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Foreword

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

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

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

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

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

Quazi Shahabuddin
Director General
Organogram of BIDS (Administrative Structure)

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Director General

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

Administration

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Policy Coordination Committee
Administrative Affairs Committee
Finance Committee
Audit Cell

Administration

Support Services

Library
Publication
Computer Unit

Accounts Section
THE INSTITUTION

I. Introduction

Mandate

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

Goals and Objectives

The objectives of BIDS are:

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

A Brief History

The Institute started in Pakistan as the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) in June 1957. From the very beginning the PIDE was served by a distinguished body of foreign scholars as well as a significant number of Bengali scholars. It was able to attract a large number of bright young economists and demographers who began their career at the Institute, went abroad for training and made significant contributions to research and policy advice on their return home.
The Institute was officially moved to Dhaka in January 1971. When Bangladesh emerged as a sovereign country in December of the same year, the Institute was renamed the Bangladesh Institute of Development Economics. A Parliamentary Charter was awarded in 1974 and the Institute was renamed once again as the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) to reflect the multi-disciplinary focus of development research. It was incorporated as an autonomous body, governed by a high powered Board of Trustees under the Chairmanship of the Minister of Planning. Since 1974, through a process of national level institutional restructuring, two other establishments – the Population Study Centre and the National Foundation for Research on Human Resources Development – both of which had research objectives similar to that of BIDS, were merged with the Institute in 1982 and 1983 respectively.

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

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

II. Administrative Structure

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

The Board of Trustees

BIDS is governed by a high-powered Board of Trustees, with the Minister for Planning as the Chairman and Director General as the Chief Executive of the Institute.
Secretary of BIDS provides administrative assistance to the Director General and also officiates as Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees is composed of the following:

**Chairman:** The Minister for Planning, ex-officio

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

**Statutory Committees**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Agriculture and Rural Development Division (ARDD)

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

General Economics Division (GED)

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

Human Resources Development Division (HRDD)

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

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

Population Studies Division (PSD)

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

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

Sanctioned and Current Strength of BIDS Research Staff
(as on June 2006)

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

The BIDS Library and Documentation Centre

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

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

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

The Publication Section

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

BIDS Publications

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


**Journals**

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

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

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

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

**Books**

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

**Research Monographs**

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

**Research Reports**

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

**Project Reports**

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

**The Computer Unit**

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

As technology changed over time the computer unit had adjusted to it. There have been changes in several dimensions. All the researchers now have computers in their office rooms. Computers are now extensively used in support services such as the accounts section, administration, the publication section, library and documentation section. All these computers operate under a single network managed by this Unit with
support from the Sustainable Development Network Project (SDNP). The network is now connected to the internet. Researchers can also access to the internet from their residence through dialup connection. The unit manages a dedicated website (www.bids-bd.org). The BIDS library has been put on-line for part of its holdings. There are several network share printers located in different parts of the building. In a nutshell, the unit has expanded very fast and provides valuable services to (hardware and software) research and all support service section.

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

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

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

Quazi Shahabuddin
Director General

Operationalizing Pro-poor Growth in Bangladesh (OPPG)

Date of Initiation: February 2004
Date of Completion: December 2004
Project Director: Dr. Quazi Shahabuddin
Team Members:
  Dr. Quazi Shahabuddin
  Dr. Binayak Sen,
  Dr. M.K. Mujeri
Funding Agency: DFID

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

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

Program for Research on Chronic Poverty in Bangladesh (PRCPB)

Date of Initiation: 01 April 2002
Date of Completion: 30 April 2006
Project Director:
  Dr. Binayak Sen
  (01 April 2002 – 31 July 2004)
  Dr. Quazi Shahabuddin
  (01 August 2004 onward)
Funding Agency: DFID-Bangladesh through CPRC, University of Manchester, UK

The program seeks to make efforts to reduce poverty in Bangladesh more effective by deepening the understanding of those who are chronically poor, of the processes that keep them in poverty and the policy measures that will help them to overcome poverty and vulnerability. This goal is to be achieved by the production and dissemination of policy relevant research findings to government agencies, donors and civil society and by developing the capacity of
Bangladeshi research institutions to undertake research on chronic poverty. A particular feature is the publication of the Bangladesh Chronic Poverty Report.

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

**Distortions to Agricultural Incentives in Bangladesh (DAIB)**

*Date of Initiation*: May 2006  
*Date of Completion*: September 2006  
*Project Director*: Dr. Quazi Shahabuddin  
*Team Members*:  
  - Dr. Zaid Bakht  
  - Dr. Nazneen Ahmed  
*Funding Agency*: The World Bank

The vast majority of the world’s poorest households depend on farming for their livelihood. In the past, their earnings were often depressed by pro-urban and anti-agricultural biases of their own country’s policies. While progress has been made over the past two decades by numerous developing countries in reducing those policy biases, many trade-reducing price distortions remain inter-sectorally as well as within the agricultural sector of low-income countries. A multi-country study, “Poverty Alleviation through Reducing Distortions to Agricultural Incentives” has been designed to understand the extent of and reasons behind that transformation. This study examines questions such as: where is there still a policy bias against agricultural production? To what extent has there been “overshooting” in the sense that some developing country food producers are now being protected from import competition, following the examples of earlier industrializing Europe, then Japan and then Korea and Taiwan? What are the political economy forces behind the more successful reformers and how do they compare with those in less successful countries where distortions to agricultural incentives remain? How important have international forces been relative to domestic political forces in bringing about reforms during the past two decades, as compared with the earlier decades analyzed by Krueger, Schiff and Valdes (and others) in the 1980s? What can be done to accelerate reductions in the agricultural protectionist policies of rich countries that are harmful to poor farmers in developing countries? What policy lessons can be drawn from developing countries from those differing experiences to ensure better growth enhancing and poverty reducing outcomes from own-country reforms in the future too, including less “over-shooting” to a protectionist regime? As part of the overall project, a series of national country studies in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe/CIS, Latin America and the Caribbean are planned. Bangladesh is included in this new cross-country study. The work on Bangladesh includes estimations of the changing extent of distortions through
calculations of various measures of assistance for major agricultural commodities and analysis of the effects of these changes on production incentives in Bangladesh agriculture.

**Agriculture and Rural Development Division**

**Study on Environmental Policy Analysis**

*Date of Initiation:* October 1998  
*Date of Completion:* December 2005  
*Project Director:* Dr. M. Asaduzzaman  
*Funding Agency:* UNDP

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

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

*Date of Initiation:* October 2004  
*Date of Completion:* June 2005  
*Project Director:* Dr. M. Asaduzzaman  
*Team Member:* Mr. S.M. Zahedul Islam Chowdhury  
*Funding Agency:* UNDP, Dhaka

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

**Environmental Economy Planning Integration**

*Date of Initiation:* February 2005  
*Date of Completion:* December 2005  
*Project Director:* Dr. M. Asaduzzaman  
*Team Member:* Mr. M. Mudabbir Hussain  
*Funding Agency:* UNDP, Dhaka

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

**General Economics Division**

**Trade Cooperation and Economic Reform Policy (TRACE)**

*Date of Initiation:* February 2002  
*Date of Completion:* March 2005  
*Project Director:* Dr. Omar Haider Chowdhury
**Funding Agency**: European Union

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

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

The project’s main objectives were: i) to raise the level of informed policy debate on economic reform and regional economic integration among policymakers, private entrepreneurs and the general public, ii) to facilitate implementation of appropriate economic reforms and thereby lead to improved opportunities for trade and investment from global sources including the EU, and iii) to contribute towards forging greater regional economic cooperation and thereby accelerating the pace of social and economic development in the region.

