

BIDS R&P Meeting, 26 June 2022

(Reporting period: January-June 2022)

Binayak Sen, DG

I. Published Works

Academic

Nil

Non-Academic

“Bangabandhu’s Democratic Socialism: Some Reflections” in Proceedings of the International Conference on Fifty Years Journey of Bangladesh Genocide, Nation-State and Bangabandhu’s Cherished Bangladesh (Edited by Muntasir Mamun), Genocide-Torture Archive and Museum Trust, Khulna, 2022.

II. Completed Works

Final Report of the Swapno Evaluation, Report submitted to UNDP, 2022 (with Abdur Razzaque Sarker and others).

III. Ongoing Works

Urban poverty dynamics, REF/ UNDP (with Zulfiqar Ali and Zahedul Islam Chowdhury). Data cleaning is going on and preliminary analysis has been done.

Study on Panel Study on Rural Poverty, SRP supported by Planning Commission (with Monzur Hossain, Mahir Rahman and Nahian Azad Shashi). To be completed by end July 2022.

Urban Informal Sector Study, SRP supported by Planning Commission (with Anwara Begum, Harunur Rashid Bhuyan, Shahidul Islam, and Nahid Ferdous Pabon). Analysis and preliminary write-up completed. To be submitted by end July 2022.

Study on Extreme Poverty, SRP supported by Planning Commission (with Zulfiqar Ali). Analysis and preliminary write-up completed. To be submitted by end July 2022.

IV. Participation in seminar, workshop and webinars (as keynote speaker, designated discussant, and panelist)

1.	23/06/2022	Seminar	জাতীয় বাজেট ২০২২-২৩, সামষ্টিক অর্থনীতির চ্যালেঞ্জ	Chief Guest	Southeast University	Seminar Room, Southeast University
2.	20/06/2022	International online Training workshop	Achieving Sustainable Development Goals: Financial Inclusion and Rural Transformation	Conducted a session on social, economic and Cultural Implication of Rural Transformation process: Experiences from Bangladesh	Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD), Cumilla.	Online
3.	17/06/2022	Zoom Meeting on "50 Years of Bangladesh"	Zoom Meeting on "50 Years of Bangladesh"	Discussant	Amra Ekattor	Online
4.	16/06/2022	Consultation Meeting	Consultation Meeting on Monetary Policy	Discussant	Bangladesh Bank	Hotel Lakeshore
5.	13/06/2022	মতবিনিময় সভা	জনশুমারি ও গৃহগণনা ২০২২ বিষয়ক মতবিনিময় সভা	Discussant	BBS	Surma Hall, Hotel Pan Pacific Sonargaon
6.	04/06/2022	Discussion	Pre-budget discussion before the Covid-19 pandemic	Distinguished panelist	PRI and Ekattor TV	Amari Dhaka Hotel, Gulshan-2

7.	28/05/2022	Round Table Conference	কোন পথে আগামী অর্থনীতি ও আগামী বাজেট	Distinguished panelist	The Daily Prothom Alo	Pragatri Insurance Building, kawran Bazar
8.	21/05/2022	স্মৃতি স্মারক lecture	বঙ্গবন্ধু অর্থনৈতিক দর্শনঃ সাম্প্রতিক বিতর্ক	আলোচক	গনহত্যা-নির্যাতন আর্কাইভ ও যাদুঘর	ডব্লিউডিএ মিলনায়তন
9.	17/05/2022	মতবিনিময় সভা	২০২২-২৩ অর্থবছরের বাজেট বিষয়ে মতবিনিময় সভা	আলোচক	অর্থ মন্ত্রণালয়	Online
10.	15/06/2022	Interview on Padma Bridge	Interview with Munni Saha @ Newshour Extra	Exclusive Interview (lasting for 1:30 hrs)	ATN News	ATN News Channel
11.	26/04/2022	সংলাপ	স্বাস্থ্য বাজেট বিষয়ক অনলাইন জাতীয় সংলাপ	আলোচক	বাংলাদেশ হেলথ ওয়াচ ও উন্নয়ন সমন্বয়	Online
12.	01/04/2022	বার্ষিক সম্মেলন	বাংলাদেশ ইতিহাস সম্মিলনীর ৭ম বার্ষিক সম্মেলন	Participant	বাংলাদেশ ইতিহাস সম্মিলনী	Bangla academy
13.	01/04/2022	Book launching Ceremony	Women in work in south Asia	Author's Discussion	Department of International Relations and Fridrich Rbert Stiftung (FES)	Online
14.	31/03/2022	International Conference	International Conference on Fifty Years Journey of Bangladesh Genocide, Nation-State and Bangabandhu's Cherished Bangladesh	Key Note speaker	1970: Genocide-Torture Archive & Museum Trust	Bangla academy
15.	29/03/2022	Bangladesh Lecture Series	Celebrating Golden Jubilee of Bangladesh-Italy Diplomatic Relations	Distinguished panelist	Consulate General of Bangladesh in Milan, Italy	Online

16.	28/03/2022	Virtual Research Consultation Workshop for World Bank Report	Improving outcomes for displaced Rohingya people and Hosts in Cox's bazar	Participated as workshop moderator (with World Bank Country Director as Chief Guest)	World bank & BIDS	Online
17.	26/03/2022	আলোচনা অনুষ্ঠান	মহান স্বাধীনতা ও জাতীয় দিবস ২০২২	আলোচক	বাংলা একাডেমী	বাংলা একাডেমী
18.	24/02/2022	Dialogue	Asia Economic Dialogue 2022	Panel Speaker on <i>"Livelihood Creation and Enhancing Incomes in the Post-Pandemic World"</i>	Pune International Center	Online
19.	21/02/2022	আলোচনা সভা	মহান শহিদ দিবস ও আন্তর্জাতিক মাতৃভাষা দিবস- ২০২২ উপলক্ষ্যে আলোচনা সভা	আলোচক	পরিকল্পনা মন্ত্রণালয়	এনইসি সম্মেলন কক্ষ, পরিকল্পনা মন্ত্রণালয়।

Professional Activities Report
Research & Publications Committee (R&P), BIDS
Reporting Period: January-June 2022

Dr. Monzur Hossain, Research Director and Division Chief, General Economics Division

Ongoing Studies:

1. Comprehensive Panel Data Generation (Study Director: Monzur Hossain)
2. Labor Market Study on Skills Gap in ICT Industries (Study Director: Monzur Hossain)

Publications:

Book chapter: COVID-19, Fintech and the Recovery of Micro, Small, and Medium-Sized Enterprises: Evidence from Bangladesh (with Tahreen Tahrima Chowdhury) in “Fintech and COVID-19: Impacts, Challenges and Priorities for Asia” (co-edited by J. Beirne (ADBI), J. Villafuerte (ADB), Raghavendra Rau (CCAF)), ADBI, Tokyo.

ADBI Working Paper: COVID-19, Fintech and the Recovery of Micro, Small, and Medium-Sized Enterprises: Evidence from Bangladesh, (with Tahreen Tahrima Chowdhury), Working paper no. 1305, January 2022; Asian Development Bank Institute, Tokyo.

