

Agricultural Rural Development Division (ARDD)
R & P Meeting, November 13, 2001

Division Report for the period 2001

1. Summary Statement of Division Members

Information by Division Members

Name of Member	Designation	Reporting Status	Publication (No.)	Work Completed	Work in Progress	Seminar	Others (No.)
M. Asaduzzaman	RD	Reported	0	3	1	1	-
Rushidan Islam Rahman	RD	Reported	1	2	2	3	2
M.A. Quasem	SRF	Reported	1	0	2	0	0
Sajjad Zohir	SRF	Reported	1	1	2	3	5
B.K. Saha	RF	Reported	1	1	2	0	1
Mizanur Rahman	RF	Reported	0	0	1	0	0
H. Zillur Rahman	SRF	On leave					
Fahmida Akhter	RF	On leave					
Total			4	7	10	7	8

M. Asaduzzaman
Research Director, ARDD

1. Completed Works

- i) Cost-effectiveness of POs under PKSf-funding, included as part of main report of the project.
- ii) Rural non-farm employment in Bangladesh - carried out for DFID.
- iii) An Appraisal of Three Medium-sized NGOs, carried out for the RNE and SDC (in collaboration with others).

2. Work in Progress

- i) Efficacy of rural infrastructure for poverty alleviation - as part of GOB's PRSP exercise.

3. Publications : None

4. Seminar/Workshop

- i) SANEI workshop in Delhi in September 2001.

5. Others : None

Rushidan Islam Rahman
Research Director, ARDD

1. Work completed :

- i) 'Monitoring and Evaluation Manual for MFIs' , PKSf-MES Study
- ii) 'বাংলা দ শর কৃষি ও গ্রামীন উন্নয়ন' (যাথভা ব)

2. Work in Progress

- i) Gender Equity in Labour Market'
- ii) Dynamics of the Labour Market in Bangladesh and Changes in the Structure of the Economy.

3. Publications

- i) 'Industrialization in a Labour Surplus Economy' in *Growth of Garment Industry in Bangladesh*', BIDS Special Publication edited by Pratima Paul Majumdar & Binayak Sen.

4. Seminar

- i) 'The Dilemma of the Working Poor' paper presented at a seminar at the ILO, Geneva, August 2001.
- ii) Participant, Election 2001: National Policy Form, organized by CPD, Prothom Alo & Daily Star, August 2001.
- iii) Discussant: Female Labour in the new economic system and the need for organizing them, November 2001, organized by 'Karmajibi Nari'.

5. Others

- i) Member, Editorial Board, BDS
- ii) Member of various external committees

Md. Abul Quasem
Senior Research Fellow, ARDD

1. Completed Works : None

2. Papers presented at : None

3. Publications

- i) Credit Flowing from the Poor to the Rich: The Financial Market and the Role of the Government Bank in Rural Bangladesh: Comment; Vol. 39, No. 4, The Development Economies, December 2001.

4. On-going Research Projects

- i) Land Degradation in Bangladesh the report is being revised following the comments offered by the participants in the seminar.

Source of Fund : BIDS

Date: : September 2001

- ii) Action Plan on Livestock Production in Bangladesh, Working as a Convenor of the Team, set up by the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, Government of Bangladesh. Preliminary Draft has been submitted.

5. Others: : None

Sajjad Zohir
Senior Research Fellow

1. Work Completed

- i) BIDS Study on PKSf-MES: The final report titled “Monitoring and Evaluation of Microfinance Institutions” has been completed and submitted to PKSf, along with other reports.

2. Work in Progress

- i) WTO and Bangladesh: a collaborative study with IFPRI and Wageningen University; the launching workshop will be held on 17th November 2001.
- ii) A paper on wider impact of microfinance, to be presented in a January workshop in Dhaka. It is being prepared in collaboration with Imran Matin of BRAC.

3. Publications

- i) “Strengthening linkages between rural credit, agricultural extension and marketing: Bangladesh”, in *Grass roots synergy in rural poverty alleviation – why and how?*, UN-ESCAP, New York, 2001.

4. Seminars

- i) “Prospects of Microfinance in the Hilly Region of Bangladesh”, paper submitted at the World Mountain Symposium, Interlaken, Switzerland, 30 September-5 October 2001.
- ii) “Emerging Role of the Private Sector in the Delivery of Social Services in the ESCAP Region”, paper presented at an ESCAP workshop on Social Development, Bangkok, September 17 – 19, 2001.
- iii) “Understanding Default Practices in Bangladesh’s Microfinance”, paper presented at a CDF seminar, Dhaka, 30 October 2001.

5. Other Involvements

1. Chairman, AAC.
2. Chief, ARDD.
3. Associate Editor, BDS.
4. Member, Recruitment Committee for Research Associates.
5. Resource Person, SANDEE.

Bimal Kumar Saha
Research Fellow

1. Work completed

- i) *An Appraisal for Three Medium-sized Local NGOs* (co-author) (funded by the Royal Norwegian Embassy and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation).

2. Work in Progress

- i) Preparing an article entitled "*Participatory Approach and the Role of NGOs for Development in Bangladesh*" (in Bengali) for possible publication in *Bangladesh Unnayan Samikhya*, Vol. 19, Annual Number, February 2002.
- ii) SRDF funded project: *Technological Change and Surplus Utilization in Bangladesh Agriculture* (expected to be completed by the end of this year).

3. Publication

- i) "Land Reform and Agrarian Question in Bangladesh", *Theoretical Perspectives* (a Journal of the University of Dhaka), Annual Number, 2001.

4. Seminar/Workshop : None

5. Others

- i) Member, Library Committee

Mr. Mizanur Rahmans
Research Fellow

1. **Work completed:** : **None**
2. **Work in Progress**
 - i) Writing a draft report on the SRDF funded project on "Agricultural Wages in Bangladesh: Expected to be complete the draft before December 15, 2001.
3. **Publications** : **None**
4. **Seminar Workshop** : **None**
5. **Others** : **None**