

R & P Committee Meeting

November 13, 2001

Progress Report

Human Resource Division (HRD)

BIDS

July 19, 2001 – November 12, 2001

I. Summary Statement

a. Division Members' Performance

Members' Name	Designation	Reporting Status	Publication (No.)	Work completed (No.)	Work in Progress (No.)	Seminar/workshop (No.)	Others (No.)	Total
Mahmudul Alam	SRF	Reported	1	1	4	11	-	17
Atiur Rahman	SRF	Reported	-	1	1	2	2	6
Pratima Paul-Majumder	RF	Reported	1	4	2	1	2	10
Rita Afsar	RF	On leave	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anwara Begum	RF	Reported	1	1	1	-	1	4
Zulfiqar Ali	RA	Reported	-	1	2	1	3	7
Division summary			3	8	10	15	8	44

b. Issues under Research

Budget and Gender
Budget and Poverty
Child Labour
Civil Society
Education
Health and Poverty
Human Development
Labour Market and Women
Micro-Finance and Poverty
Old-age Pension
Participation
Regional Cooperation
Safety Net
Shrimp Culture
Structural Adjustment Policies
Tea Plantation
Urban Housing
Women's Empowerment
Women's Health

I. Members' Individual Progress Reports:

Mahmudul Alam

SRF

A. Publication:

1. “বাংলা-দ-শ সাক্ষরতাঃ ধারণাগত উত্তরণ, বর্তমান অবস্থা এবং ভবিষ্যৎ সম্ভাবনা” সাক্ষরতা বু-লটিন, জুলাই-আগষ্ট, ২০০১, CAMPE, ঢাকা (হোস-ন আরা -বগম-এর সং-গ) ।

B. Completed Work:

1. A Fragile Dialogue? Primary Education Policy-making in Bangladesh (with Elaine Unterhatter, IoE, London and Jake Ross, ESTEEM Project, Dhaka).

C. Work in Progress:

1. Impact of General Education Project (GEP), 1990-96; State-interventions in Primary Education Sub-sector of Bangladesh (with Dr. Salimullah).
2. Efficiency and Relevance of Higher Education in Bangladesh SRDF-funded, (with Prof. Shamsul Haque, IBA, Dhaka University).
3. Higher Education in Bangladesh: Role of Private Universities, funded by IIEP, Paris (with Prof. Shamsul Haque, IBA, Dhaka University).
4. Gender-Budget Analysis of Education and Related Sectors NSU-World Bank sponsored.

D. Seminar/Workshop/Professional Meetings:

(i) at home

1. SEMP-related Co-ordination Committee on Environmental Studies Syllabus, CAMPE, Dhaka, July 31, 2001.
2. Moderation meeting MSS Final (Economics), Chittagong University, August 5, 2001.
3. Gender Budget Study (GBS), NSU-World Bank Joint Research Project, Brainstorming Session at BIDS, Dhaka, August 16, 2001.
4. CPD-Daily Star-Prothom Alo joint seminar on National Task Force Report on Education Policy, August 22, 2001, National Press Club, Dhaka.
5. AGM, Center for Mass Education in Science (CMES) August 23, 2001, Dhaka.

6. মুখ্য আ-লাচক, ফেরদাউস খান সা-হ-বর আত্মজীবনী গ্রন্থ জীব-নর ঘা-ট ঘা-ট, ঢাকা আহছানিয়া মিশন (DAM), ঢাকা, আগষ্ট ২৪, ২০০১।
 7. Participant, UNICEF (Dhaka) - sponsored Bangladesh National Evaluation Forum, August 29, 2001, Dhaka.
 8. State-interventions in Primary Education Sub-sector in Bangladesh: Implications of GEP, 1990-96, September 13, 2001, BIDS, Dhaka.
 9. Guest Speaker, 'Literacy Campaigns in Bangladesh: Problems and Prospects', October 24, 2001, Rotary Club- Buriganga, Hotel Sonargaon, Dhaka.
- (ii) Abroad
1. Participant, Commonwealth Secretariat Pre-conference Seminars on EFA, September 17-18, 2001, Oxford, U.K.
 2. Participant and paper-presenter (co-author) at the UKFIET Oxford Conference on Education and Development, September 19-21, 2001, Oxford, U.K.

