

# Report on Professional Activities

## Period: April, 2021 – December, 2021

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**1. Name of the Researcher: Dr. Binayak Sen, Director General, BIDS**

### **(I). Research:**

#### **Completed:**

**“Ascent, Descent, and Churning: Poverty Trends and Dynamics in Rural Bangladesh”**, Paper prepared for the international conference entitled “50 Years of Bangladesh: Retrospect and Prospect” organized by CPD, 7 December 2021 (with Tanima Ahmed). It is an unfunded work.

**“Bangladesh in a Comparative Perspective”**, Paper prepared for the Annual BIDS Conference on Development (ABCD) entitled “Celebrating 50 Years of Bangladesh” organized by BIDS, 1 December 2021. It is an unfunded work.

**“Understanding Uneven Progress towards SDG1 and 2: Lessons Learned from Successful (and Unsuccessful) Countries”**, 18 August 2021. Paper currently being prepared for journal submission.

#### **Ongoing:**

**SRP Project on Rural Poverty Dynamics Study** (the author responsible for the component on poverty trends and dynamics).

**SRP Project on Extreme Poverty Study** (the author is responsible for the overall study).

### **(II). Publication(s):**

#### Peer Reviewed Publications

**“Poverty in Bangladesh in the 2010s--Progress, Drivers, and Vulnerabilities: An Introduction”**. *Bangladesh Development Studies*, Vol 42, Nos.2-3, June- September 2019. Printed in June 2021, pp. i-x (with Ruth Hill and Maria Genoni).

#### Other Publications

**“Poverty, Inequality and Development: Some Aspects of Economic Philosophy of Sheikh Hasina”**. In: Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen (ed.). *Sheikh Hasina: Bimugdho Bismoy*,

Festschrift on the 75th Birth Anniversary of Sheikh Hasina, Chandrabati Academy, pp. 246-258 (in Bangla).

**“Poverty-Reducing Lessons from Success Stories”**, WhiteBoard ( a quarterly policy magazine by the Centre for Research and Information), December 2021, Dhaka. <https://whiteboardmagazine.com/2711/poverty-reducing-lessons-from-success-stories/>

**(III). Professional training/ workshop: N/A**

**(IV). Participation Seminars and Webinars:**

Chair/ Moderator, BIDS Critical Conversations 2021 on "COVID-19: Linking Economic and Health Concerns", 23 May 2021.

Chair/ Moderator, BIDS Critical Conversations 2021 on “Normalizing Masks: Health and Economic Implications, 9 June 2021.

Chair/ Moderator, an online commemorative event on Bangabandhu entitled “*Bangabandhuke Kache Theke Dekha: Remembrance by His Contemporaries*”, 18 August 2021.

Lead Discussant, Webinar on “Bangabandhu’s Philosophy on Industrialization” (বাংলাদেশ চেম্বার অব ইন্ডাস্ট্রিজের উদ্যোগে “বঙ্গবন্ধুর শিল্পায়ন দর্শন: আজকের বাংলাদেশ”-শীর্ষক ওয়েবিনারের মূল আলোচক), 30 August 2021.

Lead Discussant, Webinar on “Women’s Movement in Bangladesh” (মহিলা পরিষদের ওয়েবিনারের প্রধান বক্তা), 5 September 2021.

Panel Discussant, Seminar on “Dream of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib: Transformation of an Agrarian Economy” organized by the Ministry of Planning, 22 September 2021.

Panel Discussant, Webinar on “COVID-19 and Sustainable Development Goals: Way Forward”, 7 October 2021.

Gave lecture on “Bangladesh's Current Growth Trajectory: Strategies, Opportunities and Challenges” for the participants of 133rd Advanced Course on Administration & Development (ACAD) at BPATC, 17 October 2021.

Designated discussant, Webinar on “Poverty Eradication: Experiences from Bangladesh and China” organized by China-Bangladesh Friendship Society, 20 October 2021.