**Human Resources Development Division**

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

**Date of Initiation**: October 2002  
**Date of Completion**: September 2007  
**Project Director**: Dr. Zulfiqar Ali  
**Funding Agency**: ESRC Research Group on Wellbeing in Developing Countries (WeD), University of Bath, UK

The objective of WeD is to develop a conceptual and methodological approach for understanding the social and cultural construction of wellbeing in developing countries. The distinctiveness of WeD lies in its focus on three key dimensions: Subjective and Objective; Universal and Local; and Process and Outcomes. WeD brings together the subjective, cultural and objective to investigate how people's own perceptions relate to objective indicators of their welfare. It explores how universal models of human welfare
and quality of life relate to local priorities. WeD also goes beyond mapping poverty, inequality and quality of life as conditions or states, to analyze how patterns of benefit and disadvantage are established or reversed over time. The WeD program offers important contributions to the policy thinking. It builds on the growing recognition that development cannot only be measured in terms of income and economic growth, but must consider how people draw on a wide variety of resources in constructing their livelihoods. WeD also aims to address the tension between universal and local models in particular contexts which have become a persistent fault-line in international development.

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

Industry and Physical Infrastructure Division

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

Date of Initiation: February 2005

Date of Completion: June 2006
Team Leader: Dr. Zaid Bakht
Project Director: Dr. Md. Abdul Latif
Funding Agency: World Bank and GOB

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

Impact Evaluation of the Social Investment Program Project (SIPP)

Date of Initiation: July 2004
Date of Completion: December 2005
Project Director: Dr. Zaid Bakht
Team Members:
Dr. Md. Salimullah
Mr. Omar Faruque
Funding Agency: Social Development Foundation (SDF)

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

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

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

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

Date of Initiation: November 2005
Date of Completion: July 2006
Project Director: Dr. Abdul Hye Mondal
Team Member: Mr. Asadul Islam
Funding Agency: Department of Social Services, Ministry of Social Welfare, GoB

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

Aquaculture Development Project (AQDP)

Date of Initiation: February 2006
Date of Completion: July 2006
Project Director: Dr. Narayan Chandra Nath
Funding Agency: IFAD and DOF

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

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

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

- Boost fisheries/aquaculture production and the incomes of the people living in poverty;
- Establish and strengthen community organizations to ensure access to the institutions through which technical and social services can be provided to the target groups on a sustainable basis;
- Improve the status of women by including them in the project mainstream activity of pond aquaculture and by providing support for other income generating activities;
- Improve the resource base through the rehabilitation of suitable large water bodies and fish ponds;
- Improve access, hence product marketing, to and from rural communities through the improvement of rural roads and growth centres.

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

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

*Date of Initiation:* January 2005  
*Date of Completion:* March 2006  
*Project Director:* Dr. Salma Chaudhuri Zohir  
*Team Member:* Dr. Narayan Chandra Nath  
*Funding Agency:* Novib (Oxfam, The Netherlands) and coordinated by Consumer Unity & Trust Society (CUTS), India
Multilateral trade negotiation under Doha Development Agenda (DDA) which resumed after the collapse of the fifth Ministerial of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Cancun in September 2003, culminated in the General Council meeting in July 2004 that adopted “July Package.” The July Package sets the stage for negotiations among members during the run-up to the Hong Kong Ministerial and beyond it. It identified five priority areas for further negotiations: Agriculture, Non-Agriculture Market Access (NAMA), Services, Trade Facilitation and Development Dimensions. While the first four areas have annexes in the July Package, the fifth area i.e. development dimension, which includes effective market access; special and differential treatment towards achieving enhanced flexibility in WTO rules; implementation issues addressing consistency with a multilateral rules-based system; enhanced capacity-building programs; and concerns of the LDCs, is a cross-cutting issue. Under this project on each of these issue, the position of a particular South Asian country and perceptions of civil society that included trade union, business bodies, women’s group working on trade and gender linkages will be placed with those of other South Asian countries, in order to work out a common position on each of the five issues. Five research organizations from five South Asian countries viz. Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, participated in this study and each would highlight the concerns of South Asian countries and LDCs per se on the five key issues. BIDS was entrusted with Development Dimension of the July Framework agreement.

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

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

Date of Initiation: May 2004
Date of Completion: August 2004
Project Director: Dr. K.M. Nabiul Islam
Team Member: Mr. Karimullah Bhuiyan
Funding Agency: Youth Development Directorate, Government of Bangladesh

The major objective was to assess the outcome of the Department of Youth Development (DYD) programs in respect of socioeconomic development and poverty reduction of the project
beneficiaries. The income distribution of the beneficiaries has shown significant and positive change due to the DYD programs. However, a substantial number of the not-so-hard core poor youths have been served through these programs.

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

Date of Initiation: July 2004
Date of Completion: September 2004
Project Director: Dr. K.M. Nabiul Islam
Team Member:
Mr. Mark Aeron-Thomas
Funding Agency:
ULG Northumbrian Ltd., UK

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

Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan (WARPO–ICZMP)

Date of Initiation: December 2004
Date of Completion: October 2005
Project Director: Dr. K.M. Nabiul Islam
Team Members:
Dr. Quazi Shahabuddin
Dr. M Asaduzzaman
Mr. Masroor-ul Haq Siddiqi
Mr. M. M. Shafiqur Rahman
Mr. Faruque Chowdhury
Funding Agency: Water Resources Planning Organization (WARPO)

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

Population Studies Division
Construction of Gender Roles in Bangladesh

Date of Initiation: July 2004
Date of Completion: December 2004
Project Director: Dr. M.A. Mannan
Team Members:
  Dr. Pratima Paul-Majumder
  Mr. M. Sohail
Funding Agency: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Dhaka

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

Factors Related to Dowry in Bangladesh

Date of Initiation: December 2004
Date of Completion: June 2005
Project Director: Dr. M.A. Mannan
Team Members:
  Dr. Sharifa Begum
  Dr. Pratima Paul-Majumder
Funding Agency: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), Dhaka

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

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

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

Transition to Adulthood-2 (Phase-4)

Date of Initiation: February 2004
Date of Completion: August 2004
Project Director: Ms. Simeen Mahmud
Funding Agency: Population Council

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

Promotion of Responsible Healthy Reproductive and Sexual Behavior among Adolescents

Date of Initiation: December 2004
Date of Completion: May 2005
Project Director: Mr. Mohammad Sohail
Team Members:
   Mr. Kazi Jahid Hossain
   Dr. Anwara Begum
Funding Agency: UNFPA

