



Country Paper of Bangladesh
on
Policy needs for data on international migration

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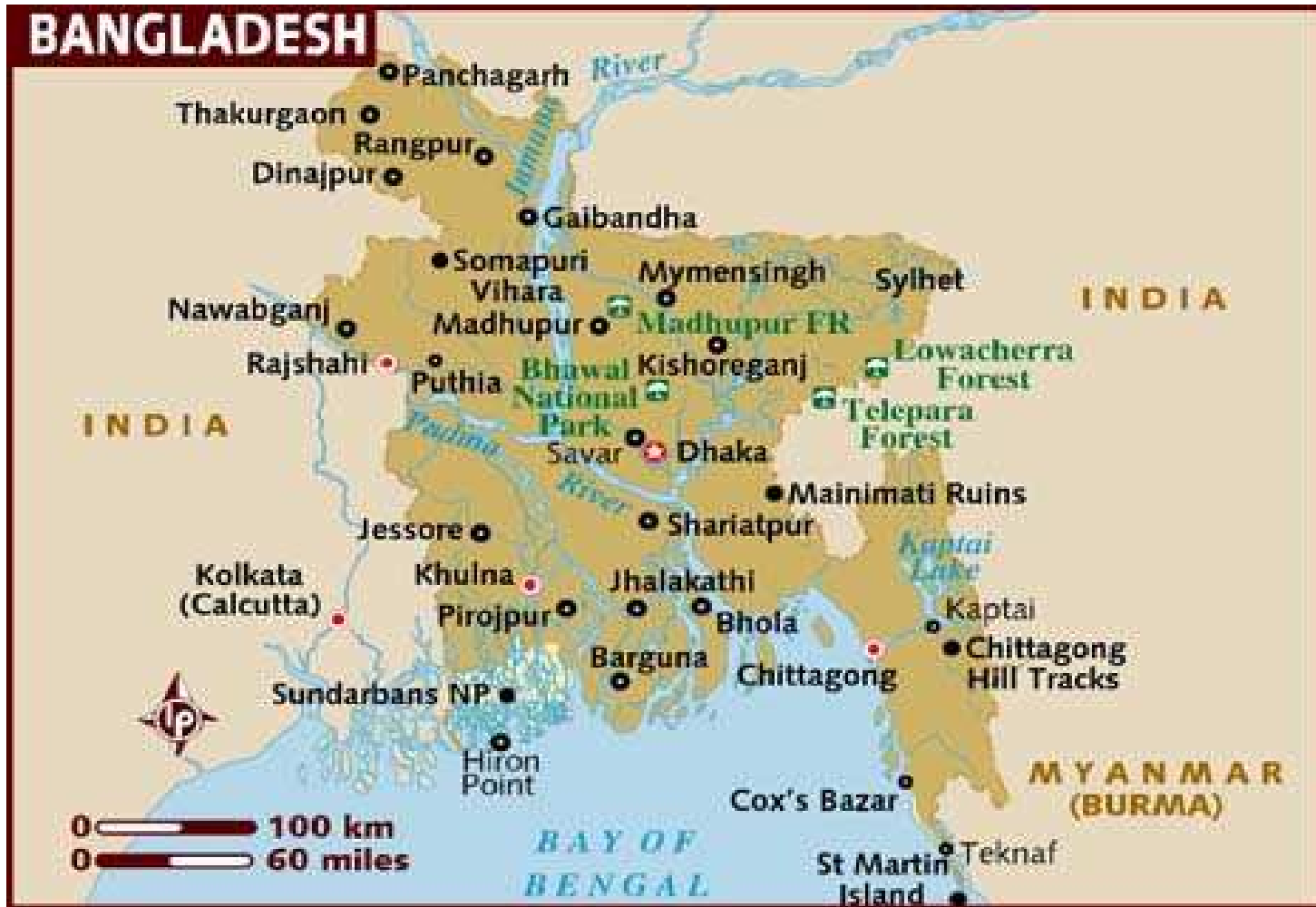
About Bangladesh

- Bangladesh, in full “The People's Republic of Bangladesh”, a republic of South Asia, in the north-eastern portion of the Indian subcontinent, bordered on the west, north, and east by India, on the southeast by Burma (Myanmar), and on the south by the Bay of Bengal.
- The area of the country is 147,570 square kilometers (56,977 square miles).
- The capital and largest city of Bangladesh is Dhaka.
- Geographically, historically, and culturally, Bangladesh forms the larger and more populous part of Bengal.

