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## Hon'ble Minister Reviewed Annual Activities OF SID & BBS

'Honourable Minister for Planning Air-Vice Marshall (Retd.) A K Khandker, BU, MP visited Statistics and Informatics Division (SID) to review the activities of SID and BBS on

rebasing from 1995-96 to 2005-06, compilation of 'Zila Gazettier 2013', the signing on Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Access to Information (a2i)

Programme for the best utilisation of IT facilities in BBS. Mr. Md. Nojibur Rahman, Secretary, SID reiterated the constant guidance and support of Honourable Minister for carrying out the statistical functions in an efficient and timely manner despite many challenges. Honourable Minister appreciated the success story of SID & BBS. He further mentioned the splendid performances of the organizations and expressed his deep



**Honourable Minister for Planning, Air-Vice Marshall A K Khandker (back middle), BU, MP; Mr. Md. Nojibur Rahman (back, left), Secretary, SID; and senior officials of SID and BBS are seen in the picture.**

9 January 2014. Mr. Md. Nojibur Rahman, Secretary, SID welcomed him at the BBS premises and later on, he briefed to Honourable Minister precisely the activities of SID & BBS performed throughout the year in 2013. A presentation on progress and activities carried out by the organisations were cited before him. The role of SID over a year related to major policy initiatives and guidance given on quality assurance of statistics were the vital focus of this discussion. The presentation focused on some recent achievements and remarkable progress made by BBS and SID in different sectors and publications of major statistical undertakings. The presentation pointed that major outcomes of 2013 were enacted in finalisation of 'Statistics Act, 2013', 'National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS)', publishing & dissemination of 'Preliminary Report of Economic Census 2013', 'Survey on Use of Remittance 2013', 'Bangladesh Standard Industrial Classification (BSIC, Vol-2)' & 'Bangladesh Standard Classification of Occupations (BSCO) 2012', 'Health and Morbidity Survey', 'Multiple Indicators of Cluster Survey (MICS)', 'Violence Against Women (VAW) Survey', 'Literacy Assessment Survey', 'Credit Survey', GDP



**Mr. Md. Nojibur Rahman, Secretary, SID is giving a copy of the Annual Report to Honourable Minister for Planning, Air-Vice Marshall (Retd.) A K Khandker, BU, MP**

satisfaction and compliments to the actors of both the organizations along with concerned officials. At the end of the occasion, Secretary, SID handed over a copy of the 'Annual Report 2013' of SID to Honourable Minister. A crest was also conferred in honour to his association, outstanding guidance and policy supports during his tenure.

# SID & BBS Welcome New Honourable Minister for Planning

Mr. Md. Nojibur Rahman, Secretary, SID and Mr. Golam Mostafa Kamal, Director General (DG), BBS warmly remaining other officers & staff at BBS Auditorium. A short briefing was given to him on the activities of BBS at the



*Left picture:* Mr. Md. Nojibur Rahman, Secretary, SID is giving a bouquet of flowers to Honourable Minister for Planning at the BBS premises. Mr. Golam Mostafa Kamal, Director General, BBS was present at the event. *Right picture:* Mr. A. H. M. Mustafa Kamal, (right-corner). Honourable Minister for Planning is seen in the SID conference room.

welcomed Mr. A H M Mustafa Kamal, Honourable Minister for Planning with a bouquet of flowers while he arrived at the BBS premises for his official visit on 12 February 2014. It was his first official visit after taking over the responsibility under the present Government. Honourable Minister met senior officers of SID & BBS at the SID Conference room and met

Auditorim. Mr. Md. Nojibur Rahman, Secretary, SID and Mr. Golam Mostafa Kamal, DG, BBS were also present. Honourable Minister was pleased to welcome him with much honour and expressed his commitment to work with both the organizations providing all sorts of supports during his tenure.

## SID & BBS Going to Implement the NSDS for 'Vision 2021'

On 18 January 2014, a workshop was held at the BBS Auditorium on 'Archiving Synergies among SID & BBS Projects and Programmes: How to Fast Tract the Implementation of the National Strategy for the development of Statistics (NSDS)'. It was the first workshop after the

plan for the development of national statistical system. SID and BBS have designed jointly the NSDS in a consultative manner. Many seminars & workshops were organised at the BBS as well as at Divisional HQs inviting persons from different professionals & researchers' groups, civil societies,



Mr. Md. Nojibur Rahman (back middle), Secretary, SID; Mr. Golam Mostafa Kamal (left-corner), DG, BBS; Mr. Md. Aminul Bor Chowdhury (2<sup>nd</sup>-right), Joint Secretary, SID; Mr. Md. Alauddin Fakir, Joint Secretary, SID and other officials are seen.

government recognition of the NSDS. Since now, all activities of BBS and SID will be carried on under this long-term policy

press media personalities, educationalists, NGOs and others. BBS and SID acts closely on the implementation of the government commitment for the 'Vision 2021', which is undertaken to establish Bangladesh as a poverty-less, hunger

free and middle-income country within the period by 2021. On 28

October 2013, the NSDS was reviewed and adopted by the Cabinet in the most expeditious manner to strengthen the

National Statistical System (NSS) and recognised the importance of statistics essential for well-planning, development and decision-making process to envisage the target. At the beginning of the year 2013, the 'Statistical Act 2013' was approved by the National Assembly in February

2013 and turned into an Act. In the workshop an elaborate discussion was held on the principles how quickly the NSDS could be implemented step by step following the process as are illustrated in the document and integrity with combined efforts undertaken by all components of BBS.

## Better Informed Policy on Agriculture and Food Security

A workshop was held on 'Building Statistical Capacity for Quality Food Security and Nutrition Information in Support of Better Informed Policies' at BBS Conference room on 13 February 2014 organised by BBS, SID and Food & Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations. The main objectives of the workshop were to build capacity, ensure the

Extension (DAE) and Mr. Mike Robson, FAO Representative in Bangladesh were present respectively as special guest and guest of honour. Mr. Golam Mostafa Kamal, DG, BBS chaired the workshop. The discussion of the workshop was on the evaluation of estimated methodology for agricultural production statistics, assessment of core list of Data



Mr. Md. Nojibur Rahman, Secretary, SID (3<sup>rd</sup>-left); Mr. Golam Mostafa Kamal, DG, BBS (2<sup>nd</sup>-left); Mr. Md. Abu Hanif Miah, DG, DAE (left corner) and Mr Mike Robson, FAO, Representative (right-corner) are seen on Dias.

availability of quality and timely food & nutrition security data, information and analysis for better formulation & management, and provide support for special measures for the protection and management of livelihood especially in rural *areas* where major people live. The aim of the workshop was also, how harmonised information improves food and nutrition security policies and programmes. Mr. Md. Nojibur Rahman, secretary, SID attended the workshop as chief guest. Mr. Md. Abu Hanif Miah, DG, Department of Agriculture

Indicators of Agriculture and integration of agriculture for National Statistical System through application of remote sensing technology in producing agriculture statistics. In the discussion, officials from different organisations, agriculture experts and statisticians were participated. The new UN Food and Nutrition Security Policy (FNSP) provides an overarching framework covering the multiple dimensions of food security and nutrition

improvement. It is developed purposively to add value and create synergy to existing sectoral and other initiatives of government and partners. It recognises the need for multi-public and private sector involvement, and that hunger eradication and nutrition improvement. The Government of Bangladesh is strongly committed to reducing hunger and malnutrition. This includes efforts to build self-reliance to reduce chronic food insecurity, as well as measures to assist those in need when emergencies occur.

## Workshop on Rural Credit Survey 2012-13

BBS conducted a 'Rural Credit Survey 2012-13' across the country with a view to understand overall rural credit situation and determining its impact on the rural economy. The survey was inaugurated with a two-day training programme for master trainers started on 17 January 2013 at BBS Conference room. In the inaugural ceremony, Mr. Md. Nojibur Rahman, Secretary, SID was present as chief guest and Mr. Golam Mostafa Kamal, DG, BBS was special guest. Mr. Md. Alauddin Fakir, Joint-Secretary, SID chaired the occasion. The countrywide second time 'Rural Credit Survey' began on 26 January 2014 and ended on 9 February 2014. The first rural credit survey was conducted in 1987 and data were collected on some limited indicators. At this time, the survey programme was designed to find out the current trends of the country's rural credit system, including agricultural and non-agricultural borrower households, sources of credit facilities and its role in rural economy. The survey

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by landownership and family size together with borrower's profession, education, sources of income, consumption and saving patterns. The survey findings would help the



Mr. Md. Nojibur Rahman, Secretary (middle), SID; Mr. Golam Mostafa Kama (left-corner), DG, BBS and Mr. Md. Alauddin Fakir (right-corner), Joint Secretary, SID and a portion of officials of BBS and SID are seen in the picture.

government to get the latest and accurate data while making policy decisions regarding rural development.

## BBS Conducted Training on National Accounts Compilation

BBS conducted a training programme on 'Compilation of National Accounts' for the first time for officials outside BBS during 16-20 February 2014. The programme was carried out

HIES, current production statistics, quantum index of industrial production (QIIP) estimation procedure of agricultural sector GDP, publication, press release and future action plans. Mr. Md. Nojibur Rahman, Secretary, SID was present as chief guest in the inaugural session of training and Mr. Golam Mostafa Kamal, DG, BBS was chairperson. Mr. Md. Azizur Rahman, Additional Secretary, SID, Mr. Md. Aminul Bor Chowdhury, Joint Secretary, SID, Mr. Md. Baitul Amin, Deputy Director General, BBS and many other officials of SID and BBS were also present. The total number of participants were 20 persons from the departments of BIDS, departments of Women Affairs, Social Welfare, SPARSO, DAE, Department of Fisheries, BRAC University, BRDB, CPD, Department of Livestock Resource, SID and BBS..



Mr. Md. Nojibur Rahman (4<sup>th</sup>- left), Secretary, SID; Mr. Golam Mostafa Kamal (4<sup>th</sup>-right); Mr. Md. Azizur Rahman (3<sup>rd</sup>-right), Additional Secretary, SID; Mr. Md. Baitul Amin (3<sup>rd</sup>-left), DDG, BBS and Mr. Md. Aminul Bor Chowdhury (2<sup>nd</sup>-right) are seen in the picture.

at BBS Conference room with a view to introduce the methods of GDP estimation, overview of SNA, compilation of GDP based on production & expenditure approaches, concepts & definitions, collection procedures of price & wage data, automation of price statistics, compilation of CPI and other indices, foreign trade statistics, poverty analysis using

## Field Activities Visited by High Official

To ensure quality of data and encourage the field activities,



Mr. Md. Nojibur Rahman, Secretary, SID (back row black suit) and local supervisors & women registers with other officials of BBS. SID and UNO are seen sometimes high officials pay visit to the field. Mr. Md. Nojibur Rahman, Secretary, SID paid a visit to a PSU of Kalighat Road under Sreemangal upazila in the district of Moulvibazar on 16 January 2014 and exchanged views with local Supervisors and Women Registrars appointed for maintaining the vital registration system under the programme of 'Monitoring the Situation of Vital Statistics of Bangladesh (MSVSB)'. He talked to local registrars and supervisors and inquired about the progress of the MSVSB activities, shared their field experiences & events during their working at the

households of their jurisdiction areas. He praised their roles in the process and thanked for their contributions in the country development process supplying data in the respective field. Local UNO of Sreemangal upazila and Mr. A. K. M. Ashrafur Hoque, Programme Director, was present in the occasion. On 11 February 2014, Mr. Golam Mostafa Kamal, DG, BBS participated as a chief guest to a discussion on the programme of 'Strengthening Geo-Coding System' at District Commissioner's conference room, Gazipur district. The discussion was held on the uses of geo-coding system in all administrative area identification & using them for GIS



Mr. Golam Mostafa Kamal (middle), DG, BBS; Mr. Md. Nurul Islam, DC, Gazipur; Mrs. Aziza Parveen (left-1st) . Director. BBS and other officials are seen. mapping technology and urged on area spelling uniformity.

