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68th Foundation Training Course for BCS Cadre Officials started at BARD



Dr. M. Aslam Alam, the Rector of BPATC and the Senior Secretary to the Government of Bangladesh is speaking as the Chief Guest in the inaugural session of the 68th Foundation Training Course for Cadre Officers on 01 April 2019

68th Foundation Training Course for the officials of different cadres of Bangladesh Civil Service was inaugurated on 01 April 2019. In this six month long foundation training course, 96 officials of different cadres of Bangladesh civil service participated. The inaugural session was chaired by the Director General of BARD, Dr. M. Mizanur Rahman. Dr. M. Aslam Alam, the Rector of BPATC (Senior Secretary to the Government of Bangladesh) was present as the Chief Guest of this special occasion. Moreover,

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Seminar on Research Highlights of BARD: 2019 Held at CIRDAP, Dhaka

A one day seminar on the Research Highlights of BARD: 2019 was held at CIRDAP auditorium, Dhaka on 12 May 2019. The seminar was inaugurated by the Director General of BARD, the Additional Secretary to the government of Bangladesh whereas Mr. Maududur Rashid Safdar, the Director General of BRDB and former-DG of BARD was present in the Seminar as Chief Guest. Many important officials, researchers from BARD,

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Mr. Maududur Rashid Safdar, the Director General of BRDB and Dr. M. Mizanur Rahman, Director General of BARD are seen seated in the middle in the concluding session of the Seminar on Research Highlights of BARD: 2019

Foundation Training Course for Secretaries of the Union Parishads held at BARD

Celebration of Pohela Boishak 1426 at BARD



Under the auspices of BARD Officers' Association the first day of the Bengali New Year: 1426, popularly known as *Pohela Boishak* was celebrated at the *Amrakannon* (mango-garden) in front of BARD Hostel. Marking the significance of the day a colourful cultural programme was organized which was followed by eating of "Panta Bhat (fermented rice)" in the BARD cafeteria. The Pohela Boishakh celebration is deep-rooted in the cultural identity of Bangalis. Pohela Boishakh celebrations started during Mughal Emperor Akbar's reign, when it was customary to clear all dues on the last day of the Bangla month, Chaitra, because businessmen would open "halkhata"—new books of accounts for the new year. Faculty Members with their spouses and children, participants of different training courses and other concerned attended both

Director General of BARD, Dr. M. Mizanur Rahman and Additional Secretary to the Government of Bangladesh is speaking in the inaugural session of the Foundation Training Course for Union Parishad Secretaries on May 2, 2019

The inaugural session of the 48th foundation training course for Union Parishad secretaries held at BARD on 2nd May, 2019. The inaugural session was presided by the Director General of BARD, Dr. M. Mizanur Rahman and Additional Secretary to the Government of Bangladesh. As the Chair of the session, Dr. Mizanur Rahman underscored the importance of the foundation training course for the UP secretaries. He advised them to take the course seriously. He added that during this foundation course all participating UP secretaries should take part all the academic sessions and other co-curricular activities. Director (Training) of BARD, Mr. Milan Kanti Chattacharjee welcomed the participations at BARD. The course was sponsored by the National Institute of Local Government (NILG), Dhaka. The duration of the training course was

2-31 May, 2019. A total of 37 Union Parishad secretaries participated in the training course. The major objectives of the training course was to inform the participants about the rules, regulation, ordinance, law relating to local government (Union

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BARD faculties along with their family members are taking part in the cultural programme organized by the BARD Officers' Association on the occasion of Pohela Boishak 1426 at BARD amrakannon on 14 April, 2019

BARD Lunches Online Course on “Research Methodology for Social Science Researchers”



Mr. Kamal Uddin Talukder, Secretary, RDCD is inaugurating the newly lunched online course on “Research Methodology for the Social Science Researchers” of BARD on 30 June, 2019

Under the auspices of Access to Information (a2i) BARD recently lunched an online based course on “Research Methodology for Social Science Researchers” for the duration of 19 May to 30 June, 2019. Using the “muktapath platform” a total of 916 participants took part in the above course. The successful candidates will get an opportunity to take part in that course physically at BARD.

Through a video conference the above course was inaugurated by the honourable Secretary of the Rural Development and Cooperatives Division (RDCD), M/O Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives, Mr. Kamal Uddin Talukder while the Director General of BARD, Dr. M. Mizanur Rahman and the Additional Secretary to the Government of Bangladesh graced the occasion as its Chief Guest.

Video Conference between the beneficiaries and RDCD Officials held at BARD

A video conference between RDCD and the beneficiaries of the Lalmai-

Mainamati Project, which is the Cumilla part of the “Amar Bari, Amar Khamar” project was held on 28 May, 2019. Honourable state minister Mr. Swapan Bharttacharjee, MP; Secretary of the RDCD, Mr. Kamal Uddin Talukder; the Director General of BARD, Dr. M. Mizanur Rahman and the Additional Secretary to the Government of Bangladesh; the Project Director of the Amar Bari, Amar Khamar” project, Mr. Akbar Hossen, Additional Secretary to the Government of Bangladesh; the Project Director of the Lalmai-Mainamati Project, Dr. Md. Shafiqul Islam, Director (Administration), BARD were present in the video conference. Through this video conference the participating trainees of the Lalmai-Mainamati Project and the beneficiaries of the project took part in a very lively question-answer session between the RDCD officers and the beneficiaries.