Panel Discussant, Seminar on “Bangabandhu’s Journey towards Hunger and Poverty-free Planned Economy” organized by the Ministry of Planning, 24 November 2021.

**(V). Other Professional Activities:**

Executive Editor, Bangladesh Development Studies (BDS).

**2. Name of the Researcher: Dr. Monzur Hossain,** Research Director

**Research Division:** General Economic Division (GED), Division Chief

**(I). Research:**

**On-going Studies:**

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

**(II). Publication:**

**Book chapter:** “Exchange Rate Management in Bangladesh: Implications for Macroeconomic Stability and Trade Competitiveness” in Prof. Mustafizur Rahman (Eds.) *Bangladesh Economy in an Evolving Regional and Global Context*, Forthcoming

**Book:** Digital Transformation and Economic Development: Rethinking Digitalization Strategies for Leapfrogging, Forthcoming, Palgrave Macmillan

**ADB Working Paper:** COVID-19, Fintech and the Recovery of Micro, Small, and Medium-Sized Enterprises: Evidence from Bangladesh, Forthcoming

**Newspaper Articles:**

Extending stimulus repayment moratorium could be a respite for RMG, January 10, 2021, The Business Standard

A Quest for Technology-driven Economic Development, 26 March, 2021, The Business Standard

Micro, small enterprises need more support, June 3, 2021, The Business Standard

Corona casts shadows on Bangladesh's LDC graduation progress, November 24, 2021, The Financial Express

**(III). Professional training/ workshop: N/A**

**(IV). Professional seminar (presented):**

1. Paper presented: “COVID-19, Fintech and the Recovery of Micro, Small, and Medium-Sized Enterprises: Evidence from Bangladesh” (with Tahreen Tahrima Chowdhury) in the

seminar, “COVID-19 and Fintech”, held on March 30-April 1, 2021, organized by the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), Tokyo

2. Session organizer, Macroeconomic Policy session, Annual BIDS Conference on Development (ABCD), December 1-3, 2021
3. Paper presented in ABCD Conference: ICTs and Economic Growth in Bangladesh: Rethinking Digitalization Strategies for Faster Recovery
4. Panel discussant, Asian Think Tank Development Forum, 16-17 November, 2021, Jointly organized by ADB and ADBI
5. Paper to be presented in ASSA 2022 conference, January 9, 2022: Covid-19, Agglomeration Economies and Firm Recovery: Evidence from Bangladesh (with Tahreen Tahrima Chowdhury)

#### **(V). Other Professional/Institutional Activities:**

##### **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, 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).

**5. Name of the Researcher:** Dr. S. M. Zulfiqar Ali

**Research Division:** Population Studies Division (PSD), Division Chief

**(I) Research:**

**Completed:**

(1) Name of the Study: **Assessment of Social Action Projects of P4D Programme of the British Council in Bangladesh: Updating Six Issue Briefs Incorporating the Impact of Covid-19**

Date of Completion: June 2021.

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

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

(2) Name of the Study: **Evaluation of Reaching Out of School Children Project Phase-II (ROSC-II)** – Draft Report Submitted

Date of Submission: September 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

**Ongoing:**

(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.

Date 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

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

Date of Completion: March 2022

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

Sponsor of the Study: SEIP

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

Date of Completion: April 2022

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

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

**(II). Publication:**

**Academic:** N/A

**Other:** N/A

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

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

- Made a presentation on key findings in the report launching workshop of the report “extreme poverty: the challenges if inclusion in Bangladesh” organized by GED, Planning Commission on 30 September 2021.
- Made a presentation on “spatial and social dimensions of poverty: a multi-dimensional approach” in the Annual BIDS Conference on Development (ABCD) held on 1-3 December 2021.