## BBS Press Conference on Monthly CPI

At the national level, the food inflation rate slightly increased to 8.96% in March 2013 as compared to 8.84% of



February 2013. On the other hand, the inflation rate for other than food decreased to 5.26% in March as compared to the rate of 5.37% in February 2013. At the national level, general inflation was 7.48% in March 2013 and in February, the rate was found 7.44%. In rural areas, the food inflation rates for the months of January, February and March were 8.39%, 8.42% and 8.53% while in urban areas, they were 9.80%, 9.84% and 9.98%. In this quarter, the general wage rates for the months of January, February and March were respectively 9.16, 9.23 and 9.41. General inflation rates at the national level for this quarter (January-March 2013) were 7.50%, 7.44% and 7.48% respectively in rural areas. On the other hand, general inflation rates for non-food were 5.53%, 5.37% and 5.26% respectively during the same period.

## Courses Conducted by Statistical Staff Training Institute (SSTI)

SL	Name of Training Course	Duration	Rank of Trainees	Number
1	Unicode Bangla, Data Cleaning Programme Schedule of Editing	28 Jan-3 March, 2014	Officers & Staff	48
2	Compilation of National Accounts	16-20 February, 2014	Officers (including other organisations)	16
3	Balance of Payments and International Trade	18-20 March 2014	Officers (including other organisations)	21
4	IT-Service Automation Training Course	24 March, 2014	Class-I Officers & Staff	25

## Participation of BBS Officials Outside the Country:

Name and Designation	Duration, Country Visited	Programme Attended
1. Begum Resma Jasmin, Statistical Officer	06 Jan – 03 March, 2014, New Delhi, India	International Training Programme on Manpower Information System
2. Mr. Bidhan Baral, Deputy Director	17-21 February 2014, Laos, La-PIDIA	Meeting for Food Security & 25 <sup>th</sup> APCUS Session
3. Mr. Hefzur Rahman, Deputy Director 4. Mr. Nurunabi Shah Alam, Asstt. Statistical Officer	24-28 February 2014, Islamabad, Pakistan	Labour Market Statistics,
5. Mr. Md. Zahidul Hoque Sardar, Director 6. Mr. Md. Altaf Hossain, Project Director 7. Mr. Md. Amjad Hossain, Deputy Director 8. Mr. Md. Wahidur Rahman, Deputy Director (c.c) 9. Mr. Md. Selimur Rahman, Statistical Officer 10. Begum Ashrafunnahar, Statistical Officer 11. Saiyda Marufa Saki, Statistical Officer 12. Mr. Mostak Ahmed, Programmer, 13. Mr. Md. Rezaul Karim, Asstt. Statistical Officer 14. Mr. Md. Shafiqul Islam, Asstt. Statistical Officer 15. Mr. Md. Mahamud Hossain, Admn. Officer (c.c)	27 February-08 March 2014, Jakarta, Indonesia	Workshop on Census Data Capturing & Geo-Data base Creation
16. Mr. Md. Dilder Hossain, Deputy Director	28 Feb.-07 March 2014, USA	45 <sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission and Special Events
17. Mr. Masud Alam, Joint Director 18. Mr. Md. Mofizur Rahman, Statistical Officer	03-07 March 2014, Bangkok, Thailand	Regional Project on Building Statistical Capacity for Quality Food Security & Nutrition in Support of Better Policies TCP/RAS 3409 Regional Workshop on Food Balance sheet
19. Mr. Satya Ranjan Mondal, Project Director	17-21 March 2014, Brazil	South-South Learning Forum Designing & Delivering Social Protection & Labour System
20. Mr. A. K. M. Ashraful Haque, Deputy Director	17-21 March 2014, Manila, Philippines	International Seminar on Globalisation & its impacts on Economic Statistics

## Released BBS Publications within the Quarter, 2013

1. Monthly Statistical Bulletin-Bangladesh (October/13), BBS, February 2014
2. Industrial Production Statistics (IPS, October 2013), BBS, , February 2014
3. Monthly Release: Consumer Price Index (CPI, February/14), BBS, March 2014
4. Foreign Trade Statistics (FTS, December/13), BBS, February 2014

