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# The Feed the Future Zone in the South and the Rest of Bangladesh: A Comparison of Food Security Aspects

Results of the 2011-2012 IFPRI Household Survey for the Policy Research and Strategy Support Program

16 January 2013 • Ruposhi Bangla Hotel, Dhaka

## PROGRAM

### Inaugural Session

**Chief Guest: Matia Chowdhury, MP**  
Honorable Minister, Ministry of Agriculture  
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Start	End	
1:30	2:00	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
2:00	2:10	<b>Address:</b> Dr. Akhter Ahmed, Chief of Party, Policy Research and Strategy Support Program, IFPRI
2:10	2:20	<b>Address:</b> Special Guest His Excellency Dan Mozena, Ambassador of the United States of America
2:20	2:30	<b>Address:</b> Special Guest Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, MP, Honorable State Minister, Ministry of Women and Children Affairs
2:30	2:40	<b>Address:</b> Special Guest Dr. Muhammad Abdur Razzaque, MP, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Food
2:40	2:50	<b>Address:</b> Chief Guest Matia Chowdhury, MP, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Agriculture
2:50	3:20	<b>TEA BREAK</b>
<b>Technical Session 1 – Profile of the Feed the Future (FTF) Zone in the South Compared to Other Regions of Bangladesh</b> <b>Chair:</b> Mr. Md. Nojibur Rahman, Secretary (in-charge), Statistics and Informatics Division, Ministry of Planning <b>Discussant:</b> Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman, Power and Participation Research Center (PPRC)		
3:20	4:00	<b>Presentation:</b> <i>IFPRI Household Survey, Family Welfare Indicator, Inequality, Household Characteristics, Budget Shares, Education, Employment, Assets, Housing, Credit and Savings, Access to Facilities, and Social Safety Net Participation by Income Groups</i> , by Dr. Akhter Ahmed, IFPRI
4:00	4:10	<b>Remarks by the Discussant</b>
4:10	4:25	<b>Open Discussion</b>
4:25	4:30	<b>Closing remarks by the Chair</b>

<b>Technical Session 2 – Agricultural Production and Marketing Practices in the FTF Zone and Other Regions</b> <b>Chair:</b> Dr. Wais Kabir, Executive Chairman, Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council <b>Discussant:</b> Dr. Mahabub Hossain, Executive Director, BRAC		
4:30	4:45	<b>Presentation:</b> <i>Patterns of Agricultural Production and Practices</i> , by Dr. Akhter Ahmed and Dr. Bingxin Yu, IFPRI
4:45	5:00	<b>Presentation:</b> <i>Agricultural Technology Potential and the Role of Irrigation</i> , by Dr. Hua Xie and Dr. Claudia Ringer, IFPRI
5:00	5:15	<b>Presentation:</b> <i>Producing Food and Feed: towards a more diversified cropping system</i> , by Dr. Firdousi Naher, IFPRI
5:15	5:30	<b>Presentation:</b> <i>Farmers’ Access to Agricultural Service Institutions</i> , by Dr. Kaikaus Ahmad, IFPRI
5:30	5:45	<b>Presentation:</b> <i>Agricultural Marketing Practices by Farm Size Groups</i> , by Dr. Ricardo Hernandez, IFPRI
5:45	6:00	<b>Remarks by the Discussant</b>
6:00	6:20	<b>Open Discussion</b>
6:20	6:25	<b>Closing remarks by the Chair</b>
6:25	6:35	<b>TEA BREAK</b>
<b>Technical Session 3 – Patterns of Food Consumption and Child Feeding Practices, and Women’s Empowerment in Agriculture Index: FTF Zone and Other Regions</b> <b>Chair:</b> Mr. Muhammad Humayun Kabir, Senior Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare <b>Discussant :</b> Dr. Zeba Mahmud, Country Director, Micronutrient Initiative		
6:35	6:50	<b>Presentation:</b> <i>Household and Intra-Household Patterns of Food and Nutrient Intakes by Income Groups</i> , by Dr. Marie Ruel, IFPRI
6:50	7:05	<b>Presentation:</b> <i>Improving Diet Quality Among Infants and Young Children: Challenges and Potential Solutions</i> , by Dr. Purnima Menon, IFPRI
7:05	7:20	<b>Presentation:</b> <i>Women’s Empowerment in Agriculture Index (WEAI)</i> , by Ms. Esha Sraboni, IFPRI
7:20	7:30	<b>Remarks by the Discussant</b>
7:30	7:45	<b>Open Discussion</b>
7:45	7:50	<b>Closing remarks by the Chair</b>
<b>Closing Session:</b>		
7:50	8:00	Closing remarks by Mr. M Syeduzzaman, Chair, Research Advisory Committee for the Policy Research and Strategy Support Program
8:00	9:00	<b>DINNER</b>