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

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

The specific objectives of the study are to:

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

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

II. Research-Aid/IT-based Projects

Agriculture and Rural Development Division

Sustainable Development Networking Program (SDNP)

Date of Initiation: October 1998
Date of Completion: December 2006
Project Director: Dr. M. Asaduzzaman
Funding Agency: UNDP, Dhaka

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

The present IT-capacity in BIDS, its local network, 24-hour online capacity, and the initial websites – all these were the fruits of SDNP efforts. Under the project so far 5 regional stations have been set up, an Internet Exchange has been established, telemedicine programs have been conducted on a regular basis. On the content side, information has been put in the web and regularly updated on a host of issues related to sustainable development, poverty eradication, education, health and others. There is a virtual library link. Some of the rare materials such as the famed Ishaque report on Plot to Plot Enumeration has been made available. So are one of the most treasured source of information, the Bangladesh gazettes. The SDNP website now can provide old gazettes (except for some years) since 1972 to 2005.

e-Health & Learning

Date of Initiation: April 2003
Date of Completion: September 2004
Project Director: Dr. M. Asaduzzaman
Funding Agency: The European Commission, Dhaka

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

Quazi Shahabuddin
Director General


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Md. Asaduzzaman
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Rushidan Islam Rahman  
Research Director  

Bimal Kumar Saha  
Research Fellow  

General Economics Division  

Omar Haider Chowdhury  
Research Director  

Chowdhury Anwaruzzaman  
Senior Research Fellow  
1. Thematic Group report on *Macroeconomic Stability and Pro-poor Growth* for contribution towards preparation of PRSP for Bangladesh. Report prepared for the
Poverty Focal Point, General Economics Division, Planning Commission, Government of Bangladesh, 2004 (co-author).

Dilip Kumar Roy
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IV. Individual Project Reports

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**Nehraz Mahmud**  
Research Associate  

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**Zaid Bakht**  
Research Director  

**Abdul Hye Mondal**  
Senior Research Fellow  

**Salma Chaudhuri Zohir**  
Research Fellow  
2. Worked as a consultant for South Asia Enterprise Development Facilities (SEDF) of World Bank Group, for developing methodology for poverty and social impact monitoring for SEDF, from September to October, 2004.  
Nazneen Ahmed
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ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES OF BIDS

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

I. Papers Presented at International Seminars
Quazi Shahabuddin
Director General

Agriculture and Rural Development Division
Md. Asaduzzaman
Research Director
6. Attended LDC-GEF International Meeting as part of Government delegation in Dhaka, 4-6 April, 2006.

Rushidan Islam Rahman
Research Director
Employment, organized by UNIFEM and HOMENET South Asia, New Delhi, 11-12 July 2006.


General Economics Division

Dilip Kumar Roy
Research Fellow


Human Resources Development Division

Mahmudul Alam
Senior Research Fellow

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

Rita Afsar
Senior Research Fellow


Pratima Paul-Majumder
Research Fellow

Anwara Begum
Research Fellow

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

Mohammad Harunur Rashid Bhuyan
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Industry and Physical Infrastructure Division

Abdul Hye Mondal
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Narayan Chandra Nath
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Salma Chaudhuri Zohir
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II. Papers Presented at National Seminars

Quazi Shahabuddin
Director General

Agriculture and Rural Development Division

Md. Asaduzzaman
Research Director


Rushidan Islam Rahman
Research Director


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

**Bimal Kumar Saha**
Research Fellow

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**Omar Haider Chowdhury**
Research Director

**Dilip Kumar Roy**
Research Fellow

**Human Resources Development Division**

**Mahmudul Alam**
Senior Research Fellow

**Rita Afsar**
Senior Research Fellow


**Pratima Paul-Majumder**
Research Fellow


4. “Gender Based Discussion of Workers’ Rights in Bangladesh.” Paper presented in a conference on *Human Rights and Governance: Local and Global Perspective* organized by Manusher Janno held at the Bangladesh Institute of Administration and Management (BIAM), Dhaka, Bangladesh, 16-18 January 2005.


8. “বাংলাদেশে নারী উদ্যোক্তা উন্নয়নে জাতীয় বাজেটের ভূমিকা”। প্রবন্ধ উপস্থাপিত বাংলাদেশ নারী প্রগতি সংগঠন এবং ইন্টারটিউট ফর এনভায়রনমেন্ট অ্যান্ড ডেভলপমেন্ট, ২১ জুন ২০০৬।
Anwara Begum  
Research Fellow


S.M. Zulfiqar Ali  
Research Fellow


Mohammad Harunur Rashid Bhuyan  
Research Associate


Industry and Physical Infrastructure Division

Zaid Bakht  
Research Director


Abdul Hye Mondal  
Senior Research Fellow  


**Narayan Chandra Nath**
Research Fellow


2. Panel Discussant in the seminar on *Prospect of Coal/Gas based Sponge Iron Production in Bangladesh*, held in the Department of Materials and Metalurgical Engineering, BUET, Dhaka, 12 October 2004.

**Salma Chaudhuri Zohir**
Research Fellow


2. “Gender Budget: Agriculture Sector.” Paper presented at a seminar on *Gender Budget*, organized by Gender Budget Secretariat, IDESS North South University, held at CIRDAP, Dhaka, 13 June 2005.

**K.M. Nabiul Islam**
Research Fellow


**Nazneen Ahmed**
Research Fellow


**Population Studies Division**

**M.A. Mannan**
Senior Research Fellow


**Simeen Mahmud**
Senior Research Fellow

1. Presented major research findings at the workshop on *Citizen Participation in the Health Sector*, jointly organized by BIDS and Steps Towards Development, May 2006.


**M. Sohail**
Research Fellow


III. Publications of Researchers

Quazi Shahabuddin
Director General

Agriculture and Rural Development Division

Rushidan Islam Rahman
Research Director
Sajjad Zohir
Senior Research Fellow
2. “NGOs in Bangladesh: An Overview of the NGO Sector in Bangladesh”, Economic and Political Weekly, 4 September, India.

Bimal Kumar Saha
Research Fellow

General Economics Division

Omar Haider Chowdhury
Research Director

Chowdhury Anwaruzzaman
Senior Research Fellow
Kazi Ali Toufique
Senior Research Fellow

Dilip Kumar Roy
Research Fellow

Wajid Hasan Shah
Research Associate
1. “ঢাকা এক্সিকুলেটরের কার্যক্রমের আলোকে বাংলাদেশের পুর্নিয়োক্তি অর্থনীতির বর্তমান অবস্থা,” এস্তেল এফ্রিকান ম্যাগ্জিন, জানুয়ারি ১৪১২।
Mohammad Mainul Hoque  
Research Associate  

**Human Resources Development Division**

Rita Afsar  
Senior Research Fellow  
3. The Indian Ocean Connection: Migration from the Indian Sub-Continent to Western Australia,” in R. Wildings and F. Tilbury (eds.) *A Changing People: Diverse Contributions to the State of Western Australia*, Department of the Premier and the Cabinet, Office of Multicultural Interests (OMI), Perth, Western Australia: 196-209, 2004.  