Father of The Nation



Map of Bangladesh



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Ministry Of Planning

Statistics & Informatics Division(SID)

Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics(BBS)

Mission Statement of SID

- **To collect, process, analyze and publish statistical information for the development of the country and welfare of the people.**

Allocation of Business of SID

- ❖ **Formulate and update policy on Statistics and Informatics**
- ❖ **Prepare, maintain and update National Population Register (NPR) as a central repository jointly with relevant government agencies.**
- ❖ **Assist and facilitate creation and maintenance of departmental system linked to NPR.**
- ❖ **Deliver NPR based services securely to various government and non-government agencies and ensure appropriate access control.**

Allocation of Business

- ❖ **Develop and maintain standards for data structure within the government and build capacity of various government agencies in this regard.**
- ❖ **Develop and maintain central Geographical Information System (GIS) platform.**
- ❖ **Assist and facilitate integration of GIS from other agencies into the central GIS platform**
- ❖ **Prepare and update National Strategy for Development of Statistics (NSDS)**
- ❖ **Conduct censuses on population and housing, agricultural, fisheries and livestock and economic activities.**

Allocation of Business

- ❖ **Conduct surveys on socio-economic, demographic and other field of activities.**
- ❖ **Prepare and maintain official statistics on vital events, agriculture, manufacturing, foreign trade and other socio-economic activities.**
- ❖ **Compile national accounts and price statistics**
- ❖ **Process and disseminate all official statistics**
- ❖ **Coordinate statistical requirements and methodologies for the country by various national and international agencies in line with international standards**

SID Set-up

❖ Secretary	- 1
❖ Additional Secretary	- 1
❖ Joint Secretary	- 2
❖ Deputy Secretary	- 8
❖ Senior Assistant Secretary	- 8

National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS)

- ❖ To develop the national statistical system**
- ❖ Long term and short term programmes**
- ❖ Participation of all stakeholders at national and sub-national level**
- ❖ Strategic actions by sectors**
- ❖ Special focused on ICT development**
- ❖ Comprehensive implementation plan following strategic actions**

Statistical Act 2013

- According to the Statistical Act 2013, BBS is the sole organization for providing Government Statistics in Bangladesh.
- Two major issues are as follows:
- All Ministry, Division and the attached Departments, Directorates or organizations must consider BBS Statistics as government statistics.
- For statistical requirement, BBS has been given authority to collect data from any individual, agency, organization or authority.

BBS at a glance

- **The broad functions of BBS are to collect, compile, analyze and disseminate data and statistics on social, economic, demographic, environmental and agricultural sectors**
- **BBS performs its activities through eight wings headed by Directors.**
- **Five Subject Matter Wings: Agriculture Wing, Census Wing, Demography & Health Wing, Industry & Labour Wing, National Accounting Wing**
- **Three Service Wings: Computer Wing, Statistical Staff Training Institute, and Finance Administration, and Management Information System**

BBS at a glance

- **Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics was created in 1974 by merging four agencies namely**
 - **The Bureau of Statistics**
 - **The Bureau of Agriculture Statistics**
 - **The Agriculture Census Commission**
 - **The Population Census Commission**
- **Statistics Division was established in 1975, revived in 2010 and it was renamed as Statistics and Informatics Division in 2012**

BBS at a Glance

- **The mandate of the BBS has been provided by a series of administrative orders.**
- **A Statistical Law is passed by the National Parliament (As Statistical Act 2013)**
- **The Agriculture Census Act XLL, 1958 (As amended in 1983)**
- **The Census Order, 1972 (As amended in 1980)**
- **The Industrial Statistics Act XIX, 1942**

BBS at a Glance

- **BBS HQ is located at Dhaka**
- **64 Districts Statistical Offices (class I)**
- **483 upazila statistical offices at the upazila level (class II)**
- **23 thana statistical offices in the metropolitan areas (class III)**

Census Wing

- **Census Wing: Conduct three decennial censuses, namely, the population and housing census, the agriculture census, the economic census. Recently BBS is mandated to conduct the fisheries and livestock census.**
- **Carrying out some other large scale surveys, e.g., long questionnaire, literacy assessment survey as well as population projection etc.**