**(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 quite a few TV Talk-Shows during this period

**6. Name of the Researcher:** Dr. Kazi Iqbal, Senior Research Fellow

**Research Division:** Industry and Physical Infrastructure Division (IPID), Division Chief

**(I). Research:**

**Ongoing:**

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

“Financial Literacy and Trading Behaviour of Small Investors in Stock Market: An RCT Based Evidence from a Developing Country” [with Asadul Islam and Vy Nguyen]

“Have the Clustered SMEs Performed Better Than the Non-clustered SMEs during the Pandemic? Evidence from Three Rounds of Surveys” [T. Mahmood and R. Haque]

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

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

“Impact of Natural Disaster on Education Outcomes: Evidence from Bangladesh” [with Mainul Haque, Paritosh K. Roy]

**(II). Publication:**

**Peer reviewed journal**

“Institutions and Rate of Returns of Cattle: Evidence from Bangladesh”, forthcoming, Asian Development Review [with K.A. Toufique and W.F. Ibon]

“Access and Fees in Public Health Care Services for the Poor: Bangladesh as a Case Study” forthcoming, Oxford Development Studies [W. Abdallah and S. Chowdhury]

“One and a Half Years into the Pandemic in Bangladesh: What Have We Learnt So Far?” Vol. 23 (1), 2021, Journal of Bangladesh Studies [with I. Jahan, A. Rabbani and A.S. Shonchoy]

**Newspaper article**

“The case for reshuffling holidays to stimulate the economy”, The Business Standard, 22 December, 2021



This is an RFL-Walton story too!, The Daily Star, May 23, 2021

“Apparel exports: resilience and future challenges”, The Daily Star, April 21, 2021

**(III). Professional workshop/training: N/A**

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

- [“16th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development”](#) Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi, December 20-22, 2021

Paper: Local Nonfarm Opportunities and Migration Decision: Evidence from Bangladesh

- Annual BIDS Conference on Development (ABCD), Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), December 1-3, 2021

Paper: Have the Clustered SMEs Performed Better Than the Non-clustered SMEs during the Pandemic? Evidence from Three Rounds of Surveys

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

**Keynote speaker/guest lecturer**

Keynote Speaker, Ministry of Public Administration, GoB, November 2021  
“LDC Graduation, WTO and Industrial Policy”

**Professional Responsibilities**

Editorial advisory board: Lahore Journal of Economics

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

**Refereeing Service**

Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Asian Economics, Bangladesh Development Studies

**7. Name of the Researcher:** Dr. Minhaj Uddin Mahmud, Senior Research Fellow  
**Research Division:** General Economics Division (GED)

**(I). Research:**

**Completed:**

Name of the Study: Tracer Study on Graduates of Tertiary Colleges under National University of Bangladesh

[Sponsor: World Bank through National University Bangladesh]

Team members: Tahreen Tahrira Chowdhury

**Ongoing:**

Name of the Study: "Creating Political and Social Climate for Climate Change Adaptation"

[Sponsor: Norwegian Government through Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen]

Team members: CMI researchers

Name of the Study: Lessons from Development Intervention: Evaluation of School Feeding Program (SFP) in Bangladesh

[Sponsor: Government of Bangladesh under Special Research Program]

Team Members: Abdur Razzaque Sarker and Shahidul Islam

Study on Digital Microfinance in Bangladesh

[Sponsor: Asian Development Bank]

Team Members: Shahid Khandaker and Hussain Samad

**(II). Publication: N/A**

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

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

ABCD conference, Dhaka: Organized a session and presented on Political Economy of Climate Change

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

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

**Research Division:** Population Studies Division (PSD)

**(I). Research:**

**Completed:**

Epidemiological and Economic Burden of Dengue in Dhaka, funded by Health Economics Unit, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Bangladesh

Team Member(s): Dr. Abdur Razzaque Sarker (SD) ,Dr. S M. Zahedul Islam Chowdhury and Maruf Ahmed

Sponsor of the Study: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW)

Time Duration: July 2020-April 2021

Development of National Adolescent Strategy (NAS) in Bangladesh

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

Sponsor of the Study: UNICEF through Oxford Policy Management, UK

Time Duration: February 2019-May 2021

**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-March 2022

**(II). Publication: N/A**

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

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

**(V). Other Professional/Institutional Activities (Membership, Meeting participation etc.):**

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, Committee for Proposal Evaluation, Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA).  
Focal Point (BIDS), Bangladesh National Productivity Master Plan FY 2020-2030, Ministry of Industry.

