

Research & Publication (R&P) Committee Meeting
General Economics Division Report
November 01, 2001 – March 31, 2002

Name & Designation	Works completed	Works in Progress	Seminar/ Workshop	Publication	Others
Dr. Omar Haider Chowdhury Research Director (RD)	1	2	1	0	0
Dr. Quazi Shahabuddin Research Director (RD)	1	2	4	1	2
Dr. K.A.S. Murshid Research Director (RD)	On leave during the reporting period				
Dr. Binayak Sen Senior Research Fellow (SRF)	1	2	1	1	2
Dr. Chowdhury Anwaruzzaman Research Fellow (RF)	0	1	0	0	0
Dr. Dilip Kumar Roy Research Fellow (RF)	0	1	0	3	2
Dr. Kazi Ali Toufique Research Fellow (RF)	1	2	1	3	1
Wajid Hasan Shah Research Associate (RA)	2	1	0	0	3
Total	6	11	7	8	12

Report for the November 1 – March 31, 2002 period
Dr. Omar Haider Chowdhury, Research Director
General Economics Division

I. Work Completed:

1. Poverty, Education and Public Expenditure, Paper presented at a seminar “Bangladesh: Development Challenges and Opportunities” organized by the BIDS on March 16, 2002.

II. On-Going Work:

1. Consultant, Human Rights and Right to Development in Bangladesh – Right to Health, sponsored by FXB Center at the Harvard School of Public Health, October, 2001 through December 2002.
2. “Domestic Resource Mobilization and Public Expenditure” position paper for the 6th Five Year Plan, Commissioned by the Planning Commission, GOB.

Report for the November 1 – March 31, 2002 period
Quazi Shahabuddin, Research Director
General Economics Division

I. Work Completed:

2. Country Assistance Program Evaluation (CAPE) for Bangladesh, sponsored by Asian Development Bank, November 11, 2001 to March 20, 2002.

II. On-Going Work:

3. Project Director, Micro Impacts of Macroeconomic Adjustment Policies (MIMAP-IV), sponsored by IDRC, since March 2001.
4. Consultant, Human Rights and Right to Development in Bangladesh – Right to Food, sponsored by FXB Center at the Harvard School of Public Health, October, 2001 through December 2002.

III. Publications:

1. “Water as a Scarce Resources: Policies on Water Pricing and Cost Recovery in Bangladesh,” in Bangladesh Journal of Political Economy, Vol. XV, No. 1 (Conference Volume), December, 2001.

IV. Seminar/Workshop/Conference:

1. *Participated as designated discussant in the Conference on the poverty network of the Macro Impacts of Macroeconomic Adjustment Policies (MIMAP), sponsored by IDRC, Canada held on January 28-31 in Rabat, Morocco.*
2. *Participated as main speaker on agriculture in the Special Conference 2002 on Globalization and Bangladesh Economy, Bangladesh Economic Association held on March 7, 2002 in TSC Auditorium, Dhaka University.*

3. *Presented a paper (jointly with M.A. Quasem) on Agricultural Growth: Performance and Prospects in the Seminar on Performance of the Bangladesh Economy: Selected Issues, held at BIDS on April 2, 2002.*
4. *Participated in the Seminar of Rights to Development Project held on April 7-8, 2002 in New Delhi, sponsored by Harvard University and Centre for Development and Human Rights.*

V. Other Involvements:

1. Executive Editor, The Bangladesh Development Studies.
2. Member, BIDS Board of Trustees.

BINAYAK SEN
SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW
DIVISION CHIEF, GENERAL ECONOMICS DIVISION

Works Completed:

Completed the first draft of the *Interim-Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP) for Bangladesh*, GoB (with M.K. Mujeri).

On-going Work:

Causes of Fertility Decline in Bangladesh and Andhra Pradesh, Paper presented at the Third Annual Conference of SANEI, New Delhi, 28-31 August 2001 (with K.S. James and Mahendra Dev of Centre for Social and Economic Studies, Hyderabad).

Bangladesh Country Study under the Global Growth Project (Phase-II) supported by GDN, (with M.K. Mujeri).

Publications:

“Economics Teaching and Research in Bangla: Problems and Prospects”, Bangladesh Journal of Political Economy, Vol. XV, No. 1, Bangladesh Economic Association, Dhaka, December 2001 (in Bangla).

Seminars/Workshops:

Mini-launching of the Programme for Research on Chronic Poverty in Bangladesh (a forthcoming BIDS Research Project in collaboration with IDPM, University of Manchester, with funding from DFID).

Institutional Responsibilities:

Division Chief, GED
Coordinator, Seminar Committee

Other Responsibilities:

Member, Governing Body, *Social Development Foundation*, Dhaka.

Dr. Chowdhury Anwaruzzaman
Research Fellow, GED

Period: November 2001-March 2002

- I. Work Completed :
None

- II. On-Going Work:
A Refinement of Meade Welfare Index

- III. Publications:
None

Dilip Kumar Roy
Research Fellow, GED

Period: November 2001-March 2002

II. Work Completed :

None

II. On-Going Work:

Globalization and Labour: The Effect on Non-Farm Sector Employment

IV. Publications:

The 1998 Floods in Bangladesh: Disaster Impacts, Household Coping Strategies, and Response (One of the Four Co-authors), Research Report 122, IFPRI, Washington, December 2001.

Publication (forthcoming):

“Trade-Related Intellectual Property Rights: Challenges and Opportunities for Bangladesh”, accepted for publication in the Journal of The Institute of Bankers, Bangladesh, 49th Volume, 2002.

“Labor Market Characteristics in Rural Bangladesh after the 1998 Flood”, prepared by Carlo del Ninno & Dilip Kumar Roy, under review for ‘The Bangladesh Journal of Agricultural Economics’, Mymensingh.

V. Other Activities

(a) Member-Secretary, PCC

(b) Nominated from BIDS, I have participated in the Seminar on “Diversification of Jute Products” 23-25 January 2002, organized by IJO, Dhaka.

Progress Report for R& P Meeting, August 2000
(October, 2001 to 26 April 2002)
General Economics Division

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. Writing (with Catherine Turton) an edited book provisionally titled as Rural Livelihoods in Bangladesh. It is funded by DFID and the book is expected to be published by middle of May, 2002.

2. Project Director, LDSA (Livelihood Diversification in South Asia). Filedwork in progress.

III. Seminar/Workshop

1. Presented a paper titled “Profit Environment and Voice: Shrimp Culture in Bangladesh” in the XIIIth International Congress on Folk Law and Legal Pluralism held in Chiang Mai, Thailand from 7-10 April, 2002.

IV. Publication

1. “Pattern of Unnatural Death in a city Mortuary - A Ten Year Retrospective Study”, *Bangladesh Medical Journal*, 31 (1&2), 2002, pp. 3-9. (with Muhammad Nurul Islam and Md. Nasimul Islam).

2. “Trends of Homicide in Southern Dhaka - A 10 Years Study”, *Journal of Bogra Medical College*, 5 (2), 2002, pp. 46-54. (with Muhammad Nurul Islam, Dr. Md. Nasimul Islam, Md. Kamal Osman, Kazi Ali Toufique, Md. Mozaharul Islam, Md. Aatur Rahman, and Mustaque Rahim).

3. "Degrading Fisheries Resources", pp. 83-89. In Atiur Rahman, M. Ashraf Ali, Farooque Chowdhury (eds.) *People's Report on Bangladesh Environment 2001*. Unnayan Shamannay and The University Press Limited, Dhaka, 2001.

V. Other Involvements

1. Chairman, Computer Management Committee.

Wajid Hasan Shah
Research Associate
GED

Period: November 01, 2001 - March 31, 2002

- III. Work Completed:
- Submitted a paper on “food security” for consideration as BDS article
 - Submitted a book review on “Bureaucrats in Business” for consideration in BDS
- II. On-Going Work:
Preparing an article on FDI in Bangladesh
- VI. Publications:
Nil
- VII. Project Involvement:
Nil
- VIII. Other Activities
(c) Joint Convenor, Research and Publications (R&P) Committee
(d) Member, Computer Management Committee
- Involved in arranging/coordinating the seminar on “Bangladesh: Emerging Challenges and Opportunities”