Pratima Paul-Majumder  
Research Fellow  
1. “বিশ্বায়ন এবং আত্মজিত শ্রমন নিয়ে বিতর্ক”, এসে জে কো দ্বা মি ওয়ার্ল্ড এ একবিংশতিতম খু, বার্ষিক সংখ্যা ১৪১০।  
2. “বাংলাদেশের পার্থক্য দিয়ে নিয়ন্ত্রণের অস্তিত্বান্তিক ধরের ধারা”, এসে জে কো দ্বা মি ওয়ার্ল্ড এ একবিংশতিতম খু, বার্ষিক ১৪১১।  
4. “শ্রমিকের অধিকারের উপর বিশ্বায়নের প্রভাব একটি জেভারিজিত আলোচনা,” *A Journal of Women For Women* ¹১ জুলাই, সংখ্যা ৭, ২০০৫।


11. “শ্রম, নির্বাচন, সম্ভাবনা এবং পাচারের শিকার শিশু: বাংলাদেশের প্রক্ষিত,” evsj v’k Dbœqb mgy t, সংস্থাবিদিতি খাঁ, বাংলাদেশ ১৪১২.

Anwara Begum
Research Fellow


S.M. Zulfiqar Ali
Research Fellow


Policy and Management (IDPM), University of Manchester, UK, September 2006 (co-author).


Mohammad Harunur Rashid Bhuyan
Research Associate

1. “শিক্ষার আর্থ-সামাজিক প্রক্রিয়াটির প্রভাবের বাংলাদেশ,” ব্যায়ামিকতা ক্ষেত্র, বাংলাদেশ.

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Zaid Bakht
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Abdul Hye Mondal  
Senior Research Fellow  

Narayan Chandra Nath  
Research Fellow  

Salma Chaudhuri Zohir  
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K.M. Nabiul Islam  
Research Fellow  


4. “বাংলাদেশের সামাজিক বন্যা ক্ষয়ক্ষতি নিরুপণ এবং কিছু প্রাসঙ্গিক আলোচনা”, ১৪১১ ৰ. ২ ফেব্রুয়ারী মাস, গবেষণার বাংলা প্রকাশনা, বাংলাদেশ, ২০০৫।


**Md. Salimullah**
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**Nazneen Ahmed**
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**Population Studies Division**

**M.A. Mannan**
Senior Research Fellow

Simeen Mahmud  
Senior Research Fellow


Sharifa Begum  
Senior Research Fellow

1. “Morbidity and Health-seeking Behavior in Rural Bangladesh: Some Evidence”, Research Report No.177, BIDS, Dhaka

2. “The Old Age Allowance Scheme for the Elderly Poor in Bangladesh: A Review,” (accepted for publication as RR of BIDS) (co-author).


Kazi Jahid Hossain  
Research Fellow

1. “বাংলাদেশে স্বাভাবিক সরকার শক্তিশালী কর্মের লক্ষ্যে উপজেলা ব্যবস্থার অপরিহার্যতা,” এবং মামলা, মায়াপুর সংখ্যা ১৪১১।
A.B.M. Shamsul Islam
Research Fellow
1. “বাংলাদেশের শ্রম-শাক্তিতে প্রবীন জনগোষ্ঠীর সক্রিয় অংশগ্রহণের ডিক: কর্মসেবা উন্নয়নমূলক প্রস্তাবনা,” ৪৪, ২৬, ১০১-১০১।

Humayra Ahmed
Research Associate
IV. Policy-making Activities

Quazi Shahabuddin
Director General
1. Member, Board of Governors, BARD, Comilla.
2. Member, Board of Management, BARI, Gazipur.
3. Member, Senate, Chittagong University.
4. Member, Steering Committee, Capacity Building for GED for Preparation of Development Plans, Planning Commission.
5. Member, Advisory Committee on Review of National Accounts, BBS.
6. Member, Independent Committee for Monitoring and Evaluation of PRS and Attainment of MDGs in Bangladesh.

Agriculture and Rural Development Division

M. Asaduzzaman
Research Director
1. Coordinator, SANEI matters and BIDS representative to SANEI Steering Committee.
2. Rapporteur of the CGE of UNFCCC (as nominee of the Government).
3. Elected Chair of the CGE of UNFCCC.
4. Member, Steering Committee on NAPA, Ministry of Environment and Forestry.
5. Member, Technical Committee on Climate Change for the Government’s “Comprehensive Disaster Management Project.”
6. Member, Programming Committee and the Declaration Drafting Committee for the SAARC Environment Ministers’ meeting in May/June 2006.
8. Resource person in the technical committee for *Agriculture (Crops, Fisheries and Livestock)* thematic group for contribution towards PRSP for Bangladesh, Ministry of Agriculture.
9. Resource person in the technical committee for *Environment (including Forestry and Land Use)* thematic group for contribution towards PRSP for Bangladesh, Ministry of Environment and Forestry.
Rushidan Islam Rahman  
Research Director  
1. Member, Microcredit Regulatory Authority, September 2006 to date.  
2. Member, Executive Committee on Assessment of the current status of national accounts data, Ministry of Planning, March 2005 to date.  
3. Member, General Body, Bangladesh Social Development Foundation, May 2005 to date.  

General Economics Division  
Omar Haider Chowdhury  
Research Director  
1. Resource person in the technical committee for *Domestic Resources Mobilization* thematic group for contribution towards preparation of the PRSP for Bangladesh, Ministry of Finance.  

Human Resources Development Division  
Rita Afsar  
Senior Research Fellow  
1. Advisor, Editorial Committee of Coalition for the Urban Poor (CUP), Newsletter, Nagar Darpan.  
2. Member, PETRRA Policy Cell.  
3. Member, Bangladesh Migration Development Forum.  

Pratima Paul-Majumder  
Research Fellow  
1. Advisor of Agribusiness Development Organization of Bangladesh (ADOB).  
2. Member, Executive Committee, Karmajibi Nari (KN).  
3. Member, Executive Committee, Bangladesh Freedom Foundation (BFF).  

Anwara Begum  
Research Fellow  
1. Resource person in the technical committee for *Children's Advancement and Rights* thematic group for contribution towards preparation of the PRSP for Bangladesh, Ministry of Children and Women Affairs.
Industry and Physical Infrastructure Division

Zaid Bakht
Research Director
1. Member, WTO related Advisory Committee Ministry of Commerce.
2. Member, Free Trade Group, Ministry of Commerce.
5. Resource person in the technical committee for Private Sector Development for thematic group contribution towards preparation of PRSP for Bangladesh, Board of Investment.

M.A. Latif
Senior Research Fellow
1. Member, Committee on Evaluation of Twenty Selected Projects, IMED, Ministry of Planning, Government of Bangladesh.
2. Member, Terms and Conditions Committee, Bangladesh Sthala Bandar Kartripaksha (BSBK), Ministry of Shipping, Government of Bangladesh.

