

Participatory Research and Rural Development in Bangladesh: A Critical Reflection

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Abstract - This paper examines the issues of participatory research, rural development and the role of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in Bangladesh. The process of participatory was initiated by the NGOs in the late 1970s. Over the research this research has taken different forms and shapes in the country. Since NGOs have become more concerned about extension of microfinance program, they have less time to practice participatory research process in the villages for the empowerment of the disadvantaged people in Bangladesh.

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