



# National Food Policy Capacity Strengthening Programme

## Workshop on INFORMED POLICY MAKING FOR FOOD SECURITY: *Research in support of the National Food Policy*

### DETAILED PROGRAMME

**Date:** 5 and 6 December 2007 (Wednesday and Thursday)  
**Venue:** RDEC Bhavan (Level -12), LGED-HQ, Agargaon, Sher-e-Banglanagar, Dhaka 1207

**DAY ONE:** **5 DECEMBER, 2007 (Wednesday)**

09 00~09 20 Arrival and Registration

09 20~09 25 Guests take seats

**Session I:** **Inaugural Session**

**Chair:** Dr. Mohammad Ayub Miah, Secretary-in-charge, MoFDM

**Rapporteurs:** Ms. Lalita Bhattacharjee, NFPCSP & Mr. Feroz A Mahmud, FPMU

09 25~ 09 30 Recitation from the Holy Quran

09 30 ~09 40 Welcome address by Mr. Pranab Chakraborty, Director General, FPMU, MoFDM

09 40~09 50 Workshop Objectives by the Chief Technical Advisor Mr. Ciro Fiorillo, NFPCSP, FAO

09 50~10 00 Address by the Guest of Honour, Mr. Carey N. Gordon, Deputy Mission Director, USAID, Dhaka, Bangladesh

10 00~10 10 Address by the Guest of Honour Mr. Stefan Frowein, Ambassador and Head of Delegation, Delegation of the European Commission, Bangladesh

10 10~10 20 Address by the Special Guest Mr. Ad Spijkers, FAO Representative in Bangladesh

10 20~10 35 Address by the Chief Guest Mr. Tapan Chowdhury, Adviser, MoFDM

10 35~10 45 Address by the Chair Dr. Mohammad Ayub Miah, Secretary-in-charge, MoFDM

10 45~11 00 **Tea/Coffee**

**Session II:** **Technical Session**

**Chair:** Mr. Kostas Stamoulis, Chief, ESAE, FAO, HQ, Rome, Italy

**Rapporteurs:** Ms. Nathalie Bouche, NFPCSP & Mr. Mostafa F. A. Banna, FPMU

11 00~11 20 Findings of Benchmark Survey on Food Security Literature in Bangladesh

by Prof Mohan Rao, Advisor to FAO and Professor, Economics, University of Massachusetts, USA

11 20~ 11 40 Results of Evaluation of Research Institutions in Bangladesh by Prof. Stanley R. Johnson, FAO Consultant and Former Provost, University of Iowa, USA.

11 40 ~12 00 Introducing the Research Grant Awardees and Future Activities by Mr. Nur A. Khondaker, Research Grant Administrator, NFPCSP, FAO.

12 00 ~ 13 00 Discussion

13 00 ~14 00 **Prayer and Lunch**

**Session III:** **Research Area: Economic, Physical and Social Access**

**Chair:** Dr. Mahabub Hossain, Executive Director, BRAC

**Co-chair:** Mr. Md. Ruhul Amin, Deputy Chief, FPMU

**Rapporteurs:** Mr. Rezaul Karim Talukder, NFPCSP & Ms. Ferdousi Ara, FPMU

14 00 ~ 14 15 Re-emergence of food insecurity in Bangladesh? Instability in food production and prices, nature of food markets, impact and policy by Dr. Khan A S Murshid, Policy Resource Programme of Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies.

14 15 ~ 14 30 Impact of paid employment and self employment on income by Dr. Rushidan Islam Rahman, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies.

14 30 ~ 14 45 Price stabilization, market integration and consumer welfare in Bangladesh by Dr. Naeem Chowdhury, Bangladesh Rice Foundation.

14 45 ~15 15 Discussion

15 15 ~15 35 **Tea / Coffee**

15 35 ~ 15 45 Community participation, local power structure and effective safety net management in the vulnerable char lands of Bangladesh by Dr. M. Muniruzzaman, Centre for Agriresearch and Sustainable Environment and Entrepreneurship.

15 45 ~ 15 55 Food security for the poor: exploring policy options under alternative price regimes, by Dr. Rushad Faridi, Economic Research Group.

15 55 ~16 05 Development of tilapia marketing systems in Bangladesh: potential for food supply by Dr. Nesar Ahmed, Department of Fisheries Management, BAU.

16 05 ~ 16 15 Spectre problems of food distribution systems and impact on household food security status in two southern islands of Bangladesh by Mr. Noor Md. Rahmatullah, Department of Agricultural Statistics, Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University.