Honourable state minister Mr. Swapan Bharttacharjee, MP; Secretary of the RDCD, Mr. Kamal Uddin Talukder; The Director General of BARD, Dr. M. Mizanur Rahman are taking in a video conference with the beneficiaries of Lalmai-Mainamati Project

Training at BARD: April to June 2019

Training is one of the major functions of BARD as mandated by the Government of Bangladesh. To fulfill this goal, every year BARD organizes various training courses for different clienteles and stakeholders. These courses include Foundation Training Course for all cadres, Special Foundation Training Course for BCS (Health) cadre officials and LGED engineers, Attachment Programme on Rural Development, Specialized Sponsored Courses, national and international level Conferences/Workshop/Seminars and Guided Visit Programmes, BARD Initiated Courses, Orientation Programme and Project Level Courses etc. BARD conducted 43 training courses during the time frame of April to June 2019 where 1633 participants from different government and non-government organizations took part. Details of the training performance are given below:

Sl. No	Title of Course	Duration	Sponsor	Number of Participants
1	2	3	4	5
INTERNATIONAL COURSES				
Guided Visit				
	Guided Visit Programme of TICA Team	18-19 Jun. 2019	BARD	16
NATIONAL LEVEL COURSES				
1. Foundation Course				
1.1	68 th Foundation Course BCS Cadre Officials	01 Apr.- 27 Sept. 2019	MOPA	96
1.2	Foundation Training Course of Union Parishad Secretaries (48 th Batch)	02-31 May 2019	NILG	37
2. Special Foundation Course				
2.1	142 nd Special Foundation Course for BCS (Health) Officers	25 Mar.– 23 May 2019	Deptt. of Health Services	31
3. BARD Initiated Course				
3.1	Research Methodology for EALG Researchers	30-01 Apr. 2019	BARD & EALG	12
3.2	Climate Change Issues and its Adaptation	16-20 Jun. 2019	BARD	27
4. Professional Training Course Sponsored by Outside Agencies				
4.1	Urban Local Government System and Law (1 st Batch)	29 Jun. – 03 Jul. 2019	Gazipur City Corporation	38
4.3	Skill Development of Deputy Directors of BRDB	11-13 Jun 2019	BRDB	31
4.4	Localization of Sustainable Development Goal (SDGs)	16-20 Jun 2019	GIU, Prime Minister Office	27
4.4	Urban Local Government System and Law (2 nd Batch)	28 Apr-02 May 2019	Gazipur City Corporation	30
4.5	Nursery Development (3rd Batch)	25-27 May 2019	EBEK Project	30
4.6	Vegetable Cultivation (1 st Batch)	21-23 May 2019	EBEK Project	28
4.7	Fish Cultivation (7th Batch)	18-20 May 2019	EBEK Project	28

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1	2	3	4	5
4.8	Fruit Cultivation (2 nd Batch)	28-30 May 2019	EBEK Project	40
4.9	Duck & Hen Rearing (8 th Batch)	15-17 Jun. 2019	EBEK Project	36
4.10	Office management, computer fundamentals and gender equality and primary health care (5 th & 6 th Batch)	24 Mar-07 Apr. 2019	Tottho Apa Project, MOW&CA	100
4.11	Office management, computer fundamentals and gender equality and primary health care (7 th & 8 th Batch)	09 - 23 Apr. 2019	Do	90
5.	Attachment Programme/ IUB, UNI, BPATC, NAEM, NAPD.			
5.1	Participatory Rural Development for the student of Bangladesh University of Professional (BUP)	06-09 May 2019	Bangladesh University of Professional (BUP)	32
6.	Workshop			
6.1	Workshop on Innovation in Civil Service (1 st Batch)	03-04 May 2019	BARD	20
6.2	Workshop on the role of Local Representatives and the dignitaries on the progress of the project of Lalmai Mainamati project and the implementation of the project	12 Jun. 2019	LMP	168
6.3	In House training workshop on Annual performance (APA) for officials Bakhrabad Gas Distribution Company Limited	14-15 May 2019	BARD	99
6.4	Workshop on Innovation in Civil Service (2 nd Batch)	17-21 May 2019	BARD	27
7.	BARD Action Research Project Course			
7.1	Development of the agriculture, poultry, fish and milk etc production and beautification skills of women cooperatives	23 Apr - 21 May 2019	WEINIP BARD	16
7.2	Self-service education for women's, reproductive health and environmental development and protection of rights	17-19 Jun 2019	WEINIP BARD	26
7.3	Basic Computer Application and ICT (1 st Batch)	16-20 Jun 2019	Rural Livelihood Project	30
7.4	Basic Computer Application and ICT (2 nd Batch)	23-27 Jun 2019	Rural Livelihood Project	30
7.5	Vermicompost Production & its Use (3 Courses)	02 - 18 Apr. 2019	LMP	90
7.6	Mashroom Cultivation (5 Courses)	02 Apr.-23 May 2019	LMP	150
7.7	Cow Rearing (2 Courses)	09-18 Apr 2019	LMP	60
7.8	Organization and Financial Management (3rd Batch)	23-25 Apr 2019	LMP	28

