

## Meeting of the Governing Body held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2007

The meeting will be held at 1.00 pm, on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at the ERG in Gulshan-1. The following members of the ERG Governing body are expected to be present:

1. Wahiduddin Mahmud
2. Syed Mainul Ahsan
3. Sajjad Zohir
4. A.K. Enamul Haque
5. Ainun Nishat
6. Fahad Khalil

Agenda with Brief Descriptions:

### A. Updates on Research

#### A.1 Sponsored Studies

1. A contract to study ‘Assessment of the macroeconomic impact of rising oil prices’ sponsored by UNDP-Bangkok, has been signed on 08.12.2006. A.K. Enamul Haque will lead the research, with supports from other associates. The study will be expected to complete by the end of March 2007. Total value of the contract is US \$ 10,000 (Ten thousand US dollars only). Budget enclosed. <Require formal approval of the meeting>. The overhead charge receivable by ERG is US\$ 1,000.00
2. A country study of PRS in Bangladesh will look into implementation of pro-(chronic) poor policies, has been undertaken. The study will be expected to complete at the end of March 2007. Sajjad Zohir is the lead researcher, with supports from several associates. Total value of the contract is GBP 20,000. Budget enclosed. <Require formal approval of the meeting>. The overhead charge receivable by ERG is GBP 2,000.00
3. CBFM 2 paper published as an ERG occasional paper, the cost will be borne out of the project fund by reallocating some honorarium to printing purpose.
4. A draft report on Exclusion was submitted to the RED, BRAC; the revised paper will be submitted by early April 2007.
5. MC Book – the progress has been very slow – would like till mid-2007 for completion.

### **Training Program**

1. A course on ‘impact analysis’ is being planned for February-March 2007, with Akhter Ahmed of IFPRI as the core instructor, with additional lectures from Sajjad Zohir and KAS Murshid.

Accounts/Administration/Logistics

1. New procurements: Printer