May 2004

Date of Completion: August 2004

Project Director: Dr. K.M. Nabiul Islam

Team Member: Mr. Karimullah Bhuiyan

Funding Agency: Youth Development Directorate, Government of Bangladesh

The major objective was to assess the outcome of the Department of Youth Development (DYD) programs in respect of socioeconomic development and poverty reduction of the project

beneficiaries. The income distribution of the beneficiaries has shown significant and positive change due to the DYD programs. However, a substantial number of the not-so-hard core poor youths have been served through these programs.

Household Survey – Benefit Impact Monitoring, Fourth Fisheries Project (HHS-BIM)

Date of Initiation: July 2004

Date of Completion: September 2004

Project Director: Dr. K.M. Nabiul Islam

Team Member:

Mr. Mark Aeron-Thomas

Funding Agency:

ULG Northumbrian Ltd., UK

The major objective of the study was to assess the socio-economic effects brought about by the Fourth Fisheries Project, which seeks to improve upon small-scale producers through sustainable, community based institutional development in their access to aquatic resources. The outcomes are largely positive on the fishers, professional and subsistence. However, a sound concept is to be implemented by relevant institutions that understand their roles and have both the resources and commitment. The study outlined a set of lessons for any future interventions in terms of conceptualisations, planning, resourcing and implementations.

Stakeholder Consultation on International and Partnership Issues in a Sea facing Coastal Districts under

Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan (WARPO–ICZMP)

Date of Initiation: December 2004

Date of Completion: October 2005

Project Director: Dr. K.M. Nabiul Islam

Team Members:

Dr. Quazi Shahabuddin

Dr. M Asaduzzaman

Mr. Masroor-ul Haq Siddiqi

Mr. M. M. Shafiqur Rahman

Mr. Faruque Chowdhury

Funding Agency: Water Resources Planning Organization (WARPO)

The objective of undertaking the consultation process was to contribute to laying out a set of development strategies and programs by way of feeding required information into the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan (ICZMP) process, especially the Coastal Development Strategy (CDS). Mainly two outputs were intended from the consultation process. Firstly, a document based on the proceedings of the consultations, mainly focusing on institutional issues, particularly related to participations, partnerships and linkages. The document also identifies areas for priority actions. Secondly, a preliminary design of models of a local level framework for partnership and recommendations on how to proceed towards the implementation of these models has been formulated.

Population Studies Division

Construction of Gender Roles in Bangladesh

Date of Initiation: July 2004

Date of Completion: December 2004

Project Director: Dr. M.A. Mannan

Team Members:

Dr. Pratima Paul-Majumder

Mr. M. Sohail

Funding Agency: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Dhaka

The study has explored the perceptions and concerns of boys and girls in the group 6-18 years about the various factors which shape and influence their attitude towards opposite gender including violent behavior. An attempt was made to identify the social, psychological and cultural factors which contribute to supportive attitudes and behavior leading to violence against women. The study is based on field survey with a sample size of 1,600 children (770 boys and 830 girls) belonging to age group 6-18 years.

Factors Related to Dowry in Bangladesh

Date of Initiation: December 2004

Date of Completion: June 2005

Project Director: Dr. M.A. Mannan

Team Members:

Dr. Sharifa Begum

Dr. Pratima Paul-Majumder

Funding Agency: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Dhaka

In this study an attempt was made to identify the factors which promote dowry supportive practice in Bangladesh. The main objectives of the study were:

- To review the government existing policies and programs related to dowry;
- To examine the context and factors i.e. religion, socio-economic status, education, affecting attitudes and behaviors towards dowry;
- To recommend specific intervention programs, especially to explore possible ways to reduce or eliminate dowry.

The study employed a range of research methods: questionnaire survey, focus group discussion (FGD) and case studies. An initial review was made of secondary sources, focusing on available statistics on dowry related studies/ government policies/documents, with emphasis on facts about dowry, its origin, its practices and dowry related violence. The data for the study come from both rural and urban areas. Urban households were selected in such a way that 50 percent of the households belonged to slum/poor category, while the rest 50 percent came from non-slum/rich category.

Transition to Adulthood-2 (Phase-4)

Date of Initiation: February 2004

Date of Completion: August 2004

Project Director: Ms. Simeen Mahmud

Funding Agency: Population Council

BIDS undertook a study on "Intervention Research" for Adolescent Girl's Project, "Kishori Abhijan": An Initiative for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls in Bangladesh'. By

using an experimental design and panel data the research was designed to evaluate the effect of the intervention aimed to create empowering opportunities and choices for adolescent girls and to support them in defining and implementing their own agenda for changing their situations. It also sought to work with elected government officials, parents and adolescent boys to help create a more enabling environment, which would allow adolescent girls to realize their rights. The project focused on adolescent girls and works at some levels. It provided financial and technical support to BRAC's Adolescent Peer Organized Network and Adolescent Girls Program in three rural districts: Chittagong district, Sherpur district and Chapainawabganj district.

Promotion of Responsible Healthy Reproductive and Sexual Behavior among Adolescents

Date of Initiation: December 2004

Date of Completion: May 2005

Project Director: Mr. Mohammad Sohail

Team Members:

Mr. Kazi Jahid Hossain

Dr. Anwara Begum

Funding Agency: UNFPA

The project seeks to delineate healthy reproductive and sexual behaviors among adolescents in the context of growing threats and challenges to adolescent reproductive health. Designing appropriate strategies to improve adolescent SRH will require a better understanding of ASRH as well as a

review of the effectiveness of existing policies and programs.

Adolescent though a period of relative good health involves significant reproductive and sexual health risks manifested in high fertility, unwanted and unplanned pregnancies, sexual abuse and threat from STD/AIDS. These concerns are further accentuated because of inadequate knowledge about reproductive health and lack of adolescent friendly health services. The study provides a detailed account of the issues of concern as well as an overview of the government and NGO programs on ASRH.

The specific objectives of the study are to:

- Review the existing government policies and programs related to responsible and healthy reproductive and sexual behavior among the adolescents in relation to IPRSP and MDG;
- Identify strength and weakness of existing policies and programs related to responsible and healthy reproductive and sexual behavior among the adolescents;
- Analyze the reproductive and sexual behavior among the adolescents;
- Identify socially acceptable ways to promote responsible and healthy reproductive and sexual behavior among the adolescents; and
- Recommend policies and strategies that might be helpful in adopting

life-skill education among adolescents.

Data for the study was generated from the rural and urban communities in Sylhet and Cox's Bazar districts. Both qualitative and quantitative techniques were applied to analyze the data.

II. Research-Aid/IT-based Projects

Agriculture and Rural Development Division

Sustainable Development Networking Program (SDNP)

Date of Initiation: October 1998

Date of Completion: December 2006

Project Director: Dr. M. Asaduzzaman

Funding Agency: UNDP, Dhaka

Sustainable Development Networking Program (SDNP) is a component of Sustainable Environment Management Program under UNDP financial assistance. This is a capacity-building project. Under the project, so far the a rich body of information related to sustainable development has been collected, put in its web portal and disseminated. Please see website <http://www.sdnbd.org>.

The present IT-capacity in BIDS, its local network, 24-hour online capacity, and the initial websites – all these were the fruits of SDNP efforts. Under the project

so far 5 regional stations have been set up, an Internet Exchange has been established, telemedicine programs have been conducted on a regular basis. On the content side, information has been put in the web and regularly updated on a host of issues related to sustainable development, poverty eradication, education, health and others. There is a virtual library link. Some of the rare materials such as the famed Ishaque report on Plot to Plot Enumeration has been made available. So are one of the most treasured source of information, the Bangladesh gazettes. The SDNP website now can provide old gazettes (except for some years) since 1972 to 2005.

e-Health & Learning

Date of Initiation: April 2003

Date of Completion: September 2004

Project Director: Dr. M. Asaduzzaman

Funding Agency: The European
Commission, Dhaka

This was the start of the telemedicine Program under SDNP, but separately funded. Under the project, SDNP tried to experiment with links among medical experts in Birmingham, Rome and Dhaka. It also provided training to doctors on use of IT for medical purposes.

III. Project Reports

Quazi Shahabuddin

Director General

1. *Unfavourable Environments and Chronic Poverty in Bangladesh*. Report prepared for Program for Research on Chronic Poverty in Bangladesh, 2004.
2. Thematic Group report on *Macroeconomic Stability and Pro-poor Growth* for contribution towards preparation of PRSP for Bangladesh. Report prepared for the Poverty Focal Point, General Economics Division, Planning Commission, Government of Bangladesh, 2004 (co-author).
3. Thematic Group report on *Water Resources Management* for contribution towards preparation of the PRSP for Bangladesh. Report prepared for the Poverty Focal Point, General Economics Division, Planning Commission, Government of Bangladesh, 2004 (co-author).

Agriculture and Rural Development Division

Md. Asaduzzaman

Research Director

1. Thematic Group report on *Rural Development: A Strategy for Rural Development towards Poverty Reduction* for contribution towards PRSP for Bangladesh. Report prepared for the Poverty Focal Point, General Economics Division, Planning Commission, Government of Bangladesh, 2004 (co-author).
2. Thematic Group report on *Agriculture: A Strategy for Agricultural Growth towards Poverty Reduction* for contribution towards PRSP for Bangladesh. Report prepared for the Poverty Focal Point, General Economics Division, Planning Commission, Government of Bangladesh, 2004 (co-author).
3. Thematic Group report on *Environment and Sustainable Development: A Strategy for Sustainable Development* towards Poverty Reduction for contribution towards PRSP for Bangladesh. Report prepared for the Poverty Focal Point, General Economics Division, Planning Commission, Government of Bangladesh, 2004 (co-author).
4. *Energy for Rural Households: Towards a Rural Energy Strategy in Bangladesh*. Report prepared for the World Bank, April 2005 (co-author).
5. *Formulation of the Bangladesh Action Plan for Adaptation to Climate Change (NAPA): Livelihood Issues for Adaptation*. Report prepared for the UNDP and the Ministry of Environment and Forests, July 2005.
6. *Energising Rural Development in Bangladesh: In Search of a Strategy*. Report prepared for the World Bank, April 2006.

Rushidan Islam Rahman

Research Director

1. Thematic Group report on *Macroeconomic Stability and Pro-poor Growth* for contribution towards preparation of PRSP for Bangladesh. Report prepared for the Poverty Focal Point, General Economic Division, Planning Commission, Government of Bangladesh, 2004 (co-author).
2. *Employment Route to Poverty Reduction in Bangladesh: Role of Self-Employment and Wage Employment*. Discussion Paper 17, Issues in Employment and Poverty, ILO, Geneva, 2004.
3. *Access to Education and Employment: Implications for Poverty*. Report prepared for the project “Program for Research on Chronic Poverty in Bangladesh,” 2006.

Bimal Kumar Saha

Research Fellow

1. *Poverty Dynamics: A Study of Tenants and Agricultural Laborers in Bangladesh*. Report prepared for a BIDS project entitled Program for Research on Chronic Poverty in Bangladesh (PRCPB), 2006.
2. *Land Reform and Peasant Movement in Bangladesh: A Study of Political Economy*. Report prepared for CPD-IDRC Program on Eradicating Poverty in South Asia through Political and Economic Empowerment of the Poor, 2006.
3. Thematic Group report on *Agriculture : A Strategy for Agricultural Growth* towards Poverty Reduction for contribution towards PRSP for Bangladesh. Report prepared for the Poverty Focal Point, General Economics Division, Planning Commission, Government of Bangladesh, 2004 (co-author).

General Economics Division**Omar Haider Chowdhury**

Research Director

1. Thematic Group report on *Domestic Resources Mobilization* for contribution towards preparation of the PRSP for Bangladesh. Report prepared for the Poverty Focal Point, General Economics Division, Planning Commission, Government of Bangladesh, 2004 (co-author).

Chowdhury Anwarauzzaman

Senior Research Fellow

1. Thematic Group report on *Macroeconomic Stability and Pro-poor Growth* for contribution towards preparation of PRSP for Bangladesh. Report prepared for the

Poverty Focal Point, General Economics Division, Planning Commission, Government of Bangladesh, 2004 (co-author).

Dilip Kumar Roy

Research Fellow

1. *Impact of the End of MFA and Worst Form of Child Labor*. Report prepared for ILO, 2005 (co-author).

Human Resources Development Division

Mahmudul Alam

Senior Research Fellow

1. *Performance of Secondary Education Sector in Bangladesh*. Report prepared for Education Watch, May 2006.

