

**Research & Publication (R & P) Committee Meeting
General Economic Division Report
(December 31, 2002)**

Name & Designation	Works Completed	Works in Progress	Seminar/ Workshop	Publication	Other
Dr. Omar Haider Chowdhury Research Director	1	1	0	1	1
Dr. Quazi Shahabuddin Research Director	0	3	2	1	2
Dr. K.A.S. Murshid Research Director	2	3	2	0	3
Dr. Binayak Sen Senior Research Fellow (SRF)	3	2	6	1	4
Dr. Chowdhury Anwaruzzaman Research Fellow (RF)	0	1	0	0	0
Dr. Dilip Kumar Roy Research Fellow (RF)	0	1	2	1	1
Dr. Kazi Ali Toufique Research Fellow (RF)	1	1	1	1	0
Mr. Wajid Hasan Shah Research Associate (RA)	0	3	0	0	3
Mr. Subrata Sarker* Associate (RA)	0	1	0	0	0
Total	7	16	13	5	14

* Mr. Subrata Sarker is yet to join the division formally but has informally expressed his interest to do so.

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Dr. Omar Haider Chowdhury, Research Director
General Economics Division

I. Publication:

In collaboration, “Credit Programs for the Poor and the Health Status of Children in Rural Bangladesh”, International Economics, Forthcoming.

II. Completed Work:

Domestic Resource Mobilization and Public Expenditure, Position paper for the 6th Five Year Plan. Planning Commission, GOB.

III. On-Going Work:

Consultant, Human Rights and Right to Development in Bangladesh: Right to Health, sponsored by FXB Centre at the Harvard School of Public Health.

IV. Workshop/Seminar: None

V. Other Involvements:

Project Director, TRACE.

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Quazi Shahabuddin, Research Director
General Economics Division

- I. Completed Work:** None
- II. On-Going Work:**
1. Project Director, Micro Impacts of Macroeconomic and Adjustment Policies (MIMAP-IV) in Bangladesh, sponsored by IDRC, since March 2001.
 2. Member, Core Research Team, Trade Cooperation and Economic Policy Reform in South Asia Project (TRACE), sponsored by EU, since February 2002.
 3. Resource Person, Country Paper on the Right to Development (Right to Food), sponsored by FXB Center at the Harvard School of Public Health.
- III. Publication:**
1. “Price Responsiveness of Foodgrain Supply in Bangladesh and Projections 2020” (jointly with P. Dorosh), The Bangladesh Development Studies (forthcoming).
- IV. Workshop/Seminar:**
1. Participated in the Workshop on the Right to Development Project held in New Delhi on 20-22 October 2002.
 2. Paper on “Comparative Advantage, Diversification and Value Addition in Bangladesh Agriculture”, presented in the Regional Conference of the International Association of Agricultural Economics on Public-Private Sector Partnership for Promoting Rural Development, held on 2-4 October 2002 in Dhaka.
- V. Other Involvements:**
1. Executive Editor, The Bangladesh Development Studies.
 2. Member, BIDS Board of Trustees.

Dr. K.A.S. Murshid, Research Director (August 15 – December 15)

I. On-Going Work:

- a. Reaching the hardcore poor – a review
- b. Labour conditions in exporting firms
- c. Transactions costs of the poor and very poor - proposal

II. Completed Work:

- a. Regional balance in development (submitted to Planning Commission)
- b. Dynamics of foodgrain markets (paper submitted to the IAAE)

III. Publications: None

IV. Conferences:

- (1) Paper presented on “Migrants and Remittances”, organized by IOM and UNDP;
- (2) Keynote paper presented on “The Asian Highway Network and Bangladesh”, organized by the Chittagong Journalists Association, Dhaka.

V. Other Official Duties:

1. President, KKS
2. Member, BIDS Board,
3. Advisor, Ministry of Power

Binayak Sen, Senior Research Fellow, GED
(Reporting period: 1 August 2002 to 30 November 2002)

Publications:

1. “Causes of Fertility Decline in India and Bangladesh. The Role of Community”, Economic and Political Weekly, Vol. 37, No. 43, October 26, 2002 (with K.S. James and S. Mahendra Dev).

Works Completed:

1. “A Quiet Transition: Some Aspects of the History of Economic Growth in Bangladesh, 1970-2000”, Country Study under GRP-II phase, A research project supported by GDN (with M.K. Mujeri).

Works in Progress:

1. Chronic Poverty and Economic Mobility: Do Monetary and Non-monetary Indicators Tell the Same Story? Background paper being prepared for the Programme for Research on Chronic Poverty in Bangladesh (PRCPB) project.
2. Growth Strategies and Accelerated Poverty Reduction: A View from below, Background paper to be prepared for the Bangladesh component of the Multi-Country Study on *Macroeconomics of poverty Reduction supported by UNDP (with S.R. Osmani and others)*.