Abdul Hye Mondal
Senior Research Fellow
1. Member, Advisory Council, Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research.
2. Member, Independent Evaluation Committee for PPI Revenue Zones-3, 4 and 5 Programs of Dhaka, WASA.
4. Member, National Committee on SAARC Convention Implementation Progress and UN CRC Third and Fourth Periodic Report Preparation, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs.

Salma Chaudhuri Zohir
Research Fellow
1. Member, National Committee on “SAARC Gender database”, Ministry of Women’s Affairs.
2. Member, Committee on Survey of Hotel and Restaurants, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics.
3. Member, Committee to Advice on “Market Access”, WTO Cell, Ministry of Commerce.
4. Member, Committee to Advice on “Export Diversification”, WTO Cell, Ministry of Commerce.
5. Resource person in the technical committee for *Women’s Advancement and Rights* thematic group for contribution towards preparation of PRSP for Bangladesh, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs.

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Research Fellow  
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2. Member, Technical Committee on Central Effluent Treatment Program (CETP), *Chamra Shilpa Nagari*, Savar, Ministry of Industries.  

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

**Nazneen Ahmed**  
Research Fellow  
1. Member, Committee to Advice on Trade in Services, WTO Cell, Ministry of Commerce.

**Population Studies Division**

**M.A. Mannan**  
Senior Research Fellow  
1. Member, Technical Committee, Social Science Research Council (SSRC), Ministry of Planning.  
2. Member, Technical Committee, Health Economics Unit (HEU), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.  
Simeen Mahmud  
Senior Research Fellow  
1. Resource person in the technical committee for *Children's Advancement and Rights* thematic group for contribution towards preparation of the PRSP for Bangladesh, Ministry of Children and Women Affairs.

Sharifa Begum  
Senior Research Fellow  
V. Bangladesh Development Researchers’ Forum (BDREF)

Objectives

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

Scope of Activities

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

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

Activities during 2006

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

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

**BDREF Working Committee**

BDREF Working Committee consists of Dr. Rushidan Islam Rahman as convenor, Dr. Anwara Begum as member-secretary and Dr. Abdul Hye Mondal and Dr. Zulfiqar Ali as members.
### Appendix 1

**BIDS Financial Statement**

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### List of Members of Statutory Committees

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1. Dr. Quazi Shahabuddin, Director General  
   **Chairman**
   All Research Directors & Division Chiefs:
2. Mr. Abu Ahmed Abdullah, Research Director  
   **Member**
3. Dr. Md. Asaduzzaman, Research Director & DC, ARDD  
   **Member**
4. Dr. Omar Haider Chowdhury, Research Director  
   **Member**
5. Dr. Zaid Bakht, Research Director  
   **Member**
6. Dr. K.A.S. Murshid, Research Director  
   **Member**
7. Dr. Rushidan Islam Rahman, Research Director  
   **Member**
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   **Member**
9. Dr. Abdul Hye Mondal, DC, IPID  
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10. Dr. M.A. Mannan, DC, PSD  
    **Member**
11. Dr. Chowdhury Anwaruzzaman, DC, GED  
    **Member**
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    **Member**
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    **Member**
14. Dr. Narayan Chandra Nath, Convenor, R & P  
    **Member**
15. Mrs. Nilufar Akhter, Secretary (a.i.)/Mr. Syed Nadeem Ahmed, Secretary  
    **Member**
16. Mr. M. Sohail  
    **Member-secretary**

#### 2005 – 2006

1. Dr. Quazi Shahabuddin, Director General  
   **Chairman**
   All Research Directors & Division Chiefs:
2. Mr. Abu Ahmed Abdullah, Research Director  
   **Member**
3. Dr. Md. Asaduzzaman, Research Director  
   **Member**
4. Dr. Omar Haider Chowdhury, Research Director  
   **Member**
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    **Member**
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    **Member**
13. Dr. Pratima Paul-Majumder/Dr. Sharifa Begum, CFC  
    **Member**
14. Dr. Narayan Chandra Nath/Mr. Md. Karimullah Bhuiyan  
    Convenor, R & P  
    **Member**
15. Mr. Syed Nadeem Ahmed, Secretary  
    **Member & Member-secretary**
Administrative Affairs Committee (AAC)
13/10/2004 – 04/01/2006
1. Dr. Bimal Kumar Saha, Research Fellow Chairman
2. Mrs. Nazneen Ahmed, Research Fellow Member
3. Mrs. Nilufar Akhter, Secretary (a.i.) & Chief Librarian Member
4. Mr. Md. Rezaul Hoque Mondal, EDP Manager (a.i.) Member
5. Mr. Md. Mozakker Hossain, Chief Accountant Member
6. Mr. Md. Meftaur Rahman, Chief Publication Officer (a.i.) Member-secretary

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05/01/2006 – 04/01/2007
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2. Dr. Nazneen Ahmed, Research Fellow Member
3. Mr. Syed Nadeem Ahmed, Secretary Member
4. Mrs. Shahana Parveen, Chief Librarian (a.i.) Member
5. Mr. Md. Rezaul Hoque Mondal/Mr. Riton Kumar Roy, EDP Manager (a.i.) Member
6. Mr. Md. Mozakker Hossain, Chief Accountant Member
7. Mr. Md. Meftaur Rahman, Chief Publication Officer (a.i.) Member-secretary

Finance Committee (FC)
13/10/2004 – 04/01/2006
1. Dr. Pratima Paul-Majumder, Research Fellow Chairman
2. Dr. Md. Salimullah, Research Fellow Member
3. Dr. S.M. Zulfiqar Ali, Research Fellow Member
4. Mrs. Nilufar Akhter, Secretary (a.i.) Member
5. Mr. Md. Mozakker Hossain, Chief Accountant Member-secretary

Finance Committee (FC)
05/01/2006 – 04/01/2007
1. Dr. Sharifa Begum, Senior Research Fellow Chairman
2. Dr. Md. Salimullah, Research Fellow Member
3. Dr. S.M. Zulfiqar Ali, Research Fellow Member
4. Mr. Syed Nadeem Ahmed, Secretary Member
5. Mr. Md. Mozakker Hossain, Chief Accountant Member-secretary
Appendix 3

List of Senior Fellows, 2003-2006
(Period: 1-9-2003 to 31-8-2006)

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   Jahangirnagar University
   Savar, Dhaka

4. Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed
   Managing Director
   Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF)
   PKSF Bhaban
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5. Prof. Jamilur Reza Choudhury
   Vice Chancellor
   BRAC University
   Mohakhali, Dhaka

6. Mr. M. Syeduzzaman
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7. Professor Abdullah Abu Sayeed
   Chairman
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9. Dr. Mohammad Yunus
   Managing Director
   Grameen Bank
   Mirpur, Dhaka 1216

10. Dr. Hafiz G. A. Siddiqi
    Vice Chancellor
    North South University
    12, Kamal Ataturk Avenue
    Banani, Dhaka 1213

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    40/A, Tejturi Bazar Chawk
    Indira Road
    Tejgaon, Dhaka

12. Dr. Mirza Azizul Islam
    House 3, Road 29
    Sector 7
    Uttara, Dhaka
Appendix 4

ACADEMIC PROFILES OF RESEARCH STAFF

Quazi Shahabuddin
Director General

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

Agriculture and Rural Development Division

Md. Asaduzzaman
Research Director

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

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

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

Rushidan Islam Rahman
Research Director

Rushidan Islam Rahman received her M.A. in Development Economics from the University of Sussex, England in 1981 and received her Ph.D. from the Australian National University in 1991. She has worked in a number of major research projects of BIDS, including an evaluation of the impact of Grameen Bank and BRAC, studies on small scale irrigation projects, assessment of agricultural growth performance and its distributional impact, women in poverty and linkages between employment and poverty in Bangladesh. During the last ten years, she has been involved in policy advising through membership of various committees and participation in policy dialogues of Government, NGOs and Development Partners. Currently she is serving as the editor of the Research Report Series of BIDS, and as the Division Chief of Agriculture and Rural Development.