## Major Quarterly Activities of BBS

### Agriculture Wing:

- District wise estimation of area, yield and production of Aus rice and jute crop for the year 2013-14 has been completed;
- District wise estimation of area, yield and production of Aman rice for the year 2013-14 has been completed;
- District wise estimation of production of 16 minor crops for the year of 2013-14 has been completed;
- Estimation of agricultural wages for the month of December 2013 has been approved;
- Draft report on 'Yearbook of Agriculture Statistics 2012' is under the process of finalisation.
- Productivity Assessment Survey of Pumpkin, Chili & Cauliflower crops has been completed.

## ***Census Wing:***

- Eleven district reports as well as community reports on Population and Housing Census 2011 have been published. The districts are Gopalgang, Sylhet, Pirojpur, Pabna, Sunamganj, Hobiganj, Rangpur, Moulavi Bazar, Nilphamary, Bargina and Thakurgaon have been published. Trussing papers are being prepared both for district & community reports of other six districts namely, Kurigram, Lalmonirhat, Sirajgonj, Bogra, Joypurhat and Natore to send them to RDP Unit for publication. Meanwhile, about 95% of total processing work for publishing the reports of the remaining district have been completed;
- Urban Area Report and Socio-economic & Demographic Report are being prepared to submit them for approval of publishing the reports;
- Workshops on 'Strategic Planning Exercise for Population & Housing Census 2011 Project: Identifying the Priorities and Preparing Implementation Plan with a Focus on NSDS & Population Census 2021' had been conducted on 25-26 January, 2014 at Hotel Sea Gull; Coxes Bazar;
- Training on 'Basic Statistics & Implementation' was held under the project of 'Population & Housing Census 2011' at four Divisional Commissioners' Offices of Barisal, Chittagong, Khulna and Rangpur at different dates during this quarter;
- Processing & submission of Economic Census data for all Unions, Upazils, districts, City Corporations & Paurashavas are being done by Union Information Service Centres (UISCs) under the management of web based application system. Meanwhile, a total number of 5348718 establishments have been captured up to 30 March, 2014;
- BIDS has prepared the draft report of Post Economic Census 2013 and it will be published soon;
- Recently, Post Enumeration Check (PEC) of the Economic Census has been completed in the field successfully.

## ***Computer Wing:***

- Data submission to computers both of 1000 PSUs for each 'Rural Credit Survey and SVRS 2011-12 has been completed;
- Data entry of 'SVRS 2012' for the months of January to June/2012 under Tafshil 3-10 for 23 regions and July to December/2012 for 8 regions are completed and data entry for 12 regions is in progress;
- In ICT Lab, training on 'Balance of Payment and International Trade in Goods Statistics' was provided to 7 BBS officers & 17 staff. The programme was organized by National Accounting Wing. Another training course on Database 'Design and Application in Library' was conducted in the Lab;
- 'IT Service Automation Training Course' was conducted by Statistical Staff Training Institute in IT Lab. The total number of 25 trainees (16 officers & 9 staff) was participated in the course;
- One officer and 47 staff participated the training course on 'Computer Basic' in IT Lab-1, Lab-2 & Lab-3 organized by SSTI;
- Monthly Value based Data Tables for the years of 2006-07 and 2010-12 on Exports & Imports' were processed in computers and sent back to the respective desk of NA Wing;
- 'Average Value Based Tables on 'Exports and Imports' of Foreign Trade Statistics 2012-13 had been processed & sent back to NA Wing;
- Preparation of the PCP on 'National Data Resource Centre (NDRC)' is going on based on KOICA guidelines;
- UISC Census draft report preparation is under the process of publication;
- Field verification of GIS maps in some portions of Manikganj, Kurigram, Nilphamari and Lalmonirhat districts are going on basis of data collection for health & education;
- Survey preparation on 'Violence Against Women' and preparation of 'Small Area Atlas' map for Panchagarh district based on Population & Housing Census 2011 are under progress;
- The renewal process of Dynamic Website of BBS is going on. Meanwhile, in the BBS website, a new web link is hosted recently;
- Training of officials & staff on Web based GIS Application Software was completed. The training course was organized by Digital Information System Project (DIS);
- Another training course was conducted by DIS Project on 'Advance Training on Oracle using PHP & Crystal Reporting' and the total number of 20 officers & staff of BBS participated in the course;
- Trouble shooting of large number of BBS PC, hardware & software have been repaired & maintenance of computers are being done regularly;