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7.9	Nursery Development (2 Courses)	05 - 16 May 2019	LMP	60
8.	Orientation Course			
8.1	Orientation Programme on BARD Activities	18 Apr, 2019	Chittagong Railway High School	61
8.2	Orientation Programme on BARD Activities for the Student of Islamic International School and college	29-Jun., 2019	Islamic International School and college	39
Total = 43 Training				1633 Persons

PROJECTS OF BARD

On-going Projects

A. Projects under Annual Development Program (ADP)

1. Improving Livelihood of Rural People of Lalmai-Mainamati Hill Areas of Cumilla through Integrated Agricultural Farming (BARD Part-Ektee Bari Ektee Khamar Project)

Project Area : 68 villages of 08

Unions under Sadar Dakshin, Adarsha Sadar and Burichang Upazila of Cumilla District

Duration : Jul. 2016 to Jun. 2020

Budget (BARD Part) : BDT. 5055.00 lacs

Sponsored by : GoB

General Objective of the Project

The general objective of the project is to improve the standard of living of the people of Lalmai-Mainamati hill areas of Cumilla. The specific objectives of the project are to:

- Increase organic agricultural production and conserve agricultural land productivity;
- Enhance agricultural farming practices;
- Augment improved cattle/ dairy/ poultry rearing;

- Enrich scientific fish culture;
- Improve water distribution and utilization system of ground and surface water;
- Develop marketing linkage and facilities for agricultural products; and
- Assess impact of livelihood improvement of the people of project areas.

Project Components

- Formation of village based organizations, collection of members and development of a database as similar to Ekti Bari Ekti Khamar (EBEK) project;
- Creation of own capital by micro-savings and cooperation;
- Livelihood improvement by agricultural production through a) establishment of nursery and apiculture; b) expansion of income of poor rural men and women through livestock rearing, poultry rearing and fish culture activities; c) providing improved varieties of rice, seeds and saplings of vegetables to increase the income of poor farmers; d) development of socio-economic condition of

extreme poor people through special economic assistance and training programme; and e) development of rural nutritional status through culture of improved varieties of fruits.

- Conservation and improvement of soil fertility by organic technologies like vermi-compost/ quick-compost.

Progress of the project (Up to June 2019)

- A total of 221 societies have been formed including 01 cooperatives in the reporting time.
- Up to June 2019, a total of 179 members were included in the societies and total number become 8269.
- Tk. 26,81,600/- was collected as monthly fee and thus total deposit become Tk. 1,55,63,100/-.
- A total of 4,985 beneficiaries on 168 batches were provided training on rice seed production, vegetable seed production, honey production, vermi-compost production, dairy and poultry production, fruits production, fish culture, organizational & financial management and nursery management. During reporting time

in 19 training courses a total of 570 participants took part in various courses.

- In the reporting time a total of 3,500 “Faumi” and “Sonali” chicken were distributed among 140 beneficiaries of the project.
- In the reporting time a total of 2500 ducklings were distributed among 100 project beneficiaries.
- During reporting time, 150 sign boards were set up in the village organizations.
- In the reporting time a total of 21,035 kgs. vermicompost fertilizer have been used and sold and on the other hand 1,424 kg vermi worms have been sold to the clients.

In the reporting time 3 following research works have started:

- Potentiality of Bee Keeping in Lalmai-Hill areas of Cumilla;
- Performance and Economic Viability of Recently Released Rice Varieties in Lalmai-Hill Areas of Cumilla;
- Comparative Assessment of Vermi-compost and other Organic Manures in Improving and Productivity of Boro Rice and Cabbage with Sustainable Soil Fertility



Mr. Md. Tajul Islam, MP, Honorable Minister of the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh is placing foundation stone of BARD Model School

2. Development of BARD Physical Facilities

Project Area : BARD Campus, Sadar Dakshin, Cumilla
 Duration : Jan. 2017 to Dec. 2019
 Budget : BDT. 3439.65 lacs
 Sponsoring Agency : GoB

Main Objective of the Project

To enhance the capacity of training, research, action research of BARD by modernization and standardization of physical facilities.

Project Components

- Automation of research, training, project division and different

sections of BARD;

- Construction of a 5 storied conference hall cum class room;
- Construction of three storied school building;
- Construction of five storied international hostel including modern facilities;
- Construction of swimming pool; and
- Purchasing a jeep, a coaster and other official instruments.

Progress of the project

The project is being implemented with an estimated cost of Tk. 4264.20 lakhs from January 2017



Dr. M. Mizanur Rahman, Director General, BARD is distributing bee keeping box among the Lalmai-Mainamati project beneficiaries



Dr. Md. Shafiqul Islam, Project Director of the Lalmai-Mainamati Project and Director (Administration), BARD is distributing inputs among beneficiaries

to December 2020. Cumulative allocation for the project was Tk. 2246 lakhs up to June, 2019 and cumulative expenditure was Tk.1573.00 lakh which is 36.00 % of the total project cost. The cumulative physical progress is 40%. In the year 2018-19, an amount of Tk. 1591 lakhs was allocated. The total expenditure was Tk. 1136 lakh which is 72% of the yearly allocation. Major progress of different components is furnished below:

- Construction works of School building, 5 storied hostel building, 5 storied conference hall building and swimming pool is going on. The cumulative financial progress of those components is 14.61%, 46%, 54% and 81% respectively.
- The software for hostel booking, research, project, school management, library and inventory management is developed and testing on those activities at user levels is going on.
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3. Comprehensive Village Development Programme (CVDP) – 3rd Phase