16 15 ~16 45 Discussion

16 45 – 17 00 Concluding Remarks

**DAY TWO:**      **6 DECEMBER 2007 (Thursday)**

- Session IV:      Research Area: Production and Availability**  
**Chair: Mr. Ciro Fiorillo**, CTA, NFPCSP, FAO  
**Co-chair: Mr. Md. Abdur Rahman**, Research Director (EW), FPMU  
**Rapporteurs:** Mr. Ferdous Alam, NFPCSP & Mr. Md. Ismail Miah, FPMU
- 9 00 ~ 9 15      Changing land use patterns and their impact on food security for farm households in Bangladesh *by* Prof. Dr. M. Serajul Islam, Bureau of Socio Economic Research and Training, BAU.
- 9 15 ~ 9 30      Study of the implementation status and effectiveness of new agriculture extension policy for technology adoption *by* Prof. Dr. Zahurul Karim, Centre for Agriresearch and Sustainable Environment and Entrepreneurship.
- 9 30 ~ 10 00      Discussion
- 10 00 ~10 10      Input marketing and management system in relation to food security in coastal region of Bangladesh *by* Dr. Md. Shamsul Alam, Planning and Evaluation Division, BARI.
- 10 10 ~ 10 20      Effects of using chemicals and hormones for cultivation and marketing of vegetables and banana *by* Prof. Md. Hossain Bhuiyan, Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University.
- 10 20 ~10 50      Discussion
- 10 50 ~11 10      **Tea / Coffee**
- Session V:      Research Area: Utilization of Safe Food/Nutrition**  
**Chair: Mr. B. K. Nandi**, Senior Food and Nutrition Officer, FAO-RAP, Thailand  
**Co-chair: Mr. Md. Abdul Khaleque**, Research Director (Nutrition), FPMU  
**Rapporteurs:** Mr. Harun K. M. Yusuf, NFPCSP & Ms. Alima N. Jahan, FPMU
- 11 10 ~ 11 25      Institutionalization of healthy street food system in Bangladesh: a pilot model with three wards of City Corporation as a model *by* Mr. Quazi Fazlul Haque, Consumers Association of Bangladesh (CAB).
- 11 25 ~ 11 40      Capacity Strengthening of rural women in carrying out post harvest activities of vegetables and fruits towards food security *by* Prof. Dr. Zulfikar Rahman, Department of Agriculture Extension Education, BAU.
- 11 40 ~ 12 10      Discussion
- 12 10 ~12 20      Problems and possibilities of scaling up production and consumption of safe foods *by* Dr M. Abdul Momin, Agriculture Research Station, Pabna.
- 12 20 ~ 12 30      Screening of nutritionally rich and low glycemic index Bangladeshi rice varieties *by* Dr. Md. Zakir Hossain Howladar, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, DU.
- 12 30 ~ 13 00      Discussion
- 13 00 ~14 00      **Prayer and Lunch**
- Session VI:      Research Area: Cross Cutting Issues**  
**Chair: Mr. Kostas Stamoulis**, Chief, ESAE, FAO, HQ, Rome, Italy  
**Co-chair: Mr. Nikhil R. Roy**, Research Director (Policy), FPMU  
**Rapporteurs:** Ms. Marie J. Cortijo, NFPCSP & Mr. Mahbubur Rahman, FPMU
- 14 00 ~ 14 15      Impacts of anthropogenic activities on natural resources and food security in the coastal region of Bangladesh *by* Prof. Dr. Md. Giashuddin Miah, Department of Agro forestry and Environment, BSMRAU.
- 14 15 ~14 30      Study of the impact of intensive cropping on the long term degradation of natural resources in some selected agro ecological regions of Bangladesh *by* Dr. Nepal Chandra Dey, Centre for Agriresearch and Sustainable Environment and Entrepreneurship.
- 14 30 ~ 14 45      Transparency and accountability for ensuring food security in Bangladesh: a study on field institutions *by* Prof. Dr. Abul Kashem Mozumder, Department of Public Administration, Jahangirnagar University.
- 14 45 ~ 15 00      Integrated management of coastal zone for food security *by* Prof Dr B.K. Bala, Department of Farm Power and Machinery, BAU.
- 15 00 ~15 40      Discussion
- 15 40 ~ 16 00      **Tea / Coffee**
- 16 00 ~ 16 10      Global warming and sea level rising: impact on Bangladesh agriculture and food security *by* Prof. Dr. M.A. Halim Khan, Department of Crop Botany, BAU.
- 16 10 ~ 16 20      Effects of environmental degradation on food security in the St. Martin's island of Bangladesh *by* Prof. Dr. Mohammed Mostafa Feeroz, Department of Zoology, Jahangir Nagar University.
- 16 20 ~ 16 30      Homestead plant biodiversity in the southwestern coastal zone of Bangladesh: way forward to identification, utilization and conservation *by* Prof. Dr. Mahfuzur Rahman, Department of Botany, Jahangir Nagar University.
- 16 30 ~ 17 00      Discussion
- 17 00 ~ 17 10      Concluding Remarks.

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