Rita Afsar

Senior Research Fellow

1. Thematic Group report on *Pro-poor Governance and PRSP: A Strategic Review of Key Concerns and Suggested Reforms: Synthesis* for contribution towards preparation of the PRSP for Bangladesh. Report prepared for the Poverty Focal Point, General Economics Division, Planning Commission, Government of Bangladesh, 2004 (co-author).

Pratima Paul-Majumder

Research Fellow

1. *Construction of Gender Roles in Bangladesh*. Report prepared for Submitted to UNFPA, Bangladesh, October 2005 (co-author).
2. *Factors related to Dowry in Bangladesh*. Report prepared for UNFPA, Bangladesh, December 2005 (co-author).
3. Thematic Group report on *Rural Development: A Strategy for Rural Development towards Poverty Reduction* for contribution towards PRSP for Bangladesh. Report prepared for the Poverty Focal Point, General Economics Division, Planning Commission, Government of Bangladesh, 2004 (co-author).

Anwara Begum

Research Fellow

1. *The Millennium Development Goals Needs Assessments*. Report prepared for UNDP, Dhaka, January 2004. Available at http://www.unmillenniumproject.org/documents/mp_ccspaper_jan1704.pdf (co-author).

2. *Promotion of Responsible Health Reproductive and Sexual Behaviour among Adolescents*. Report prepared for the UNFPA, Dhaka, 2005 (co-author).
3. Thematic Group report on *Children's Advancement and Rights* for contribution towards preparation of the PRSP for Bangladesh. Report prepared for the Poverty Focal Point, General Economics Division, Planning Commission, Government of Bangladesh, 2004 (co-author).
4. Thematic Group report on *Health including Population Planning, Nutrition and Sanitation* for contribution towards preparation of the PRSP for Bangladesh. Report prepared for the Poverty Focal Point, General Economic Division, Planning Commission, Government of Bangladesh, 2004 (co-author).

S.M. Zulfiqar Ali

Research Fellow

1. *Rural Poverty Dynamics: Evidence from 64-Village Census Plus*. Background paper prepared for the Program for Research on Chronic Poverty in Bangladesh (PRCPB), February 2006, (co-author).
2. *Trends in Poverty and Social Indicators: An Update*. Background paper prepared for the Program for Research on Chronic Poverty in Bangladesh (PRCPB), February 2006 (co-author).
3. *Natural Disasters, Risks, Vulnerability and Persistence of Poverty: An Analysis of Household Level Data*. Background paper prepared for the Program for Research on Chronic Poverty in Bangladesh (PRCPB), February 2006 (co-author).
4. *Are There Differences in Duration Poverty? Analysis of 64-Village Census Plus*. Background paper prepared for the Program for Research on Chronic Poverty in Bangladesh (PRCPB), February 2006.
5. *Affordability to Finance Poverty Reduction Programs*. Background paper prepared for the Program for Research on Chronic Poverty in Bangladesh (PRCPB), February 2006 (co-author).
6. *Do Child Laborers Come from the Poorest?* Background paper prepared for the Program for Research on Chronic Poverty in Bangladesh (PRCPB), February 2006.
7. *Environmental Consequences of Shrimp Culture in Coastal Bangladesh: An Estimation of Losses to the Paddy Farms*. Report prepared for the South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE), May 2006.
8. *Pro-Poor Governance and PRSP: A Strategic Review of Key Concerns and Suggested Reforms*. Report prepared for the Thematic Group on Reforms in Governance, Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP), Planning Commission, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, July 2004 (co-author).

Industry and Physical Infrastructure Division

Zaid Bakht

Research Director

1. Thematic Group report on *Private Sector Development* for contribution towards preparation of the PRSP for Bangladesh. Report prepared for the Poverty Focal Point, General Economics Division, Planning Commission, Government of Bangladesh, 2004 (co-author).
2. *Impact Evaluation of Social Investment Program Project – Baseline Survey Report*. Report prepared for Social Development Foundation, Dhaka, December 2004.

Muhammad Abdul Latif

Senior Research Fellow

1. *Energy for Rural Households: Towards a Rural Energy Strategy in Bangladesh*. Report prepared for the World Bank, Dhaka, July 2005 (co-author).

Abdul Hye Mondal

Senior Research Fellow

1. *Policy Research on the Crucial Issues Involved in Empowering and Mainstreaming the Socially Disadvantaged Women (Commercial Sex Workers) and their Children in Bangladesh*. Report prepared for Department of Social Services, Ministry of Social Welfare, Dhaka, May 2006 (co-author).
2. Thematic Group report on *Private Sector Development* for contribution towards preparation of the PRSP for Bangladesh. Report prepared for the Poverty Focal Point, General Economics Division, Planning Commission, Government of Bangladesh, 2004 (co-author).

Narayan Chandra Nath

Research Fellow

1. *Development Dimension in the Doha Round: Concerns of South Asia*. Report prepared under the project WTO Doha Round & South Asia : Linking Civil Society with Trade Negotiation for CUTS International, India, November 2005 (co-author).
2. *Financial Services to the Poorest: A Comparative Study of Alternative Programs of Bangladesh*. Report prepared for PKSF, Dhaka, April 2006.

Salma Chaudhuri Zohir

Research Fellow

1. *Development Dimension in the Doha Round: Concerns of South Asia*. Report prepared under the project WTO Doha Round & South Asia : Linking Civil Society with Trade Negotiation for CUTS International, India, November 2005 (co-author).

2. Thematic Group report on *Women's Advancement and Rights* for contribution towards preparation of the PRSP for Bangladesh. Report prepared for the Poverty Focal Point, General Economics Division, Planning Commission, Government of Bangladesh, 2004 (co-author).

K.M. Nabiul Islam

Research Fellow

1. *Stakeholders Consultations on Institutional and Partnership Issues in 9 Sea-facing Coastal Districts under Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan (ICZMP)*. Report prepared for WARPO, Ministry of Water Resources, Government of Bangladesh, November 2005 (co-author).
2. *Household Survey – Benefit Impact Monitoring, Fourth Fisheries Project*. Report prepared for the Department of Fisheries, Government of Bangladesh, Dhaka, September 2004.
3. *Youth Development Programs in Socio-economic Development and Poverty Reduction in Bangladesh – An Evaluation*. Report prepared for the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Government of Bangladesh, Dhaka, August 2004.
4. Thematic Group report on *Water Resources Management* for contribution towards preparation of the PRSP for Bangladesh. Report prepared for the Poverty Focal Point, General Economics Division, Planning Commission, Government of Bangladesh, 2004 (co-author).

Md. Karimullah Bhuiyan

Research Fellow

1. *Youth Development Programs in Socio-economic Development and Poverty Reduction in Bangladesh – An Evaluation*. Report prepared for the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Government of Bangladesh, Dhaka, August 2004.

Nazneen Ahmed

Research Fellow

1. *Mobilising for Worker Accountability in Bangladesh*. Report prepared for IDS Sussex, November 2005 (co-author).

Population Studies Division

M.A. Mannan

Senior Research Fellow

1. Thematic Group report on *Health including Population Planning, Nutrition and Sanitation* for contribution towards preparation of the PRSP for Bangladesh. Report

prepared for the Poverty Focal Point, General Economics Division, Planning Commission, Government of Bangladesh, 2004 (co-author).

2. *Construction of Gender Roles in Bangladesh*. Report prepared for UNFPA, Bangladesh, October 2005 (co-author).
3. *Factors Related to Dowry in Bangladesh*. Report prepared for UNFPA, Bangladesh, May 2006 (co-author).

Simeen Mahmud

Senior Research Fellow

1. *Scaling up for Girls' Education in Bangladesh: The Female Secondary School Stipend Program*. Report prepared for Commonwealth Secretariat, London, October 2004.
2. *Increasing Voice in the Health Sector in Rural Bangladesh: Is There a Role for Citizen Participation?* Report prepared for Development Research Centre, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex, June 2005.
3. *Social Policy, Education and Gender in Bangladesh*. Report prepared for UNESCO, July 2005.
4. *Workers Rights and Working Conditions in the Export Garment Manufacturing Sector in Bangladesh: A Review*. Report prepared for Development Research Centre, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex, November 2005 (co-author).
5. *Accountability for Workers Rights in the Export Garment Sector*. Report prepared for Development Research Centre, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex, November 2005.
6. *Participation in Invited Spaces: the Scope for Establishing Accountability in the Health Sector*. Report prepared for Development Research Centre, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex, March 2006 (co-author).
7. *Health Care Provision and Consumption in Bangladesh*. Report prepared for the Independent Review of Bangladesh Development, Center for Policy Dialogue, March 2006.
8. *Poverty and Economic Participation*. Report prepared for the World Bank Country Gender Assessment for Bangladesh, May 2006.
9. Thematic Group report on *Children's Advancement and Rights* for contribution towards preparation of the PRSP for Bangladesh. Report prepared for the Poverty Focal Point, General Economics Division, Planning Commission, Government of Bangladesh, 2004 (co-author).

Sharifa Begum

Senior Research Fellow

1. Thematic Group report on *Health including Population Planning, Nutrition and Sanitation* for contribution towards preparation of the PRSP for Bangladesh. Report prepared for the Poverty Focal Point, General Economics Division, Planning Commission, Government of Bangladesh, 2004 (co-author).
2. *Factors Related to Dowry in Bangladesh*. Report prepared for UNFPA, Bangladesh, May 2006 (co-author).
3. *Trends in Poverty and Social Indicators: A Update*. Report prepared for the Program of Research on Chronic Poverty in Bangladesh (PRCPB), Dhaka, 2005 (co-author).
4. *How Labor Market Participation varies with Chronic Poverty: Evidence from Bangladesh*. Report prepared for the Program of Research on Chronic Poverty in Bangladesh (PRCPB), Dhaka, 2005 (co-author).
5. *Poverty Dynamics in Rural Bangladesh: Evidence from 64 Villages*. Survey Report prepared for the Program of Research on Chronic Poverty in Bangladesh, February 2006 (co-author).
6. *Health Status in Bangladesh: An Overview*. Report prepared for contribution towards preparation of Human Development Report of South Asia published by Mahbubul Huq Institute of Human Development, Pakistan, 2004 (co-author).

M. Sohail

Research Fellow

1. Thematic Group report on *Health including Population Planning, Nutrition and Sanitation* for contribution towards preparation of the PRSP for Bangladesh. Report prepared for the Poverty Focal Point, General Economics Division, Planning Commission, Government of Bangladesh and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Bangladesh, 2004 (co-author).
2. *Construction of Gender Roles in Bangladesh*. Report prepared for UNFPA, Dhaka, October 2005 (co-author).
3. *Promotion of Responsible Healthy Reproductive and Sexual Behaviour among Adolescents*. Report prepared for UNFPA, Dhaka, May 2006 (co-author).

Kazi Jahid Hossain

Research Fellow

1. *Promotion of Responsible Healthy Reproductive and Sexual Behaviour among Adolescents*. Report prepared for UNFPA, Dhaka, May 2006 (co-author).

IV. Individual Project Reports

Agriculture and Rural Development Division

Md. Asaduzzaman

Research Director

1. *National Adaptation Program of Action (NAPA): Preparing for Future*. Report prepared for the Ministry of Environment and Forestry, August 2005.

Rushidan Islam Rahman

Research Director

1. *Poverty Monitoring in Bangladesh: Methodological Problems and Search for New Direction*. Working Paper 1, ADB TA: BAN 4303, July 2005 (co-author).
2. *Data for Monitoring and Evaluation of PRSP of Bangladesh: A Review of National Data Sources, Problems and Suggestions*. Working Paper 4, ADB TA: BAN 4303, September 2005.

General Economics Division

Dilip Kumar Roy

Research Fellow

1. *Governance, Competitiveness and Economic Growth: The Challenges for Bangladesh*. Report prepared for the Asian Development Bank Institute, Tokyo, 2006.
2. *Public Works in Bangladesh: Current Status and its Role as Unemployment Insurance*. Report prepared for World Bank, June 2006.

Human Resources Development Division

Rita Afsar

Senior Research Fellow

1. *Arsenicosis in Bangladesh: An Inquiry into Health Needs of the Rural Poor and Women*. Report prepared for the study on Social Aspects of Access to Healthcare for Arsenicosis Patient, Arsenic Policy Support Unit (APSU), Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives, Government of Bangladesh, Dhaka, 2006.

Pratima Paul-Majumder

Research Fellow

1. *Social Standards in the Readymade Garment Industry: Case of Bangladesh-Fiction or Reality*. Report prepared for GTZ, Germany, 2004.