**9. Name of the Researcher:** Dr. Mohammad Harunur Rashid Bhuyan, Research Fellow

**Research Division:** Human Resources Development Division (HRDD)

**(I). Research:**

**Completed:**

**Name of the Study:** Platforms for Dialogue (P4D) Programme of the British Council in Bangladesh

**Team Member(s):** Dr. Zulfiqar Ali (Study Director), Dr. Mohammad Harunur Rashid Bhuyan, Dr. Zahedul Islam Chowdhury, Dr. Badrun Nessa Ahmed, Prof. Dr. Md. Omar Faruk..

**Sponsor of the Study:** British Council.

**Ongoing:**

**Name of the Study:** Labor Market Study for Skills (LMS-SEIP)-Leather & Footwear

**Team Member(s):** Dr. Mohammad Harunur Rashid Bhuyan (Study Director), Mr. Maruf Ahmed.

**Sponsor of the Study:** SEIP-ADB

**Name of the Study:** Labor Market Study for Skills (LMS-SEIP)-Agro-processing

**Team Member(s):** Dr. Mohammad Harunur Rashid Bhuyan (Study Director), Dr. M Asaduzzaman, Ms. Kashfi Rayan, Prof. Dr. Md. Bellal Hossain.

**Sponsor of the Study:** SEIP-ADB

**Name of the Study:** Impact Analysis on Development Program for Improving the Living Standard of Hijra, Bede and Underprivileged Community

**Team Member(s):** Dr. Mohammad Harunur Rashid Bhuyan (Study Director), Mr. Maruf Ahmed, Dr. Naryan Das, Mr. Shahidul Islam.

**Sponsor of the Study:** Department of Social Services (DSS)

**(II). Publication(s): None**

**(III). Professional training/ workshop: None**

**(IV). Professional seminar (presented): None**

**(V). Other Professional/Institutional Activities:**

**Member, Board of Editors**

1. Multidisciplinary Journal of Social Science Research Council (**SSRC, Ministry of Planning, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**)

**Journal Reviewer**

1. Bangladesh Unnayan Samikhya (**BIDS**)

**BIDS Institutional Activities**

- Co-convener, Seminar Committee
- Sub-Committee Head (Food), ABCD 2021

**External Activities**

- Member (TEC, PEC), Anti-Corruption Commission, Bangladesh.
- Member (TEC, PEC), Tourist Police, Bangladesh.
- Member (Research Proposal Review Committee), Directorate of Technical Education.
- Member (Research Committee), Bangladesh Technical Education Board.

**10. Name of the Researcher:** Dr. Azreen Karim, Research Fellow

**Research Division:** Agriculture and Rural Development Division (ARDD)

**(I). Research:**

**Ongoing:**

**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.

**(II). Publication(s):**

**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, *forthcoming*.
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, *forthcoming*.

**(III). Professional training/ workshop:**

1. Participated (also presented as group leader) in the Training Workshop on "Capacity Building for Generating Gender Responsive Environmental Data in focusing to SDGs" organized by BBS in collaboration with UN Women Bangladesh [Taken].
2. Guest lecturer in "Training Programme in Policy Analysis" course at BIGM, Dhaka [Imparted].

**(IV). Professional seminar (presented):**

1. Presented a paper titled "Risk, Poverty or Politics? The Determinants of Subnational Public Spending Allocation for Adaptive Disaster Risk Reduction in Bangladesh" at the Annual BIDS Conference on Development (ABCD) on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2021.