Bangladesh has a long experience in the field of rural development. A series of rural development efforts like Co-operative Movement (1904), Rural Reconstruction Programme (1938), Village Agricultural and Industrial Development (V-AID, 1952), Comilla Model of Rural Development (1959) etc. were made in different points of time. Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD), Cumilla in

the mid'70s took an endeavor to develop socio-economic conditions of different professions, age, sex and economic condition of the rural population who were left out earlier. With a view to developing a package programme for an integrated and total development of the villages by bringing all classes of people within one institutional framework, a new programme called the "Total Village Development Programme" (TVDP) was introduced by BARD in the mid nineteen seventies. It was renamed as "Comprehensive Village Development Programme" (CVDP) in the early eighties and remained only as effort of BARD itself till 1988. In 1989 the project was included in the Annual Development Plan of the Government of Bangladesh and the Rural Development Academy (RDA), Bogra was chosen as a partner of BARD, Cumilla to implement the project in 40 villages each in 1991-92.

The main thrust of CVDP is to promote overall development of all segments of population of a village by organizing them into a more innovative and effective co-operative based organizational framework. It is a modest effort of experimentation that would pursue increase in production, employment, income, social development and equitable distribution of benefits based on local level planning within a common and single cooperative institution of all villagers. Another objective of the project is to evolve a replicable model for rural development. With this end in view, 40 Comprehensive Village Development Co-operative Societies (CVDCS) were formed in

1992-93 by BARD, Cumilla in four Upazilas of Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions. The demonstrative phase (July 1999 – June 2004) of the project ended in June 2004.

At the experimental phase, CVDP was able to create some positive impact for the betterment of the rural people under the project. With the intention of extending its results throughout the country a series of discussions and seminars on the results, problems and potentials of CVDP were held in the Ministry of LGRD and Co-operatives and Planning Commission. Finally, the government was convinced to adopt CVDP as a model concept for rural development. Hence, it was decided for further implementation in 21 Upazilas of 19 districts for more four years on pilot basis before wider replication throughout the country.

The pilot phase of the project was started in July 2005 and ended by June 2008. Then it was extended up to June 2009. After completion of that phase, the government approved its 2nd phase with a duration of six years including two years extension between July 2009 and December 2015. The project was sponsored by the Rural Development and Co-operative Division of the Ministry of LGRD & Co-operatives. BARD, RDA, BRDB and Co-operative Department are working as implementing agencies in a total of 66 Upazilas of 64 districts. BARD covers 1020 villages of 16 Upazilas under Chittagong, Sylhet, Dhaka, Barishal, and Khulna divisions. Accordingly there is a Comprehensive Village Development Co-operative Society in each village. These organizations are characterized by self-motivated, self-managed and self-financed.

Objectives of CVDP 3rd Phase

The main objective of the CVDP is to organize the village people irrespective of male-female, poor-non poor, occupations, and classes with a view to improving their overall socio-economic development and poverty situation.

Specific objectives of the Project

- Organize a village based Comprehensive Village Development Co-operative Society for total development of each village;
- Create self-employment opportunity and enhance income in planned way according to the ability and potentiality of the youths, adolescents, women and men of all families in each village; and
- Improve standard of living and reduce poverty of the villagers through comprehensive development.

Progress of the Project of CVDP 3rd Phase, BARD part (June 2018 to June 2019)

- A faculty member of BARD has been deputed as Deputy Project Director to run the project.
- An Accounts Officer has been deputed from BARD to carry out accounts and financial management.
- Appointment of 35 Assistant Project Director (APD) (additional duty of Upazila Cooperative Officer) has been completed. Accordingly APD of 35 Upazila of BARD part has already joined the project.
- A 4 day long training course on project personnel has been completed and 35 Assistant Project Directors and Accounts Officer of CVDP-3rd Phase, BARD part took part in the training course. Dr. Mohammed Kamrul Hasan, Deputy

Project Director of CVDP-3rd Phase, BARD part performed as Course Director, while Saifun Nahar, Assistant Director(Training) of BARD acted as Course Coordinator. Mr. Mohammad Kamrul Hasan Khan, Project Director (Joint Secretary), Senior Faculty Members of BARD, DPD of CVDP-3rd phase, BARD part and Guest Resource Persons took part in different sessions of the course.

- A total of 1140 new villages have been selected in 19 new Upazilas of CVDP-3rd Phase, BARD part.
- Orientation workshop on CVDP-3rd Phase for Elected Representatives and Government Officials at Upazila level has been completed.
- Upazila project implementation committee has been formed and all of them conducted their first meeting at 35 Upazila level.
- Initial functions to conduct village survey for the first round at 9 Upazilas such as appointment of data collectors and data examiners is going on.
- The questionnaire of village survey has been finalized by a committee and printing of the same from a printing press has been completed. The printed forms of two types questionnaires such as village survey and general information of village has been delivered to 9 selected Upazilas.
- According to DPP a double cabin pick up and 19 motor cycles have been purchased in this financial year.
- Village workers of the old 16 Upazila have been activated.
- Monthly joint meeting/training for old 16 Upazilas has been restarted under CVDP 3rd phase of BARD part.
- The requirement of manpower for CVDP-3rd Phase is going on. Director General of BARD and

Deputy Project Director of CVDP-3rd Phase, BARD part, are working as members of the recruitment committees of Grade 1-10 and Grade 11-20 respectively.

