

**R & P Committee Meeting**  
**April 27, 2002**

**Progress Report**  
**Human Resource Development Division (HRD), BIDS**  
**November 13, 2001-April 27, 2002**

**1. Summary Statement**

**a. Division Members' Performance**

Sl No.	Members' Name	Designation	Reporting Status	Publication (No.)	Work completed (No.)	Work in Progress (No.)	Seminar/workshop (No.)	Others (No.)	Total
1.	Atiur Rahman	SRF & Chief	Reported	3	--	2	7	1	13
2.	Mahmudul Alam	SRF	Reported	2	3	1	2	1	9
3.	Pratima Paul-Majumder	RF	Reported	2	4	2	4	2	14
4.	Rita Afsar	RF	Reported	1	4	3	2	3	13
5.	Anwara Begum	RF	Reported	--	1	2	--	--	3
6.	SM Zulfiqar Ali	RA	Reported	1	1	1	3	3	9
<b>Division summary</b>				<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>61</b>

**b. Issues under Research**

Budget and Gender  
 Budget and Poverty  
 Child Labour  
 Civil Society  
 Demographic Change  
 Education  
 Environment  
 Female Labour Migration  
 Health and Poverty  
 Human Development  
 Labour Market and Women  
 Micro-Finance and Poverty  
 Migration and Rural Livelihood  
 Overseas Migration  
 Participation  
 Regional Cooperation  
 Safety Net  
 Shrimp Culture  
 Social Capital  
 Structural Adjustment Policies  
 Tobacco  
 Urban Housing  
 Urbanization and Urban Change  
 Water Resources  
 Women's Empowerment  
 Women's Health

## 2. Members Individual Progress Reports:

*Atiur Rahman*

*Senior Research Fellow & Division Chief*

### A. Publication:

1. "Education for Development: Lessons from East Asia for Bangladesh", First published in Singapore in 2002 by Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, 30 Heng Mui Keng Terrace, Pasir Panjang, Singapore-119614
2. "People's Report on Bangladesh Environment 2001" volume I Main report & volume II Database, UPL, 2001.
3. *Ö`vwi`a" we†gvPb : evsjv†`k AwfÁZvÓ mn †jLK Avwidzi ingvb, evsjv†`k Dbæqb mgx¶v, Dbwesk LÛ, evwl©K msL"v, †deª€qvwi 2002 |*

### B. Work Completed:

None

### C. Work in Progress:

1. Gender Budget Study: Survey Component.
2. People's Report on Bangladesh Environment 2002.

### D. Seminar/Workshop/Lecture:

1. **Local Government and Mobilization, Local People and Resources Towards Sustainable Development**, Dhaka Meet On Sustainable Development In Bangladesh: Achievements, Opportunities, And Challenges At Rio+10, Dhaka, 15-18 March 2002 organized by Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad (BUP).
2. **Impact of Trade and Financial Sector in Bangladesh**, presented at the Global Forum on Grassroots Assessments of World Bank Policies: *Structural Adjustment, Economic Crisis and Poverty*, The Borschette Center, Brussels 15 April 2002.
3. **Urban Poverty and Environment Interface: Some Illustrations on Dhaka**, paper presented at an International Conference on Urban Environment Management: Local Government and Community Action, organized by Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi in collaboration with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Kolkata, India, 25-27 November 2001
4. **Information Technology in Bangladesh: The Current Status and Potentials** (co-authored with Taifur Rahman), in *Technology the Solution* of the Tech Transfer 2002 Bangladesh, Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel Dhaka, January 18-20, 2002.
5. **Enabling Women to Contribute to Economic Growth: An Analysis of Allocation in the National Budget of Bangladesh**, Paper Presented at Performance of the Bangladesh Economy: Selected Issues (co-authored with Pratima Paul-Majumder & Zulfiqar Ali), April 2, 2002 at BIDS Conference room, Agargaon, Dhaka.
6. **Bangladesh: Towards the World Summit for Sustainable Development**, a lecture outline prepared for a meeting in New Delhi organized by Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), 22-23 November 2001.
7. **E-Governance in DCs and LDCs: Lessons for Bangladesh** (multimedia presentation in association with Taifur Rahman), Tech Transfer 2002 Bangladesh, January 18-20, 2002.