Atiur Rahman
SRF & Division Chief

A. Publication:

- None

B. Work Completed:

1. Increasing Awareness and Knowledge about Gender Analysis of National Budget: An Analysis from the Perspective of Gender Equality.

C. Work in Progress:

1. Gender Budget Study: Survey Component.

D. Seminar/Workshop/Lecture:

1. "Decentralization and Poverty Reduction" organized by Asian Development Bank (ADB), Manila, 10-12 October 2001.
2. অনুরূপা মুখার্জী স্মারক বক্তৃতা, ২০০১। "দারিদ্র্য বিমোচন: বাংলাদেশ অভিজ্ঞতা" আয়োজক: পদ্মা - গোমতী, রবীন্দ্র জন্ম শতবার্ষিকী ভবন, আগরতলা, ত্রিপুরা, ভারত, ২১-২৩ সেপ্টেম্বর, ২০০১।

E. Others:

1. Chairman, Board of Directors, Janata Bank.
2. Member, Board of Trustees, BIDS.

Pratima Paul-Majumder
RF

A. Publication:

1. “Occupational Hazards and Health Consequences of the Growth of Garment Industry in Bangladesh” published in Pratima Paul-Majumder and Binayak Sen (ed.), “Growth of Garment Industry in Bangladesh: Economic and Social Dimension, proceedings of a National Seminar on Ready-made Garment Industry” BIDS and OXFAM-GB, Bangladesh, 2001.

B. Work Completed:

1. Completed together with Atiur Rahman, Zulfiqar Ali and Arifur Rahman a report entitled “Increasing Awareness and knowledge about Gender Analysis of National Budget: “An analysis from the perspective of Gender Equality” and submitted to PLUGE, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, GoB.
2. Edited together with Binayak Sen 'proceedings of a National Seminar on Ready-made Garment Industry in Bangladesh' and published.
3. Completed a paper entitled “Impact of working conditions and Terms of Employment on Women’s Labour Force Participation and Labour productivity”.
4. Completed together with M.A. Mannan field survey of the project “Impact of Social Safety net on Poverty Alleviation” funded by the Ministry of Planning, GoB.

C. Work in Progress:

1. Entry of data collected through the survey of “Impact of Social safety net on Poverty Alleviation” is in progress.
2. Writing a Paper on “Socio-economic and Health Conditions of the Tea Workers and Role of social Dialogue”.

D. Workshop/Seminar:

1. Presented a paper in the Sixth Women in Asia Conference 2001, held in the Australian National University, Canberra during 21-24 September 2001.

E. Others:

1. Editor, Bangladesh Unnayan Samiskha
2. Member, Finance Committee.

Dr. Anwara Begum
RF

A. Publication:

- (1) Article on “Strategizing Sustainable Cities: Cities without slums”, in the souvenir published by RAJUK and Ministry of Public Work, Dhaka, in observance of the World Habitat Day on 1st October, 2001.

B. Work Completed

- (1) Prepared a paper “Strategizing Sustainable Cities: Cities without Slums”, for World Habitat Day 2001, commissioned by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (HABITAT) and organized by RAJUK, Dhaka.

C. Work in Progress

- (1) Comparative Study/Review of NGOs with regard to Poverty Profile/Approaches of 2-3 NGOs in Bangladesh, Three field trips completed.

D. Workshop/Seminar:

- None

E. Other activities:

- (1) Member of the Millennium Committee Celebration, BIDS.

Zulfiqar Ali
RA

A. Publication:

None

B. Work Completed:

1. Increasing Awareness and Knowledge about Gender Analysis of National Budget, a study conducted for the PLAGE Project of the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, October 2001.

C. Work in Progress:

1. Study on Gender Budget.
2. Study on Shrimp Culture.

D. Seminar/Workshop:

1. Attended a meeting at the Rural Development Centre of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur, India, to discuss a research proposal on 'Shrimp Culture' submitted to the South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE) on 25-27 July 2001.

E. Others

1. Revised and submitted the proposal on 'Shrimp Culture' to SANDEE.
2. Conducted an AAC Inquiry.
3. Associate Coordinator, BIDS Seminar Program.