Future Plan

- Requirement of manpower to the project
- Completing village survey and village information book
- Conducting training on technical skill
- Conducting training on cooperative management and other social issues
- Conducting training on agriculture, poultry, fishery, and livestock
- Conducting joint meeting and e-learning at each Upazila

Lessons Learnt

- Despite breakdown of the project, continuity of a substantial numbers of the Comprehensive Village Development Cooperative Society or Samity successfully sustained without the assistance from the project. It is the success of the theme of the project.
- The Comprehensive Village Development Cooperative Societies at Cumilla and other Upazila demonstrates unique example of sustainability of the societies through strong leadership, participatory planning and network with service providers. This is in fact success story of CVDP which were initial societies evolved by BARD. Through this programme, an institutional structure following all cooperative laws has been established at each village ensuring spontaneous participation of all people irrespective of class, sex, religion, profession, etc.
- CVDCS at the village level acts as a workable platform for the delivery of services of different Nation Building Departments and NGOs.

- Through CVDP programme, optimum use of local resources, own capital investment and assistance from different government and non-government organizations have made the 'village cooperative' a 'focal point of village development'.

B. Projects under the Revenue Budget of BARD

1. Women's Education, Income & Nutrition Improvement Project (WEINIP)

Project Area : Adarsha Sadar, Sadar Dakshin, Burichang and Barura Upazilas of Cumilla District (24 Villages)

Duration : Jul. 2014- Jun. 2019

Allotted Budget : BDT. 5.00 lacs (2018-2019)

Funded by : BARD

Main Objective of the Project

The main objective of the project is to organize the rural women into groups and develop their leadership attributes for promoting women's empowerment and to increase their knowledge, skill and adoption of appropriate technologies through proper education and training.



Dr. M. Mizanur Rahman, Director General, BARD is addressing in the annual planning conference of WEINIP project, BARD

Progress of the project

- The project activities are going on in 24 villages.
- A total 1,084 members of 909 families were enrolled as the project beneficiaries as of June, 2019.
- As of June 2019, a total 19,021 beneficiaries were trained in 771 training courses.
- The cumulative savings of all members were BD Tk. 61,61,543/- of which BD Tk. 1,97,01,600/- were distributed among 2,627 members as loan till June 2019.
- During reporting time the loan disbursement among 21 beneficiaries is Tk. 4,50,000.00.

- During reporting time the loan collection from the beneficiaries is Tk. 3,71,000.00.
- The cumulative loan collection from the project beneficiaries is Tk.1,95,97,175.
- Two annual general meetings have been conducted in two organizations.
- Two workshops have been organized in two societies.

2. Rural Livelihood Improvement through Village Based Organizations and Union Parishad

Project Area : 13 Villages of 4 No. Khoshash Union of Barura Upazila under Cumilla District

Duration : Jul. 2015-Jun. 2020

Budget : BDT. 5.0 lacs (for the 2018-19 Fiscal Year)

Funded by : BARD

Progress of the Project

- The project activities are running in 13 different villages.
- Total 10 members were included in the project and the total number become 730 as of March 2019. The number of share became 3,506 as of March 2019.
- The cumulative savings of all the members are BDT 75,38,445/- and of which BDT 37,49,855/- were distributed among the members as



Deputy Project Director Dr. Kamrul Hasan is addressing in the joint meeting of CVDP-3rd phase of BARD part at Didar Comprehensive Village Development Cooperative Society, Cumilla

loan till December 2018. Total share become Tk. 3,45,900.

3. E-Parishad for Better Service Delivery in Rural Areas

Project Area : Jorkanon (East) union of Sadar Dakshin Upazila of Cumilla District

Duration : Jul. 2012 – Jun. 2019

Budget : BDT. 3.50 lacs (for the fiscal year 2018-19)

Funded by : BARD

Objectives of the Project

The main objective of the project is to provide necessary services to the rural people at their door steps for rural development and to improve their standard of living through promoting ICT based platform at local level.

Rationale of the project

After contacting with the National Institute of Local Government (NILG) and a2i project of Prime Minister's office it is found that no organizations are implementing this type of Projects. The feasibility study for the extension of the project in Bijoypur Union Parishad was done by Project Director.

4. BARD Dairy, Poultry, and Goat Demonstration Farm

Project Area : BARD Campus

Duration : Jul. 2016-Jun. 2018

Budget : BDT. 14.00 lacs

Funded by : BARD

Objectives of the Project

- To demonstrate the technology based dairy and poultry rearing;
- To extend research, training and action research on livestock development at BARD; and
- To adopt advanced technologies in dairy, poultry and goat farming.

Progress of the project

- Napier, maize and puccchong grass were cultivated and harvested from new fodder land.

- A goat rearing unit was setup in the farm premises. Eight goat (02 buck and 06 doe) were purchased from the Goat Development Farm, Tilagarh, Sylhet. Two doe have been inseminated naturally by buck.

- Beneficiaries from Ekti Bari Ekti Khamar project and Lalmai Mainamai project are regularly visiting the farm and they are getting practical and theoretical knowledge on Dairy, Poultry farm Management.