## ***Demography and Health Wing:***

- Data editing, coding & matching of filled-in schedules of MSVSB-2012 have been completed & data matching of MSVSB-13 are going on;
- Data set of MICS 2012-13 have been finalized and consistency checking is going on after completion of table generation;
- Editing of data received from field offices on 'Household' & 'Demographic Modules' are going in progress;
- Three reports respectively 'Health & Morbidity Status Survey (HMSS) 2012', 'Child & Mother Nutrition Survey 2012' and 'Compilation of Gender Statistics 2012' are in the process of publication under RDP unit;
- Questionnaire & sample design for the programme of 'Health and Morbidity Status Survey 2014' have nearly been finalized in the technical committee meeting;
- Data editing, submission in computers and analysis of 12<sup>th</sup> round PEC survey has been completed and field activities of 13<sup>th</sup> round (1<sup>st</sup> phase) PEC is just completed in this quarter;
- Two days' refreshers training programme on 13<sup>th</sup> round (2<sup>nd</sup> phase) PEC survey of regional coordinators, supervising officers and data collectors (enumerators) was conducted successfully;
- The annual PEC report 2012 was published.

## ***Industry and Labour Wing:***

- Data on LFS-Child Labour Survey 2013 have been edited & coded and Technical Committee meeting was held on Tabulation Plan;
- Preparation of the report on 'Cottage Industry Survey 2011' under 'Strengthening of Industrial Statistics (Manufacturing Sector) of Bangladesh Project' is published and distribution of complementary copies is going on;
- Report preparation on 'Survey of Manufacturing Industries (SMI) 2012' is completed and submitted to Editorial & PD's Forum on;
- The final review of the report on 'Time Use Pilot Survey 2012' is progressing following the recommendations of Technical Committee;

## ***National Accounting Wing:***

- For revising GDP with the new base year of 2005-06, NAW has conducted 6 surveys namely, (i) Captive Power Generation Survey 2011-12, (ii) Inventory Survey 2011-12, (iii) Real Estate Activities Survey 2011-12 and (iv) Employed Occupational Survey 2011-12. The competent authority has approved these four survey results. Remaining 2 surveys are respectively Tourism Survey and Household based Forest Survey are under process of publication;
- After compilation of data for the 'Revised Revenue Budget' and 'Central Budget Estimate' for the years of 2012-13 and 2013-14, the classification of economic and functional coding is going on;
- Expenditure based GDP rebasing has been approved. Preparation of publishing the 'National Accounts Statistics' with detailed methodology of rebasing is under process;
- Monthly Quantum Index of Industrial Production (QIP) Large, November/13 is completed and the index preparation of QIP for December/13 is in progress;
- Monthly Release of IPS for the month of October/13 is published and for November/13 is under process;
- Editing, posting and estimation of average values and collection of wage data on five categories of schedules for the month of September/13 are in progress;
- Monthly Release of (IPS) for the month of February/13 is published and IPS for March/13 is going on;
- Monthly Release of February 2014 is under process of publication after approval of the competent authority;
- The first quarter of Producer Price Index (PPI) 2013-14 has been completed and the second quarter is in progress;
- Editing, posting and average estimation of collected data through five types of schedules on values and wages are in progressing;
- Indexing of construction materials for the month of December/13 for 6 divisions respectively Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Sylhet and Barisal is completed;
- House rent Indexing for this quarter (January-March 2013-14) is completed and wage rate indexing for the quarter (January-March 2013-14) is in progress;
- Data on imports & exports collected from the National Board of Revenue (NBR) for the month of January 2014 are under official use;
- The report on 'Foreign Trade Statistics of Bangladesh 2011-12' is under the process of publication;