

# BANGLADESH

## RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

### INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT & TRAINING COMPONENT (RIIP-IST)

<b>Location</b>	Khulna and Barisal Divisions
<b>Client</b>	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ), Eschborn
<b>Financing</b>	German Technical Cooperation / GTZ
<b>Period</b>	2004 - 2010
<b>Value of Services</b>	8.456 million US\$



#### Project Description

Despite intensive efforts of the Government of Bangladesh to foster the industrial and services sectors, Bangladesh remains strongly dependant on the rural / agricultural sector, requiring attention to agricultural production and marketing of agricultural products. Improvement of marketing infrastructure, especially feeder roads and markets, still depends on the continued financial assistance of various donor institutions. The project area, i.e. the Divisions of Barisal (6 districts) and Khulna (10 districts), has been selected due to its comparatively underdeveloped status in a country-wide context. Studies in Bangladesh have proven that the rural poor are benefiting substantially for the improvement and sustainable utilisation of the rural infrastructure.

As such the cooperation project of the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED) "Rural Roads and Markets in the Divisions of Khulna and Barisal" (co-financed through ADB, KfW and GTZ) shall contribute to the above objectives and aims at improving options for economic activities of the rural poor in the project area by the rehabilitation of some 1,110 km of rural roads and up to 68 markets.

#### Scope of Services

Advisory services for the execution of the GTZ component, cover:

- Accompanying measures to the project in introducing and operating an effective and efficient system for road maintenance management
- Planning and implementation of motivational and educational measures and campaigns to improve road and growth centre use and supporting the introduction of measures for the improvement of road safety
- Supporting the economic and social development of the rural population and introduction of measures for poverty alleviation and monitoring their effects and impacts
- Introduction of programmes to strengthen the position of the female population
- Management assistance to local contractors, LGED District and Sub-District offices
- Identification of training needs and implementation of training measures for professional technical and administrative staff
- Strengthening the local self-governance at union level