2. Presented a paper titled “COVID-19 and fiscal stimulus in South Asia: Implications for resilience and sustainable development” at the 21<sup>st</sup> Biennial Conference of the Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA) on 24 December, 2021.

#### **(V). Other Professional/Institutional Activities:**

##### **Journal Reviewer**

1. Environment and Development Economics (**Cambridge University Press**)
2. Environmental Challenges (**Elsevier**)
3. Journal of Hydrology (**Elsevier**)
4. Bangladesh Development Studies (BDS)

##### **BIDS Institutional Activities**

- Member, ICT and Website Management Committee (ICTWMC)
- Convener, Research and Publication (R & P) Committee
- Member, Publication Committee
- Co-convener, Seminar Committee
- Sub-Committee Head (Program, Printing, Publication), ABCD 2021
- Committee member, Unnayan Mela (Ministry of Planning) 2021
- Rapporteur, Senior Fellows Meeting 2021

##### **External Activities**

- Member (TEC, PEC), Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA)
- BIDS submission at the Planning Division on the occasion of 50 Year Celebration of the Independence.

##### **Membership**

- Life Member, Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA)



**11. Name of the Researcher:** Dr. Abdur Razzaque Sarker, Research Fellow

**Research Division:** Population Studies Division (PSD)

### **(I). Research:**

#### **Completed:**

##### **Study-1:**

Name of the study: **Epidemiological and Economic Burden of Dengue in Dhaka, Bangladesh**

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

Team Member(s):

Dr. S M. Zahedul Islam Chowdhury and Maruf Ahmed

##### **Study-2:**

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

Funding by: University of Strathclyde, UK

#### **Ongoing:**

##### **Study-1: Economic Burden of COVID-19 in Bangladesh**

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

##### **Study-2: Catastrophic Healthcare Expenditure and its Determinants in Bangladesh**

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

##### **Study-3: 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

### **(II). Publication:**

Total publications: **9 (Nine)**

1<sup>st</sup> Author: **3 (Three)**

1. **Sarker AR\*** (2021). Health-related quality of life among older citizens in Bangladesh. *SSM-Mental Health*. 2021 Vol.1 100031.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmmh.2021.100031> -Elsevier Publications
2. **Sarker AR** and Khanam M (2021). Socio-economic inequalities in diabetes and prediabetes among Bangladeshi adults. *Diabetology International*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s13340-021-00556-9> Springer Publication
3. **Sarker AR\***, Sultana M, Alam K and Morton A (2021). Households' out-of-pocket expenditure for healthcare in Bangladesh: A financing incidence analysis. *International Journal of Health Planning and Management*.2021, p 1-12 DOI: 10.1002/hpm.3275 Willey Publications

Co-Author: 6 (Six)

1. Khanam M, Hasan E and **Sarker AR** (2021). Prevalence and Factors of Hypertension Among Bangladeshi Adults. *High Blood Pressure & Cardiovascular Prevention*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40292-021-00461-x>
2. Mehareen J, Anan D, Rahman M and **Sarker AR** (2021). Prevalence and socio-demographic correlates of depression, anxiety, and co-morbidity during COVID-19: A cross-sectional study among public and private university students of Bangladesh. *Journal of Affective Disorders Reports*.5 (2021)100179.
3. Anan T, Rahman MA, **Sarker AR**, Mehareen J.(2021). Validity and reliability of the Generalized students of Bangladesh. *PLoS ONE* 7: 1–16.
4. Ahmed S, Dorin F, Moinuddin S, **Sarker AR** et al (2021). The economic burden of rotavirus hospitalization among children < 5 years of age in selected hospitals in Bangladesh. *Vaccine*: 2021. doi:10.1016/j.vaccine.2021.10.003
5. Colson A, Morton A, Ardal C, Chalkidou,K, Davies S, Garrison L, Jit M, Laxminarayan R, Megiddo I, Morel C, Nonvignon J, Outterson K, Rex J, **Sarker AR**, Sculpher M, Wood B, Xiao W (2021). Antimicrobial Resistance: Is Health Technology Assessment Part of the Solution or Part of the Problem? *Value in Health*. Sep 2021. DOI: 10.1016/j.jval.2021.06.002
6. Tagoe ET, Sheikh N, Morton A, Nonvignon J, **Sarker AR**, Williams L and Megiddo I (2021) COVID-19 Vaccination in Lower-Middle Income Countries: National Stakeholder Views on Challenges, Barriers, and Potential Solutions. *Frontiers in Public Health* 9:709127. doi: 10.3389/fpubh.2021.709127