### E. Others:

1. Division Chief, HRD, BIDS

**Mahmudul Alam**

**Senior Research Fellow**

**A. Publications:**

1. A Question of Quality State of Primary Education in Bangladesh: Teacher at the Center-Stage, published by CAMPE UPL, Vol.III, (with Nazmul Haq), December 31, 2001.
2. 'jjeH pÇfc Eæue Hhw h\_jwmj-c-nl çnrj fçLLÖfej', h\_jwmj-cn Eæue pj£rj, Eeçhwn Mä, h\_jçöÑL pwMÉj, 1408 (l!çq S\_jçLu; J Aeæf Læjil a\_jmæLc;il pq) çgl!Éu;il£, 2002z

**B. Work Completed:**

1. Structural Reforms in Higher Education: Private Higher Education in Bangladesh, (with Prof. M. Shamsul Haque), funded by UNESCO-IIEP, Paris, Feb. 16, 2002.
2. Bangladesh Education Sector Review -2001, funded by Japan Bank for International Co-operation (JBIC), Japan, January, 2002.
3. Position paper on Education Sector for Sixth Five Year Plan (2002-2007) of Bangladesh, prepared for Planning Commission, Bangladesh, First draft, April 22, 2002.

**C. Work in Progress:**

1. Relevance and Efficiency of Higher Education in Bangladesh (RELHED), funded by SRDF, BIDS.

**D. Workshops/Seminar:**

1. BIDS Policy Seminar Series, Education Policy in Secondary Education Sub-sector of Bangladesh, March 16, 2002.
2. Paper-presentation on Private Higher Education in Bangladesh, Tblisi, Georgia, April 25-26, 2002.

**E. Others:**

1. External Examiner, MSS (Final in Economics), Chittagong University, March 20-21, 2002.

**Pratima Paul-Majumder**

**Research Fellow**

**A. Publication:**

1. "Impact of Working Conditions and Terms of Employment on the Women's Labour Force Participation and their Labour Productivity" in Empowerment, 2001. Vol. 8, a Quarterly Journal of Women For Women, Dhaka
2. pq-çmML "h\_jwmj-c-n NÉ;j£e Qlj c\_jçlá-cl A\_jbÑ-p;jjçSL çel;fš; çhøe£" h\_jwmj-cn Eæue pj£rj, Eeçhwn Mä, h\_jçöÑL pwMÉj;1408 z

**B. Work Completed:**

1. Socio-economic and Health Conditions of the Tea Plantation Workers and Role of Social Dialogue.

2. Reflection of Women's Voice and National Gender Policies in the National Budget of Bangladesh.
3. Completed together with Atiur Rahman and Zulfiqar Ali a paper titled "Enabling Women to contribute to Economic Growth: An Analysis of Allocations in the National Budget of Bangladesh".
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**C. Work in Progress:**

1. Socio-economic and Health security affecting women's participation in the labour market and their productivities.
2. Impact Evaluation of Social Safety Nets -initiatives in Bangladesh.

**D. Workshop/Seminar:**

1. Participated in a "Discussion on Gender and Related Economics" held in March 3, 2002 at the Dhaka club organised by Junior Chamber Bangladesh, Dhaka West chapter
2. Participated in a "National Roundtable on the Problems of Garment Workers and Industry: Towards Strategic Responses" held in April 4, 2002 at the IDB auditorium organised by the Bangladesh Garment Workers Protection Alliance.
3. Presented a paper on "Reflection of Women's Voice and Gender policies in the National Budget of Bangladesh" in a opinion sharing meeting held in March 28, 2002 at the WVA auditorium, Dhaka organised by BNPS.
4. Presented a paper on "Reflection of Women's Voice and National Gender objectives in the National Budget of Bangladesh" in a workshop held at the auditorium of "Bachte Shekha", Jessore, organized by the BNPS.

**E. Other:**

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

***Rita Afsar***  
***Research Fellow***

**A. Publication:**

1. Gender, labour market and demographic change: a case study of women's entry into formal manufacturing sector in Bangladesh, in B.Garcia, R. Anker and A. Pinnelli (eds.) *Women in Labour Market in Changing Economies: Demographic Issues*, Oxford University Press: London (Forthcoming).

