

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES (CDI)**  
(A Centre for Upliftment of the Underprivileged)

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5. Objectives :
  - 1) to improve the socio-economic conditions of the underprivileged population through IGA and by creating employment opportunities;
  - 2) to undertake activities and implement projects offerings various services to the underprivileged people; and
  - 3) to motivate the rural people in pursuing self help measures to improve their living conditions.
6. Recent Research Publication of the Organisation (1996-99) : Prepared report on :
  - 1) Pond-side Training of the NGO Extension Workers and 1200 Beneficiary group members of Rajshahi and Khulna Divisions.
  - 2) A Survey on Multiple Use of Power Tiller in Bangladesh: A Case Study.
7. On-going Research Projects :
  - 1) Update database on agriculture and foodgrains, minor crops, cash crops, livestock and fisheries in Bangladesh.
  - 2) Build awareness against drinking of arsenic contamination water in the rural and urban areas through group discussions, poster, banner, leaflet, seminars.

- 3) Identify drinking water tubewells contaminated by arsenic and mark them red and green.
  - 4) Build awareness for tree plantation to save the environment.
8. Future Plan of Research :
- 1) Community Development in the Hill Tract Regions.
  - 2) Transfer of low Cost Affordable Technology to the poor and marginal farmers.
9. Chief Researchers :
1. **Mohammad Abdul Hamid**, B.A. (Hons) in Geography; M.A (JU Bangladesh) in Transportation; PhD (Philippines) Major in Rural Development, Minor in Development Communication. Spec: Rural Development, Early Warning Crop Yield Forecasting, Database Management, Project Development, Implementation and Management on socio-economic sector.
  2. **Ms. Ayesha Akhter**, BSc. Sociology (DU). Spec: Project Preparation and Management, Socio-economic research and field supports, Rapid Rural Appraisal (RRA).
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