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5. Objectives : The **main objectives of the BUP** are to undertake fundamental research in the fields of development and environment with a view to identifying the basic problems faced by people; to conduct evaluative research concerning policies and programmes pursued in the social-economic, financial, health and population, human development, technological and other fields in order to bring into focus policy implications for purposes of making them more relevant to the context in question and to its wider setting; and to undertake any other activity in keeping with and in furtherance of the BUP's fundamental role as a think tank contributing to the promotion of sustainable development.

The organization has since been putting its bit towards national development efforts through its research studies on different sectors such as agriculture, industry, rural development, poverty alleviation and income generation, social and physical infrastructure, environment, water resources, roads and communications, health and population as well as through feasibility studies, baseline and benchmark surveys project evaluation and monitoring, and opinion and social weather surveys. It has so far completed over 80 multi- sectoral studies and 11 studies are in progress.

6. Recent Research Publication : Of the Organisation (1996-99)
- 1) Eastern Himalayan Rivers Study: A Follow-up Program, 1996.
 - 2) Non-Formal Primary Education Program, 1996.
 - 3) Social Survey in Bangladesh, 1996.
 - 4) Greenhouse Effect and Climate Change: An Assessment of the Effects on Bangladesh (Phase-II), 1996.
 - 5) Bangladesh Climate Change Country Study Program, 1996.
 - 6) BWDB System Rehabilitation Project (Phase-II), 1997.
 - 7) Sustainable Livelihood and People's Everyday Economics, 1997.
 - 8) Multi-Indicator Cluster Survey (1996-97), 1997.
 - 9) Study of Critical Natural Habitats (RRMIMP-II), 1997.
 - 10) Bangladesh Least Cost GHG Abatement Strategy, 1997.
 - 11) Khulna-Jessore Drainage Rehabilitation, 1997.
 - 12) Poverty Alleviation Program: Rural Industrialisation Project, 1997.
 - 13) Social Weather Analysis in Relation to (a) Local Government Structure, (b) Land Reform, and (c) Ganges Water Treaty, 1997.
 - 14) Social Weather Analysis: Regional and Sub-regional Issues (trade & transport), 1997.
 - 15) Utilization of Remittance from Abroad for Local Employment Promotion: The Case of Sylhet Region, 1997.

- 16) Ecological Security in a Warmer World
The Case of the Sundarbans, 1997.
- 17) Small Enterprise Promotion and
Development Formulation of Package
Program, 1998.
- 18) Status of Arsenic Contamination in the
Groundwater, 1998.
- 19) Water Availability in the Ganges Delta
(in the south-west) and Its
Environmental Impacts: A Perceptual
Assessment, 1998.
- 20) National Security of Bangladesh in the
Twenty First Century: Environmental
Perspectives, 1998.
- 21) Retaining and Redeployment of
Workers Affected by Privatisation in
Bangladesh, 1998.
- 22) Flood 1998 in Dhaka City: Economic
Impact Study- Industry, Trade,
Commerce and Crops, 1998.
- 23) Flood 1998 in Dhaka City: Livelihood of
Flood Affected People, 1998.
- 24) Flood 1998 in Dhaka City: Educational
Impact Study, 1998.
- 25) Study of Work Orientation (in service
work condition), 1998.
- 26) Food Security Implications of Earnings
From Production and Exports of Jute In
Bangladesh, 1998.
- 27) Macro-economic Implications of Flood
'98, 1999.
- 28) R.A. Warrick and Q.K. Ahmad The
Implications of Climate and Sea-level
Change for Bangladesh, 1996.

29) Study of Small and Medium Enterprises Development, 1998.

Besides, the BUP publishes three journals - two in Bengali and one in English. A quarterly journal in Bengali named **Unnayan Bitarka (Development Dialogue)** publishes research-based and analytical papers. It has succeeded in attracting the attention of readers belonging to different disciplines. The monthly **Prodyot (Glow)**, also in Bengali, carries short articles on a wide array of subjects including economic policies and problems, environmental policies and issues, social issues, culture, education, market prices, etc. It is fast becoming a useful source of information and quick analysis on the various subjects it covers. The third is a biannual journal in English titled **Asia Pacific Journal on Environment and Development**. Its main focus is on an integrated approach to economic and environmental issues.

7. On-going Research Projects :
- 1) Study on Sharing of Common Regional Resources (Under Sustainable Environmental Management Program).
 - 2) Considering Adaptation to Climate Change (for the major projects in Bangladesh).
 - 3) Baseline Survey for Household Food Security Through Nutrition Gardening (Bangladesh Integrated Nutrition Project).
 - 4) Adaptation of Crop Agriculture to Climate Change.
 - 5) Regional Water Quality Monitoring in South Asian, River Systems.
 - 6) Bangladesh Water Vision: 2025 and Framework for Action for Achieving the Vision, Ongoing.

- 7) Water Vision for the Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna Region.
- 8) Options for the Ganges Dependent Area Development of Bangladesh.
- 9) Status of Crop Sector Productivity: Socio-economic Assessment.
- 10) Women Empowerment through Local Level Elections.
- 11) Greenhouse Effect and Climate Change: An Assessment of the Effects on Bangladesh.
- 12) Non-Formal Primary Education Programme SAP-Bangladesh.
- 13) Eastern Himalayan River Study Follow-up Program.
- 14) Sustainable Environment Management Program.
- 15) Flood 1998- Economic Impact Deptt. of Environment.
- 16) Flood 1998 - Livelihood of Flood Affected People Deptt. of Environment.
- 17) Study on Resources, Environment and National Development with Particular Reference to Ganga- Brahmaputra-Meghna/Barak Basins.
- 18) Small Enterprise Promotion and Development in Bangladesh.
- 19) Economic Impact Assessment of Tobacco British American Tobacco Company.
- 20) Small & Medium Enterprises Development JOBS.
- 21) Feasibility Study for Retraining and Redeployment of Workers Affected by Privatisation.

22) Baseline Survey on Household Food Security Through Nutrition Gardening
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8. Future Plan of Research : Not Available
9. Chief Researchers :
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