2. *National Education Budget of Bangladesh and Empowerment of Women*. Report prepared for Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha and Institute for Environment & Development, Bangladesh, 2005.
3. *A Study on Reintegration of Child Survivors of Different forms of Violence and Abuse*. Report prepared for Save the Children and Bangladesh National Women Lawyers' Association (BNWLA), 2005.
4. *Role of National Budget in Development Entrepreneurship among Women of Bangladesh*. Report prepared for Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha and Institute for Environment & Development, 2006.
5. *Review of Current Resource Allocation to the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs*. Report prepared for the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, GOB, 2006.

S.M. Zulfiqar Ali

Research Fellow

1. *A Tale of Two Upazilas: Exploring Spatial Differences in MDG Outcomes*. A paper prepared for the World Bank, Dhaka, May 2006 (co-author).
2. *Environmental Consequences of Shrimp Culture in Coastal Bangladesh: An Estimation of Losses to the Paddy Farms*. Report prepared for the South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE), May 2006.
3. *Spatial Inequality in Social MDGs: Trends, Profiles and Determinants*. Paper presented at a seminar on National Budget 2005-06 and PRSP organized by the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies held on 29 May 2005.
4. *Health Professionals in Tobacco Control: Evidence from Global Health Professionals Survey (GHPS) of Dental Students in Bangladesh 2005*. Report prepared for the South-East Asia Region Office of the World Health Organization (WHO-SEARO), April 2005.
5. *Getting Chronic Poverty onto Policy Agendas: Case Study on the Program for Research on Chronic Poverty in Bangladesh (PRCPB)*. Paper prepared for Overseas Development Institute, UK, January 2005.
6. *Pro-Poor Governance and PRSP: A Strategic Review of Key Concerns and Suggested Reforms*. Report prepared for the Thematic Group on Reforms in Governance, Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP), Planning Commission, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, July 2004 (co-author).

Md. Harunur Rashid Bhuyan

Research Associate

1. *Children's Initiative for Raising Awareness on Child Right*. Report prepared for WACH-MJ, Dhaka, June 2005 (co-author).

2. *Living on the Fringe: Promoting People-Centered Sustainable Development in Chars of Dimla through Capacity Building of Local Community and Local Government.* Report Prepared for CONCERN Bangladesh, June 2005 (co-author).

Nehraz Mahmud

Research Associate

1. *Participation in Invited Spaces: The Scope for Establishing Accountability in the Health Sector.* Report prepared for Development Research Centre, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex, March 2006 (co-author).

Industry and Physical Infrastructure Division

Zaid Bakht

Research Director

1. *Policy Reforms for SME Development in SAARC Countries: Bangladesh Country Paper.* Report prepared for the Regional Convention on SME Development, Colombo, December 2005.

Abdul Hye Mondal

Senior Research Fellow

1. *An Assessment of the Employment and Income Impacts of Flood 2004 on the Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) in Bangladesh and Their Rehabilitation Needs.* Report prepared for the ILO, Geneva, November 2004.
2. *An Evaluation of the Program for Performance Improvement of Revenue Zones 3, 4 and 5 of Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority.* Report prepared for Dhaka Water Supply and Sewerage Authority, Dhaka, March 2005 (co-author).

Salma Chaudhuri Zohir

Research Fellow

1. *Towards Achieving Gender Sensitive Public Expenditure in Agriculture Sector.* Report prepared for the Gender Budget Secretariat, IDESS North South University, June 2005.
2. Worked as a consultant for South Asia Enterprise Development Facilities (SEDF) of World Bank Group, for developing methodology for poverty and social impact monitoring for SEDF, from September to October, 2004.
3. Delivered lectures on Sectoral Issues: Power, Education, Health and Safety net for a course on Fiscal Economics and Economic Management (FEEM) under the Financial Management Reform Program from July to August, 2004.

Nazneen Ahmed

Research Fellow

1. *The Mid Term Review of the UNCTAD Program of Action for LDCs for the Decade 2001-2010*. Report prepared for the United Nations Conference on Trade And Development (UNCTAD) 2006.
2. *Market Imperfection*. Report prepared for the RESPONSE project of the University of Wageningen, The Netherlands, (co-author).
3. *Value Chain Analysis of Shrimp and Home Textile Sectors of Bangladesh*. Report prepared for the World Bank, Dhaka office, 2004 (co-author).

Population Studies Division

M.A. Mannan

Senior Research Fellow

1. *Impact Assessment of selected JMS Projects in Reducing Poverty among Project Beneficiaries*. Report prepared for Capacity Building for Gender Mainstreaming Project, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, June 2006.

M. Sohail

Research Fellow

1. *Participatory Poverty Assessment*. Report prepared for JICA, Dhaka, June 2005 (co-author).

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES OF BIDS

In addition to project activities, BIDS researchers undertake research individually, present papers at International and National seminars and publish in various journals. They also participate in policy-making activities of the Government of Bangladesh as members of various advisory and technical committees etc. Moreover, BIDS also hold seminars, workshops and conferences and publishes on major aspects of development issues and policies (see appendix 6 and 7).

I. Papers Presented at International Seminars

Quazi Shahabuddin

Director General

1. “Agricultural Development Strategy in Bangladesh: New Perspectives.” Keynote paper presented at the international seminar on *Food Policy in Bangladesh: Issues and Perspectives*, jointly organized by IFPRI, BIDS and BRF, Dhaka, March 2005.

Agriculture and Rural Development Division

Md. Asaduzzaman

Research Director

1. “Regional Integration.” Paper presented at Pakistan Society for Development Economics conference in Islamabad, January 2005.
2. Attended workshop of the Consultative Group of Experts of the UNFCCC in Shanghai, January 2005.
3. Attended workshop of the Consultative Group of Experts of the UNFCCC in Maputo, April 2005.
4. Attended meeting of the CGE in Montreal, November 2005.
5. Chaired meeting and workshop of the Consultative Group of Experts of the UNFCCC in Jakarta, March 2006.
6. Attended LDC-GEF International Meeting as part of Government delegation in Dhaka, 4-6 April, 2006.

Rushidan Islam Rahman

Research Director

1. “Improving Statistics on Informal Sector Workers: Role of Bangladesh’s Labor Force Survey.” Paper presented at the workshop on *Improving Statistics on Informal*

Employment, organized by UNIFEM and HOMENET South Asia, New Delhi, 11-12 July 2006.

2. “Unemployment, Industrialization and Labor Market in a Surplus Labor Economy: The Case of Bangladesh.” Paper presented at a seminar at the National Centre for Development Studies, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, 30 March 2005.

General Economics Division

Dilip Kumar Roy

Research Fellow

1. “Governance, Competitiveness and Economic Growth: The Challenges for Bangladesh.” Paper presented in the seminar held at Asian Development Bank Institute, Tokyo, 15 June 2006.
2. “Trade Liberalization and Intra-Industry Trade Specialization: Looking at the Bangladesh Experience.” Paper presented at the seminar held at Institute of Developing Economies, Chiba-shi, Tokyo, 6 April 2006.
3. Discussant at a Roundtable on “The Politics of Policies: Economic and Social Progress in Latin America,” organized by Inter-American Development Bank and Kobe University held at Kobe University, Japan, 26 June 2006.

Human Resources Development Division

Mahmudul Alam

Senior Research Fellow

1. Keynote presentation at the seminar on *Bangladesh Case: Performance of Universal Primary Education (UPE) and the Poor*, IDPM, University of Manchester, UK, March 15, 2006.

Rita Afsar

Senior Research Fellow

1. Poverty, Inequality and the Challenges of Pro-Poor Governance in Bangladesh.” Paper presented at the 19th European Conference on *Modern Asian Studies*, organized by International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden, The Netherlands, 27 June-01 July 2006.
2. “Bangladesh: Migration and Pro-Poor Policies.” Paper presented at the Regional Conference on *Migration and Development in Asia*, organized by International Organization for Migration (IOM), Geneva, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, PRC and

Department for International Development (DFID), UK, Sponsored by DFID, Lanzhou, 14-16 March 2005.

3. "Mapping and Measuring Social Capital Across and Spaces and Among Socio-Economic Groups in Rural Bangladesh." Paper presented in Panel 20 of the 18th European Conference on *Modern South Asian Studies*, Lund University, Sweden, 6-9 July 2004.

Pratima Paul-Majumder

Research Fellow

1. "Condition of Social Security in the Manufacturing Sector of Bangladesh: Challenges from Gender Perspective." Paper presented in the 5th *World Women Conference* held in Seoul, Korea, 20-22 June, 2005.
2. "Impact of Globalization on Women's Employment." Paper presented in a seminar held in the World Bank, Washington D.C, April 2005.

Anwara Begum

Research Fellow

1. Resource Person for the Training Workshop on Poverty Monitoring and MDG in Bangladesh, World Bank Institute, Washington and BIDS, Dhaka, 19-21 June, 2005.
2. Coordinator and Resource Person for the World Bank Institute-Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies' Training Workshop on "*Data Sources for Monitoring Poverty and the MDGs in Bangladesh*," 20-22 December 2005.

S.M. Zulfiqar Ali

Research Fellow

1. Presented the draft report on "Environmental Consequences of Shrimp Culture in Coastal Bangladesh: An Estimation of Losses to the Paddy Farms" at the Research Workshop organized by the South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE) held at Bangalore, India, 8-12 November 2004.

Mohammad Harunur Rashid Bhuyan

Research Associate

1. "Crisis of Grand Theory in Sociology: Transition Period of Paradigm Shifting." Paper Presented at the Annual Fulbright Pre-Academic Seminar Session; University of Pennsylvania, USA, 19 August 2005.
2. "Marriage Excitement and Tension among Bangladeshi Immigrant People in New York City." Paper Presented at the seminar on *Working With Communities: The Ethnographic Field Methods Approach*. The New School for Social Research, New York, USA, 4 April 2006.

Industry and Physical Infrastructure Division

Abdul Hye Mondal

Senior Research Fellow

1. “Informal Sector in South Asia: Recent Trend and Its Implications.” Paper presented at BATU-SAARC Regional Thematic Seminar on the *Informal Economy*, Dhaka, 7–8 August 2004.
2. “Development of Microeconomic Policies as a Tool for Poverty Reduction in terms of Job Creation or Workers Reduction in the SAARC Countries: Alternatives for Old and Young Workers.” Paper presented at the Regional Seminar on the *Changing Socio-Economic Scenario in the SAARC Sub-Region and the Role of Trade Unions*, sponsored by IIWE-SAARC Sub-Regional Secretariat and the BSSF Dhaka, 13–17 January 2005.
3. “The Industrial Sector in the Climate Change of Bangladesh: A Review of Mitigation Issues.” Paper presented at the regional workshop to formulate the objectives and activities of the *Asian Climate Change Research Program*, the Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, 27-28 October 2005.

Narayan Chandra Nath

Research Fellow

1. “Globalisation and National Development at the Periphery: Some Strategic Issues.” Paper presented at the International Conference on *Assessing Contemporary Anthropology: Tasks and Priorities*, Dhaka, 5-7 January 2005.
2. “WTO Doha Round and South Asia: Linking Civil Society with Trade Negotiation-Development Dimension.” Paper presented at National Consultation Program, organized by Pakistan Development Economies, Pakistan, 12 September 2005.
3. “Development Dimension.” Paper presented at *National Consultation Program-WTO Doha Round and South Asia : Linking Civil Society with Trade Negotiation*, organized by Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka, Colombo, 9 September 2005.

Salma Chaudhuri Zohir

Research Fellow

1. “Existing Data System: Bangladesh.” Paper presented at the workshop on *Joint SAARC-UNIFEM Expert Group Meeting on Preparation of SAARC Gender Database*, held on 24-25 November at Kathmandu, Nepal, 2005 (co-author).
2. “Development Dimension: Key Issues.” Paper presented at the launching meeting of the *WTO Doha Round & South Asia: Linking Civil Society with Trade Negotiations*, held on 9-10 March, 2005, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

3. “Integrating Gender in the Dhaka Urban Transport Project: Gendered Outcome of the Impact of Non-Motorised (NMT) Free Road.” Paper presented at the conference on *Research on Women’s Issues in Transportation* held in Chicago, 18-20 November 2004.

K.M. Nabiul Islam

Research Fellow

1. “Challenges of Complexity in Coping with Climate-Related Disasters.” Paper presented at a conference on *Climate-Related Disasters*, Driebergen, Netherlands, 14-15 June 2004.
2. “Disaster Management in Coastal Bangladesh - A Diagnostic Analysis from a Study Findings.” Paper presented at a workshop on *Science-Policy Interactions in Coastal Zone Management*, National Science Foundation, Waikaka, Sri Lanka, October 2005.
3. “People’s Perception on Water Resources Management in Bangladesh – Major Issues and Challenges.” Paper presented at a conference on *World Citizens Assembly Conference on Water Issues*, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, October 2005.

Nazneen Ahmed

Research Fellow

1. “The Readymade Garment Industry of Bangladesh: Sustainability in the Post MFA World.” Paper presented at the workshop on *Sustaining Development through Garment Exports: Cambodia and the Least Developed Economies*, jointly organized by the Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP) and the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) Singapore, Cambodia, 6-7 June 2006.
2. “Bangladesh in the New Millennium - Prospects and Challenges.” Paper presented at the UNCTAD Preparatory Meeting for the *Mid-term Review of the Program of Action for LDCs for the Decade 2001-2010*, Geneva, 29-30 May 2006.
3. “Market Imperfection.” Paper presented at the seminar organized by the RESPONSE project of University of Wageningen, Wageningen, Netherlands, 8-9 December 2005.
4. “Impact of MFA Expiry on Bangladesh: Overview and Estimates.” Paper presented at the international conference on *After the Quota System: The Impact of the MFA Phase-out on Growth and Employment in Asia*, jointly organized by the Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) and the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) Sri Lanka, Colombo, 26-27 April 2005.
5. “Rural Women of Bangladesh: From Home to Market.” Paper presented at the international seminar on *Rural Women and Empowerment in South Asia* organized by GB Pant Social Science Institute and Working Women’s Forum, India, Allahabad, India on 7-9 October, 2004.

Population Studies Division

Simeen Mahmud

Senior Research Fellow

1. "Girls Schooling in Rural Bangladesh." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Philadelphia, April 2005.
2. "Fertility Decline under Poverty." Paper presented at the IUSSP international population conference held in Tours, France, July 2005.

Sharifa Begum

Senior Research Fellow

1. "Population Aging in Bangladesh: An Overview." Paper presented at a workshop on *Demographic Aspects of Population Aging* organized by the International Institute of Aging, Malta, 6-18 November 2005.

II. Papers Presented at National Seminars

Quazi Shahabuddin

Director General

1. "The Right to Food: Bangladesh Perspective," Keynote paper presented in the seminar on *Food Security in Bangladesh*, organized by Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST), Dhaka, April 2006.
2. "Recent Trend in Rural Bangladesh: Evidence from 64 Villages Survey." Paper presented in a technical review workshop, organized by BIDS, February 2006 (co-author).
3. "Natural Disasters, Risks, Vulnerability and Persistence of Poverty: An Analysis of Household Level Data." Paper presented in a technical review workshop, organized by BIDS, February 2006 (co-author).
4. "Poverty Dynamics: A Study of Tenants and Agricultural Laborers in Bangladesh." Paper presented in a technical review workshop, organized by BIDS, February 2006, (co-author).

Agriculture and Rural Development Division

Md. Asaduzzaman

Research Director

1. "Corruption Perception Index: An Analysis of TI Methodology." Paper presented at a seminar on *Corruption: Nature, Causes and Remedies*, sponsored by the Anti-Corruption Commission, 29 May 2005.

2. "Support to Agriculture: Why, How Much and How?." Paper presented at the seminar on *National Budget for 2005-06 and PRSP*, 29 May 2005.
3. "To School or Not: One Swallow Does Not Make a Summer." Paper presented at the Seminar on *National Budget for 2005-06 and PRSP*, 29 May 2005 (revised).
4. "Attaining MDG in Bangladesh: Issues and Perspectives" Paper presented at the seminar on *National Budget for 2005-06 and PRSP*, 29 May 2005.

Rushidan Islam Rahman

Research Director

1. "Price and Wage Data in Bangladesh: Comments on Quality of Data and Suggestions for Improvement." Paper presented at the Workshop on *Improvement of Price and Wage Data* organized by Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, Dhaka, July 26, 2006.
2. "Economic Growth and Employment: Recent Experience and Future Prospects." Paper presented at the roundtable discussion on *Bangladesh in Next Five Years* organized by BIDS, Dhaka, 23 May 2006.
3. Book review presented at the launching ceremony of the book "Who Gets What: A Gender Analysis of Public Expenditure in Bangladesh", organized by North South University, Dhaka, 19 July 2006.
4. "Role of Data in the Process of Monitoring Poverty and the MDGs in Bangladesh." Paper presented at the Workshop on *Data Sources for Monitoring Poverty and the MDGs in Bangladesh*, organized by BIDS, Dhaka and World Bank Institute, Washington D.C., 20 December 2005.
5. "Gender and Labor Market: Trends and Determinants." Paper presented at a VC organized by The World Bank, Dhaka, July 26 2006.
6. "Participatory Poverty Assessment and PRSP of Bangladesh." Paper presented at the workshop on *Participatory Poverty Assessment* held at Asian Development Bank, Dhaka, 10 October 2005.
7. "Linkages between Education and Poverty." Paper presented at a seminar on *Chronic Poverty*, organized by BIDS, Dhaka, 20 February 2006.
8. "Poverty Assessment and M & E Framework for PRSP: Capacity Building under ADB-TA." Paper presented at the workshop on *Poverty Monitoring by Civil Society Organizations and PRSP*, organized by Asian Development Bank, Dhaka, June 05, 2005.
9. "Economic Growth, Investment Pattern and Employment Generation: How to Achieve Pro-poor Growth." Paper presented at BIDS seminar on *National Budget for 2005-06 and PRSP* Dhaka, 29 May 2005.
10. "Dynamics of the Labor Market and Employment in Bangladesh: Focus on Gender Dimensions." Paper presented at a Roundtable Expert's Forum on *Measuring Gender*

Dimensions of the World of Work in Bangladesh organized by ILO and BBS, Dhaka, 16 May 2005.

Bimal Kumar Saha

Research Fellow

1. "Poverty Dynamics: A Study of Tenants and Agricultural Laborers in Bangladesh." Paper presented at the workshop organized by *Program for Research on Chronic Poverty in Bangladesh (PRCPB)*, BIDS, 19-20 February 2006.

General Economics Division

Omar Haider Chowdhury

Research Director

1. "Domestic Resource Generation and Public Expenditure." Paper presented at the seminar on *National Budget for 2005-06 and PRSP* held on 29 May 2005 at NEC building, Dhaka.
2. "Poverty Monitoring and Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in Bangladesh: Budget Allocation and Efficiency." Paper presented at the Training Workshop on *Poverty Monitoring and Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in Bangladesh* jointly organized by the BIDS and the World Bank held during 19-21 June 2005.

Dilip Kumar Roy

Research Fellow

1. "Domestic Debt Situation in Bangladesh." Paper presented at the Conference of Bangladesh Statistical Association, 16 April 2005.

Human Resources Development Division

Mahmudul Alam

Senior Research Fellow

1. Keynote presentation at the seminar titled *Bangladesh Budget Fiscal 2007-MTBF and Education Sector*, Institute of Parliamentary Affairs, Sangsad Bhaban, Dhaka, 13 June 2006.
2. Keynote presentation at the seminar titled *Bangladesh Budget Fiscal 2007-MTBF, Education and Health Sectors*, IDF, Chittagong 27 June 2006.

Rita Afsar

Senior Research Fellow

1. Discussant at the Dialogue with Donors on *Urban Poverty Issues*, organized by the Bangladesh Urban Roundtable (BURT), LGED Auditorium, 19 December 2005.

2. Discussant for a Paper on the *Role of Remittances in the Country's Economic Growth* organized by the Bangladesh Bank, 25 January 2006.
3. Participated and reviewed a mid-term evaluation report of Social Investment Program Project of Social Development Fund, 12-14 February 2006.
4. "Critical Review of the UNDP's Country Program Action Plan (CPAP) 2006-2010 for Bangladesh." Paper presented at the Task Force Meeting, ERD, Planning Commission, Dhaka, 28 February 2006.

Pratima Paul-Majumder

Research Fellow

1. "Incidence of Various Taxes proposed in the National Budget 2003-2004 on Women." Paper presented in a press conference organized by Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha (BNPS) on 9 February 2004.
2. "Occupational Health of Women." Paper presented in a National workshop on *Women's Health* organized by Nari Grantha Prabartana UBINIG on 16 December 2004.
3. "Organising Women Garment Workers: A Means to Address the Challenges of Integration of the Bangladesh Garment Industry in the Global Market." Paper presented in a seminar held at BRAC-INN organized by BATU-SAARC on 7-8 November 2004.
4. "Gender Based Discussion of Workers' Rights in Bangladesh." Paper presented in a conference on *Human Rights and Governance: Local and Global Perspective* organized by Manusher Janno held at the Bangladesh Institute of Administration and Management (BIAM), Dhaka, Bangladesh, 16-18 January 2005.
5. "National Education Budget of Bangladesh and Women's Empowerment." Paper presented in a seminar held at the CIRDAP auditorium organized by Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha (BNPS), 12 May 2005.
6. "Social Safety Net Programs in Bangladesh: Some Suggested Actions." Paper presented in a seminar on *PRSP and the National Budget of Bangladesh* organized by BIDS, 29 May 2005.
7. "A Holistic Approach to Reintegration of Exploited and Abused Child Survivors." Paper presented at a seminar held in the auditorium of the Bangladesh National Women Lawyers' Association (BNWLA) and organized by BNWLA and Save the Children, Denmark, 20 December 2005.
8. "বাংলাদেশে নারী উদ্যোক্তা উন্নয়নে জাতীয় বাজেটের ভূমিকা"। প্রবন্ধ উপস্থাপিত বাংলাদেশ নারী প্রগতি সংঘ ও ইনস্টিটিউট ফর এনভায়রনমেন্ট অ্যান্ড ডেভলপমেন্ট, ২১ জুন ২০০৬।

Anwara Begum

Research Fellow

1. "Education for Poverty Reduction: Challenges and Achievements." Paper presented at the seminar on *National Budget 2004-2005 and PRSP*, BIDS, Dhaka, 29 May 2005.

S.M. Zulfiqar Ali

Research Fellow

1. "A Tale of Two Upazilas: Exploring Spatial Differences in MDG Outcomes." Paper presented at the workshop on *Towards a Strategy for Achieving the MDG Outcomes in Bangladesh* organized by the World Bank, Dhaka held in World Bank Office Dhaka during 5-6 June 2006.
2. Presented six papers in the technical workshop of "Program for Research on Chronic Poverty in Bangladesh (PRCPB)" organized by the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), Dhaka during 19-20 February 2006.
3. Delivered a lecture on "Monitoring MDGs and PRSP" in the Training Workshop organized jointly by the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), Dhaka and the World Bank Institute (WBI), Washington held at the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies during 21-23 June 2005.
4. "Spatial Inequality in Social MDGs: Trends, Profiles and Determinants." Paper presented at the seminar on *National Budget 2005-06 and the PRSP* organized by the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), Dhaka, held on 29 May 2005.

Mohammad Harunur Rashid Bhuyan

Research Associate

1. "Education for Poverty Reduction: Achievement and Challenges." Paper presented at the Seminar on *National Budget for 2005-06 and PRSP* arranged by BIDS, May 29 2005 (co-author).

Industry and Physical Infrastructure Division

Zaid Bakht

Research Director

1. "Medium Term Macroeconomic Framework and the State of the Economy." Paper presented at the BIDS Seminar on *National Budget for 2005-06 and PRSP*, Dhaka, 29 May 2005 (co-author).
2. "Policy Brief for National Budget 2006-07." Paper presented for the Ministry of Finance and Planning, May 2006 (co-author).