Newspaper Articles:

Addressing inflation should get priority in the budget, 7 June, 2022, The Business Standard; https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/budget/addressing-inflation-should-get-priority-budget-434634?fbclid=IwAR2vShY1HSnWhietorIWADJEIRhzVseabw5SQk2E97_OeXpwcDVgsYIRh28

Domestic production should be boosted to meet aggregate demand, 19 May, 2022, The Business Standard; <https://www.tbsnews.net/analysis/domestic-production-should-be-boosted-meet-aggregate-demand-423194>

Inflation, exchange rate causes for concern, 10 May, 2022. The Business Standard <https://www.tbsnews.net/analysis/inflation-exchange-rate-causes-concern-417246>

Conference presentations/Designated Discussants:

Attended as a Panelist: Covid-19 Global Evaluation Coalition, Global Evaluation Initiative (GEI), France, June 21, 2022 (Virtual)

Serving Professional Committees:

Member, BIDS Board

Member, Policy Coordination Committee, BIDS

Member, Research Endowment Fund Committee, BIDS

Member, Ethical Review Committee, BIDS

Member, Abu Abdullah Trust, BIDS

Member, Abdul Ghafur Memorial Trust, BIDS

Member, Research Committee, National Institute of Local Government (NILG)

Member, Research Committee, National Academy for Educational Management (NAEM)

Member, Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) Review Committee, Ministry of Commerce

Member, Tariff Rationalization Committee, National Board of Revenue

Focal Point, Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability Assessment, Ministry of Finance

Member, Editorial Board, Bangladesh Development Studies

Member, Editorial Board, International Journal of SME Development, SME Foundation, Dhaka

Member, Executive Board, American Committee on Asian Economic Studies (ACAES)

Member, Technical Committee, Institute of Public Finance

Report on Professional Activities
Period: January 1, 2022 –June 15, 2022

Dr Anwara Begum; Senior Research Fellow, BIDS

Human Resource Development Division (Division Chief)

A) Completed works from January 14, 2022 to June 15, 2022:

1. Worked on up-dating the book titled, “Destination Dhaka, Urban Migration: Expectations and Reality”. Revised edition of the book is now in the process of publication by University Press Limited (UPL).
2. Revised the report on “Labor Market and Skills Gap Analyses, Healthcare: Nursing and Care”, during this period.
3. Submitted a report on:
"Shelter Strategy: Urban and Rural Housing in Bangladesh", for kind consideration as a Research Report.

B) Ongoing works from January 14, 2022 to June 15, 2022:

1. “Labor Market and Skills Gap Analyses, Healthcare: Nursing and Care”; Study Team comprised of Dr Anwara Begum including another colleague as external Consultant, Dr R A Mahmood. She incorporated the reviewer’s comments, and also revised and submitted the Revised Version on the 26 March 2022. She prepared the presentation of the study and presented the report in the BIDS Validation Workshop held on 15th June 2022.
2. Presently, she is finalizing the above-mentioned report. Study will culminate at the end of June, 2022.
3. She submitted a paper on “Bridging the Gap in Healthcare for Poor Patients with Evidence from Skills’ Gap of Nurses and Health Providers”, for publication as a Journal Article. Paper is being peer reviewed.
4. Editing of the chapter on “Empowerment of Women: Addressing Constraints and Challenges of the Urban Informal Sector”, for a book being published by Dr Q K Ahmad, which is in process.

C) Published works from January 14, 2022 to June 15, 2022:

5. Published Book chapter titled, “Inequality in Access to Healthcare for Persons with Disability During COVID-19: An Illustration from Bangladesh”, by Springer under the auspices of IIDS India and RLS-Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, South Asia.

D) Professional Training from January 14, 2022 to June 15, 2022: None

E) Professional Seminar Presented from January 14, 2022 to June 15, 2022:

1. Presented the Study titled, “Labor Market and Skills Gap Analyses, Healthcare: Nursing and Care”, in BIDS Conference Room; at the Validation Workshop held on 15th June 2022.

F) Other professional activities (such as seminar/conference/workshop participation as well as participation in electronic and print media interviews) from January 14, 2022 to June 15, 2022.

1. Dr Anwara Begum is the Division Chief of the Human Resource Development Division of BIDS.
2. Dr Anwara Begum is working as the Editor of Research Report of BIDS.
3. She has served as the Chairman of the Library Committee of BIDS until first week of March 2022;
4. She is working for the Library Renovation of BIDS.
5. She is working as Chair of the Technical Committee of BIDS.
6. She is a member of the Committee of Senior Research Fellows of BIDS.
7. She is a member of the Ethical Review Committee of BIDS.
8. She is a member of the Project Review Committee of BIDS.
9. She is a member of the Publication Committee of BIDS.
10. She is a Life Member of the Asiatic Society.

11. She is an Academic Council Member of the Dhaka School of Economics.
12. She serves the General Committee of InM, as a General Committee Member.
13. She has participated in meetings of the Education Watch as Technical Committee Member and member of The Special Advisory Group of the Education Watch and “Shikkhya Songlap”.
14. She completed several terms as Vice President of UST Board: an NGO named “Ummayan Shohojogy Team, from 2010 until 2022. She participated in the Board Meeting held in February 2022”.
15. She has actively participated in several on-line seminars held by BEP and BRAC-BIGD, in 2022.

Report on Professional Activities
Period: January 14, 2022 – June 15, 2022

Name of the Researcher: Mohammad Yunus

Research Division: Agriculture and Rural Development Division

(I). Research:

Completed:

1. A. Name of the Study: Impact of COVID-19 on the Hospitality & Tourism Sector
B. Team Members: Mohammad Yunus, Mohammad Mainul Hoque, and Tahreen Tahrira Chowdhury
C. Sponsor: Bangladesh Tourism Board, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism, GOB
D. Expected Completion Date: 28.02.2022

Ongoing:

1. A. Name of the Study: Food Insecurity, Extreme Poverty, and Underemployment in Marginal/Backward Areas.
B. Team Members: Mohammad Yunus, Binayak Sen, Mohammad Mainul Hoque, Md. Zabid Iqbal, Mitali Parvin, Mohammad Riaz Uddin, and Kashfi Ryan
C. Sponsor: Ministry of Planning, GOB.
D. Expected Completion Date: 30.06.2022
2. A. Name of the Study: Labour Market Study of the Hospitality & Tourism Sector
B. Team Members: Mohammad Yunus, Mohammad Mainul Hoque, and Tahreen Tahrira Chowdhury
C. Sponsor: Ministry of Finance, GOB
D. Expected Completion Date: 31.03.2022
3. A: Smartphones, E-Commerce Opportunities and Women's Entrepreneurship and Empowerment
B. Team Members: Mohammad Yunus, Mohammad Abdur Rahman Forhad, and Rizwana Islam
C. Sponsor: UNDP Bangladesh
D. Expected Completion Date: 30.06.2022

(II). Publications:

Academic: None

Other: None

(III). Professional training/workshop (taken or imparted): None

(IV). Professional seminar (presented /discussed): None

(V). Other Professional/Institutional Activities (membership, media participation etc.):

Division Chief, Agriculture and Rural Development Division, BIDS

Chairperson, Administrative Affairs Committee, BIDS

Member, RA to RF Promotion Committee, BIDS

Member, RF Recruitment Committee, BIDS

Associate Editor, BDS

Member, Technical Evaluation Committee, Bangladesh Export Zones Authority, PMO

Member, Research Advisory Committee, Bangladesh Bureau of Educational Information and Statistics, MOEDU

Report on Professional Activities
Period: 14 January - 15 June 2022

Name of the Researcher: Zulfiqar Ali

Research Division: Population Studies Division (PSD)

(I) Research:

Completed:

- (1) Name of the Study: **Evaluation of Reaching Out of School Children Project Phase-II (ROSC-II)** – Final Report Submitted
Date of Submission: March 2021
Team Member(s): Zulfiqar Ali, Binayak Sen, Badrun Nessa Ahmed and Abdul Hye Monday (Consultant for PVT component)
Sponsor of the Study: ROSC-II Unit, Directorate of Primary Education

- (2) Name of the Study: **Assessment of Social Action Projects of P4D Programme of the British Council in Bangladesh: Preparing four new issue briefs on four selected themes** (both in English and Bengali) for P4D programme of the British Council in Bangladesh.
Data of Completion: May 2022
Team Member(s): Zulfiqar Ali, Mohammad Harunur Rashid Bhuyan, Badrun Nessa Ahmed, and Prof. A K Enamul Haque (Consultant).
Sponsor of the Study: P4D Programme, British Council, Dhaka

Ongoing:

- (1) Name of the Study: **Labour Market Study – Construction Sector**
Progress: Submitted the revised draft, workshop held, finalization is in progress
Data of Completion: June 2022
Team Member(s): Zulfiqar Ali, Badrun Nessa Ahmed and Rizwana Islam
Sponsor of the Study: SEIP

- (2) Name of the Study: **Evaluation of Amar Bari Amar Khamar (ABAK) Project**
Data of Completion: August 2022
Team Member(s): Zulfiqar Ali, Binayak Sen, Badrun Nessa Ahmed & Jayed bin Sattar
Sponsor of the Study: ABAK Project, Rural Development and Cooperatives Division

- (3) Name of the Study: **Poverty Dynamics within COVID-19 Context in Urban Bangladesh: The Case of Dhaka City**
Data of Completion: July 2022

Team Member(s): Binayak Sen, Zulfiqar Ali, Zahedul Islam Chowdhury and Jayed bin Sattar

Sponsor of the Study: UNDP

(II). Publication:

Academic:

Sarker A R; Ali, Z; Ahmed M and Chowdhury Z (2022). "Out-of-pocket payment for healthcare among urban citizens in Dhaka, Bangladesh", *PLOS ONE*, 17(1).

Other: None

(III). Professional training/workshop (taken or imparted): None

(IV). Professional seminar (presented/discussed):

- Attended as one of the Designated Discussants in the "Second National Conference on SDG Implementation Review" organized by GED, Planning Commission and GIU, Prime Minister's Office on 16-18 May 2022.
- Delivered a lecture in the training workshop organized by GED, Planning Commission on poverty chapter of the 8th Five Year Plan in April 2022.
- Attended as one of the panelists in the webinar on "Urban-Rural Poverty Situation and Rising Food Prices" organized by Right to Food Bangladesh held on 10 April 2022.

(V). Other Professional/Institutional Activities (membership, media participation etc.):

- Division Chief, PSD, BIDS
- DPD, BIDS Master's Programme
- Editor, Bangladesh Unnayan Shamikkha (BUS)
- Chairperson, Finance Committee, BIDS
- Member, BIDS Board
- Visiting Fellow, University of Bath, UK
- Director, Board of Directors, Unnayan Shamannay
- Member, Technical Committees of Different Ministries (MOWCA, BBS)
- Participated in a few TV Talk-Shows during this period

Report on Professional Activities
Period: January 1, 2022 –June 15, 2022

Name of the Researcher: Kazi Iqbal, Senior Research Fellow

Research Division: Industry and Physical Infrastructure Division (IPID)

(I). Research:

Ongoing:

“Learning losses and dropouts due to school closures during COVID-19 in Bangladesh”
(with Shyamal Chowdhury, Zhigang Li and Uttam Sharma)

“Does Trade with Multinationals Induce Greener Production? Evidence from the Bangladesh Fashion Industry” [with Haruka Takayama, Kazuki Motohashi, and Moogdho Mahzab]

“Skill Gap Analysis in Light Engineering and Electronics Sectors in Bangladesh”

“Local Nonfarm Opportunities and Migration Decision: Evidence from Bangladesh” [with NF Pabon, R. Haque and N.A. Shashi]

“Agglomeration and Resilience: Impact of Covid-19 on Clustered and Non-Clustered SMEs in Bangladesh” [with T Mahmood]

“Impact Evaluation of Domestic Paddy E-procurement Program in Bangladesh” [with Taznoore Samina Khanam]

(II). Publication:

Peer reviewed journal

Nil

Book chapter

“Changes in Consumption and Demand for Food in Bangladesh: Implications for Health and NCD risks” in *Red Alert!: Non-Communicable Disease Burden in Bangladesh*, The University Press Limited, Dhaka., 2022 [with S. Farook, S. Mustafa and Haque, C.E].

Newspaper article

“Current price hike: Syndicate, rationality and price expectation”, The Daily Star, 17 April, 2022

“Scale effect of domestic market, tipping point and paths of industrialization”, The Daily Star, 27 February, 2022

“Beyond RMG: Paths to industrialization”, The Daily Star, 9 January 2022

(III). Professional workshop/training:

(IV). Professional seminar (presented/discussed):

Discussant, book launching titled “.”, June 6, 2022

(V). Other Professional/Institutional Activities (membership, media participation etc.):

Keynote speaker/guest lecturer

Key Discussant, “Skills Trend of 21st Century: Country Perspectives, Policy Options, and Interventions” NSDA, 20 March 2022

Professional Responsibilities

Editorial advisory board: Lahore Journal of Economics

Member of editorial board: Bangladesh Development Studies, Journal of Bangladesh Studies

- Panel adviser, The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI), Bangladesh, 2021-2023
- Co-Chair, Standing Committee, The Electrical and Electronics Sector, Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI), Bangladesh, 2021-2023
- Member, National Data Coordination Committee, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics, GoB.
- Member, Technical Group on Subsidy and LDC Graduation, International Resource Mobilization and Tariff Rationalization, Prime Minister’s Office, GoB

Refereeing Service

Australian Journal of Agriculture and Resource Economics, Economic Papers, Bangladesh Development Studies

Report on Professional Activities
Period: January 14, 2022 – June 15, 2022

Name of the Researcher: Dr. S M Zahedul Islam Chowdhury, Research Fellow

Research Division: Population Studies Division (PSD)

(I). Research:

Completed: N/A

Ongoing:

Labor Market Study and Skills Gap Analysis (LMS-SEIP)-Shipbuilding Sector

Team Member(s): Dr. S M Zahedul Islam Chowdhury and Maruf Ahmed

Sponsor of the Study: SEIP, Ministry of Finance

Time Duration: July 2019-June 2022

Poverty Dynamics within COVID-19 Context in Urban Bangladesh: The Case of Dhaka City

Team Member(s): Dr. Binayak Sen (Study Director), Dr. S M Zulfiqar Ali, Dr. S M Zahedul

Islam Chowdhury, Jayed bin Sattar

Sponsor of the Study: UNDP and REF (Joint)

Time Duration: December 2021-June 2022

Estimation of a Health Production Function: Evidence from Developing Countries (to be submitted)

Impact of Employment Generation Program for the Poorest (EGPP) in Household Level (with Dr. Mainul Hoque)

Epidemiological and Economic Burden of Dengue in Dhaka, Bangladesh (with Dr. Abdur Razzaque Sarker)

(II). Publication:

Academic:

Sarker AR, Ali SMZ, Ahmed M, Chowdhury SMZI, Ali N (2022). Out-of-Pocket Payment for Healthcare among Urban Citizens in Dhaka, Bangladesh. PLoS ONE, 17(1), 2022

Other:

An Interview with ICE Business Times titled “Creating New Opportunities” published on 15 February, 2022

<https://ibtbd.net/creating-new-opportunities/>

(III). Professional training/workshop (taken or imparted):

Workshop on “Action Plan for Bangladesh National Productivity Master Plan FY 2020-2030” held on 28 February 2022, organized by Ministry of Industry

(IV). Professional seminar (presented /discussed):

Talked in “Webinar on Mobilizing Action for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation in Bangladesh” at 9.30 am on 26 May, 2022 organized by Economic Development Research Organization (EDRO)

Presented Study on “Labor Market and Skill Gap Analysis for Shipbuilding Sector in Bangladesh” in Validation Workshop of the Labor Market Study for SEIP on June 15, 2022 at BIDS Conference Room

(V). Other Professional/Institutional Activities (membership, media participation, meeting etc.):

Member, Finance Committee (FC), BIDS

Chairman, Purchase Committee (CPC), BIDS

Member, Library Committee, BIDS

Member, Committee for Establishment of Liberation War and Bangabandhu Research Corner, BIDS

Member, Social Thematic Working Group, National Guideline for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Planning Division, Ministry of Planning

Member, Technical Committee, Impact of Climate Change on Human Life (ICCHL) Program, BBS

Focal Point (BIDS), Agricultural Research Management and Information System (ARMIS) Program, BARC, Dhaka

Member, Committee for Collection of No Objection Certificate (NOC) from BBS for Conducting National Survey, BBS

Member, Committee for the Feasibility Study of the Project “Strengthening Bangladesh Institute of Management (BIM)”, BIM, Ministry of Industries

Member, Job market Assessment and Employment Taskforce, Ministry of Education

Member, Academic Council, Sheikh Hasina National Institute of Youth Development

Member, Panel for Evaluation of Research Proposal, SSRC, Ministry of Planning

Member, Technical Sub-Committee, Environment, Climate Change and Disaster Statistics (ECDS) Project, BBS

Member, Technical Sub-committee (Socio-economic), National Data Coordination Committee, BBS

Member, Proposal Evaluation Committee, Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA)

Focal Point (BIDS), Bangladesh National Productivity Master Plan FY 2020-2030, Ministry of Industry

An interview with **Bangladesh Betar** regarding “**Biniyog Bikash**” (Bangla and English)

Report on Professional Activities
Period: January 14, 2022 – June 15, 2022

Name of the Researcher: Mohammad Harunur Rashid Bhuyan, PhD.

Research Division: Human Resources Development Division

(I). Research:

Completed:

Assessment of Social Action Projects of P4D Programme of the British Council in Bangladesh: Preparing four new issue briefs on four selected themes (both in English and Bengali)

Team Members: Dr. Zulfiqar Ali (SD), Dr. Mohammad Harunur Rashid Bhuyan, Dr. Badrun Nessa Ahmed, and Prof. A K Enamul Haque.

Date of project completion: May 2022

Donor-supported: P4D Programme, British Council, Dhaka

Ongoing:

1. Labor Market Study for Skills (LMS-SEIP)-Leather & Footwear.

Team Members: Dr. Mohammad Harunur Rashid Bhuyan (SD), Mr. Maruf Ahmed

Date of project completion: June 2022

Donor-supported: SEIP-ADB

2. Labor Market Study for Skills (LMS-SEIP)-Agro food Processing.

Team Members: Dr. Mohammad Harunur Rashid Bhuyan (SD), Ms. Kashfi Rayan, Dr. M Asaduzzaman, Prof. Dr. Md. Bellal Hossain.

Date of project completion: June 2022

Donor-supported: SEIP-ADB

3. Impact Analysis on Development Program for Improving the Living Standard of Hijra, Bede and Underprivileged Community.

Team Members: Dr. Mohammad Harunur Rashid Bhuyan (SD), Mr. Maruf Ahmed, Dr. Naryan Das, Mr. Shahidul Islam.

Date of project completion: June 2022

Donor-supported: Department of Social Services (DSS)

4) Bhuyan, M. H. R, Islam, M. S. & Ahmed, Maruf (Submitted). Does housing loan aid in improving the socio-economic condition of the poor? A case study from Bangladesh. *The International Journal of Community and Social Development* by SAGE.

5) Bhuyan, M. H. R & McShane, P. (Submitted). Cross-border migration after Cyclone Aila: Case study from Bangladesh. *Asian and Pacific Migration Journal* published by SAGE.

6) Bhuyan, M. H. R (Prepared draft manuscript for submission). Migration after Cyclone Aila and new ethnic conflict in indigenous areas: Case study from Bangladesh. *Ethnic and Racial Studies* published by Tylor and Francis.

- 7) Ahmed, N., **Bhuyan, M. H. R.**, Asduzzaman, M. &Islam, M. S. (Preparing draft manuscript for submission any Climate Change related Journal). Development of a monitoring and evaluation strategy for the climate change program: A case study on Bangladesh Climate Change Trust (BCCT) in Bangladesh.

(II). Publication:

- 1) **Bhuyan, M. H. R** (Accepted). Casualisation of Labour as Coping with Cyclone Aila: Peasants' Perception in the Sundarbans area of Bangladesh. *The Bangladesh Development Studies Vol. XLIV, March-June 2021, Nos. 1&2.*

(III). Professional training/ workshop (taken or imparted):

- 1) Presented paper on "Climate Change and Global Value Chains (GVC) in the Garment and Textile Industries of Bangladesh: Mapping the Actors" at Copenhagen Business School (CBS) Workshop on Global Value Chains and Climate Change on 9th June 2022, organized by CBS at Dalgas Have 15, 2000 Frederiksberg, Denmark.
- 2) Participated "Global Fashion Summit" at Royal Opera House, Ekvipagemestervej 10, 1438 Copenhagen, Denmark on 7th and 8th June 2022 organized by Global Fashion Agenda.
- 3) Presented study on "LABOR MARKET STUDY FOR SKILLS FOR EMPLOYMENT INVESTMENT PROJECT (SEIP): LEATHER AND FOOTWEAR SECTOR" at BIDS Validation Workshop on 15 June 2022 at BIDS Conference Room.
- 4) Presented study on "LABOR MARKET STUDY FOR SKILLS FOR EMPLOYMENT INVESTMENT PROJECT (SEIP): AGRO FOOD PROCESSING SECTOR" at BIDS Validation Workshop on 15 June 2022 at BIDS Conference Room.
- 5) Discussant workshop on "Earning the Goals and Objectives of the Development Project of the Living Standard of the Marginal People of Bangladesh and Future Steps Needed to Develop Marginalized Occupations" at Department of Social Services (DSS) on 20th June 2022 organized by DSS.

(IV). Professional seminar (presented /discussed):

- 1) Presented paper on "Climate Change Acts and Policies in Bangladesh related to RMG" at Climate Change and Global Value Chains in the Garment and Textile Industries of Europe and Bangladesh on 21 March 2022 Organized by Centre for Entrepreneurship Development (CED), Brac University (BracU), at GDLN Centre, BracU, Dhaka.
- 2) Presented study on "Evaluating the Impact of Development Program for Improving the Living Standard of the Hijra, Bede and Underprivileged Community" at BIDS Fortnightly Seminar on 23 February 2022 at BIDS Conference Room and Webinar.

(V). Other Professional/Institutional Activities (membership, media participation etc.):

Journal Reviewer

1. *Bangladesh Unnayan Shamikhya*, BIDS.
2. *Multidisciplinary Journal of Social Science Research Council*, Ministry of Planning.

BIDS Institutional Activities

1. Coordinator, Seminar Committee, BIDS
2. Grievance Redress Officer, BIDS

External Activities

1. Editorial Board Member, *Multidisciplinary Journal of Social Science Research Council*. SSRC, Ministry of Planning.
2. External Examiner, Department of Criminology and Police Science, Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University, Tangail.
3. Member, Syllabus Committee, Department of Criminology and Police Science, Mawlana Bhashani Science and Technology University, Tangail.
4. Member, Core Sectoral Working Group-1, Bangladesh First Biennial Update Report (BUR-1) to the UNFCCC. Department of Environment.
5. Member (TEC, Research), Anti-Corruption Commission, Bangladesh.
6. Member (Research Committee), Tourist Police, Bangladesh.
7. Member (Research Proposal Review Committee), Directorate of Technical Education.
8. Member (Research Committee), Bangladesh Technical Education Board.
9. Examiner- Proposal Selection Committee- Social Science Research Council, Ministry of Planning.

Report on Professional Activities

Period: January 14, 2022 – June 15, 2022

Name of the Researcher: Dr. Azreen Karim

Research Division: Agriculture and Rural Development Division (ARDD)

(I). Research:

Ongoing:

- 1. Name of the Study:** Feasibility Study for New Projects of DYD

Team Member(s): Dr. Azreen Karim (Study Director), Dr. Binayak Sen, Rizwana Islam, Tanveer Mahmood, Mahir. A. Rahman.

Sponsor of the Study: Department of Youth Development, Ministry of Youth and Sports, GOB.

Completion Date: November, 2022.

- 2. Name of the Study:** Creating a Political and Social Climate for Climate Change Adaptation – Amendment #3

Team Member(s): Dr. Azreen Karim (BIDS Study Director), CMI Researchers.

Sponsor of the Study: Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI), Norway.

Completion Date: August, 2022.