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

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

1. Presented a paper titled “Trend and Inequality Analysis of Childhood Malnutrition over 22 Years in Bangladesh” at the Annual BIDS Conference on Development (ABCD) on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2021.
2. Presented research finding on “Epidemiological and Economic Burden of Dengue in urban Dhaka” at the BIDS Fortnightly Seminar on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.

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

• **BIDS Institutional Activities**

- 1) *BIDS Administrative Affairs Committee (AAC)*
- 2) *BIDS PCC (Member Secretary)*

• **External Activities**

- 1) Member, *BCS Administrative Academy Research Committee*

2) **Member, BCS Administrative Academy Publications Committee**

- **Academic Editor:**

- 1) *BMC Public Health (Impact factor 2.52)*
- 2) *BMC Health Service Research (Impact factor-1.9)*
- 3) *PLOS Global Health*

- **Journals' referee:**

- 1) *PLOS ONE*
- 2) *International Journal of Health Policy and Planning*
- 3) *PLOS Neglected Tropical Disease*

**12. Name of the Researcher:** Dr. Badrun Nessa Ahmed, Research Fellow

**Research Division:** Industry and Physical Infrastructure Division (IPID)

**(I) Research:**

**Completed:**

(3) Name of the Study: **Assessment of Social Action Projects of P4D Programme of the British Council in Bangladesh: Updating Six Issue Briefs Incorporating the Impact of Covid-19**

Date of Completion: June 2021.

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

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

(4) Name of the Study: **Evaluation of Reaching Out of School Children Project Phase-II (ROSC-II)** – Draft Report Submitted

Data of Submission: September 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

**Ongoing:**

(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: 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

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

Data of Completion: March 2022

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

Sponsor of the Study: SEIP

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

Data of Completion: April 2022

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

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

**(II). Publication:**

**Academic:**

- Ahmed, B. N. (2021). Poor but happy? A pseudo panel analysis to understand the level of happiness in Bangladesh. Research Report BIDS. (*Forthcoming*).

**Other:**

- Ahmed, B. N. (2021). Developing homestead aquaculture to ensure nutritional security. Financial Express, 5 December. Op-ed.

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

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

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

- Reviewer, Journal of Food Security.
- Member, Doctoral Advisory Committee, Institute of Development and Agricultural Economics, University of Hannover, Germany.
- Member, PCC, BIDS.
- Associate Editor, Bangladesh Unnayan Shamikkha (BUS)
- Life Member, Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA)
- Life Member, Dhaka University Economics Department Alumni Association (DUECAA)

**16. Name of the Researcher:** Mitali Parvin, Research Associate

**Research Division:** Agriculture and Rural Development Division (ARDD)

**(I). Research:**

**Ongoing:**

**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

**Name of the Study:** An Impact Analysis of Vulnerable Group Feeding Program (VGF) in Bangladesh by Mitali Parvin (Submitted to BIDS for publication as Research Report)