Abdul Hye Mondal

Senior Research Fellow

1. “The Role of the Employers in Eliminating Hazardous Child Labor in Bangladesh.” Paper presented at the workshop on the *Challenges of Hazardous Child Labor in Bangladesh and Its Eradication*, Ministry of Labor and Employment, 19-21 September 2004.
2. “Wage Determination: Need and Criteria vs. Economic Reality.” Paper presented at the workshop on *National Pay Commission 2004: Role of the Trade Unions* organized by the Bangladesh Institute of Labor Studies, Dhaka, 02 October 2004.
3. “Unionizing the Workers in the Informal Sector of Bangladesh: Problems and Prospects.” Paper presented at the National Seminar on the *Usefulness of Organizing the Workers in the Unorganized Sector and the Role of Workers in the Poverty Eradication*, organized by Bangladesh Krishi Farm Sramik Federation, Dhaka, 09–10 October 2004.
4. “Status of Workers in the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper of Bangladesh.” Paper presented at a workshop held at the Bangladesh Sanjukta Sramik Federation (affiliated to BATU-WCL) Support Centre, 08 November 2004.
5. “Role of the Civil Society in the Elimination of Hazardous Child Labor in Bangladesh.” Paper presented at the workshop on *Reducing Hazardous Child Labor in Bangladesh*, organized by the Ministry of Labor and Employment, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh, Dhaka, 19–21 March 2005.
6. “Employment Issue in the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper of Bangladesh: Employers’ and Workers’ Perspectives.” Paper presented in the ILO workshop on *Contributing towards the PRSP: The Role of Employers and Workers*, Dhaka, 17 April 2005 and Chittagong, 19 April 2005.
7. “Trade Unions in Bangladesh: Challenges and Opportunities in the Process of Globalization.” Paper presented at the National Defence College Training Course for Top-Ranking Civil and Military Officials of South Asian Countries, 12 May 2005.
8. “Networking and Building Alliances for Combating Hazardous Child Labor in Bangladesh.” Paper presented at the workshop on *Hazardous Child Labor and Our Obligations* organized by the Ministry of Labor and Employment, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh Dhaka, 15–17 May 2005.
9. “Work-Related Gender Development Goals in the National Policy for Women Development in Bangladesh: Priorities for Gender Equality in the World of Work.” Paper presented in the MWCA-ILO seminar, 07 June 2006.
10. “Child Labor and National Development: A Keynote paper.” Paper presented at the MLE-ILO Roundtable Conference, Dhaka, 12 June 2006.

11. “Whither Decent Work in the Leather Industry of Bangladesh.” Paper presented at the MLE-ILO Roundtable Dialogue on *Enhancing Competitiveness of Leather Industry in Bangladesh*, Dhaka, 28 June 2006.

Narayan Chandra Nath

Research Fellow

1. “Development Dimension in the Doha Round: Concerns of South Asia.” Paper presented at the National Consultation on *WTO Doha Round & South Asia: Linking Civil Society with Trade Negotiation*, held at BIDS Conference Room, Dhaka, 15 September 2005.
2. Panel Discussant in the seminar on *Prospect of Coal/Gas based Sponge Iron Production in Bangladesh*, held in the Department of Materials and Metallurgical Engineering, BUET, Dhaka, 12 October 2004.

Salma Chaudhuri Zohir

Research Fellow

1. “Development Dimension in the Doha Round: Concerns of South Asia.” Paper presented at the National Consultation on *WTO Doha Round & South Asia: Linking Civil Society with Trade Negotiation* held at BIDS Conference Room, Dhaka, 15 September 2005 (co-author).
2. “Gender Budget: Agriculture Sector.” Paper presented at a seminar on *Gender Budget*, organized by Gender Budget Secretariat, IDESS North South University, held at CIRDAP, Dhaka, 13 June 2005.

K.M. Nabiul Islam

Research Fellow

1. “Estimation of the Size and Projection of Street Children in Urban Areas of Bangladesh.” Paper presented at the Department of Social Services, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, Dhaka, June 2004.
2. “Stakeholders Consultations on Institutional and Partnership Issues in 9 Sea-facing Coastal Districts under Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan (ICZMP) - Major Findings.” Paper presented at Ministry of Water Resources, Government of Bangladesh, Dhaka, October 2005.

Nazneen Ahmed

Research Fellow

1. “Economic Performance, Productivity and Trade: How do They Relate to Standards?” Paper presented at the tripartite training workshop of International Labor Organisation (ILO), Dhaka, 18 July 2005.

2. “External Sector: Performance and Prospects.” Paper presented at the seminar on *National Budget for 2005–06 and PRSP*, organized by Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), Dhaka, 29 May 2005.
3. “Child Labor, Poverty and Development.” Paper presented at the workshop on *Eradicating Hazardous Child Labor* organized by the Ministry of Labor and Employment, Government of Bangladesh, Dhaka, 16 May 2005.

Population Studies Division

M.A. Mannan

Senior Research Fellow

1. “Access to Public Health Facilities: Some Observations.” Paper presented at the seminar on *National Budget for 2005-06 and PRSP*, organized by BIDS, 29 May 2005.
2. “Baseline Survey for Assessing Attitudes and Practices of Male and Female Members and In-laws towards Gender Based Violence.” Paper presented at a seminar organized by UNFPA, Dhaka, 23 November 2005.
3. “Construction of Gender Roles in Bangladesh.” Paper presented at a seminar organized by UNFPA, Dhaka, 23 November 2005.

Simeen Mahmud

Senior Research Fellow

1. Presented major research findings at the workshop on *Citizen Participation in the Health Sector*, jointly organized by BIDS and Steps Towards Development, May 2006.
2. Presented major research findings at the workshop on *Accountability for Workers Rights in the Garment Manufacturing Industry*, jointly organized by BIDS and Steps Towards Development, May 2006.

M. Sohail

Research Fellow

1. “Promotion of Responsible Healthy Reproductive and Sexual Behaviour among Adolescents.” Paper presented at a consultation meeting held at BIDS, Dhaka, 5 May 2005.
2. “Quality of Public Health Care and Satisfaction of the Users.” Paper presented at a seminar in BIDS, Dhaka, 28 September 2005.

III. Publications of Researchers

Quazi Shahabuddin

Director General

1. *The 1998 Floods and Beyond: Towards Comprehensive Food Security in Bangladesh*, UPL/IFPRI, 2004 (co-edited).
2. “Trade and Foreign Direct Investment Performance During Policy Reform in Bangladesh,” in Omar Haider Chowdhury and Willem van der Geest (eds), *Economic Reform and Trade Performance in South Asia*, BIDS and UPL, 2004 (co-author).
3. “Trade Liberalization and Food Security in Bangladesh” (co-author), chapter in the book on *Economic Reforms and Food Security – The Impact of Trade and Technology in South Asia*, edited by S. Babu and A. Gulati, Food Products Press, New York, 2005.

Agriculture and Rural Development Division

Rushidan Islam Rahman

Research Director

1. “Bangladesh: Linkages among Economic Growth, Employment and Poverty” in R. Islam (ed.) *Fighting Poverty. The Development-Employment Link*, Lyne Rienner Publishers, Boulder, London, 2006 (co-author).
2. “Small Enterprise Development Project in Bangladesh in Reducing Rural Poverty in Asia” in N. Islam, (ed.) *Challenges and Opportunities for Microenterprises and Public Employment Schemes*, The Howorth Press Inc., New York, 2006.
3. “Children in Economic Activity in Bangladesh: Recent Changes and Determinants.” Research Report No. 180, BIDS, December 2005.
4. “The Dynamics of the Labor Market and Employment in Bangladesh: A Focus on Gender Dimensions”, *Employment Strategy Papers*, Employment Policy Unit, ILO, Geneva, 2005.
5. “Future Challenges Facing the MFIs of Bangladesh: Choice of Target Groups, Loan sizes and Rate of Interest” in S. Ahmed and M.A. Hakim (eds.) *Attacking Poverty with Microcredit*, University Press Limited, Dhaka, 2004.
6. “Dynamics of the Labor Market in Bangladesh and the Prospects of Economic Development with Surplus Labor” in *Independent Review of Bangladesh Development* (IRBD), CPD & UPL, 2004.

Sajjad Zohir

Senior Research Fellow

1. “Profiling Non-Metropolis Markets: Towards Understanding the Meso-Economy in Bangladesh”, July 2004.
2. “NGOs in Bangladesh: An Overview of the NGO Sector in Bangladesh”, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 4 September, India.
3. “Food and Distribution in Bangladesh: Leakage and Operational Performance”, FCND Discussion Paper No. 173, International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington, D.C., February 2004 (co-author).

Bimal Kumar Saha

Research Fellow

1. “Land Degradation and Poverty in Rural Bangladesh”, a chapter in a book entitled *People’s Report 2004-2005: Bangladesh Environment* (edited by Atiur Rahman and Mahboob Hassan under Sustainable Environment Management Program), Ministry of Environment and Forest (MOEF), Unnayan Shamannay, and United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Dhaka, May 2006.

General Economics Division**Omar Haider Chowdhury**

Research Director

1. “Bangladesh Trade and Investment Performance During Policy Reform” in Omar Haider Chowdhury and Willem van der Geest (eds.), *Economic Reform and Trade Performance in South Asia*, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies and University Press Ltd., Dhaka, December 2004 (co-author).
2. “Geographic and Sectoral Distribution of Trade and Investment Flows” in Omar Haider Chowdhury and Willem van der Geest (eds.), *Economic Reform and Trade Performance in South Asia*, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies and University Press Ltd., Dhaka, December 2004 (co-author).

Chowdhury Anwaruzzaman

Senior Research Fellow

1. “Bangladesh Trade and Investment Performance During Policy Reform” in Omar Haider Chowdhury and Willem van der Geest (eds.), *Economic Reform and Trade Performance in South Asia*. Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies and University Press Ltd., Dhaka, December 2004 (co-author).

Kazi Ali Toufique

Senior Research Fellow

1. “Community Empowerment by NGOs - Experience from the Fourth Fisheries Project in Bangladesh.” *Discussion Paper* No. 135, Graduate School of International Development, Nagoya University, Nagoya, Japan, December 2005.
2. “Farm Size and Productivity in Bangladesh Agriculture: Role of Transaction Costs in Rural Labor Markets”, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 40 (10), pp. 988-92, 5 March 2005.

Dilip Kumar Roy

Research Fellow

1. “Impact of the 1998 Flood on Household Food Security,” in Paul Dorosh et al (eds), *The 1998 Floods and Beyond: Towards Comprehensive Food Security in Bangladesh*, University Press Limited, 2004.
2. “Economic Policy Reforms During the 1990s: An Assessment” in Omar Haider Chowdhury and Willem van der Geest (eds.), *Economic Reform and Trade Performance in South Asia*, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies and University Press Ltd., Dhaka, December 2004 (co-author).
3. “Bangladesh Trade and Investment Performance During Policy Reform” in Omar Haider Chowdhury and Willem van der Geest (eds.), *Economic Reform and Trade Performance in South Asia*, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies and University Press Ltd., Dhaka, December 2004 (co-author).
4. “Geographic and Sectoral Distribution of Trade and Investment Flows” in Omar Haider Chowdhury and Willem van der Geest (eds.), *Economic Reform and Trade Performance in South Asia*, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies and University Press Ltd., Dhaka, December 2004 (co-author).

Wajid Hasan Shah

Research Associate

১. “ঢাকা স্টক এক্সচেঞ্জের কার্যক্রমের আলোকে বাংলাদেশের পুঁজিবাজারের বর্তমান অবস্থা,” *evsj it`k Dbq b mgr* ১৪, ত্রয়োবিংশতম খণ্ড, বার্ষিক সংখ্যা ১৪১২।
2. Book Review “*Bureaucrats in Business: The Economics and Politics of Government Ownership*” in *The Bangladesh Development Studies*, Vol. 29, March-June, 2003, Nos. 1 & 2.
3. “Bangladesh Trade and Investment Performance During Policy Reform” in Omar Haider Chowdhury and Willem van der Geest (eds.), *Economic Reform and Trade Performance in South Asia*, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies and University Press Ltd., Dhaka, December 2004 (co-author).

Mohammad Mainul Hoque

Research Associate

1. “Choice of Delivery Care in the Urban Slums,” *The Dhaka University Studies-Journal of the Faculty of Arts*, Volume 61, No.1, June 2004 (co-author).
2. “Determinants of Choices of Delivery Care in Some Urban Slums of Dhaka City”, *Pakistan Journal of Social Science*, Volume 3, No. 3, 2005 (co-author).

Human Resources Development Division

Rita Afsar

Senior Research Fellow

1. “Gender, Labor Migration and Remittances: South Asia” in Suad Joseph (ed) *Encyclopedia of Women in Islamic Culture*, Brill Academic Publishers, Leiden, The Netherlands, 2006.
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Pratima Paul-Majumder

Research Fellow

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2. “বাংলাদেশের গার্মেন্ট শিল্পের অপ্রতিষ্ঠানিকীকরণের ধারা”, *বিস্বায়ন ও আন্তর্জাতিক শ্রমশ্রম*, দ্বাবিংশতিতম খণ্ড, বার্ষিক ১৪১১।
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4. “শ্রমিকের অধিকারের উপর বিশ্বায়নের প্রভাব : একটি জেভারভিত্তিক আলোচনা,” *A Journal of Women For Women* *বিস্বায়ন*, সংখ্যা ৭, ২০০৫।

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Industry and Physical Infrastructure Division

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Research Director

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Senior Research Fellow

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Population Studies Division

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Simeen Mahmud

Senior Research Fellow

1. “Rags, Riches and Women Workers: Export-oriented Garment Manufacturing in Bangladesh”, in Carr (ed) *Chains of Fortune: Linking Women Producers and Workers with Global Markets*, Commonwealth Secretariat, London, 2004 (co-author).
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Senior Research Fellow

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3. “Pulling Rickshaws in the City of Dhaka: A Way out of Poverty?” in *Environment and Urbanization; special issue on Chronic Poverty*, Vol.17, No. 2, October 2005 (co-author).
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Kazi Jahid Hossain

Research Fellow

১. “বাংলাদেশে স্থানীয় সরকার শক্তিশালীকরণের লক্ষ্যে উপজেলা ব্যবস্থার অপরিহার্যতা,” *বিস্ময়* ১৪, ১৪১১।

A.B.M. Shamsul Islam

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Humayra Ahmed

Research Associate

1. “Poor People’s Access to Public Health Care System: An Issue of Equity and Gender Imbalance,” *The Dhaka University Studies-Journal of the Faculty of Arts*, Vol. 62, No.1, June-2005 (co-author).