(II). Publication:

Academic:

- 1. Karim, A., DeWit A., Sugiyama, S. and Shaw, R. (2021). COVID-19 and fiscal stimulus in South Asia: Implications for resilience and sustainable development, in Pal, Indrajit and Shaw, Rajib (eds). “Pandemics Risk, Response and Resilience”, Elsevier.**

1st Edition - May 20, 2022

Editors: Indrajit Pal, Rajib Shaw

Paperback ISBN: 9780323992770

E-Book ISBN: 9780323994361

2. **Karim, A., DeWit A. and Shaw, R. (2021).** Fiscal policies and post COVID-19 development challenges: An overview, in Shaw R. and Gurtoo A. (eds). **"Global Pandemic and Human Security: Technology and Development Perspective,"** Springer Nature.

Rajib Shaw (Editor), Anjula Gurtoo (Editor)
Publisher : Springer; 1st ed. 2022 edition (March 2, 2022)
Language : English
Hardcover : 449 pages
ISBN-10 : 981165073X
ISBN-13 : 978-9811650734

(III). Professional training/ workshop (taken or imparted):

1. Guest lecturer in "Training Programme in Policy Analysis" course at BIGM, Dhaka [Imparted].

(IV). Professional seminar (presented /discussed):

1. Presented a paper titled **"The New Determinants of Household Disaster Preparedness Behaviour and Policy efficacy on Bangladeshi households"** in the Fortnightly Seminar Series held on May 21, 2022 in the BIDS Conference Room.
2. Presented an Opinion paper in the 3rd International Conference on **"Entrepreneurship Development, International Economics under COVID-19 in Bangladesh: Aftermath of LDC Graduation"** held on 15 January, 2022 organized by Entrepreneurial Economist Club of the Dhaka School of Economics.

(V). Other Professional/Institutional Activities

Journal Reviewer

1. World Development (**Elsevier**)
2. Bangladesh Journal of Public Administration (BJPA)
3. Bangladesh Unnayan Samikkhaya
4. Bangladesh Development Studies (BDS)

BIDS Institutional Activities

- Editorial Board Member, Bangladesh Unnayan Samikkhaya
- Member, ICT and Website Management Committee (ICTWMC)
- Convener, Research and Publication (R & P) Committee
- Member, Publication Committee
- Co-convener, Seminar Committee

External Activities

- Member (TEC 2), Sector Action Plan, Local Government & Rural Development, Planning Commission.
- Provided expert opinion on the Draft Sector Action Plan of the Fisheries and the Livestock Sector, Agriculture, Water Resources and Rural. Institution Division, Planning Commission.
- Presented as a Special Guest in the Climate Roundtable 2022 titled “**Climate Change induced Migration, Displacement and Social Dimensions: Evidence from Bangladesh**” organized by International Centre for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD), Independent University, Bangladesh and World Bank’s Social Sustainability and Inclusion (SSI) unit.
- Participated in the BDRS 2020: Key Findings and Bangladesh Environment Statistics 2020 organized by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics.
- Represented BIDS in the President Award 2020 for Industrial Development Evaluation Committee.

Membership

- Life Member, Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA).

Report on Professional Activities
Period: January 14, 2022 – June 15, 2022

Name of the Researcher: Dr. Abdur Razzaque Sarker

Research Division: Population Studies Division

(I). Research:

Completed

Study-1:

Title of the project: **End Line Evaluation of Strengthening Women's Ability for Productive New Opportunities (SWAPNO) 3rd Cycle**

Funded by: UNDP

Team Member(s):

Dr. Binayak Sen and Tanveer Mahmood

Study-2:

Title of the project: **Labor Market Study for SEIP: RMG Sectors**

Team Member(s):

Dr. Nazneen Ahmed and Rizwana Islam

Study-3:

Title of the project: **Covid-19 Vaccine Delivery Barriers in LMICs**

Funding by: University of Strathclyde, UK

Ongoing

Study-1: Economic Burden of Cancers in Bangladesh

Funded by: Research Endowment Fund (REF)

Study-2: Economic Burden of COVID-19 in Bangladesh

Funded by: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)

Study-3: Catastrophic Healthcare Expenditure and its Determinants in Bangladesh

Funded by: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)

(II). Publication:

Total publications: **4 (Four)**

1. **Sarker AR*** and Hossain Z (2022). The Progress and Factors of Childhood Severe, Moderate and Global Acute Malnutrition in Bangladesh over 22 years: Evidence from Demography and Health Survey. *Bangladesh Development Studies*. Vol XLIV, Nos 1&2
2. **Sarker AR***, Ali Z, Ahmed M, Ali N (2022). Out-of-pocket payment for healthcare among urban citizens in Dhaka, Bangladesh. *PLOS ONE*. 17(1): e0262900. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0262900
3. **আব্দুর রাজ্জাক সরকার**, শরীফ ইরফাত জেব্বীন, জাকির হোসেন (2022). বাংলাদেশে শিশু স্কুলতার ব্যাপকতা এবং এর প্রভাবকসমূহঃ বাংলাদেশ জনমিতিক ও স্বাস্থ্য জরিপ ২০১৭-১৮ বিশ্লেষণ. বাংলাদেশ উন্নয়ন সমীক্ষা (Accepted)

4. Rahman MA, Anan T, **Sarker AR**, Mehareen J. (2022). Validity and reliability of the Patient Health Questionnaire Scale (PHQ-9) among university students of Bangladesh. *PLOS ONE*. 17(6): e0269634. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0269634>

(III). Professional training/ workshop (taken or imparted):

Resource Person (Trainer). Training Course on Policy Planning of Sector Program. April 21-22, 2022. Organized by Health Service Division, MOHFW. Topic: Monitoring and Evaluation of Health Sector Plans

(IV). Professional seminar (presented /discussed):

- 1) **World Bank’s table discussion** on *Health Service Delivery System Reorientation*. Held on May 23, 2022 at Hotel Amari Dhaka, Gulshan-2, Bangladesh
- 2) **Presenter:** *Labor Market Study for SEIP: RMG Sectors*. Held on 15 June 2022. BIDS Conference Hall.

(V). Other Professional/Institutional Activities (membership, media participation etc.):

BIDS Institutional Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>BIDS Administrative Affairs Committee (AAC)</i> ▪ <i>BIDS PCC (Member Secretary)</i> ▪ <i>BIDS Canteen Committee</i> ▪ <i>BIDS Seminar Committee</i> ▪ <i>UDA and Assistant Librarian Recruitment Committee</i>
External Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Member, BCS Administrative Academy Research Committee</i> ▪ <i>Member, BCS Administrative Academy Publications Committee</i> ▪ <i>Examiner M.Phil Examination, University of Dhaka</i>
Academic Editor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>BMC Public Health (Impact factor 2.52)</i> ▪ <i>BMC Health Service Research (Impact factor-1.9)</i> ▪ <i>PLOS Global Health</i>
Journals’ referee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>International Journal of Health Policy and Planning</i> ▪ <i>BMJ Open</i>

Report on Professional Activities
Period: January 14, 2022 – June 15, 2022

Name of the Researcher: Dr. Badrun Nessa Ahmed

Research Division: Industry and Physical Infrastructure Division (IPID)

(I) Research:

Completed:

(1) Name of the Study: **Assessment of Social Action Projects of P4D Programme of the British Council in Bangladesh: Preparing four new issue briefs on four selected**

themes (both in English and Bengali) for P4D programme of the British Council in Bangladesh.

Data of Completion: February 2022

Team Member(s): Zulfiqar Ali, Mohammad Harunur Rashid Bhuyan, Badrun Nessa Ahmed, and Prof. A K Enamul Haque.