5. Mushroom Development and Cultivation Centre

Project Area: BARD Campus

Project Period: Oct. 2018- Aug. 2019

Budget: 1.5 lakh Taka (2018-19)

Objectives of the Project

Since inception, BARD has been working to develop the socio-economic condition and livelihoods for rural people of the country by involving them into various types of income generating activities. In Bangladesh every year 1% of cultivable land is decreasing that threaten our agricultural production. Hence, we need to think about alternative way to increase production. Mushroom is a kind of crop which can be cultivated without any agricultural land and it has very high nutrition and economic value. Recently BARD has started "Mushroom Development and Cultivation Centre" in its campus with the following objectives;

- Commercial cultivation and selling of mushroom;
- Producing mushroom seed;
- Distributing mushroom seed among the farmers; and

- Orienting the trainers of various training courses with the mushroom production techniques.

As of June 2019, the "Mushroom Development and Cultivation Centre" of BARD has made about 10000 commercial spawn and 100 mother spawn. During the reporting period about 50 kgs mushroom have harvested from the centre.

Background of the Project

BARD has been recognized as a fostering ground of green revolution in Bangladesh for its activities in the early 70's. As an academy, BARD always comes out with new models and technologies for rural development, provides training on the agriculture technologies along with real life demonstration. Consequently, establishment of a demonstration fish farm at BARD campus through this project has intended to facilitate the scientific fish farming for the rural people in Cumilla.

This project will not only solve the repugnancy between emerging popularity of pond aquaculture and over growing demand of quality fish seed, but also this unit will be used as a demonstration unit for standard fish farming. Rural youth can easily adopt this model to make a way out from the curse of unemployment.

Objectives of the project

The general objective of the project was to demonstrate an ideal demonstration fish farm for producing quality fish seed and providing better understanding about fish culture management in training sessions.

Specific objectives of the project are:

- to demonstrate a model nursery pond unit for quality fish fingerling production;

- to meet up the demand of quality fish seed in surrounding areas of BARD campus; and
- to conduct practical sessions of different training courses on scientific fish culture.

Achievements against Target in 2018-19

1. Site Selection, Pond Construction, Fencing and Land Development: Three ponds have constructed in an unused fallow land of BARD campus. Fencing and necessary land development has been done before stocking of fish.
2. Stocking of fish fry and rearing upto fingerling stage: Around 1,30,000 carp (rohu, mrigel) fry has been stocked in three ponds and feeding has been continued.
3. Conduct practical session of training courses: Around 430 participants from 14 different fish culture training courses visited the fish farm and received hands on training on fish culture management.

Foundation Training for UP Secretaries From Page-02

Parishad), process of governance of Bangladesh government and UP as well. Ms. Irin Parvin, Joint Director (Development Communication), BARD acted as Course Director and Mr. Kazi Foyez Ahmed, Assistant Director acted as Assistant Course Director of the said course while Mr. Newaz Ahmed Chowdhury, Joint Director, BARD was the Course Coordinator. Many faculty members were present in the inaugural session of the course.

Research Activities of BARD

In line with the priority of the government Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD) has been conducting research studies on diversified socio-economic areas as a mandatory function. The Academy conducts at least 10 research studies on an average every year and provides policy recommendations to solve the current socio-economic problem in the rural areas. Putting due emphasis on the government priorities, BARD in the recent years has conducted research studies covering issues like micro-credit operation in public sector, prospects of jute cultivation, education safety nets, impact of river bank erosions, women leadership, innovations in rural development, youth entrepreneurship, potentialities of village court etc.

Researches Undertaken in the year 2018-19

- কুড়িগ্রাম ও বান্দরবান জেলার দারিদ্র্যতার স্বরূপ: প্রতিকার ও উন্নয়নে করণীয়
- Climate Change Effects on the Livelihoods of Coastal Vulnerable People: A Case of South-Western Bangladesh
- Changing Trend of Rural Economy and Livelihoods of a Typical Village of Cumilla
- State of Primary Education in Rural Areas of Bangladesh
- Union Parishad Complex in Bangladesh: Challenges and Potentialities
- Inclusive Education and Training of Rural Disable Communities: A Sociological Study of Selected Villages
- Engaging Community for Commercial Endeavour through

Community Enterprise: Process, Problems and Prospects

Title of Carried Over Research of BARD

- Education Safety Nets in Bangladesh: A Snapshot on Elite Capture
- Reaping Demographic Dividends through ICT: A Case of LICT Project
- Potentialities and Strategies of Public Private Partnership in Rural Development of Bangladesh
- Family and Human Development Aspirations: Socialization at Bangladesh Transforming Villages
- Cost Benefit Analysis of Mechanized and Labour Intensive Crop Production
- Livelihood and Social Inclusion Pattern of the Migratory Labourers: Cases of Five Districts of Bangladesh
- Interrelation between Socio-Economic Condition and Dietary Diversity in Rural Areas of Bangladesh: Analyzing the Determinants of Food Security
- Strengthening Comprehensive Village Development Programme (CVDP): Experiences, Rural Changes and Outline of Institutional Sustainability
- Development Process, Rural Transformation: Potentials and Challenges of Social Entrepreneurship Development
- Present Conditions of Homestead Plantation in Cumilla: A Case Study of Four Villages
- Adoption of ICT in Local Government Institutes in a Developing Country: An Empirical Study on Bangladesh Rural Local Government

Recently Completed Researches

- Challenges and Prospects of Jute Cultivation: A Study on Farmer's Response in Selected Areas of Bangladesh
- Empowerment and Food Security among Vulnerable Women Group in Selected Districts of Bangladesh
- Village Court and its Potentialities in Grievances Reduction of Bangladesh
- Lives and Hopes of the People of Former Enclaves inside Bangladesh: A Search for National Development and Integrity
- Paradox and Dynamics of Women Leadership at the Grassroots Based Local Government: The Case of Union Parishad in Bangladesh
- Micro Credit Operation by the Public Sector in BD: Origin, Performance and Replication
- Ektee Bari Ektee Khamar (EBEK) Project: Challenges and Potentialities
- River Bank Erosion and its Effects on Rural Society in Bangladesh

Pohela Boishak 1426

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cultural programme and taking of "panta bhat" events. As part of the celebration of the *Pohela Boishak*: 1426 - a colourful Boishakhi fair was also organized at BARD premises on 14 April 2019. Dr. Kamrul Ahsan, Director (Agriculture & Environment) of BARD inaugurated the fair and thereafter he welcomed the visitors and guests. The fair premises assumed a festive look with the lively participation of different sections of people of the locality including campus residents, students of the BARD Model

School and their relatives, BARD officials and trainees of different courses organized by BARD. The main attraction of the Fair was stalls of home-made food items, cottage crafts and fancy goods, performance of songs, dances and recitation of poems etc.

Seminar on Research Highlights

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rapporteurs, academics, professionals and journalists of electronic and print media etc. participated in the seminar. In this important event of BARD a total of 52 participants from different government and non-government organizations participated. The distinguished participants attended in the seminar were comprised of government and renowned research organizations like BARI, BRRI, BJRI, LGED, BARC, BRDB, NILG, RDA, DAE, DYD, BFRI, PKSIF and CIRDAP who provided their valuable comments, feedback and expert views on the presented research studies.

The main objective of the seminar is to disseminate the research findings and policy recommendations of its recently completed important research works conducted by BARD. Through this seminar policy planners, development practitioners and scholars are informed about the contemporary research work of BARD. The specific objectives of the seminar were to: i) inform the policy makers and others involved in rural development about the findings of the selected research studies of BARD; ii) familiarize the invitees with the changes taking

place in rural areas and share the findings of the research works with them and thus influence the policy in the field of rural development; and iii) make proper documentation based on the opinion and decisions of the seminar.

The whole seminar was divided in three consecutive sessions. The first session was chaired by Dr. M. Mizanur Rahman, Director General of BARD. The second and third sessions was chaired by Dr. Khandaker Md. Mostafizur Rahman, Professor, Bangladesh Agricultural University and Mr. Maududur Rashid Safdar, the Director General of BRDB and former-DG of BARD respectively.

BARD generally conducts 10 research studies every year. In most of the cases these research studies focus the prevailing problems of the rural areas of Bangladesh keeping the priority issues of the government of Bangladesh. The findings and policy recommendations of the completed researches help the policy planners to formulate plan of action to address the rural development of the country. The seminar was effective in terms of active participation and feedback of the participants. In the seminar six research papers were presented in the business sessions. The participants critically discussed, analyzed and provided valuable suggestions for documentations and wider dissemination of research findings.

The six reports which were presented in the seminar were: i) A Case Study of Deedar Comprehensive Village Development Cooperative Society

Ltd: Past & Present Context and Future Potentialities; ii) কোতয়ালী থানা সেন্ট্রাল কো-অপারেটিভ এসোসিয়েশন (কেটিসিসিএ) লিমিটেড এর একটি কেইস স্টাডি; iii) Agricultural Practices, Problems and Potentiala of Farmers in Cumilla District; iv) Value Chain Analysis of Poultry and Pineapple: Selected Cases of Bangladesh; v) Micro Credit Operation by the Public Sector in BD: Origin, Performance and Replication; and vi) Ektee Bari Ektee Khamar (EBEK) Project: Challenges and Potentialities.

In the concluding seminar Dr. M. Mizanur Rahman, DG, BARD informed the audience that the findings, policy recommendations and the feedback of the participants would be recorded in a seminar report published by BARD soon. He wished that the seminar report would help the policy planners to get valuable insights about the recent trends in rural development.

68th Foundation Training From Page-01

Mr. Abul Fazal Mir, Deputy Commissioner, Cumilla was present as Special Guest. Mr. Milan Kanti Bhattacharjee, Director (Training), BARD, other Directors and Faculty Members were also present in the inaugural ceremony. The Chief Guest, Dr. M Aslam Alam expressed his gratitude for inviting him in the inaugural session of the Foundation Training Course. He said that the officials of different cadres needed to learn the administrative affairs so that they could run the administration and other jobs efficiently. He requested

the participants to take part in different activities of the course actively. He wishes that the participants should have a great moral behavior. He expressed thanks to the Ministry of Public Administration for organizing the course at BARD, a credible institute in the field of training, research and action research.

The chairperson, Dr. M. Mizanur Rahman said that the present development of the country was based on information Technology (IT). He added that the government had put enormous emphasis on the IT sector for making skilled, efficient and dynamic human resources. He expected that the participants would develop leadership qualities through comprehending different sessions and lessons of this foundation training course. Moreover, he said that in terms of job experience the participants were at the very beginning stage. This was the right time to build them as an efficient administrator, he said. Director

(Training), BARD, Mr. Milan Kanti Bhattacharjee said that BARD was very unique in terms of providing training to the officials of different cadres of civil service. He requested the participants to change their mindset who were attending the foundation training course. He further said that this foundation training was especially designed to equip the officials with the knowledge of administration and other important issues. He hoped that the participants would strictly follow the rules and regulation throughout the course.