IV. Policy-making Activities

Quazi Shahabuddin

Director General

1. Member, Board of Governors, BARD, Comilla.
2. Member, Board of Management, BARI, Gazipur.
3. Member, Senate, Chittagong University.
4. Member, Steering Committee, Capacity Building for GED for Preparation of Development Plans, Planning Commission.
5. Member, Advisory Committee on Review of National Accounts, BBS.
6. Member, Independent Committee for Monitoring and Evaluation of PRS and Attainment of MDGs in Bangladesh.
7. Resource person in the technical committee on *Macroeconomic Stability and Pro-poor Growth* thematic group for contribution towards preparation of PRSP for Bangladesh, Ministry of Finance.

Agriculture and Rural Development Division

M. Asaduzzaman

Research Director

1. Coordinator, SANEI matters and BIDS representative to SANEI Steering Committee.
2. Rapporteur of the CGE of UNFCCC (as nominee of the Government).
3. Elected Chair of the CGE of UNFCCC.
4. Member, Steering Committee on NAPA, Ministry of Environment and Forestry.
5. Member, Technical Committee on Climate Change for the Government's "Comprehensive Disaster Management Project."
6. Member, Programming Committee and the Declaration Drafting Committee for the SAARC Environment Ministers' meeting in May/June 2006.
7. Resource person in the technical committee for *Rural Development: A Strategy for Rural Development towards Poverty Reduction* thematic group for contribution towards PRSP for Bangladesh, Rural Development and Cooperatives Division.
8. Resource person in the technical committee for *Agriculture (Crops, Fisheries and Livestock)* thematic group for contribution towards PRSP for Bangladesh, Ministry of Agriculture.
9. Resource person in the technical committee for *Environment (including Forestry and Land Use)* thematic group for contribution towards PRSP for Bangladesh, Ministry of Environment and Forestry.

Rushidan Islam Rahman

Research Director

1. Member, Microcredit Regulatory Authority, September 2006 to date.
2. Member, Executive Committee on Assessment of the current status of national accounts data, Ministry of Planning, March 2005 to date.
3. Member, General Body, Bangladesh Social Development Foundation, May 2005 to date.
4. Member, General Body, Palli Karma Sahayak Foundation, October 2001 to September 2004.

General Economics Division

Omar Haider Chowdhury

Research Director

1. Resource person in the technical committee for *Domestic Resources Mobilization* thematic group for contribution towards preparation of the PRSP for Bangladesh, Ministry of Finance.

Human Resources Development Division

Rita Afsar

Senior Research Fellow

1. Advisor, Editorial Committee of Coalition for the Urban Poor (CUP), Newsletter, Nagar Darpan.
2. Member, PETRRA Policy Cell.
3. Member, Bangladesh Migration Development Forum.

Pratima Paul-Majumder

Research Fellow

1. Advisor of Agribusiness Development Organization of Bangladesh (ADOB).
2. Member, Executive Committee, Karmajibi Nari (KN).
3. Member, Executive Committee, Bangladesh Freedom Foundation (BFF).

Anwara Begum

Research Fellow

1. Resource person in the technical committee for *Children's Advancement and Rights* thematic group for contribution towards preparation of the PRSP for Bangladesh, Ministry of Children and Women Affairs.

Industry and Physical Infrastructure Division

Zaid Bakht

Research Director

1. Member, WTO related Advisory Committee Ministry of Commerce.
2. Member, Free Trade Group, Ministry of Commerce.
3. Member, Committee to Review National Income Accounts, Ministry of Planning.
4. Member, Committee to Review Fuel Conservation in Bangladesh, Ministry of Energy.
5. Resource person in the technical committee for *Private Sector Development* for thematic group contribution towards preparation of PRSP for Bangladesh, Board of Investment.

M.A. Latif

Senior Research Fellow

1. Member, Committee on *Evaluation of Twenty Selected Projects*, IMED, Ministry of Planning, Government of Bangladesh.
2. Member, Terms and Conditions Committee, Bangladesh Sthala Bandar Kartripaksha (BSBK), Ministry of Shipping, Government of Bangladesh.

Abdul Hye Mondal

Senior Research Fellow

1. Member, Advisory Council, Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.
2. Member, Independent Evaluation Committee for PPI Revenue Zones-3, 4 and 5 Programs of Dhaka, WASA.
3. Member, Research Proposal Evaluation Committee, Capacity Building of General Economics Division for Preparation of Development Plans Project.
4. Member, National Committee on SAARC Convention Implementation Progress and UN CRC Third and Fourth Periodic Report Preparation, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs.

Salma Chaudhuri Zohir

Research Fellow

1. Member, National Committee on “SAARC Gender database”, Ministry of Women’s Affairs.
2. Member, Committee on Survey of Hotel and Restaurants, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics.
3. Member, Committee to Advice on “Market Access”, WTO Cell, Ministry of Commerce.
4. Member, Committee to Advice on “Export Diversification”, WTO Cell, Ministry of Commerce.

5. Resource person in the technical committee for *Women's Advancement and Rights* thematic group for contribution towards preparation of PRSP for Bangladesh, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs.

K M Nabiul Islam

Research Fellow

1. Member, Research and Academic Committee, Water and Flood Management Institute, BUET.
2. Member, Technical Committee on Central Effluent Treatment Program (CETP), *Chamra Shilpa Nagari*, Savar, Ministry of Industries.
3. Resource person in the technical committee for *Water Resources Management* thematic group for contribution towards preparation of PRSP for Bangladesh, Ministry of Water Resources.

Md. Salimullah

Research Fellow

1. Member, Major Terms and Conditions Committee for the Operation and Management of the New Mooring Container Terminal Development, Chittagong Port Authority.
2. Member, Major Terms and Conditions Committee for Purchase of Electricity for Chittagong Port Authority from a Private Company Through Installation and Operation of 5 MW Power Plant on Build, Own and Operate (BOO) basis by Ministry of Shipping.

Nazneen Ahmed

Research Fellow

1. Member, Committee to Advice on Trade in Services, WTO Cell, Ministry of Commerce.

Population Studies Division

M.A. Mannan

Senior Research Fellow

1. Member, Technical Committee, Social Science Research Council (SSRC), Ministry of Planning.
2. Member, Technical Committee, Health Economics Unit (HEU), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
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Simeen Mahmud

Senior Research Fellow

1. Resource person in the technical committee for *Children's Advancement and Rights* thematic group for contribution towards preparation of the PRSP for Bangladesh, Ministry of Children and Women Affairs.

Sharifa Begum

Senior Research Fellow

1. Member, Technical Committee on “Life Expectancy,” Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics.
2. Resource person in the technical committee for *Health including Population Planning, Nutrition and Sanitation* thematic group for contribution towards preparation of the PRSP for Bangladesh, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

V. Bangladesh Development Researchers' Forum (BDREF)

Objectives

BIDS being the oldest and largest research organization of Bangladesh has the mandate to build a tradition of serious research, share the findings with other researchers and engage in healthy debates on development issues. The existing BIDS programs for dissemination and publication cannot adequately respond to the needs of exchange of ideas. Therefore, a more flexible external window namely, “Bangladesh Development Researchers' Forum” (BDREF) was launched in May 2006. The objective of BDREF is to establish a tradition of exchange of ideas among social science researchers. It will bring together scholars studying Bangladesh development both within and outside the country. It will also bring young researchers and more experienced eminent scholars closer.

Scope of Activities

The activities of the Forum include: (a) organizing roundtable sessions, (b) special discussion sessions for young researchers, (c) dissemination workshop (e.g. launching new publications of BIDS), (d) formal and informal interaction among Bangladeshi development researchers, policymakers, students, journalists, development practitioners etc., and (e) networking with other organizations. The activities of BDREF, its scope, and target group cannot be precisely defined at the moment. These will evolve gradually.

Recently new research organizations/NGO research cell/research consultant organizations are emerging. BIDS's present initiative will try to enhance interaction with these groups. Interaction with the new organizations will lead to BIDS's reorientation of modalities of research. The interactive modalities of dissemination of ideas and research findings are expected to contribute to policy guidance on development issues and to formation of new ideas of research. The discussion sessions conducted by BDREF are expected to generate concrete ideas for new research which may be pursued not only by BIDS but by other researchers as well.

Activities during 2006

Two roundtable discussion sessions were organized during 2006. The common theme was “Bangladesh in Next Five Years.” The first one was held on May 23, 2006 and focused on “Economic Growth and Employment Generation.” Eminent panelists and speakers included persons such as Dr. Fakhruddin Ahmed, Dr. M. Asaduzzaman, Dr. Nuimuddin Chowdhury, Dr. Wahiduddin Mahmud, Dr.

Siddiqur Rahman Osmani, Ms. Rokia A. Rahman and Dr. Rushidan Islam Rahman.

The second one was held on October 05, 2006 and focused on “Bangladesh in Next Five Years: Strategies for Reducing Inequality in Access to Quality Education.” Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed was the Special Guest in this Roundtable Session, while designated speakers were Dr. Manzoor Ahmed, Dr. Mahmudul Alam and Dr. Rushidan Islam Rahman.

BDREF Working Committee

BDREF Working Committee consists of Dr. Rushidan Islam Rahman as convenor, Dr. Anwara Begum as member-secretary and Dr. Abdul Hye Mondal and Dr. Zulfiqar Ali as members.

Appendix 1

BIDS Financial Statement

<i>Particulars</i>	<i>30.06.2005</i>	<i>30.06.2006</i>
<i>Property and Assets</i>		
Fixed Assets	6,532,495.00	7,477,607.00
Building Construction in Progress	47,310,000.00	47,310,000.00
Investments	249,135,860.00	268,747,860.00
Accrued Interest on Investments	16,968,860.68	27,618,200.00
<i>Current Assets</i>		
Stock of Stationery (at cost)	144,772.00	138,890.00
Sundry Debtors	4,053,720.57	2,920,048.75
Advance and Prepayments	4,813,635.95	4,232,751.95
Cash and Bank Balances	26,399,276.29	19,990,441.21
<i>Total</i>	355,358,620.49	378,435,798.91
<i>Fund and Liabilities</i>		
Capital Fund	23,600,032.75	27,961,411.21
Govt. of Bangladesh (ADP allocation)	47,310,000.00	47,310,000.00
Govt.Trust Fund	100,000,000.00	100,000,000.00
Ford Foundation Fund	24,852,000.00	27,868,000.00
Professorial Fellowship Fund	157,196,587.74	168,002,387.70
Other Fund	2,400,000.00	7,294,400.00
<i>Current Liabilities</i>		
Sundry Creditors	-	-
<i>Total</i>	355,358,620.49	378,436,198.91
<i>Income</i>		
Allocation from the Govt.	16,563,000.00	21,490,000.00
Interest on Investment	10,200,000.00	10,667,000.00
Sales of Publication	193,000.00	280,000.00
Interest from Project ,other Sources	66,932.00	96,479.00
Recovery of OH & Levy from Project	3,955,000.00	3,883,000.00
<i>Income from other Sources</i>		
Miscellaneous Income	2,014,000.00	3,106,000.00
<i>Total</i>	32,991,932.00	39,522,479.00
<i>Expenditure</i>		
Salary and Allowances	25,089,439.68	31,264,864.47
Salary of Temp.Staff	1,197,161.97	1,389,740.06
Travelling Expenses	168,056.00	156,967.00
Library Expenses	392,740.00	120,553.00