Sponsor of the Study: P4D Programme, British Council, Dhaka

Ongoing:

(1) Name of the Study: **Labour Market Study – Construction Sector**

Data of Completion: June 2022

Team Member(s): Zulfiqar Ali, Badrun Nessa Ahmed and Rizwana Islam

Sponsor of the Study: SEIP

(2) Name of the Study: **Evaluation of Amar Bari Amar Khamar (ABAK) Project**

Data of Completion: August 2022

Team Member(s): Zulfiqar Ali and Badrun Nessa Ahmed

Sponsor of the Study: ABAK Project, Rural Development and Cooperatives Division

(3) Name of the Study: **Mid-term satisfaction survey of College Education Development Project (CEDP)**

Data of Completion: August 2022

Team Member(s): Zulfiqar Ali, Rizwana Islam, Md. Nahid Ferdous Pabon

Sponsor of the Study: CEDP, Ministry of Education.

(II). Publication:

Academic:

- Ahmed, B. N. (2022). Does income bring happiness? An empirical analysis using pseudo-panel data from Bangladesh. Research Report No. 191. Dhaka, BIDS.

(III). Professional training/workshop (taken or imparted): None

(IV). Professional seminar (presented/discussed): None

(V). Other Professional/Institutional Activities (membership, media participation etc.):

- Member, Evaluation Committee to set-up Bangabandhu National Labour Institute, Department of Labor, Ministry of Labour and Employment.
- Reviewer, Journal of Food Security.
- Member, Doctoral Advisory Committee, Institute of Development and Agricultural Economics, University of Hannover, Germany.
- Member, PCC, BIDS.
- Member, Bangladesh Unnayan Shamikkha (BUS)
- Life Member, Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA)
- Life Member, Dhaka University Economics Department Alumni Association (DUEEAA)

Report on Professional Activities
Period: January 14, 2022 – June 15, 2022

Name of the Researcher: Mohammad Golam Nabi Mozumder

Research Division: Human Resources Development

(I). Research:

Completed (Please indicate the date of project completion as per A-100 form): None

Ongoing

1. Name of the Study: How Teenagers Use Smartphones to Exercise Freedom (Report submitted on 6th July in 2021; awaiting comments)
Team Member(s): MGN Mozumder
Sponsor: The REF

2. Name of the Study: Mobile Lives: The Quotidian Use of Mobile Phone
Team Member(s): MGN Mozumder
Sponsor: The REF
Duration: 1st May 2022 to 30 November 2022

(II). Publication:

Mozumder, Mohammad Golam Nabi. "Living-Dead': The Transformative Power of Educating the Body." *Society*, 2022. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s12115-022-0066>

(III). Professional training/ workshop (taken or imparted): None

(IV). Professional seminar (presented /discussed):

Made a presentation at BIDS on "Mobile lives: The Quotidian Use of Mobile Phones" on March 15, 2022 at BIDS.

(V). Other Professional/Institutional Activities (membership, media participation etc.):

Reviewer: Journal of Contemporary Ethnography

Report on Professional Activities
Period: January 14, 2021 – June 15, 2021

Name of the Researcher: Taznoore Samina Khanam

Research Division: Agriculture and Rural Development Division (ARDD)

(I). Research:

Completed (Please indicate the date of project completion as per A-100 form): N/A

Ongoing (Please indicate the date of project completion as per A-100 form / Latest Approval):

1. **Name of the Study:** Impact Evaluation of Paddy e-procurement Program of Bangladesh
Team Member(s): Taznoore Samina Khanam and Dr. Kazi Iqbal
Sponsor of the Study (Please mention): REF
2. **Name of the study:** Impact Evaluation of Rural Roads and Waterways under the Second Rural Transport Improvement Project (RTIP-II)
Team Member(s): Dr. Mohammad Yunus, Dr. Nazmul Haque, Dr. Abdur Rahman Forhad, Dr. Taznoore Samina Khanam, Kashfi Rayan, Rizwana Islam
Sponsor of the Study (Please mention): Local Government Engineering Department (LGED)

(II). Publication:

Academic:

Can agricultural information through mobile phones improve welfare farm household welfare? Evidence from panel data in Bangladesh, Bangladesh Development Studies, Vol XLIV, March-June 2021, Nos 1&2. **(Accepted paper)**
Author: Taznoore Samina Khanam

(III). Professional training/ workshop (taken or imparted):

In-person Workshop- Thematic Working Groups- **Dhaka Food Agenda 2041**, Organized by FAO and Wageningen University and Research (WUR), 23rd-24th March, 2022.

(IV). Professional seminar (presented /discussed)

(V). Other Professional/Institutional Activities (membership, media participation etc.):

Professional membership

- Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA)
- Bangladesh Agricultural Economists Association (BAEA)

Report on Professional Activities
Period: January 14, 2022 – June 15, 2022

Name of the Researcher: Humayra Ahmed

Research Division: Population Studies Division (PSD)

(I). Research:

Completed (Please indicate the date of project completion as per A-100 form): None

Name of the Study:

Team Member(s):

Sponsor of the Study (Please mention): Donor-supported / REF / SRP / Non-funded

Ongoing (Please indicate the date of project completion as per A-100 form / Latest Approval):

Name of the Study: Working on a study on “Health Seeking Behavior of Terminally Ill Patients in Bangladesh: A Case of Palliative Care after being positively diagnosed with Cancer” (*Non-funded*)

Team Member(s): Humayra Ahmed

Sponsor of the Study (Please mention): Donor-supported / REF / SRP / Non-funded

(II). Publication: None

Academic:

Other:

(III). Professional training/ workshop (taken or imparted): None

(IV). Professional seminar (presented /discussed): None

(V). Other Professional/Institutional Activities (membership, media participation etc.):

Life Member, Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA)

Report on Professional Activities
Period: January 14, 2022 – June 15, 2022

Name of the Researcher: Mitali Parvin

Research Division: Agriculture and Rural Development Division (ARDD)

(I). Research:

Completed: N/A

Ongoing:

1. Name of the Study: Food Insecurity, Extreme Poverty, and Underemployment in Backward Areas of Bangladesh (FPUB)
Team Member(s): Dr. Binayak Sen, Dr. Mohammad Yunus (Team leader), Dr. Md. Mainul Hoque, Dr. Md. Zabid Iqbal, Ms. Mitali Parvin, Mohammad Riaz Uddin, and Ms. Kashfi Rayan.
Sponsor of the Study: Ministry of Planning

2. Exposure Vulnerability of Hoar People: Climate Change and Natural Disaster Perspectives
Team Member(s): Mitali Parvin and Dr. Mohammad Yunus
Sponsor of the Study: Non-funded

3. Assessment of Livelihoods Vulnerability of the Haor Districts of Bangladesh
Team Member(s): Mitali Parvin and Ishmam Rayan Haq
Sponsor of the Study: Non-funded

(II). Publication:

Name of the Study: An Impact Analysis of Vulnerable Group Feeding Program (VGF) in Bangladesh by Mitali Parvin (Forthcoming as a Research Report at BIDS)

(III). Professional training/ workshop (taken or imparted):

Masters in Development Economics in Dhaka University under BIDS Graduate School of Economics for 1 year is Ongoing

(IV). Professional seminar (presented /discussed): N/A

(V). Other Professional/Institutional Activities (membership, media participation, etc.):

-Member, NASA Applied Remote Sensing Training (ARSET)

-Member, Climate Change MOOC - The University of Melbourne

- Member, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) Stakeholders Forum.