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

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

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

**Sajjad Zohir**
Senior Research Fellow

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

**Bimal Kumar Saha**
Research Fellow

Dr. Bimal Kumar Saha obtained an M.A. in Economics from Dhaka University in 1974, an M. Phil. From the Institute of Bangladesh Studies, Rajshahi University in 1979 and a Ph.D. in economics from Calcutta University in 1995. He has worked extensively in the fields of agrarian structure, technological change, land reform and development. He has a number of publications, including a book on comparative agrarian development in Bangladesh and West Bengal. He has also been a Visiting Teacher of Economics at BRAC University, Dhaka and at the Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences (IHS) in National University, Dhaka.

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

**Md. Mizanur Rahman**
Research Fellow

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

**General Economics Division**

**Omar Haider Chowdhury**  
Research Director

Dr. Omar Haider Chowdhury obtained an M.A. in Economics from the University of Dhaka in 1968 and a second M.A. from the University of Manchester, U.K. in 1974. He obtained his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of London in 1980. He joined the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) as a Staff Economist in 1970, served as the executive editor of the “Bangladesh Development Studies”, a quarterly journal of BIDS during 1986-89 and as a Course Director, Macro economics, in Advanced Training Program (ATP), conducted by BIDS (an M. Phil. Level training offered to local and foreign students) during 1986-91. He has publications in the areas of economic development in general and nutrition and food policy, macroeconomic management, social welfare and implications of improvements in social and physical infrastructure on the development of Bangladesh in particular and has presented papers in many national and international seminars. He has worked as a consultant for the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Manila, Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), Rome, World Bank (WB), Washington D.C., Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Thailand, Asian and Pacific Development Centre (APDC), Malaysia, etc. He went to Ghana on an FAO mission as an economist in September 1989 to evaluate the Food Distribution System of the country.

**K.A.S. Murshid**  
Research Director

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

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

Kazi Ali Toufique  
Senior Research Fellow

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

Dilip Kumar Roy  
Research Fellow

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

**Wajid Hasan Shah**  
Research Associate

Wajid Hasan Shah joined BIDS in July of 2001. He has a Masters in Economics from the University of Missouri – Columbia, and a Bachelor's from Truman State University with a major in Economics and a minor in Mathematics. He completed an evening MBA in Development Management from the Institute of Business Administration (IBA) under University of Dhaka during his tenure at BIDS. Prior to joining BIDS, he had taught Economics part-time at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology and was also Technical Editor for the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)'s Food Management Research Support Project (FMRSP) in Bangladesh. He prepared the Microfinance II report for the World Bank Office Dhaka and also revised and edited the report on the Bangladesh Integrated Nutrition Program (BINP) as well as reviewed the role & scope of gender in past and present World Bank activities in Bangladesh for formulating a future course of action while working as a Short-term Consultant for their Social Sector Team. He had also worked on Foreign Direct Investment and Supplier's Credit for the Economics Team of the World Bank Office Dhaka. He had worked as a teaching assistant during his stay abroad. While at BIDS, he worked on the TRACE project, and also participated in the EU Country Strategy Evaluation for Bangladesh. He also carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Small Grants Program for the World Bank in Bangladesh. His areas of research interest include foreign investment, the stock market, NGOs and health economics.

**Mohammad Mainul Hoque**  
Research Associate

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

**Human Resources Development Division**

**Mahmudul Alam**  
Senior Research Fellow

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

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

Rita Afsar
Senior Research Fellow

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

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

Pratima Paul-Majumder
Research Fellow

Pratima Paul-Majumder obtained an M.A in Economics from Dhaka University and Ph. D in 1978 from the Central School of Planning and Statistics, Warsaw, Poland. She was visiting research fellow at the International Centre for Research on Women (ICRW), Washington D.C, USA, from June 1995 to August 1995. She is a consultant of a project “Analysis of Women's Workload”, being conducted by the Policy Research Department (PRD), Institute for Development Policy Analysis and Advocacy (IDPAA), Proshika. She worked as project director of a number of nationally and internationally funded research projects. She is currently a research fellow in the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS). Her research interest comprises a wide range of subjects from sericulture industry to economics of slums and squatter settlements to garment and tea industry and gender issues. She has a number of publications of which Women, Work and Home, (BIDS, Dhaka), A study on Urban Poverty: Its Nature and Extent (Arani Publications, Dhaka), The Squatters of Dhaka City: Dynamism in the Life of Agargaon Squatters (UPL, Dhaka), Women's Budget (BNPS, Dhaka), and Garment Workers in Bangladesh (BIDS, Dhaka), Women’s Need for Transport and Communication Services (Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, GOB), and Widow and Old Age Pension Program for the Poor (BIDS, Dhaka). Currently she is working on International Labor Standards (ILS) and gender economics.

Anwara Begum
Research Fellow

An honours graduate from Lady Brabourne College, Dr. Anwara Begum obtained an M.A. in Urban and Regional Planning from Calcutta University. In 1989, she completed M.Phil. in Urban Systems and Planning from Dhaka
University, and in 1995 obtained a Ph.D. in Urban and Regional Planning from the Department of Civic Design, University of Liverpool, UK under the Commonwealth Scholarship. Dr. Anwara is recipient of a number of prestigious awards and scholarships in India, and has worked as consultant for ESCAP, the World Bank, DFID, NORAD and UNICEF. She has published articles, research reports, books related to her areas of interest and participated in national and international seminars. Her publication “Destination Dhaka: Urban Migration-Expectations and Reality” attempts to probe and reconcile empirical evidence to inform the theoretical framework relevant for Third World Cities. She is an active researcher on socioeconomic ramifications of poverty and has a wide interest in development issues. She was involved in the Poverty Ranking of Villages in Northwest Bangladesh under the NFEP-2 project. Since 1991 she has conducted extensive surveys on the poor, especially the pavement dwellers and the slum dwellers. She has developed expertise in primary data collection, having conducted field-level surveys for 3,000 street dwellers, several hundred slum dwellers, informal sector service workers, formal sector garments workers through structured questionnaires and case studies. She has contributed as co-researcher and Editor for the study on “The Gender Imbalance of Growth of Export Oriented Manufacturing in Bangladesh” funded by The World Bank. This has now been published as a book by UPL in 2006. She has also worked as Consultant for Gender and Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation for “An Appraisal of Three Medium-Sized Local NGOs”, which was a Norad/SDC funded project. Her study fields are rural-to-urban migration, urban poverty, urbanization, human resource development, formal and informal industry workers’ socioeconomic conditions, housing and regeneration and development of areas of dereliction within city centres and the problems of social and economic deprivation of urban and rural poor dwellers.

S.M. Zulfiqar Ali
Research Fellow

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

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

Nehraz Mahmud
Research Associate

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

Industry and Physical Infrastructure Division

Zaid Bakht
Research Director

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

Muhammad Abdul Latif
Senior Research Fellow

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

Abdul Hye Mondal
Senior Research Fellow

Dr. Abdul Hye Mondal obtained M.A. in Economics from the University of Dhaka in 1966 and Ph.D. in Industrial Economics from the Central School of Planning and Statistics, Warsaw. He did his Postdoctoral studies at Harvard University during 1994-95. He worked as a consultant to the UNDP, UNCHR, USAID, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, International Labor Organization, UNICEF, JBIC and ICIMOD. Among his current research interests are Labor economics, policy studies, social economics, human values, human rights and dignity, and industrial economics. He has completed a good
number of research works published in the national and international journals and books.

**Narayan Chandra Nath**
Research Fellow

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

**Salma Chaudhuri Zohir**
Research Fellow

Dr. Salma Chaudhuri Zohir obtained an M.A. in Economics from the University of Dhaka in 1979. In 1981, she received a diploma in economics from the University of Colorado and received the honour of being cited as “Highly Distinguished” scholar. She received a second M.A. this time in Development Economics from the Center for Development Economics, Williams College in 1982 and a Ph.D. from the University of Manchester, UK, in 1998, under the supervision of Prof. Diane Elson. She has vast experience in research on issues related to development economics with gender perspective in Bangladesh. She has worked extensively in the areas of employment, gender and development and industry in general and particularly on economic and social issues, and gender issues in industry including the readymade garment industry. She worked as a project director of several national and internationally funded projects and in projects funded by various donors including ILO, IDRC, EU, Oxfam, DFID and World Bank. She has presented papers in many national and international seminars/workshops. Her current areas of interest include gender issues in economic development, Labor economics, industrial economics, and the environment. She has a number of publications to her credit and has authored “Garment Workers in Bangladesh: Economic Social and Health Condition”, Research Monograph No.
18, 1996, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, Dhaka. She was the resource person for the thematic report “Women’s Advancement and Rights”, on which the gender dimension of the PRSP is based.

K.M. Nabiul Islam
Research Fellow

Dr. K. M. Nabiul Islam obtained Masters Degree from Dhaka University in 1970 and later received Post-graduate diploma in National Economic Planning from Warsaw (Poland) and training in Rural Research and Rural Policy from IDS of Sussex University, UK. He obtained his Ph.D. from the Flood Hazard Research Centre at Middlesex University, UK. The first of its kind in Bangladesh, his Ph.D. thesis was "The Impacts of Flooding and Methods of Assessments in Urban Areas of Bangladesh.” During his Ph.D. research, he developed some flood loss models to apply to benefit assessments to flood protections in Bangladesh. Dr. Islam joined BIDS in 1972, and has since been involved in a number of major studies relating to, among others, development of rural and small industries; development of large industries, with particular reference to technological capability; floods; famines; flood and water management; and impact evaluation of rural development and flood control, drainage and irrigation projects. Dr. Islam has a number of publications in national and international journals. He has two books on flood loss management: Flood Loss Potentials in Non-agricultural Sectors, Assessment Methods and Standard Loss Database for Bangladesh, 2005; and Impacts of Flood in Urban Bangladesh, Micro and Macro Level Analysis, 2006. Dr. Islam has also co-authored three books on Choice and Transfer of Technology in Large Industries in Bangladesh: Leather, Fertilizer and Machinery. He has contributed to Reconstruction after Disaster, Issues and Practices (Adenrele Awotona ed.), Ashgate and Sydney. He has also contributed to *Floods*, Volume 1 (D J Parker ed.), Routledge, London and New York, to mark the end of UN-International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (IDNDR)

Karimullah Bhuiyan
Research Fellow

Mr. Karimullah Bhuiyan obtained M.Sc. in Statistics from the University of Dhaka in 1970 and joined BIDS in 1972. In 1976, he received a diploma in National Economic Planning from Poland, and in 1980 received a graduate degree in law from Dhaka University. He obtained his M.Sc. in Industrialization, Trade and Economic Policy from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow in 1996. He completed a course on demography at the Institute of Statistical Research and Training, Dhaka, and another course on Entrepreneurship at SIET, Hyderabad, India. Mr. Bhuiyan has been involved in a large number of studies in the field of rural industries, small and large industries, poverty alleviation, food policy and distribution, crop diversification, fish culture, irrigation, water management and sick
industries study in Bangladesh. His current research interests relate to industrial economics and trade, and economic policy. He has a number of publications to his credit.

**Md. Salimullah**
Research Fellow

Dr. M. Salimullah received M.Sc. in industrialization, Trade and Economic Policy in 1996 and Ph.D. in Economics from University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK in 1998. His doctoral research was a major study on Linkages, Trade and Technology in the Bangladesh Economy. He also obtained M.Sc. in Statistics from University of Dhaka in 1969. His research interest includes general equilibrium modeling and simulation of development policy and trade issues, construction of a forecasting model of Bangladesh based on extended input-output methods, assessing of the implications of structural change on small, open economies using regional/national SAMs, assessing the impact of primary, secondary and tertiary education on Bangladesh economy, examination of the embodied skill content of Bangladesh’s trade.

**Nazneen Ahmed**
Research Fellow

Dr. Nazneen Ahmed joined BIDS as a Research Associate in July 1998. She was promoted as a Research Fellow of BIDS in August 2003. All throughout her student life she has proved her excellence and secured outstanding results in all the public examinations. After obtaining BSS (honours) and MSS in Economics from the University of Dhaka she worked as a Research Associate in the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Dhaka. She was awarded the British Chevenning Scholarship, which allowed her to study M.A. in development economics in the University of Sussex, UK. She received scholarship of International Food Policy Research Institute which allowed her to pursue doctoral study at University of Wageningen, The Netherlands she received her Ph.D. in 2006.

Her current research interest is in the following research areas – trade and development, WTO issues, trade liberalization, human capital and industrial growth, and regional cooperation.

**Population Studies Division**

**M.A. Mannan**
Senior Research Fellow

Dr. M.A. Mannan obtained his M.A. in Economics from Dhaka University and joined BIDS as a Staff Demograher in 1974. He obtained an M.Sc in Demography from London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), in 1976 and Ph.D. from Delhi School of Economics in 1985. Dr. Mannan has worked extensively in the areas of with particular focus on health sector management and gender issues, utilization of public health facilities, productivity and costs of public health services, maternal and child health, and violence against women. He has undertaken research funded by international and national agencies including
UNFPA, UNICEF, UNDP, World Bank, DFID and different ministries/agencies of the government of Bangladesh. He has a number of publications to his credit. His research interests include gender issues, health sector governance, poverty alleviation and human rights.

