

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

For Joint Research, Survey & Utilization of Statistical  
Data

*Between*

Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC)

And

Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS)

## **1 Introduction**

Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC) is a Dhaka-based premier think-tank and research institute. Since its inception in 1996, PPRC has been conducting cutting-edge research on Social and economic issues of Bangladesh. As part of its wide range of activities, the Centre has also been conducting research towards the development of a holistic and long-term urban strategy for Bangladesh including in-depth analysis of various dimensions of the urbanization process in Bangladesh.

The Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) was created by the government of Bangladesh in August 1974 and is the only 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 the users and other stake holders like national level planners and other agencies of the Government. In discharging its responsibilities, the Bureau provides technical and administrative guidance in matters of all official statistical programmes and acts as the implementing agency of all programmes of official statistics of Bangladesh.

Recognizing their strengths in research and their mutual interest in engaging into collaboration of statistical data analysis/sharing in order to contribute to the development of an evidence-based holistic urban strategy, BBS and PPRC have decided to enter into the present MOU of mutual cooperation.

This memorandum confirms the following understanding:

## **2 Scope and Field of Cooperation**

The goal of this cooperation envisaged under the present MOU is to foster collaboration and to facilitate utilization of data related to urban area, among others, and for exploring the possibility to conduct an annual urban survey covering different dimensions of urbanization in Bangladesh. In furtherance of this broad objective, both PPRC and BBS hereby acknowledge to implement within the framework of rules and regulations in each of the respective institutions and agree as follows:

- To enhance information and data cooperation and share between the two Offices on research programmes related to urban or other pertinent policy issues.
- Exchange of existing reports, publications and other information where such sharing shall result in benefit to both partners. Published statistical data, reports may also be exchanged between the two institutions, but these data shared only be limited between the two organizations and would not be shared with others.
- To jointly organize and develop detailed research analysis and data collection on urbanization in a comprehensive and regular basis. Thus to initiate a consistent approach to provide a better representation of urbanization. In this regard, joint research may be conducted between the two institutions using existing BBS data. Derived research output cannot be used prior verification of both partners.

### **3 Operational Modalities**

- PPRC and BBS agree to designate, on behalf of each institution, a focal person to liaise between the two institutions and facilitate the execution of this MOU and to draw up programmes or activities to be implemented under this MOU, setting out specific provisions concerning the exchange programmes. Parties to this MOU will confirm their nominations of focal persons in writing.
- Besides need-based meetings, there shall be a quarterly review meeting of activities undertaken in pursuance of this MOU.
- 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.



## 4 Other Stipulations

### 4.1 Ownership

- The parties agree that any intellectual property rights arising from or in connection with any programme or activity under this MOU, through and by the joint and collaborative efforts of both parties shall be jointly owned and subject to any other terms and conditions as may be agreed upon in writing.

### 4.2 Financial Arrangements

- Both PPRC and BBS acknowledge that in the absence of any specific binding agreement in writing to the contrary, each Party will be responsible for its own costs and expenses in establishing and conducting programmes and activities contemplated under this MOU.
- Both parties will explore the possibility of using technical support from development partners to implement the priority programmes.

### 4.3 Confidentiality

- The partners agree and undertake to keep confidential at all times any information or data that may be exchanged, acquired or shared in connection with any programme or activity conducted pursuant to this MOU save where the same is already in the public domain.
- The MOU will initially be for five years and may be renewed based on mutual consent.

The MOU is hereby signed by



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