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Bangladesh Rural Income Diagnostic

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Summary: The Bangladesh Rural Income Diagnostic (RID) aims to answer the question: “What are the main opportunities and constraints to faster, sustained income growth for poor and vulnerable households in rural Bangladesh?” The RID identified a series of key constraints affecting rural income growth whose removal can accelerate Bangladesh’s development. This includes rebalancing agricultural policies to incentivize faster agricultural diversification and closing key infrastructure gaps. The analysis also shows that these actions alone, while vital, may not suffice. Policy also has to tackle constraints that have been less widely recognized to date such as inefficient land markets, skills development, and addressing gender norms.