**B. Work Completed:**

1. Completed the BIDS-World Bank Sponsored Study on *MCP* and prepared and submitted a report entitled "MCP and Women's Empowerment: Insights from A Micro-Level Sociological Study."

2. Completed the PLAGE Sponsored Study on *Female Labour Migration*. The report prepared for the study was accepted.
3. Revised the following Papers:
  - Hossain, M; Afsar, R; and Bose, M. "Growth and Distribution of Income and Incidence of Poverty in Dhaka City" and submitted it for Publication as a BDS article.
  - Afsar, R. "Mapping Urbanization and Urban Changes for the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Bangladesh" and Submitted for Publication as RR.

**C. Work in Progress:**

1. Collaborated with Dr. Alia Ahmad in preparing a proposal on "Social Capital, Collective Action and NGOs in Bangladesh and India: A Research Agenda." This proposal is sent to SANEI and a few others Agencies for funding.
2. Revising a paper from CDUP data set entitled "Is Migration Transferring Rural Poverty to Urban Areas".
3. Revising the paper on "Are Migrants Chasing after Perilous Illusion? A Cost- Benefit Analysis of International Labour Migration from Bangladesh".

**D. Workshop/Seminar:**

1. Participated in the CARE Program Planning Seminar on "Urban Governance" as the Chairperson.
2. Presented a Paper "Are Migrants Chasing after Perilous Illusion? A Cost- Benefit Analysis of International Labour Migration from Bangladesh", in a BIDS organized National Seminar on "Bangladesh: Development Challenges and Opportunities", Dhaka, March 16, 2002.

**E. Others:**

1. Advisor, Editorial Committee of Coalition for the Urban Poor's (CUP) Newsletter, *Nagar Darpan*.
2. Member, PETRA Policy Cell.
3. Vice President, KKS, BIDS.

***Anwara Begum***  
***Research Fellow***

**A. Publication:**

None

**B. Work Completed:**

1. Submitted a paper on problems and policy perspectives related to housing in Dhaka city, for publication as an article. Awaiting referees comments.

**C. Work in Progress:**

1. Preparing a paper on "Sustainable Cities: Evidences of Best City Management Practices from Developing Countries".
2. Reviewing and updating a paper on "Sustainable Cities: Cities without slums", for submission as an article.

**D. Seminar/Workshop/Lecture:**

None

**E. Others:**

None

***SM Zulfiqar Ali***  
***Research Associate***

**A. Publication:**

1. 'Use of Tobacco and Tobacco Products: An Economic Analysis', *Bangladesh Unnayan Shamikkha*, vol. 19, 2002.

**B. Work Completed:**

1. Community Responses to Environmental Degradation due to Shrimp Culture in the Coastal Region in Bangladesh (with Kazi Ali Toufique), 04 March 2002.

**C. Work in Progress:**

1. Programme for Research on Chronic Poverty in Bangladesh (PRCPB) (with Binayak Sen).

**D. Seminar/Workshops/Lecture:**

1. Presented a paper (with Partima Paul Majumder and Atiur Rahman) on 'Enabling Women to Contribute to Economic Growth: An Analysis of Allocations in the National Budget of Bangladesh' at the seminar on 'Performance of the Bangladesh Economy: Selected Issues' organised by the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) on 02 April 2002 held at the BIDS Conference room.
2. Presented the revised research proposal on 'Shrimp Culture, Environmental Consequences and Poverty in Coastal Bangladesh: A Benefit-Cost Analysis' at the Research Workshop organised by the South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE) held at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok, Thailand on 07-11 March 2002.
3. Attended an International Meeting on 'Economic, Social and Health Issues in Tobacco Control' organised by the WHO Kobe Centre in collaboration with WHO Tobacco Free Initiative held in Kobe, Japan during 3-4 December 2001.

**E. Others:**

1. Associate Convenor, BIDS Seminar Program
2. Member, Millennium Celebration Committee, BIDS
3. External Examiner, Dhaka, Jahangirnagar and Islamic University