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Assessment of Rural Piped Water System Begins

RED has recently started a study on the assessment of rural piped water system in arsenic affected five *upazilas*. The study aims to explore the management mechanism, success and weakness of piped water system; know the satisfaction level of the users; and to explore the reasons of being non-users.

Formative Research of Micronutrient Sprinkles in Progress

A formative research to identify social marketing and distribution strategy for micronutrient sprinkles in Bangladesh is in progress. A trial was conducted among 335 households for two months of whom 22 rejected to receive sprinkle. In-depth interviews were carried out among the compliant and non-compliant mothers. Based on the first trial, another trial will be carried out to finalize the marketing and distribution strategy, and to explore cost of sprinkles, and willingness/ability to purchase.

Self-help Groups of Older People Formed

Eight self-help groups of elderly people were formed so far in Chandpur district with the assistance of BRAC's PHILL (Primary Health Care in Later Life) project. The local elderly people meet twice a month in a specific place to share their knowledge and experiences, health awareness messages, and do some physical exercise. They are free to discuss or do whatever they like. A local daily newspaper and BRAC's monthly

magazine *Gonokendra* are given to each group. A manual has been given to each group to conduct the session. A community organiser from BRAC visits the group during the meeting to facilitate the session.

Adolescent Survey will be Done

RED has recently initiated a study to generate a national database of the adolescents in Bangladesh to redesign the Adolescent Development Programme of BRAC. The study aims to explore the issues of marriage, dowry, education, daily time use, reproductive health, health-seeking behaviour, drug use, and mobility perspective. Both quantitative and qualitative methods will be used in data collection.

Training Course on Introductory Statistics Held

RED has carried out a training course for the researchers of BRAC Education Programme on *Introductory statistics* at BRAC during 26-29 September 2004. Samir R Nath and M Showkat Gani of RED facilitated the course.

BRAC Participated in ANTRIEP Policy Seminar

A two member BRAC team participated in the ANTRIEP (Asian Network of Training and Research Institutions in Educational Planning) policy seminar on "Improving school management: learning from successful schools" held in Manila, The Philippines from 6-8 July 2004. The participants are Mr Samir

R Nath of RED and Dr. Sudhir C Sarker of BU-IED. Mr. Nath presented findings of a study on the management of successful primary schools in Bangladesh done by BRAC. Following the seminar the BRAC team participated in a meeting of the ANTRIEP member institutions held in the same venue.

Seminar on School Management Held

National Academy for Educational Management (NAEM) and BRAC jointly organized a seminar on *School management: learning from the successful schools in Bangladesh*, held at BRAC on 19 September 2004. Two papers were presented. Samir R Nath, Senior Research Fellow of RED presented the findings of a BRAC research on primary schools and Prof. Roohi Zakia Dewan, Director (Planning and Development) of NAEM presented NAEM study on secondary schools. Minister for Education Dr. M Osman Farruk attended the seminar as chief guest.

New Publications on CFPR/TUP



Towards a profile of the ultra poor in Bangladesh: findings from CFPR/TUP baseline survey has recently been published. Four working papers are also published based on

different studies done on the CFPR/TUP programme. These are:

- *Stories of targeting: process documentation of selecting the ultra poor for CFPR/TUP programme;*

- *Combining methodologies for better targeting of the extreme poor: lessons from BRAC's CFPR/TUP programme;*
- *Engaging elite support for the poorest? BRAC's experience with the ultra poor programme; and*
- *Exploring changes in the lives of the ultra poor: an exploratory study on CFPR/TUP members.*

These are published jointly by BRAC and Aga Khan Foundation Canada. Copies of these publications are available at RED, BRAC on request.

Obituary

M Ghulam Sattar, Manager, Administration and Projects, died of cardiac arrest on 27 August 2004 at the age of 72 at BIRDEM hospital in Dhaka. He left behind his wife, three sons and four daughters, and a lot of friends, relatives, and well-wishers. He joined BRAC/RED on 22 November 1989.

Recent Publications

(Arranged alphabetically)

Journal articles, books and book chapters

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