Use of New Technology

- **ICR and iCADE**
- **Secured networking system and database**
- **Audio-visual training**
- **Data transmission through email**
- **CPI automation (introduction of hand-held device)**

Chronological development of migration laws and institutions regulating labor migration from Bangladesh

- 1976** Establishment of Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training (BMET)
- 1982** A new Emigration Ordinance replaced the 1922 Emigration Act
- 1990** Establishment of Welfare Fund for Migrant Workers
- 1998** Signature of the UN's International Convention on Protection of Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
- 2002** Government starts to grant licenses to agencies for recruiting overseas employment

Chronological development of migration laws and institutions regulating labor migration from Bangladesh (Cont..)

- 2003** Government relaxes restrictions on female labor migration
- 2011** Establishment of Migrant Welfare Bank (Probashi Kallyan Bank)
- 2012** Memorandum of Understanding between Bangladesh and Malaysia on sending and receiving workers
- 2013** Enactment of the Overseas Employment and Migrants Act 2013

Sources and availability of international migration data

	Institution collecting data	Data sources	Latest publication or provide the website
1. International migration inflows (foreign citizens)			
- Labour migrants			N/A
- Students			N/A
- Settlers (persons admitted for long-term or permanent settlement)			N/A
- Asylum /refugees			

Sources and availability of international migration data (Cont.)

	Institution collecting data	Data sources	Latest publication or provide the website
2. International migration outflows (citizens)			
- Labour migrants	Ministry of Expatriates Welfare and Overseas Employment	Administrative data	Overseas Employment and Remittances From 1976-2016 Overseas Employment in 2016 Overseas Employment of Female Workers in 2016 Overseas Employment of Female Workers from 1991 to 2016 Category-wise Overseas Employment from 1976 to 2016 District-wise Overseas Employment From 2005 to 2016 District-wise Overseas Employment in 2016 http://www.bmet.gov.bd/BMET/statisticalDataAction

Sources and availability of international migration data (Cont.)

	Institution collecting data	Data sources	Latest publication or provide the website
2. International migration outflows (citizens) cont..			
- Students			N/A
- Citizens establishing long-term or permanent residence abroad			N/A
- Citizens seeking asylum abroad			N/A

Sources and availability of international migration data (Cont.)

	Institution collecting data	Data sources	Latest publication or provide the website
3. International migrant stock			N/A
- Foreign born			N/A
- Foreign citizens			N/A
- Students			N/A
- Migrant workers			N/A
- Foreign settlers in the country			N/A
- Refugees			N/A
4. Citizens living abroad			N/A

Census Report by BBS related to Migration

- ✓ Population and housing Census 2011 includes a module in the long questionnaire for sample survey [National Report Volume-04: Socio economic and Demographic Report, 2011](#)
Chapter 7: pages 51-55, 327-344 web link:
[http://203.112.218.65/WebTestApplication/userfiles/Image/National%20Reports/SED REPORT Vol-4.pdf](http://203.112.218.65/WebTestApplication/userfiles/Image/National%20Reports/SED_REPORT_Vol-4.pdf)

Census Report by BBS related to Migration

- √ BBS already published 15 monographs based on Population and Housing Census 2011 where 1 of the most important monograph is the [International Migrants From Bangladesh, Volume - 03](http://203.112.218.65/WebTestApplication/userfiles/Image/PopMonographs/Volume-3_IMB.pdf) web link
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Leading survey by BBS related to Migration

√ [Investment from Remittance \(SIR\) 2016](#) web link

http://203.112.218.65/WebTestApplication/userfiles/Image/LatestReports/SIR_Report_%202016.pdf

√ [Use of Remittance \(SUR\) 2013](#) web link

http://203.112.218.65/WebTestApplication/userfiles/Image/LatestReports/SUR_2013.pdf

BBS CAPABILITIES and limitations

According to the recent publication of BBS April, 2016 “Setting priorities for data support to 7th FYP and SDGs: An overview”-

- ***Total Goals 17***
- ***Total Targets 126 and Means of Action 43, Grand Total 169***
- ***Data availability of BBS: Yes 31 and Partial Yes 17 Total Target 48.***
- So, for rest of the target we need new policy formulation, implementation and Coordination.

Policy and Coordination Needed

- √ Ministries and government bodies
- √ NGO
- √ Development partner
- √ Different stakeholders

Thank You