

Seminar on Gender and Access in South Asia
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Day 1 November 15, 2006

9.00 *Opening remarks*

Simeen Mahmud, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies
Sonalde Desai, University of Maryland, College Park, USA

9.30 *Participant introduction*

10.00-10.20 Break

10.20-12.00 **Session 1** *Born Unequal: Gender and Child Survival*

Moderator Sonalde Desai

Sex Ratio in Relation to Fertility and Two-Child Norm in India

Sayed Unisa

Discussion

Does intra-household discrimination account for the bulk of India's "missing women"?

Amaresh Dubey and Arjan Verschoor

Discussion

Sum up by moderator

12.00-1.00 Lunch

1.00-3.30 **Session 2** *Access to Health*

Moderator Simeen Mahmud

Short-term Morbidity in India: Gender Disparity in Access to Health Care

Mitali Sen and Abhilasha Sharma

Discussion

The Stigma of Dark Skin in Bangladesh: Women's Mental Health and Access to Health Services

Rifat Hasan

Discussion

Women at Mid-Age and Beyond: Menopause and its After-math: A Study of Pakistani Women's Health Needs

Tahera Aftab

Discussion

Sum up by moderator

3.30-4.00 Break

4.00-5.00 **Session 3** *Seeking Safety: The Shadow of Sexual Violence*

Moderator Simeen Mahmud

Socio-Economic and Sexual Securities of Young Women Working in Garments Industry: A Case Study of Bangladesh

M. E. Khan, Aditi Aeron, Richard Anker, U. Rob

Discussion

Day 2 November 16, 2006

9.00-10.45 **Session 4** *Access to Education: Levelling the Playing Field*

Moderator Sayeed Unisa

Teacher absence as a factor in gender inequalities in primary school access in Pakistan

Sharon Ghuman and Cynthia Lloyd

Discussion

Gender Inequalities in School Enrolment in Nepal: Examining Effects of Geographical Inaccessibility

Shyam KC

Discussion

Sum up by moderator

10.45-11.15 Break

11.15-12.00 **Session 5** *Gender and Employment in a Globalizing World*

Moderator Prof Nasreen Khundker

Paradox of two Bengals: Robust Growth with Low Women's Employment Rates

Maitreyi Bordia Das

Discussion

12.00-1.00 Lunch

1.00-3.00 **Session 5** (contd)

Changing Identities: Gender and Employment in the Call Center Industry in India
Deepthi Shanker
Discussion

Expiry of Multi Fiber Agreement and Gender Equity in Labour Market: A Study
in India
Indira Hirway
Discussion

Sum up by moderator

3.00-3.30 Break

3.30-4.30 **Session 6** *Creating Political Space*

Moderator Tahera Aftab

Women's Political Participation and Local Governanance: Gendered
Constructions of the Political Space
Stefanie Strulik
Discussion

Sum up by moderator

6.30 Cultural Show

Day 3 November 17, 2006

9.00-11.00 **Session 7** *Investing in Women's Health: Policy Instruments*

Moderator Prof. Omar Rahman

Family Planning as an Investment in Development: Evaluation of a Program's
Consequences in Matlab, Bangladesh
Shareen Joshi and T. Paul Schultz
Discussion

Sum up by moderator

11.00 Break and video presentation "I have something to say"

1.00-2.00 Lunch