**Simeen Mahmud**  
Senior Research Fellow

Ms. Simeen Mahmud completed her M.A. in statistics at the University of Dhaka in 1974 and joined BIDS as Staff Demographer the same year. She obtained an M.Sc. in Medical Demography from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in 1976. Her current research interests include women’s status and fertility, female labor use behavior, exploring the influence of development interventions on women’s lives, and more recently citizenship and participation.

**Sharifa Begum**  
Senior Research Fellow

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

**Mohammed Sohail**  
Research Fellow

Mr. Sohail did his M.A. in Economics from Dhaka University in 1971 and joined BIDS as Staff Demographer in 1973. Later he studied at the University of Michigan, USA where he completed a masters degree in Sociology in 1976. He has been involved in a number of population and health related studies. He has to his credit a number of published and unpublished research papers. His current areas of research interest include population studies, population and development linkages, human resource development and health related issues.

**Kazi Jahid Hossain**  
Research Fellow

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

**A.B.M. Shamsul Islam**  
Research Fellow

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

Humayra Ahmed is working as Research Associate at BIDS since April 02, 2006. She has completed her B.S.S (Honors) in 2004 and M.S.S. in Economics in 2005 from University of Dhaka. Her area of research interest includes macroeconomic issues, trade policies, regional trade, sustainable development, health and population economics.
Appendix 5

List of Research Staff Movement

Recruitment During 2004 – 2006

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

Promotion of Researchers During 2004 – 2006

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

Served/Serving outside BIDS During 2004 – 2006

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

Went Abroad for Higher Studies During 2004 – 2006

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

Rejoined after Study Leave/Extra-ordinary Leave Without Pay
During 2004 – 2006

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

Retirement/Resignation during 2004 – 2006

1. Mr. Muhammad Omar Faruque, Research Associate is released from the service of BIDS on 5.5.2005.
2. Dr. Hussain Zillur Rahman, Senior Research Fellow retired from the service of BIDS on 1.1.2006.
3. Dr. Atiur Rahman, Senior Research Fellow retired from the service of BIDS on 4.4.2006.
4. Dr. Fahmida Akter Khatun, Research Fellow is released from the service of BIDS on 12.5.2006.
Appendix 6

List of BIDS Publications

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Naila Kabeer : Growing Citizenship from the Grassroots: Nijera Kori and Social Mobilization in Bangladesh

Simeen Mahmud : Compliance Versus Accountability: Struggles for Dignity and Daily Bread in the Bangladesh Garment Industry

Naila Kabeer : Bodies as Sites of Struggle: Naripokkho and the Movement for Women’s Rights in Bangladesh

Shireen P. Huq : Increasing Voice in the Health Sector in Rural Bangladesh: Is there a Role for Citizen Participation?

Simeen Mahmud : Too Poor for Rights? Access to Justice for Poor Women in Bangladesh:

Lena Hasle :
Articles

Simeen Mahmud : Is Bangladesh Experiencing a Feminization of the Labor Force?

Selim Raihan : Bangladesh’s Trade Barriers in a Global Perspective: A Comparative Analysis

Sharifa Begum : Unchanging Fertility Level in Bangladesh in the 1990s: A Myth or Reality?

Asadul Islam : Job Displacement Effects of Immigration on Canadian-born: A Microeconomic Perspective

M. Habibur Rahman and M. Ismail Hossain : Exchange Rate and Investment in the Manufacturing Sector of Bangladesh

Book Review

Research Reports

No. 180  Children in Economic Activity in Bangladesh: Recent Changes and Determinants, December 2005. By Rushidan Islam Rahman,
No. 177  Morbidity and Health Seeking Behaviour in Rural Bangladesh: Variations Across Socio-economic Sub-groups, May 2005. By Sharifa Begum.

Special Publications
Appendix 7

BIDS Seminars/Workshops/Conferences

09 September 2004  
Analysis of Poverty Dynamics and Health: Application of Econometric Techniques  
Dr. David Lawson  
Chronic Poverty Research Centre (CPRC)  
University of Manchester, UK

14 September 2004  
Integrating Time into the Conceptualization, Measurement and Analysis of Poverty  
Prof. David Hulme  
Chronic Poverty Research Centre (CPRC)  
University of Manchester, UK

25 September 2004  
Floods and Food Security in Bangladesh: The 1998 Experience and Implications for 2004  
Paul Dorosh  
Senior Economist  
World Bank

29 December 2004  
An Application of Robust Regression and Bootstrapping in Econometrics  
Mohammed Nasser  
Associate Professor  
Department of Statistics  
Rajshahi University

12 January 2005  
Proposal for a Monitoring System to Assess Utilization of the HNPSP Services by the Poor  
Dr. Abbas Bhuiya  
Head, Social & Behavioral Sciences, ICDDR,B &  
Dr. Mushtaque Chowdhury  
Deputy Executive Director BRAC and Dean,  
James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University
28 February 2005  *The Challenges of Sustainable Development*
Dr. Kazi F. Jalal  
Part-Time Faculty  
Harvard University &  
Free-Lance Consultant, Environment & Development

29 June 2005  *Beyond MDGs and PRSP*
Sajjad Zohir  
Senior Research Fellow  
BIDS

03 August 2005  *Girls Schooling in Rural Bangladesh*
Simeen Mahmud  
Senior Research Fellow, BIDS

01 December 2005  *Impact of Doha Round and India’s Trade Reforms on Bangladesh*
Shamim Shakur  
Senior Lecturer in International Trade Policy  
Department of Applied and International Economics  
Massey University, New Zealand

21 December 2005  *Growth, Inequality and Poverty during Reform and Integration with the Global Economy: The Case of China*
Azizur Rahman Khan  
Professor of Economics Emeritus  
University of California, Riverside  
and  
Visiting Professor, Columbia University  
School of International and Public Affairs

16 February 2006  *Impacts of the School Feeding Program in Bangladesh on Educational Attainment and Food Consumption and Nutrition*
Akhter Ahmed, Senior Research Fellow  
International Food Policy Research Institute  
Washington, D.C.
22 February 2006  
*Is Jeffery Sachs Correct on Viet Nam?*
Dr. Nazrul Islam  
International Center for the Study of East Asian Development Kitakyushu, Japan

19 April 2006  
*Building Technological Capability in Developing Countries*
Dr. M. Mozammel Huq  
University of Strathclyde  
Glasgow, UK

10 May 2006  
*Achieving Millenium Development Goals on Maternal and Child Health in Rural Bangladesh: Lessons Learnt from GK Program Villages*
Dr. R. H. Chaudhury  
Advisor-Director (Honorary)  
GK Population and Health Economics Research Unit  
and  
Dr. Zafrullah Chowdhury  
Executive Director, GK
## Appendix 8

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