-Member, Clean Air for Asia Clean-Air Initiatives for South-Asian Region

-Member, Agricultural Research Management and Information System (ARMIS) program, BARC, Dhaka

-Member of Environmental Awareness Club, Khulna University, Bangladesh

Report on Professional Activities
Period: January 14, 2022 – June 15, 2022

Name of the Researcher: Tahreen Tahrima Chowdhury

Research Division: Human Resources Development Division (HRDD)

(I). Research:

Completed (Please indicate the date of project completion as per A-100 form):

1) Name of the Study: Impact of Covid-19 on Tourism Industry in Bangladesh:
Analysis of Current Situation and Suggested Strategies for the Future

Team Member(s): Dr. Mohammad Yunus (Team Leader), Dr. Mohammad Mainul
Hoque

Sponsor of the Study: Bangladesh Tourism Board

Project completion period: January, 2022

Ongoing

(Please indicate the date of project completion as per A-100 form / Latest Approval):

1) Name of the Study: Labour Market and Skill Gap Analyses in Hospitality and
Tourism Sector of Bangladesh

Team Member(s): Dr. Mohammad Yunus (Team Leader), Dr. Mohammad Mainul
Hoque

Sponsor of the Study: SEIP, Ministry of Finance

Project completion period: March, 2022

2) Name of the Study: Labour Market and Skill Gap Analyses in IT Sector of
Bangladesh

Team Member(s): Dr. Monzur Hossain (Team Leader), Nahian Azad

Sponsor of the Study: SEIP, Ministry of Finance

Project completion period: March, 2022

(II). Publication:

Academic:

- 1) Chowdhury, Tahreen Tahrima and Murshid, K.A.S.; "[Does Fuel Pricing Affect Males and Females Differently? Evidence from Kerosene Using Households in Rural Bangladesh](#)" [Bangladesh Development Studies; Volume XLIII, September-December 2020, Nos. 3&4](#)
- 2) Hossain, Monzur.; and Chowdhury, Tahreen Tahrima; "*COVID-19, Financial Technology, and the Recovery of Micro, Small, and Medium-Sized Enterprises: Evidence from Bangladesh*", "Fin-Tech and COVID-19", Asian Development Bank Institute (ADB), 2022 (forthcoming)

Other:

(III). Professional training/ workshop (taken or imparted):

- Attended a meeting on "Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility (TFAF)" with WTO team and Ministry of Commerce (02 June, 2022 at Ministry of Commerce).

(IV). Professional seminar (presented /discussed):

- 1) Presented key findings of the study "Labour Market and Skill Gap Analyses in Hospitality and Tourism Sector of Bangladesh" at SEIP Validation Workshop (15 June,2022 at BIDS)
- 2) Presented key findings of the study "Labour Market and Skill Gap Analyses in IT Sector of Bangladesh" at SEIP Validation Workshop (15 June,2022 at BIDS)

(V). Other Professional/Institutional Activities (membership, media participation etc.):

- 1) Participated in a round table discussion on "অর্থনৈতিক চ্যালেঞ্জ ও বাজেট প্রত্যাশা" as one of the discussants; organized by The Daily Prothom Alo on May 21, 2022.
- 2) Participated in a round table discussion on "নারী উদ্যোক্তার বাজেট ভাবনা" as one of the discussants; jointly organized by Women Entrepreneurship Association and Ekattor TV on June 01, 2022.

Report on Professional Activities
Period: January 14, 2022 – June 15, 2022

Name of the Researcher: Siban Shahana

Research Division: General Economic Division

(I). Research:

Completed (Please indicate the date of project completion as per A-100 form):

Name of the Study:

Team Member(s):

Sponsor of the Study (Please mention): Donor-supported / REF / SRP / Non-funded

Ongoing (Please indicate the date of project completion as per A-100 form / Latest Approval):

Name of the Study:

Team Member(s):

Sponsor of the Study (Please mention): Donor-supported / REF / SRP / Non-funded

(II). Publication:

Academic:

Other:

(III). Professional training/ workshop (taken or imparted):

(IV). Professional seminar (presented /discussed):

(V). Other Professional/Institutional Activities (membership, media participation etc.):

Worked as Strategic Plan Consultant for College Education Development Project (CEDP)

Report on Professional Activities
Period: January 14, 2022 – June 15, 2022

Name of the Researcher: Rizwana Islam

Research Division: Industry & Physical Infrastructure (IPID)

(I). Research:

Completed (Please indicate the date of project completion as per A-100 form): None

Ongoing:

Name of the Study: Impact Studies of Rural Roads and Waterways under Second Rural Transport Improvement Project (RTIP-II)

Team Member(s): Dr. Mohammad Yunus, Dr. Abdur Rahman Forhad, Dr. Md. Nazmul Haq, Dr. Taznoore Samina Khanam, Kashfi Rayan, Rizwana Islam

Sponsor: LGED

Name of the Study: Mid-term satisfaction survey of College Education Development Project (CEDP)

Team Member(s): Dr. Badrun Nessa Ahmed, Dr. Zulfiqar Ali, Wahid Ferdous Pabon, Rizwana Islam

Date of Project Completion: August 2022

Sponsor: CEDP, Ministry of Education

Name of the Study: Skills and Employment Investment Project on the RMG Sector of Bangladesh

Team Member(s): Dr. Nazneen Ahmed, Dr. Abdur Razzaque Sarker and Rizwana Islam

Date of Project Completion: June 2022

Sponsor: SEIP

Name of the Study: Skills and Employment Investment Project on the Construction Sector of Bangladesh

Team Member(s): Dr. Zulfiqar Ali, Dr. Badrun Nessa Ahmed and Rizwana Islam

Date of Project Completion: June 2022

Sponsor: SEIP

Name of the Study: Feasibility Study for New Projects of DYD

Team Member(s): Dr. Azreen Karim, Dr. Binayak Sen, Rizwana Islam, Tanveer Mahmood, Mahir A. Rahman

Date of Project Completion: November 2022

Sponsor: Department of Youth Development

Name of the Study: Understanding the needs of women entrepreneurs for utilizing more e-commerce platforms and assessing impacts of access to e-commerce opportunities through smartphones

Team Member(s): Dr. Mohammad Yunus, Dr. Abdur Rahman Forhad, Rizwana Islam

Date of Project Completion: June 2022

Sponsor: UNDP

(II). Publication: None

Academic:

Other:

(III). Professional training/ workshop (taken or imparted):

Training program on Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) Modelling for Policy Analysis held in two phases. Phase-I from April, 4-April,11, 2022 & Phase-II from May,9-May,18, 2022 in New Delhi, India.

(IV). Professional seminar (presented /discussed):

Presentation on “Skills and Employment Investment Project on the RMG Sector of Bangladesh (SEIP)”

(V). Other Professional/Institutional Activities (membership, media participation etc.)

- Member, BIDS Innovation Team
- Member, BIDS Macro Team

Report on Professional Activities
Period: January 14, 2022 – June 15, 2022

Name of the Researcher: Kashfi Rayan

Research Division: Agriculture and Rural Development Division (ARDD)

(I) Completed Studies

1. Research Report titled “Impact of Migration on Nutritional Conditions for children under five years of age in the rural households of Bangladesh” by Kashfi Rayan and Mr. Maruf Ahmed.
2. What is the impact of international migration on children under five years of age in rural households of Bangladesh? by Kashfi Rayan and Mr. Maruf Ahmed. Preparation of manuscript for BDS submission is going on.

(II) On-going Studies:

1. Name of the Study: Labor Market Study for Skills (LMS-SEIP)-Agro food Processing.
Team Members: Dr. M Asaduzzaman (Team Leader), Dr. Mohammad Harunur Rashid Bhuyan, Ms. Kashfi Rayan, Prof. Dr. Md. Bellal Hossain.
Status: Final Revision is going on after the Workshop.
Sponsor of the Study: ADB-SEIP

2. Name of the Study: Food Insecurity, Extreme Poverty, and Underemployment in Backward Areas of Bangladesh
Team Members: Dr. Mohammad Yunus (Team leader), Dr. Mohammad Mainul Hoque, Mrs. Mitali Parvin, Mohammad Riaz Uddin and Kashfi Rayan

Status: First Draft submission of the chapter titled “Migration in Haor Region: A coping mechanism to mitigate the cyclical natural disasters”
Sponsor of the Study: Special Research Project

3. Name of the Study: Impact Evaluation of Second Rural Transport Improvement Project-II (RTIP-II-IE),
Team Members: Dr. Mohammad Yunus (Team leader), Dr. Md. Nazmul Hoque, Dr. Md. Abdur Rahman Forhad, Dr. Taznoore Samina Khanam, Ms. Kashfi Rayan and Ms. Rizwana Islam.
Status: Inception Report Submitted, Enumerator Training going on.
Sponsor of the Study: LGED

(II) Other Professional/Institutional Activities (membership, media participation etc.):

BIDS Committee Members:

- Committee Member of “Moral Committee” under the National Integrity Strategy.
- Committee Member of “BIDS First Floor Wash Room Renovation”.
- Deputy coordinator of Master's in Development Economics, BIDS Graduate School of Economics: Student’s Admission Exam, Brochure Preparation etc.