<i>Particulars</i>	<i>30.06.2005</i>	<i>30.06.2006</i>
Stationery	240,966.12	428,407.00
Conveyance and Car	2,021,466.50	2,361,662.27
Printing and Publication	175,755.00	182,397.28
Repair and Replacement of Office Machinery and Furniture	24,784.00	83,070.00
Maintenance of Office Building	654,017.00	750,408.00
Postage, Telephone and Telegram	899,750.00	867,558.00
Electricity and Light	421,586.00	431,478.00
Insurance Rates and Taxes	290,567.66	292,402.56
Liveries for Low paid Employees	73,920.00	226,060.00
Entertainment for DG office	73,336.00	86,154.60
Audit and Legal Fees	3,977.50	6,000.00
Advertisement	12,046.71	11,333.30
Contingencies	280,205.00	213,250.00
BIDS Computer Expenses	594,860.00	449,228.00
Seminar Expenses	119,780.00	27,692.00
Infrastructure Expenses	125,400.00	150,600.00
<i>Total</i>	<u>32,859,815.14</u>	<u>39,499,825.54</u>

Appendix 2

List of Members of Statutory Committees

Policy Coordination Committee (PCC)

2004 – 2005

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| 5. Dr. Zaid Bakht, Research Director | Member |
| 6. Dr. K.A.S. Murshid, Research Director | Member |
| 7. Dr. Rushidan Islam Rahman, Research Director | Member |
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| 12. Dr. K.M. Nabiul Islam/Dr. Bimal Kumar Saha, CAAC | Member |
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| 7. Dr. Rushidan Islam Rahman, Research Director & DC, ARDD | Member |
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Dr. Chowdhury Anwaruzzaman, CAAC | Member |
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| 5. Mr. Md. Mozakker Hossain, Chief Accountant | Member |
| 6. Mr. Md. Meftaur Rahman, Chief Publication Officer (a.i.) | Member-secretary |

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| 7. Mr. Md. Meftaur Rahman, Chief Publication Officer (a.i.) | Member-secretary |

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| 5. Mr. Md. Mozakker Hossain, Chief Accountant | Member-secretary |

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Appendix 3

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10. Dr. Hafiz G. A. Siddiqi
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Appendix 4

ACADEMIC PROFILES OF RESEARCH STAFF

Quazi Shahabuddin

Director General

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

Advisory Network for South Asia (PAANSA) under the South Asia Initiative, IFPRI.

Agriculture and Rural Development Division

Md. Asaduzzaman

Research Director

Dr. M. Asaduzzaman joined the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, the precursor of the BIDS, in 1969 as Staff Economist. He holds his current post since end 1997. Key capabilities of Dr. M. Asaduzzaman encompass several areas of professional and institutional activities. He has been educated in the London School of Economics and the University of Sussex, England. He has a research experience in various fields. Generally they fall in the area of agriculture, natural resource management and rural development. Within this broad area, his past research includes one of the first rigorous studies on technological change in agriculture (Ph.D. thesis), institutional and management issues in rural infrastructure development (one of the first rigorous such analysis of WFP-aided programs anywhere in the world), environmental issues such as coastal environmental management, climate change, comprehensive evaluation of water resource development, comparative evaluation of poverty eradication programs under alternative institutional frameworks, critical review of long-term historical

record of growth performance of Bangladesh agriculture, energy modeling, particularly related to climate change issues, local level planning, local government resource mobilization, construction of I-O model for Bangladesh and agriculture trade and globalization and modeling of free trade arrangements.

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

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

Rushidan Islam Rahman

Research Director

Rushidan Islam Rahman received her M.A. in Development Economics from the University of Sussex, England in 1981 and received her Ph.D. from the Australian National University in 1991. She has worked in a number of major research projects of BIDS, including an evaluation of the impact of Grameen Bank and BRAC, studies on small scale

irrigation projects, assessment of agricultural growth performance and its distributional impact, women in poverty and linkages between employment and poverty in Bangladesh. During the last ten years, she has been involved in policy advising through membership of various committees and participation in policy dialogues of Government, NGOs and Development Partners. Currently she is serving as the editor of the Research Report Series of BIDS, and as the Division Chief of Agriculture and Rural Development.

She has served as a consultant of ADB during 2004-2005. She has been a resource person of the Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific during 1995 and 1997-1998. She has also served as a consultant of the World Bank, UN-ESCAP, ILO, UNDP and IFPRI.

She has published a large number of articles in national and international journals. Her important publications include "Poverty Alleviation and Empowerment through Microfinance: Two Decades of Experience" Research Monograph, No. 20, BIDS, 2000; Savings and Farm Investment in Bangladesh, (co-author: M.K. Mujeri), Focus Study Series No. 11, CIRDAP, 2000; Agriculture and Rural Development in Bangladesh (in Bengali, with Dr. Mahabub Hossain), UPL, 2003. She has edited a volume on "Performance of the Bangladesh Economy", BIDS, 2003. In addition, she has contributed to several edited volumes including 'Independent

Review of Bangladesh's Development', 2000 and 2004 of the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) and "Reducing Rural Poverty in Asia: Challenges and Opportunities in Microenterprises and Public Employment Schemes" edited by Nurul Islam, The Howarth Press Inc, New York, 2006.

Her research interests include education, poverty, unemployment and Labor market, rural non-farm activities, gender inequity in the labor market and microfinance.

Sajjad Zohir

Senior Research Fellow

Dr. Sajjad Zohir joined BIDS as a Visiting Fellow in 1979, and became a regular member of the research staff in 1981. He obtained an M.A. in Economics from Dalhousie University in 1982, and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Toronto in 1988. Dr. Zohir has worked extensively in the areas of production economics, marketing and price analyses, with particular focus on foodgrain, labor and credit markets. He has also worked on econometric modeling for projection and demand analyses; and on methodological aspects of natural resources accounting. Besides, research, Dr. Zohir has always been active in teaching, especially in such subjects as microeconomics, statistics and economic methodology. He is also associated with research and training at the International Food Policy Research Institute, the World Bank, the European Commission, UN-ESCAP and the Asian Development Bank. He has also been a Visiting

Researcher at the University of Manchester and at IDS, Sussex, UK. Dr. Zohir has held the position of Associate Editor of the BIDS quarterly economic journal, The BDS. He contributed to policy making through advisory roles on food and financial matters.

Bimal Kumar Saha

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 Calcutta University in 1995. He has worked extensively in the fields of agrarian structure, technological change, land reform and development. He has a number of publications, including a book on comparative agrarian development in Bangladesh and West Bengal. He has also been a Visiting Teacher of Economics at BRAC University, Dhaka and at the Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences (HIS) in National University, Dhaka.

Current research interests of Dr. Saha include political economy of agrarian question, surplus utilization and capital formation in agriculture.

Md. Mizanur Rahman

Research Fellow

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

economics and statistics, econometrics, and internal migration.

General Economics Division

Omar Haider Chowdhury

Research Director

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

Development Centre (APDC), Malaysia, etc. He went to Ghana on an FAO mission as an economist in September 1989 to evaluate the Food Distribution System of the country.

K.A.S. Murshid

Research Director

Dr. K.A.S. Murshid was awarded a Ph.D. in 1985 by the Faculty of Politics and Economics, Cambridge University for his thesis on food policy. He has retained an interest in this area while at the same time branching out into a number of other research areas, including infrastructure and irrigation, informal and rural credit markets, foodgrain markets, food security and poverty, human resources development and rural energy. He has published extensively in both Bangladeshi and international journals, including the Bangladesh Development Studies, the European Journal of Human Development, World Development, and the Journal of Development Studies. He has also to his credit numerous other publications in the form of research reports, monographs and contributions to various edited volumes. Dr. Murshid combines extensive research experience with familiarity with a wide range of development settings in addition to Bangladesh, including sub-Saharan Africa, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Cambodia. His current areas of research interest include new institutional economics (applications to markets and development institutions), infrastructure, energy and poverty; agriculture, food policy and rural finance.

Chowdhury Anwaruzzaman

Senior Research Fellow

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

Kazi Ali Toufique

Senior Research Fellow

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

Dilip Kumar Roy

Research Fellow

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

and employment. His work on “Governance, Competitiveness and Economic Growth: The Challenges for Bangladesh” is published as Discussion Paper 53 in the website of Asian Development Bank Institute.

Wajid Hasan Shah

Research Associate

Wajid Hasan Shah joined BIDS in July of 2001. He has a Masters in Economics from the University of Missouri – Columbia, and a Bachelor's from Truman State University with a major in Economics and a minor in Mathematics. He completed an evening MBA in Development Management from the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) under University of Dhaka during his tenure at BIDS. Prior to joining BIDS, he had taught Economics part-time at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology and was also Technical Editor for the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)'s Food Management Research Support Project (FMRSP) in Bangladesh. He prepared the Microfinance II report for the World Bank Office Dhaka and also revised and edited the report on the Bangladesh Integrated Nutrition Program (BINP) as well as reviewed the role & scope of gender in past and present World Bank activities in Bangladesh for formulating a future course of action while working as a Short-term Consultant for their Social Sector Team. He had also worked on Foreign Direct Investment and Supplier's Credit for the Economics Team of the

World Bank Office Dhaka. He had worked as a teaching assistant during his stay abroad. While at BIDS, he worked on the TRACE project, and also participated in the EU Country Strategy Evaluation for Bangladesh. He also carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Small Grants Program for the World Bank in Bangladesh. His areas of research interest include foreign investment, the stock market, NGOs and health economics.

Mohammad Mainul Hoque

Research Associate

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

**Human Resources Development
Division**

Mahmudul Alam

Senior Research Fellow

Dr. Mahmudul Alam obtained B.A. (Honours in Economics) from Dhaka University in 1968, M.Sc. in Economics from the Islamabad University in 1968, M. Sc. In economics from the Islamabad University (now Quaid-e-Azam University), Pakistan, in 1969, a Diploma in Development Economics (DDE) from

Cambridge University in 1975, and a D. Phil in Development Studies from IDS, Sussex University, U.K. in 1982.

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

Rita Afsar

Senior Research Fellow

Dr. Rita Afsar has been working in the areas of migration, urbanization, urban poverty and gender issues for about two decades. Both her Ph.D. and Master's dissertations were based on rural-urban migration. She was honored by Pi Gamma Mu honor society for her outstanding academic performance and elected as a member of the International Union of Scientific Studies on Population (IUSSP).

She has worked as consultant to ADB, Ford Foundation, SIDA, ILO, UNDP, UNFPA, UNESCO, ESCAP, WHO and the World Bank. She was a visiting scholar to IRRI, Manila and University of Western Australia.

Pratima Paul-Majumder

Research Fellow

Pratima Paul-Majumder obtained an M.A in Economics from Dhaka University and Ph. D in 1978 from the Central School of Planning and Statistics, Warsaw, Poland. She was visiting research fellow at the International Centre for Research on Women (ICRW), Washington D.C, USA, from June 1995 to August 1995. She is a consultant of a project "Analysis of Women's

Workload", being conducted by the Policy Research Department (PRD), Institute for Development Policy Analysis and Advocacy (IDPAA), Proshika. She worked as project director of a number of nationally and internationally funded research projects. She is currently a research fellow in the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS). Her research interest comprises a wide range of subjects from sericulture industry to economics of slums and squatter settlements to garment and tea industry and gender issues. She has a number of publications of which *Women, Work and Home*, (BIDS, Dhaka), *A study on Urban Poverty: Its Nature and Extent* (Arani Publications, Dhaka), *The Squatters of Dhaka City: Dynamism in the Life of Agargaon Squatters* (UPL, Dhaka), *Women's Budget* (BNPS, Dhaka), and *Garment Workers in Bangladesh* (BIDS, Dhaka), *Women's Need for Transport and Communication Services* (Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, GOB), and *Widow and Old Age Pension Program for the Poor* (BIDS, Dhaka). Currently she is working on International Labor Standards (ILS) and gender economics.