Other Professional Works:

1. Completed the Revised Draft entitled “Bangladesh: A National Strategy for Economic Growth, Poverty Reduction and Social Development”, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance, November 2002 (with M.K. Mujeri).
2. Completed the selected components of the Interim Report of the Public Expenditure Review Commission (PERC), November 2002.

Other Professional Activities:

- Presented two papers at the NANEI Annual Conference held in Dhaka, 27-29 August 2002.
- Acted as the Designated Discussant on Anil Deolalikar’s paper on *Nutritional Situation in Bangladesh* presented at the Poverty Assessment Workshop organized by the World Bank on 23 October 2002.
- Made presentation as a Resource Person at the Public Expenditure Review workshop organized by the World Bank on 27 October 2002.

- Gave briefing on the Prospects of the Bangladesh Economy to the Norwegian Minister of International Development Hilde F. Johnson organized by the Norwegian Embassy on 12 November 2002.
- Gave Lecture on “Non-Military Threats to national Security” on 27 November 2002 at the National Defence College, Mirpur.
- Made presentation as a Resource Person at the National Dialogue on PRSP and Gender organized by Steps Towards Development on 26 November 2002.

Other Responsibilities:

- Member, International Editorial board, *Asian Development Review* (academic journal of ADB).
- Member, Public Expenditure Reform Commission (PERC).
- Member, Governing Body, Social Development Foundation (SDF).
- Coordinator, BIDS Seminar Committee

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Dr. Chowdhury Anwaruzzaman
Research Fellow, GED.

Work Completed : None

Work in Progress : Exchange rate policy and related issues for the TRACE Project.

Seminar/Workshop: None

Publication: None

Other Involvement: None

Period: August-December 2002

Dr. Dilip Kumar Roy
Research Fellow
GED

I. Work Completed: None

II. On-Going Work:

Trade Policy and Trade Specialization: Country Study of Bangladesh (Jointly with Dr. Omar H. Chowdhury).

III. Publication:

“Trade-Related Intellectual Property Rights: Challenges and Opportunities for Bangladesh”, **The Journal of Political Economy**, September (during BEA Conference) 2002.

IV. Workshop/Seminars/Training Course

- (a) Training Course on the Empirical Analysis of International Trade, 16-21 November 2002.
- (b) Joint WIPO-WTO Regional Workshop on Implementation of the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (Trips Agreement), organized by WIPO, WTO & Ministry of Commerce, December 11 to 14, 2002.

V. Other Activities:

Reviewed one paper for Samikha.

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Kazi Ali Toufique, Research Fellow (GED)

I. Work Completed:

1. Draft Report of BIDS-UNDP research project on “Community Responses to Environmental Degradation due to Shrimp Culture in the Coastal Region in Bangladesh” (with Zulfiqar Ali).

II. On-Going Work:

1. Project Director, LDSA (Livelihood Diversification in South Asia). Fieldwork completed. Data cleaning completed. A midterm report has been submitted. Work on writing the final report in progress.

III. Publication:

1. “Retrospective Study of 273 Deaths due to Poisoning at Sir Salimullah Medical College from 1988 to 1997”, Journal of Dhaka medical College, 10 (1), April, 2001, pp. 46-52. (with Muhammad Nurul Islam, Nasimul Islam, and Mustaque Rahim).

IV. Workshop/Seminar:

1. Presented a paper titled “Livelihoods Change in Four Villages: Preliminary Findings from a Household Re-Survey” in a seminar organized by the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, Dhaka, on 9 October, 2002. A revised version of this paper was presented in a project workshop in New Delhi on 16 October 2002.

V. Other Involvements: None

WAJID HASAN SHAH
RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, GENERAL ECONOMICS DIVISION
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I. Work Completed: None

II. On-Going Work:

- Modifying paper on “Food Security in Bangladesh” for Research Report based on comments received from referee.
- Submitted article on “FDI in Bangladesh” for consideration as BDS article.
- Working on an article for Samikkhya.

III. Publications: None

IV. Project Involvement:

- TRACE

V. Other Activities:

- Joint Convenor, Research and Publication (R&P) Committee
- Helping coordinate the Partha Dasgupta Special Seminar

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Progress Report for the October 27 to December 30, 2002 period
Subrata Sarker, Research Associate
General Economics Division

I. Publication: None

II. Completed Work: None

III. On-Going Work:

1. Working on the analysis of the impact of various WTO agreements on Bangladesh economy in a Computable General Equilibrium framework at the Bangladesh and the WTO project.

IV. Workshop/Seminar: None

V. Other Involvements: None