Reviewer: Nicotine & Tobacco Research, Oxford Academic, from January 2021

Report on Professional Activities
Period: January 14, 2022 – June 15, 2022

Name of the Researcher: Md Nahid Ferdous Pabon

Research Division: Industry and Physical Infrastructure Division (IPID)

(i.1) Completed Research: None

(i.2) Ongoing Research:

1. Name of the Study: Mid-term satisfaction survey of College Education Development Project (CEDP)
Data of Completion: August 2022
Team Member(s): Badrun Nessa Ahmed, Zulfiqar Ali, Rizwana Islam, Md. Nahid Ferdous Pabon
Sponsor of the Study: CEDP, Ministry of Education.
2. Name of study: Urban Informal Sector Study supported by Special Research Project
Team Member(s): Binayak Sen, Harunur Rashid Bhuiyan, Shahidul Islam, Md Nahid Ferdous Pabon
3. Constraints in Transition from Farm to Non-Farm Employment: Evidence from Rural Bangladesh', Under Review at Bangladesh Development Studies
4. 'The Savings and Growth Nexus in Bangladesh' (with Sultan Hafeez Rahman), Under Review at Bangladesh Development Studies
5. Local Non-Farm Opportunities and Migration Decision: Evidence from Bangladesh (with Kazi Iqbal, Nahian Azad Shashi, Rezoanul Hoque)

(ii) Academic Publication: None

(iii) Teaching:

1. 'Quantitative Methods for Development Economics' at the MDE program in BIDS Graduate School of Development Economics

(IV). Professional seminar (presented /discussed): None

Report on Professional Activities
Period: January 14, 2021 – June 15, 2021

Name of the Researcher: Nahian Azad Shashi

Research Division: Human Resources Development Division (HRDD)

(I). Research:

1. Completed:

Name of the Study: Labor market study for skills for employment investment project (SEIP) – IT sector

Team Member(s): Dr. Monzur Hossain, Tahreen Tahrima Chowdhury, Nahian Azad Shashi

Sponsor of the Study: SEIP, Ministry of Finance

2. Ongoing:

I. Name of the Study: Comprehensive Nationally Representative Panel Data Generation

Team Member(s): Dr. S.R. Osmani, Dr. Binayak Sen, Dr. Monzur Hossain, Dr. Minhaj Mahmud, Mahir A. Rahman, Nahian Azad Shashi

Sponsor of the Study: SRP – Planning Ministry

II. Name of the Study: Gender Differences in Time Use and Labor Force Participation

Team Member(s): Dr. Sajeda Amin, Mahir A. Rahman and Nahian Azad Shashi

Sponsor of the Study: REF

3. Ongoing Publication work(s):

1. Local Nonfarm Opportunities and Migration Decisions: Evidence from Bangladesh
Authors: Kazi Iqbal, Md. Nahid Ferdous Pabon, Rezoanul Haque, Nahian Azad Shashi

2. Estimating the magnitude of Illicit Cigarette sold as retail in Bangladesh: Findings from Retail Pack Survey
Authors: S M Abdullah, Rumana Huque and Nahian Azad Shashi

4. Newspaper Op - Ed

Illicit tobacco & industry interference in Bangladesh, Rumana Huque, S M Abdullah, Nahian Azad Shashi and Tahmid Hasan, published in the Financial Express, February 09, 2022

5. Professional training/ workshop:

1. Participated on workshop on Capacity Building Training on Non-Tariff Measures & Barriers, organized by Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project-1, Ministry of Commerce held on 24-26 May, 2022

BIDS Institutional Activities

- Member, Seminar Committee

Report on Professional Activities
Period: January 14, 2022 – June 15, 2022

Name of the Researcher: Mahir A. Rahman

Research Division: Industry and Physical Infrastructure

(I). Research:

Completed (Please indicate the date of project completion as per A-100 form):

Name of the Study: Aspirational Momentum: The Development Story of Bangladesh
Team Member(s): Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury, BB; Mahir A. Rahman

Sponsor of the Study (Please mention): Donor-supported / REF / SRP / Non-funded

Ongoing (Please indicate the date of project completion as per A-100 form / Latest Approval):

I. Name of the Study: Gender Differences in Time-use and labor force participation
Team Member(s): Sajeda Amin, Nahian Azad Shashi, Mahir A. Rahman
Completion Date: July, 2023

Sponsor of the Study: REF

II. Name of the study: Feasibility Study for the new projects of DYD
Team Member(s): Azreen Karim, Rizwana Islam, Mahir A. Rahman, Tanveer Mahmood
Completion Date: November, 2022

Sponsor: DYD

III. Name of the study: Comprehensive Nationally Representative Panel Data Generation
Team Members: S.R Osmani, Binayak Sen, Monzur Hossain, Minhaj Mahmud, Nahian Azad Shashi, Mahir A. Rahman

Sponsor: SRP

(II). Publication:

Academic: Validity and reliability of the Patient Health Questionnaire scale (PHQ-9) among university students of Bangladesh

Authors: Mahir A. Rahman, Tahia Anan Dhira, Abdur Razzaque Sarker, Jeenat Mehareen

Journal: PLOS-ONE

Citation: Rahman MA, Dhira TA, Sarker AR, Mehareen J (2022) Validity and reliability of the Patient Health Questionnaire scale (PHQ-9) among university students of Bangladesh. PLOS ONE 17(6): e0269634. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0269634>

Other:

Op-Eds:

1. "Is our generation ready for future challenges?" [The Daily Star](#), January 17, 2022
2. "Morality in the age of social media" [The Daily Star](#), March 22, 2022
3. "Ramadan, consumers and just pricing" [The Daily Star](#), April 19, 2022
4. "Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka: A Comparative Anatomy" [The Daily Star](#), April 27, 2022

(III). Professional training/ workshop (taken or imparted):

(IV). Professional seminar (presented /discussed):

(V). Other Professional/Institutional Activities (membership, media participation etc.):

Report on Professional Activities
Period: January 14, 2022 – June 15, 2022

Name of the Researcher: Jayed Bin Satter

Research Division: General Economic Division (GED)

(I). Research:

Completed (Please indicate the date of project completion as per A-100 form):

Name of the Study: None.

Team Member(s):

Sponsor of the Study (Please mention): Donor-supported / REF / SRP / Non-funded

Ongoing (Please indicate the date of project completion as per A-100 form / Latest Approval):

1. Name of the Study: **Poverty Dynamics within COVID-19 Context in Urban Bangladesh: The Case of Dhaka City.**

Team Member(s): Dr. Binayak Sen (Study Director), Dr. S. M. Zulfiqar Ali, Dr. S M Zahedul Islam Chowdhury, Jayed Bin Satter.

Timeline: December, 2021- June, 2022

Sponsor of the Study: REF & UNDP(Joint)

2. Name of the Study: **Impact Evaluation of 'Amar Bari Amar Khamar'**

Team Member(s): Dr. S. M. Zulfiqar Ali (Study Director), Dr. Badrun Nessa Ahmed, Jayed Bin Satter.

Timeline: July, 2021- August, 2022

Sponsor of the Study: 'Amar Bari Amar Khamar' Project, Ministry of Cooperative and Rural Development

(II). Publication: None

Academic:

Other:

(III). Professional training/ workshop (taken or imparted): None

(IV). Professional seminar (presented /discussed): None

(V). Other Professional/Institutional Activities (membership, media participation etc.): None