**Name of the Study:** Atmospheric Dispersion Modelling for Odour Assessment

**(II). Publication: N/A**

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

**(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

**17. Name of the Researcher:** Tahreen Tahrira Chowdhury, Research Associate

**Research Division:** Human Resources Development Division (HRDD)

**(I). Research:**

**Completed:**

1) **Name of the Study:** Tracer Study on Graduates of Tertiary-Level Colleges

**Team Member(s):** Dr. Minhaj Mahmud (Team Leader)

**Date of project completion:** June 30, 2021

**Sponsor of the Study:** College Education Development Programme (CEDP),  
Ministry of Education

**Ongoing:**

1) **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

2) **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

3) **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

**(II). Publication:**

- i. "Covid-19, Fintech and MSMEs Recovery: Evidence from Bangladesh", ADBI  
working paper series (forthcoming).

**(III). Professional training/ workshop: N/A**

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

**(V). Other Professional/Institutional Activities: N/A**



**18. Name of the Researcher:** Rizwana Islam, Research Associate

**Research Division:** Industry and Physical Infrastructure Division (IPID)

**(I). Research:**

**Completed Studies:**

None

**On-going Studies:**

1. **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 Members:** Dr. Mohammad Yunus, Dr. Abdur Rahman Forhad, Rizwana Islam.

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

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

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

**Team Members:** Dr. Nazneen Ahmed, Dr. Abdur Razzaque Sarker and Rizwana Islam.

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

**Team Members:** Dr. Zulfiqar Ali, Dr. Badrun Nessa Ahmed and Rizwana Islam.

**(II). Publication(s):** N/A

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

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

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

- Committee Member of “BIDS Innovation Team”.

**20. Name of the Researcher:** Kashfi Rayan, Research Associate

**Research Division:** Agriculture and Rural Development Division (ARDD)

**(I). Research:**

**Completed Studies:**

**Name of the Study:** Impact of Migration on Nutritional Conditions for children under five years of age in the rural households of Bangladesh

**Team Member(s):** Kashfi Rayan and Mr. Maruf Ahmed.

**Study Completion Seminar:** 3 October, 2021

**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.

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

Sponsor of the Study: Special Research Project

**(II). Publication: N/A**

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

“IZA/FCDO ONLINE Short Course on Research Skills” held on September 14 and 15, 2021

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

- Committee Member of “Annual BIDS Conference on Development 2021”
- Committee Member of “Moral Committee” under the National Integrity Strategy.
- Committee Member of “BIDS Conference Room Renovation”.

**23. Name of the Researcher:** Mahir A. Rahman, Research Associate

**Research Division:** Industry and Physical Infrastructure Division (IPID)

**(I). Research:**

**Completed Studies:**

None

**On-going Studies:**

1. **Name of the Study:** Feasibility study for new projects of DYD.

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

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

**Team Members:** S.R. Osmani, Binayak Sen, Monzur Hossain, Minhaj Mahmud, Mahir A. Rahman, Nahian Azad Shashi.

3. **Name of the Study:** BIDS Demographic Research Study (REF proposal to be submitted).

**Team Members:** Sajeda Amin, Binayak Sen, Mahir A. Rahman, Nahian Azad Shashi, Tanveer Mahmood.

4. **Name of the Study:** Uncovering the Willingness to Pay for Treating and Avoiding Mental Illness Compared to Physical Illness Compared to Physical Illness through Exploring the Perceived Disease Burden.

**Team Members:** Tahia Anan Dhira, Mahir A. Rahman, Jeenat Mehareen.

**(II). Publication:**

**Published:**

1. Dhira TA, Rahman MA, Sarker AR, Mehareen J (2021) Validity and reliability of the Generalized Anxiety Disorder-7 (GAD-7) among university students of Bangladesh. PLOS ONE 16(12): e0261590.  
<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0261590>

**Submitted:**

1. "Validity and reliability of Patient Health Questionnaire-9 scale (PHQ-9) among university students of Bangladesh".

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

**(III). Professional training/ workshop: N/A**

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

**(V). Other Professional/Institutional Activities: N/A**