Course Director, Mr. Md. Mizanur Rahman, Director (Project), BARD informed the participants about the rules and regulations of the foundation training course. He requested the participants to follow the course guidelines and regulations while attending the course. He thanked the Chief Guest, Special Guest and the Chairperson for attending the inaugural session.



Director General of BARD, Dr. M. Mizanur Rahman and Additional Secretary to the Government of Bangladesh is speaking in the inaugural session of the 68th Foundation Training Course for Cadre Officers on 01 April 2019

BARD Receives Innovation Awards by RDCD

Kazi Foyez Ahmed, Assistant Director, BARD

BARD receives the 3rd best innovator award from the Rural Development and Cooperative Division (RDCD) of the year 2019 at the workshop on "Innovation Showcasing and Best Innovators Award" held at CIRDAP premises, Dhaka on 9th May 2019. In the workshop, all government departments and agencies under the Rural Development and Cooperative Division (RDCD), Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives attended. All departments and agencies displayed their innovations for development where BARD showed its various innovations among which Union Parishad Management Software (UPMS) was awarded 3rd best innovator award.

In line with the objective of the present government the UPMS project aims to ensure better service delivery and promote innovation in the Union Parishad of Bangladesh. UPMS software provides various types of services such as birth certificates, death certificates, citizen certificates, inheritance certificates, income & expenditure statements, marital certificates, trade license, judicial process and settlement of cases, arbitration, taxation and collection of taxes, preparation of government subsidy list, disaster management (including pre-disaster notification and information delivery) etc. Using software for better service delivery is still a big challenge for service providers in Bangladesh. This problem is more acute in Union Parishad. A number of software have been developed and utilized on experimental basis by different Union Parishads. But none

of those found user friendly. BARD has developed UPMS in 2010. Since its inception to till date, it has found suitable for better service delivery in its project area. This software can be used either by sitting at home or by applying online from outside the country. In addition, having a link to the software through online the app of the UPMS will be available. The software has provision of automatic database, which provides detailed information about the Union Parishad and general people of the Union. There is provision in the software to see the day to day activities by the Chairman and Secretary of the Union Parishad and also concerned authority. Moreover, it is possible to produce balance sheets by using this software. So governance issues like transparency and accountability of the Union Parishad can be visualized. Jorkanon (East) Union of South Sadar Upazila, Cumilla

District has been using this software since 2010. It is noted that Jorkanon (East) Union Parishad is considered as one of the best Union Parishads in Cumilla district for using such unique UPMS software. Initially the project duration was from January 2010 to June 2012 and its budget was Tk. 1.50 lakh which was incurred by revenue budget of BARD. Later on, the duration of the project has been extended up to June 2018 with an estimated cost of Tk. 3.50 lakh. The area of the project area will be extended at new eight Union Parishads in Cumilla district in July 2019. The expenses of the project are to be met from BARD revenue fund of BARD. The 71th Board of Governors (the highest policy making body of BARD) meeting suggested that this project can be implemented in all Union Parishads of Cumilla district and necessary fund can be raised from ADP allocation.



Ms. Fouzia Nasreen Sultana, Deputy Director, BARD is receiving the 3rd best innovator award from Ms. Nasrin Akhter Chowdhury, Additional Secretary of the Rural Development and Cooperative Division (RDCD) for the year 2019 at the workshop on "Innovation Showcasing and Best Innovators Award" held at CIRDAP premises, Dhaka on 9th May 2019

A High Level Delegation from Thailand Visited BARD



H.E. Mrs. Arunrung Phothong Humphreys, the newly designated Ambassador of Thailand to Bangladesh is exchanging views with the villagers during her field visit at South Bijoypur village

A high-level delegation from Thailand International Cooperative Agency (TICA) visited the Lalmai-Mainamati Project area of BARD on 26 June 2019. During their visit, the delegation visited two villages of the project namely South Bijoypur and Dutiyapur villages. H.E. Mrs. Arunrung Phothong Humphreys, the newly designated Ambassador of Thailand to Bangladesh; Miss. Pattarat Hongtong, Director General of the Thailand International Cooperation Agency, and Mr. Apichart Jongskul, Deputy Secretary General of the Chaipattana Foundation. The delegation initially attended a video presentation on the activities and achievement of BARD that was followed by a lively and vibrant discussion session. In the

presentation and discussion session, the Director General of BARD, Dr. M. Mizanur Rahman; Chairman of Sadar South Upazila Parishad Mr. Golam Sarwar; Project Director of Lalmai-Mainamati Project Dr. Md. Shafiqul Islam; Assistant Project Director Mohammad Anwar Hossain Bhuiyan and other Faculty members were present. The Director General of the BARD said that the visit of the TICA delegation team was very promising. He said that through this visit, the concept of “self-sufficiency economy project” would be expanded in Cumilla villages which would play a role in poverty reduction. After the discussion session and exchange of views, the delegation visited agricultural activities and the vermi compost unit produced by the beneficiaries of the Lalmai-Mainamati project. Then the team visited the Bijoypur pottery on the next day. On return from the field trip the team attended a lunch party offered by the DG, BARD. After lunch the team left BARD.

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