Anwara Begum

Research Fellow

An honours graduate from Lady Brabourne College, Dr. Anwara Begum obtained an M.A. in Urban and Regional Planning from Calcutta University. In 1989, she completed M.Phil. in Urban Systems and Planning from Dhaka

University, and in 1995 obtained a Ph.D. in Urban and Regional Planning from the Department of Civic Design, University of Liverpool, UK under the Commonwealth Scholarship. Dr. Anwara is recipient of a number of prestigious awards and scholarships in India, and has worked as consultant for ESCAP, the World Bank, DFID, NORAD and UNICEF. She has published articles, research reports, books related to her areas of interest and participated in national and international seminars. Her publication “Destination Dhaka: Urban Migration-Expectations and Reality” attempts to probe and reconcile empirical evidence to inform the theoretical framework relevant for Third World Cities. She is an active researcher on socioeconomic ramifications of poverty and has a wide interest in development issues. She was involved in the Poverty Ranking of Villages in Northwest Bangladesh under the NFEP-2 project. Since 1991 she has conducted extensive surveys on the poor, especially the pavement dwellers and the slum dwellers. She has developed expertise in primary data collection, having conducted field-level surveys for 3,000 street dwellers, several hundred slum dwellers, informal sector service workers, formal sector garments workers through structured questionnaires and case studies. She has contributed as co-researcher and Editor for the study on “The Gender Imbalance of Growth of Export Oriented Manufacturing in Bangladesh” funded by The World Bank. This has now been published as a book

by UPL in 2006. She has also worked as Consultant for Gender and Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation for “An Appraisal of Three Medium-Sized Local NGOs”, which was a Norad/SDC funded project. Her study fields are rural-to-urban migration, urban poverty, urbanization, human resource development, formal and informal industry workers’ socioeconomic conditions, housing and regeneration and development of areas of dereliction within city centres and the problems of social and economic deprivation of urban and rural poor dwellers.

S.M. Zulfiqar Ali
Research Fellow

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

Mohammad Harunur Rashid Bhuyan
Research Associate

Mohammad Harunur Rashid Bhuyan joined BIDS as a Research Associate on First April 2004. He has completed Masters in Sociology from Shahjalal University of Science and Technology. His present research interests include human well-being, poverty, governance, environmental issues, agriculture, globalization, and women empowerment.

Nehraz Mahmud
Research Associate

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

**Industry and Physical
Infrastructure Division**

Zaid Bakht
Research Director

Dr. Zaid Bakht obtained an M.Sc. in Economics from Islamabad (now Quaid-e-Azam) University, Pakistan, in 1970, and a Ph.D. in Economics from the Cornell University, USA in 1977. He joined the Institute as Staff Economist in 1971. He has been involved in a number of kanor studies relating to rural industries, rural infrastructure, and fiscal, monetary, trade and industrial policies. His areas of current research interest

include off-farm employment, small and cottage industries, trade and industrial policies, and regional cooperation. He is currently the Research Director of BIDS.

Muhammad Abdul Latif
Senior Research Fellow

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

Abdul Hye Mondal
Senior Research Fellow

Dr. Abdul Hye Mondal obtained 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. He did his Postdoctoral studies at Harvard University during 1994-95. He worked as a consultant to the UNDP, UNCHR, USAID, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, International Labor Organization, UNICEF, JBIC and ICIMOD. Among his current research interests are Labor economics, policy studies, social economics, human values, human rights and dignity, and industrial economics. He has completed a good

number of research works published in the national and international journals and books.

Narayan Chandra Nath

Research Fellow

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

Salma Chaudhuri Zohir

Research Fellow

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

18, 1996, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, Dhaka. She was the resource person for the thematic report “Women’s Advancement and Rights”, on which the gender dimension of the PRSP is based.

K.M. Nabiul Islam

Research Fellow

Dr. K. M. Nabiul Islam obtained Masters Degree from Dhaka University in 1970 and later received Post-graduate diploma in National Economic Planning from Warsaw (Poland) and training in Rural Research and Rural Policy from IDS of Sussex University, UK. He obtained his Ph.D. from the Flood Hazard Research Centre at Middlesex University, UK. The first of its kind in Bangladesh, his Ph.D. thesis was "The Impacts of Flooding and Methods of Assessments in Urban Areas of Bangladesh." During his Ph.D. research, he developed some flood loss models to apply to benefit assessments to flood protections in Bangladesh. 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 a number of publications in national and international journals. He has two books on flood loss management: *Flood Loss Potentials in Non-agricultural Sectors*, *Assessment Methods and*

Standard Loss Database for Bangladesh, 2005; and *Impacts of Flood in Urban Bangladesh, Micro and Macro Level Analysis*, 2006. Dr. Islam has also co-authored three books on *Choice and Transfer of Technology in Large Industries in Bangladesh: Leather, Fertilizer and Machinery*. He has contributed to *Reconstruction after Disaster, Issues and Practices* (Adenrele Awotona ed.), Ashgate and Sydney. He has also contributed to *Floods*, Volume 1 (D J Parker ed.), Routledge, London and New York, to mark the end of UN-International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (IDNDR)

Karimullah Bhuiyan

Research Fellow

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

Mohammed Sohail

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Mr. Sohail did his M.A. in Economics from Dhaka University in 1971

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

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Research Fellow

Mr. ABM Shamsul Islam obtained an M.Sc. in Statistics in 1969 from Dhaka University. Later Mr. Islam completed a post-graduate course in Economic Development and Planning in Italy in 1977/78. He is Research Fellow in the Population Studies Division of the Institute. His current areas of interests are aging population, food, international migration and environment.

Humayra Ahmed

Research Associate

Humayra Ahmed is working as Research Associate at BIDS since April 02, 2006. She has completed her B.S.S (Honors) in 2004 and M.S.S. in Economics in 2005 from University of Dhaka. Her area of research interest includes macroeconomic issues, trade policies, regional trade, sustainable development, health and population economics.

Appendix 5

List of Research Staff Movement

Recruitment During 2004 – 2006

1. Mr. Mohammad Mainul Hoque appointed as Research Associate on 29.3.2006
2. Ms. Humayra Ahmed appointed as Research Associate on 2.4.2006

Promotion of Researchers During 2004 – 2006

1. Mr. Md. Asadul Islam promoted as Research Fellow on 5.1.2006

Served/Serving outside BIDS During 2004 – 2006

1. Mr. Serajul Islam Laskar, Research Fellow on extra-ordinary leave without pay for serving at the Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) as Research Director.
2. Dr. Mahmudul Alam, Senior Research Fellow on extra-ordinary leave without pay for serving at the World Bank Office Dhaka as Senior Education Economist.

Went Abroad for Higher Studies During 2004 – 2006

1. Mr. Md. Jahirul Islam, Research Associate has been pursuing Ph.D. in Economics at the Oxford University, UK.
2. Mr. Md. Yunus, Research Fellow has been pursuing Ph.D. in Economics at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University, Atlanta, USA.
3. Mr. Md. Abul Basher, Research Fellow has been pursuing Ph.D. in Economics at the University of Washington, Seattle, USA.
4. Mrs. Meherun Ahmed, Research Associate has been pursuing Ph.D. in Economics at the University of Washington, Seattle, USA.
5. Mr. Kazi Iqbal, Research Associate has been pursuing Ph.D. in Economics at the University of Washington, Seattle, USA.
6. Mr. Mohammad Harunur Rashid Bhuyan, Research Associate has been pursuing M.A. in Sociology at the New School University of New York, USA
7. Mr. Subrata Sarker, Research Associate has been pursuing Ph.D. in Economics at the University of British Columbia, Canada.
8. Mr. Saifuddin Mohammad Zahedul Islam Chowdhury, Research Associate has been pursuing Ph.D. in Economics at the Institute of Social Sciences, Ankara University, Turkey.
9. Mr. Md. Asadul Islam, Research Fellow has been pursuing Ph.D. in Economics at the Monash University, Australia.

Rejoined after Study Leave/Extra-ordinary Leave Without Pay

During 2004 – 2006

1. Dr. Nazneen Ahmed, Research Fellow rejoined after completion of Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics and Rural Policy from the Mansholt Graduate School, University of Wageningen, The Netherlands.

Retirement/Resignation during 2004 – 2006

1. Mr. Muhammad Omar Faruque, Research Associate is released from the service of BIDS on 5.5.2005.
2. Dr. Hussain Zillur Rahman, Senior Research Fellow retired from the service of BIDS on 1.1.2006.
3. Dr. Atiur Rahman, Senior Research Fellow retired from the service of BIDS on 4.4.2006.
4. Dr. Fahmida Akter Khatun, Research Fellow is released from the service of BIDS on 12.5.2006.

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List of BIDS Publications

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- Simeen Mahmud : Compliance Versus Accountability: Struggles for Dignity and Daily Bread in the Bangladesh Garment Industry
- Naila Kabeer
- Shireen P. Huq : Bodies as Sites of Struggle: Naripokkho and the Movement for Women's Rights in Bangladesh
- Simeen Mahmud : Increasing Voice in the Health Sector in Rural Bangladesh: Is there a Role for Citizen Participation?
- Lena Hasle : Too Poor for Rights? Access to Justice for Poor Women in Bangladesh:

Articles

- Simeen Mahmud : Is Bangladesh Experiencing a Feminization of the Labor Force?
- Selim Raihan : Bangladesh's Trade Barriers in a Global Perspective: A Comparative Analysis
- Sharifa Begum : Unchanging Fertility Level in Bangladesh in the 1990s: A Myth or Reality?
- Asadul Islam : Job Displacement Effects of Immigration on Canadian-born: A Microeconomic Perspective
- M. Habibur Rahman : Exchange Rate and Investment in the Manufacturing Sector of Bangladesh
M. Ismail Hossain

Book Review

- Wajid Hasan Shah : Bureaucrats in Business: The Economics and Politics of Government Ownership

Research Reports

- No. 180 Children in Economic Activity in Bangladesh: Recent Changes and Determinants, December 2005. By Rushidan Islam Rahman,
- No. 179 Labor Force Participation and Wage Earnings Equation of Immigrants in Canada, December 2005. By Asadul Islam.
- No. 178 Educational Exclusion and Household Livelihoods in Urban Bangladesh: Exploring the Connections with Children's Work, December 2005. By Naila Kabeer & Simeen Mahmud.
- No. 177 Morbidity and Health Seeking Behaviour in Rural Bangladesh: Variations Across Socio-economic Sub-groups, May 2005. By Sharifa Begum.
- No. 176 Flood Loss Potentials in Industry and Commercial Sectors and Developing Standard Loss Database for a Major River Flood in Bangladesh, December 2004. By K M Nabiul Islam.

Special Publications

Economic Reform and Trade Performance in South Asia, December 2004. By Omar Haider Chowdhury & Willem van der Geest

Appendix 7

BIDS Seminars/Workshops/Conferences

- 09 September 2004 *Analysis of Poverty Dynamics and Health: Application of Econometric Techniques*
Dr. David Lawson
Chronic Poverty Research Centre (CPRC)
University of Manchester, UK
- 14 September 2004 *Integrating Time into the Conceptualization, Measurement and Analysis of Poverty*
Prof. David Hulme
Chronic Poverty Research Centre (CPRC)
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- 25 September 2004 *Floods and Food Security in Bangladesh: The 1998 Experience and Implications for 2004*
Paul Dorosh
Senior Economist
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- 29 December 2004 *An Application of Robust Regression and Bootstrapping in Econometrics*
Mohammed Nasser
Associate Professor
Department of Statistics
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- 12 January 2005 *Proposal for a Monitoring System to Assess Utilization of the HNPS Services by the Poor*
Dr. Abbas Bhuiya
Head, Social & Behavioral Sciences, ICDDR,B &
Dr. Mushtaque Chowdhury
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- 28 February 2005 *The Challenges of Sustainable Development*
 Dr. Kazi F. Jalal
 Part-Time Faculty
 Harvard University &
 Free-Lance Consultant, Environment & Development
- 29 June 2005 *Beyond MDGs and PRSP*
 Sajjad Zohir
 Senior Research Fellow
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- 03 August 2005 *Girls Schooling in Rural Bangladesh*
 Simeen Mahmud
 Senior Research Fellow, BIDS
- 01 December 2005 *Impact of Doha Round and India's Trade Reforms on Bangladesh*
 Shamim Shakur
 Senior Lecturer in International Trade Policy
 Department of Applied and International Economics
 Massey University, New Zealand
- 21 December 2005 *Growth, Inequality and Poverty during Reform and Integration with the Global Economy: The Case of China*
 Azizur Rahman Khan
 Professor of Economics Emeritus
 University of California, Riverside
 and
 Visiting Professor, Columbia University
 School of International and Public Affairs
- 16 February 2006 *Impacts of the School Feeding Program in Bangladesh on Educational Attainment and Food Consumption and Nutrition*
 Akhter Ahmed, Senior Research Fellow
 International Food Policy Research Institute
 Washington, D.C.

- 22 February 2006 *Is Jeffery Sachs Correct on Viet Nam?*
Dr. Nazrul Islam
International Center for the Study of East Asian
Development Kitakyushu, Japan
- 19 April 2006 *Building Technological Capability in Developing Countries*
Dr. M. Mozammel Huq
University of Strathclyde
Glasgow, UK
- 10 May 2006 *Achieving Millenium Development Goals on Maternal and
Child Health in Rural Bangladesh: Lessons Learnt from
GK Program Villages*
Dr. R. H. Chaudhury
Advisor-Director (Honorary)
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