

Relationship between Socioeconomic Backgrounds and Participation of Women Members in the Union Parishad

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Abstract

This paper examines the influence of socioeconomic backgrounds of women members of the Union Parishad (UP), the lowest tier of the three-tier rural local government system of Bangladesh, on their participation at the UP and community. A non-experimental research design was developed to carry out the study. Primary data were obtained from multiple sources of evidence such as interviews, focus group discussions and observations to analyze the research issue. Secondary data were also collected by consulting published and unpublished research materials to supplement primary data. Findings show that socioeconomic backgrounds of women members play crucial role to enhance their participation in decision-making, policy formulation and implementing development activities.

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