

BANGLADESH RURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD (BRDB)

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Director General
5. Objectives :
 - 1) To promote village-based primary co-operative societies and TCCAs with a view to establishing them to be autonomous, self-managed and financially viable vehicles for increasing production, employment generation and rural development;
 - 2) to encourage functional co-operatives for generating income and employment for the rural poor;
 - 3) to promote intensive irrigated agriculture as a means to co-operative development and also for efficient utilisation, through the co-operatives, of irrigation facilities based on ground and surface water;
 - 4) to channel and ensure productive utilisation of institutional credit through the village co-operatives and TCCAs and simultaneously promote members accumulation of shares and savings;
 - 5) to encourage financially viable TCCAs to diversify activities specially in the marketing of agricultural inputs and produce as a service to their members;
 - 6) to arrange for effective training of members of the managing committee of village based primary co-operative societies and TCCAs and model

farmers in the agricultural and rural development activities;

- 7) to liaise with concerned Ministries, Departments and Agencies for mobilising supplies, services and supports for the TCCAs and village co-operative system;
- 8) to promote the District and National Federations of TCCAs with a view to progressively handing over the then promotional, motivational and educational functions in relation to rural development;
- 9) to delegate to the Director-General, Director and any other officer of the Board appropriate authorities and responsibilities for the achievements of the objectives of the Board;
- 10) to delegate to the district and Thana level officers of the Board, maximum possible financial and administrative authority to achieve the objectives of the Board;
- 11) to submit to Government projects and programmes consistent with its objectives and to implement them with Government approval;
- 12) to approve the annual development programmes and the annual budget of the Board;
- 13) to engage competent evaluation teams and research institutions to study and evaluate the progress made and problems faced in the implementation of, and in achieving the objectives of, the projects and programmes undertaken by the Board; and
- 14) to take such measures and exercise such other powers as it considers necessary for carrying out its functions under the Ordinance.

6. Recent Research Publication : Of the Organisation (1996-99)
- 1) Field Tour Impressions on Rural Poor Programs of BRDB, December 1994.
 - 2) Field Tour Impressions on Rural Poor Programs of BRDB, December 1994.
 - 3) Workshop Report on Training of Project Implementing Staff of BRDB, August 1994.
 - 4) The Status of IGAs undertaken by Different RPP Beneficiaries, November 1994.
 - 5) Workshop Report on Establishing an Environment Conducive to the Development of Entrepreneurship in the Rural Areas, November 1994.
 - 6) Comparative Study on Conditions and Interest Rates of Rural Credit Schemes in Bangladesh, March 1995.
 - 7) Credit Conditions for the Rural Poor, March 1995.
 - 8) Workshops Report on Conditions of the Credit Schemes for Rural Poor, March 1995.
 - 9) Integrated Farming System for the rural poor, November 1995.
 - 10) BRDB Training Needs as Perceived by Field Functionaries, June 1995.
 - 11) Annotated Bibliography of BRDB Publications 1991-1995, October 1995.
 - 12) Life Stories: Case Studies on Poverty Alleviation, October 1995.
 - 13) Environment and Rural Poor Projects, November 1995.
 - 14) Annotated Bibliography on Environmental Studies of Rural Bangladesh, November 1995.

- 15) The Group Promoter's Resource Book (Bengali), June 1996.
- 16) Field Functionaries Opinions on Rural Poor Projects of BRDB, June 1996.
- 17) Workshop Report on future Institutional Framework of the Rural Poor Program of BRDB, December 1996.
- 18) Foundation Training Course for Group Promoters, December 1996.
- 19) Collection of Handouts for Foundation Training Course for Group Promoters of BRDB (in Bengali), December 1996.
- 20) Workshop Report on Delivery Cost of Credit of the RPPs, April 1997.
- 21) Future Role and Organisational Structure of BRDB, April 1997.
- 22) Comparative Study on Credit Delivery Cost of Rural Poor Projects, September 1997.
- 23) Workshop Report on Interest Rate for Micro Credits, September 1997.
- 24) Workshop Report on Future Role and Organisational Structure of BRDB, February 1998.
- 25) Report on National Workshop on Sustainable Rural Development and Micro-credit, February 1998.
- 26) Gender Planning and Development for Rural Poor Projects of BRDB, May 1998.
- 27) National Workshop on Strategies for Poverty Eradication, July 1998.
- 28) Study on Group Sustainability, September 1998.

29) Profitability and Effect of common Income Generating Activities, February 1999.

30) A profile of the Rural Poor Projects of BRDB, 1999.

31) Conditions and Interest Rates of rural Credit Schemes in Bangladesh, February 1999.

32) Phasing out Process of Rural Poor Projects of BRDB, July 1999.

7. On-going Research Projects :

1) Study on Savings, Regulations and Operational Procedures in Rural Poor Projects and NGOS.

2) Study on Phasing out Rural Poor Projects.

3) Study on BRDB Poverty Alleviation Strategy (Program Approach).

4) Study on Impact of Completed BRDB Projects.

5) Study on Social Empowerment of the Rural Poor.

6) Study on Impact of Social Development and Skill Training of different programs on income of the beneficiaries.

7) Study on Impact of PEP

8) Experiences on Growing Interaction between IDP and PEP

8. Future Plan of Research :

1) Gender Development.

2) Social & Economic Empowerment Orientation at Grassroots level.

3) Human Resource Development, Staff as well as Target Group Members.

9. Chief researchers :
1. **Mr. Md. Faziul Husain Yusuf**, Project Director. M. Sc. Spec: Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation.
 2. **Mr. Jahangir Chowdhury**, Joint Director. M. Sc. Spec: Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation.
 3. **Mr. A. J. Mamun-ur-Rashid**, Joint Director. M. Com. (Accounting). Spec: Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation.
 4. **Mr. Zainul Abedin**, Deputy Director. M. A. (Economics). Spec: Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation.
 5. **Mr. M. Nurul Amin**, Deputy Director. M. Com., Diploma in Journalism. Spec: Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation.
 6. **Mr. Mahbubur Rahman**, Deputy Director. M. Ag. Spec: Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation.
 7. **Mr. Binith Chokraborty**, Deputy director. M. A (Sociology). Spec: Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation.
 8. **Mr. M. A. Quashem**, Institution Development Consultant. B. A(Hons.), M. A (Economics). Spec: Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation.
 9. **Mrs. Shamima Nasrin Mili**, Sr. Gender Dev. Specialist. M. A, M. Sc. (Geography), Spec: Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation.
 10. **Mr. M. A. Sayeed Mia**, Entrepreneurship Development Consultant. B. Sc.(Hons), Diploma in Animal Nutrition. Spec: Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation
 11. **Mr. Zaki Ahmed**, Credit Specialist, M. A (Economics). Spec: Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation.

12. Mr. A. K. Fazlul Bari, Coordination Consultant, M.S in Extn. Edn. Spec: Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation.

13. Mr. Shahadat Hossain, Monitoring & Evaluation M. A. (Economics). Spec: Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation.