

Agriculture & Rural Development Division (ARDD)
R & P Meeting, April 27, 2002

1. Summary Statement of Division Members

Information by Division Members

Name of Member	Designation	Reporting Status	Publication (No.)	Work Completed (No.)	Work in Progress (No.)	Seminar (No.)	Others (No.)
Rushidan Islam Rahman	RD	Reported	1	2	3	3	3
M.A. Quasem	SRF	Reported	0	1	2	2	0
B.K. Saha	RF	Reported	0	2	1	1	2
Mizanur Rahman	RF	Reported	0	0	2	1	0
Fahmida Akther	RF	Reported	1	0	1	1	0
M. Asaduzzaman	RD	On leave					
Sajjad Zohir	SRF	On leave					
Total			2	5	9	8	5

Issues under study:

- Use of inputs productivity and growth
- Surplus utilization
- Sustainable agriculture
- Livestock
- Land degradation
- Land Reform and agrarian structure
- Micro-finance and NGO sector
- Poverty and employment
- Agricultural wage
- Internal migration
- Environment

Rushidan Islam Rahman
Research Director, ARDD

- 1. Work Completed:**
 - i) Determinants of the use of Modern Inputs and Productivity in Bangladesh Agriculture. Revised versions of a paper submitted for publication in the BDS.
 - ii) Gender Equity in Employment and Economic Activities in Bangladesh.

- 2. Work in Progress:**
 - i) Pattern of Economic Growth and Sustainability of the growth process.
 - ii) Combating poverty through employment and economic growth.
 - iii) Rural Poverty: Patterns, Processes and Policies.

- 3. Publication:**
 - i) Microfinance in Bangladesh: Sustained Progress or Emerging Problems in Bangladesh Journal of Political Economy, Vol. XV, No.1.

- 4. Seminar/Workshop:**
 - i) Presented (2.i) in a special seminar at BIDS.
 - ii) Discussion meeting on 'Poverty and Development' organized by the World Bank.
 - iii) Presented (1.ii) at the National Seminar on International Labour Standards.

- 5. Others:**
 - i) Convenor, Special BIDS Seminar on Performance of the Economy.
 - ii) Member, Editorial Board, BIDS
 - iii) Member of other non-BIDS committees etc.

Md. Abul Quasem
Senior Research Fellow, ARDD

- 1. Work Completed:**
 - i) Final Report on the Study "Land Degradation in Bangladesh: Its Extent, Causes and Policy Suggestions" has been submitted.

- 2. Work in Progress:**
 - i) A paper on "Livestocks in Bangladesh: Its Performance and Prospects" is being revised.
 - ii) Drafting is being done for a study Report on "Land use and Sustainable Agriculture in Bangladesh": funded by the BIDS.

- 3. Publication:** **None**

- 4. Seminar/Workshop:**
 - i) A Summary Report on "Land Degradation in Bangladesh" was presented in a Seminar Organized by the BIDS on March 12, 2002.
 - ii) Another paper on "Livestocks in Bangladesh: Its Performance and Prospects" was presented in a BIDS Seminar on April 2, 2002.

- 5. Others:** **None**

Bimal Kumar Saha
Research Fellow

1. Work Completed:

- i) a paper entitled "Land Reform and Agrarian Development in Bangladesh and West Bengal: Issues and Evidence in Comparative Perspective" for publication in a Journal of the Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies, Kolkata University, Kolkata.
- ii) *An Appraisal of Three Medium-sized Local NGOs* (final draft, January 7, 2002) (co-author) (funded by the Royal Norwegian Embassy and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation).

2. Work in Progress:

- i) SRDF funded project: *Technological Change and Surplus Utilization in Bangladesh Agriculture* (preliminary work done - to be finalized soon by incorporating some field level data).

3. Publication: None

4. Seminar/Workshop:

- i) a discussion meeting on *Issues of Agrarian Structure in Bangladesh* with the teachers and M.Phil, students of the Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies, Kolkata University in December 2001.

5. Others:

- i) Division Chief, ARDD (a.i.)
- ii) Member, Library Committee

Mr. Mizanur Rahman
Research Fellow

1. Work Completed: None

3. Work in Progress:

- i) "Agricultural Wages in Bangladesh".
- ii) Working on referee's comments for publishing a paper entitled- "Flexible Estimation of Internal Migration ..." in BDS.

3. Publication: None

4. Seminar/Workshop:

- a) Received training on GAMS Computer Package and WTO Issues

5. Others: None

Fahmida Akther Khatun
Research Fellow

1. **Work Completed:** **None**
2. **Work in Progress:**
 - i) Paper on Environmental Issues in the Trade Negotiations: Agenda for Bangladesh.
3. **Publication:**
 - i) Environmental Impact of Trade Liberalization and Trade Related Policies on the Marine Fisheries Sector in Bangladesh, Forthcoming, UNEP, Geneva.
4. **Seminar/Workshop:**
 - i) Policies for Abatement of Air Pollution in Bangladesh; Presented at the National Conference on Environmental Health Organized by the Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (BAPA), 19-20 February, 2002, ICDDR,B, Dhaka.
5. **Others:** **None**