

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
on
Joint Research, Survey and Utilization of Statistical Data

Signed in 2012 between

Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) &
Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC)

Urban Statistics and Urban Poverty
MOU Follow-up Action Plan
2015-16



1 Introduction

- i. Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC), a Dhaka-based premier think-tank and research institute established in 1996, and the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), created by the Government of Bangladesh in August 1974 as the National Statistical Organization (NSO) responsible for collecting, compiling and disseminating statistical data of all the sectors of the Bangladesh economy to meet and provide the data-needs of national-level planners and other agencies of the government as well other stake holders within and outside government, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on 18 April, 2012 to foster collaboration and facilitate utilization of data related to urban area, among others, and for exploring the possibility to conducting surveys covering different dimensions of urbanization in Bangladesh. Subsequent to signing of the MOU, BBS nominated focal persons to liaise with PPRC team in pursuance of MOU objectives.
- ii. In 2015, PPRC secured a research contract from The World Bank to undertake some urban surveys, carry out urban poverty research and undertake capacity building on research methodologies. An agreement was signed with the Finance Division for this purpose. PPRC has defined the work as carrying forward the objectives of the MOU signed with the BBS. A MOU Follow-up Action Plan has been developed and both parties – BBS and PPRC – agree to participate in this Action plan as per mutual discussion. Financial requirements for implementing the Action Plan will be wholly borne by PPRC out of the World Bank provided funds.



2 MOU Follow-up Action Plan 2015-16 on Urban Statistics and Urban Poverty

Component	Activity	Time	Responsibility	
			PPRC	BBS
1 Dhaka 2012 Report		November, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobilize analytical team • Undertake data analysis • Prepare report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advice on data analysis • Contribute to report preparation
2 Surveys	Chittagong city survey	October-November, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize survey instrument • Mobilize survey teams • Implement survey • Prepare Report (2016) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide sample choice from 2011 Population Census framework • Contribute to orientation training of survey teams • Contribute to report preparation
	Other Divisional towns survey	November-December, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize survey instrument • Mobilize survey teams • Implement survey • Prepare Report (2016) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide sample choice from 2011 Population Census framework • Contribute to orientation training of survey teams • Contribute to report preparation
	Small towns survey	December, 2015 - January, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize survey instrument • Mobilize survey teams • Implement survey • Prepare Report (2016) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide sample choice from 2011 Population Census framework • Contribute to orientation training of survey teams • Contribute to report preparation
	Dhaka city survey	January, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize survey instrument • Mobilize survey teams • Implement survey • Prepare Report (2016) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide sample choice from 2011 Population Census framework • Contribute to orientation training of survey teams • Contribute to report preparation
3 Capacity-building	Workshop on data management and urban poverty research	December, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consult with BBS and The World Bank on workshop design • Finalize Workshop Plan • Identify and mobilize participants and resource persons • Implement Workshop in partnership with BBS • Prepare workshop report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide inputs in Workshop design • Provide resource persons for the workshop • Workshop Partner
4 International Conference on Urban Poverty		March, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning meetings on developing Conference Plan • Identify participants and resource persons • Implement Conference • Prepare conference proceedings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide inputs in Conference Plan • Provide resource persons for the conference • Conference Partner

3 Implementation Understanding and Modalities

- 3.1 PPRC and BBS agree to designate, on behalf of each institution, focal person(s) to facilitate the execution of the MOU Follow-up Action Plan. Such nominations will be confirmed in writing.
- 3.2 Besides need-based meetings amongst designated teams from both institutions, there shall be a mid-term and end-term high-level review meeting on Action Plan activities.
- 3.3 Each partner will acknowledge and communicate the involvement of the other, where information or analysis based on research derived from the cooperative efforts of both Parties is published or communicated outside of their respective organizations.
- 3.4 Financial requirements for implementation of the Action Plan will be borne by PPRC from The World Bank-provided funds for this purpose.
- 3.5 Both parties will explore the relevance and opportunity of utilizing the outputs of the Action Plan for strengthening an urban data-base for Bangladesh.
- 3.6 Both parties will review the relevance and opportunity of utilizing the experience of the Capacity-Building component of the Action Plan for purposes of a capacity-building strategy aligned to the goals of NSDS.

Signed:



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Director-General
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Signed:



Executive Chairman
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