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Field Data Collection, Interview related to research in Dhaka and Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHTs), Bangladesh

リサーチ目的

1. To collect official reports, documents related to UNDP project in Bangladesh from UNDP Bangladesh office and different ministries and related NGOs and persons.
2. Field visit, interview and data collection from the research field in 3 hill districts (Khagrachari, Rangamati and Bandarban) in Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh.

研究課題

Title: Addressing Poverty and Human Insecurities in Bangladesh: Human Rights Based Approach to Development for Peace building in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHTs).

Brief Description: Poverty is a cause and a product of human insecurity. Eighty percent of the world's 20 poorest countries have suffered a major war in the past 15 years, and most of them in Asia or Sub Saharan Africa. The link between poverty and confrontation is not a question of income or material hardship alone: the poor are not inherently rebellious. But when deprivation is coupled with human rights violation, injustice and stark inequalities, history has shown that armed conflict, terrorism and other violence are not far behind. Thus overall human security is hampered. So, most of the development cooperation is targeted to reduce poverty to achieve the number one target of MDG and ultimately improve human security. Under this scenario this study will try to assess the basic link between poverty and human security and how international development co operations addressing this issue from human rights based approach? And how using this approach in development cooperation can be a real chance for reducing poverty and human insecurities in Asia to promote Asian integration? To prove theoretical links practically this study will assess some international poverty reduction co operations targeting improvement of human security in Bangladesh, one of the poorest countries of South Asia. So, basically this study will try to find out how poverty reduction development projects are implemented under human rights based approach with ultimate goal of improving human security by peace building.

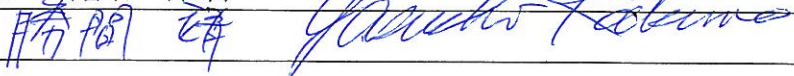
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As a part of this research, this was the first trip in the study area Bangladesh. The main intention of this trip was to get firsthand data, report, idea about the study area Chittagong hill tracts, Bangladesh. As this study is basically intended to assess implementation of international development cooperation projects under human rights based approach for poverty reduction and peace building, in this trip I went to visit such a project titled, 'Promotion of Development and Confidence Building in Chittagong Hill Tracts'. This project is implemented by UNDP with financial assistance from EC, USAID, Australia, Japan, and Norway. The main objective of this project is capacity development and confidence building to attain grassroots and multi community development ultimately to reduce poverty, ensure peace by reducing human insecurities. And as a process donors are implementing this project in 'bottom up approach' by taking local community in the centre. This \$50 million project will be implemented by April 2003- September 2009. And at least 200-250,000 people of around 1600 communities living in 3 hill districts Khagrachari, Bandarbands, and Rangamati are included in this project. During this visit I went to UNDP Bangladesh office and collected project policy paper, project implementation report etc. Besides I went to EC Dhaka office to collect documents as they are also a major donor partner in this project. Among Bangladesh government side I went to the Ministry of Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs (MoCHTA), the CHT Regional Council (CHTRC or RC), and the three Hill Districts Councils (HDC).

As part of the direct field visit and field data collection I went to Rangamati hill districts, where the main office of UNDP, project located and major part of this project going on. And I also visited Bandarbands hill district, another project site. I went to the field 2 times, but due to state of emergency situation in Bangladesh field data collection and direct conversation with the participants was limited. So, in this visit I collected mainly institutional reports, data and interviewed officials of this project both from government as well as donors' side. I also had chance to talk with some NGOs in this area, involved in this project or observing implementation as part of civil society.

The ultimate focus of this whole study will be to assess the applicability of HRBA in development cooperation as a poverty reduction, conflict resolution and peace building tool. Many Asian countries like Japan already using human rights and development cooperation for peace building in limited way. But as Asia don't have any official human rights charter it is yet very difficult for Asian countries to have a common platform for using human rights as tool in development cooperation. Based on existing examples, on the basis of collected documents and data and by further research I will try to find out broader perspective of using RBA in development cooperation for peace building in Asia, which will promote Asian regional cooperation ultimately enhancing Asian regional integration.

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