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The sectoral need-based projections exercise is a product of the project “Strengthening the Integration of Population and Development into Sectoral Policy and Planning (BGD/03/P-12)” commissioned by Population Planning Wing, Planning Commission, lead by Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), Planning Division, Ministry of Planning.

FOREWARD

Bangladesh inherited the long tradition of conducting the population census on decennial basis since 1872. The fourth population census of Bangladesh was conducted during March 2001. The main objective of the census was to collect information about the basic characteristics related to housing, households, and population for developing a comprehensive data base for development planning and human resource development programmes as well as economic management. Based on Bangladesh Population Census 2001, seven sectoral needs projections have been prepared. The projections are: Aging Population and Poverty including Population Projection, School Population Projection, Labour Force Projection, Population-Food Projection including Nutrition Needs, Population-Income-Investment Model, Poverty – Migration projection, and Population-Health Interaction Model. This report is the synthesis of the seven sectoral needs projection-studies commissioned by Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics under the auspices of UNFPA supported Planning Commission project named “Strengthening the Integration of Population and Development into Sectoral Policy Planning (SIPDSPP)”. It is expected that this report will provide necessary information to the policy makers and programme planners and managers, which will guide them to design new programmes and redesign the existing programmes for overall development of Bangladesh.

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Table 2.8 Projected population of Bangladesh if current fertility remains the same through out the projection period.

Year	Fertility remains constant	NRR=1 2021	NRR=1 2016	NRR=1 2011
2001	130.02	130.02	130.02	130.02
2002	132.6	132.6	132.6	132.6
2003	135.12	135.12	135.12	135.12
2004	137.54	137.54	137.54	137.54
2005	139.9	139.84	139.82	139.76
2006	142.21	142.04	141.97	141.8
2007	144.75	144.41	144.26	143.91
2008	147.34	146.76	146.52	145.93
2009	150	149.12	148.75	147.86
2010	152.73	151.48	150.96	149.69
2011	155.53	153.84	153.13	151.41
2012	158.41	156.21	155.29	153.2
2013	161.37	158.58	157.42	155.06
2014	164.41	160.97	159.52	156.98
2015	167.53	163.35	161.59	158.96
2016	170.73	165.72	163.62	160.99
2017	173.99	168.09	165.7	163.08
2018	177.31	170.42	167.83	165.21
2019	180.68	172.72	169.99	167.37
2020	184.08	174.97	172.16	169.54
2021	187.49	177.13	174.33	171.71
2022	190.91	179.29	176.49	173.86
2023	194.34	181.44	178.63	176
2024	197.76	183.57	180.76	178.12
2025	201.18	185.67	182.86	180.2
2026	204.6	187.75	184.93	182.24
2027	208.01	189.8	186.96	184.23
2028	211.42	191.81	188.95	186.17
2029	214.83	193.79	190.9	188.04
2030	218.25	195.75	192.8	189.85
2031	221.69	197.67	194.67	191.61
2032	225.14	199.57	196.49	193.29
2033	228.62	201.43	198.26	194.92
2034	232.13	203.27	200	196.5
2035	235.67	205.08	201.69	198.03
2036	239.27	206.86	203.34	199.52
2037	242.91	208.62	204.94	200.97
2038	246.59	210.34	206.51	202.38
2039	250.32	212.03	208.03	203.77
2040	254.1	213.68	209.52	205.12
2041	257.93	215.29	210.98	206.46
2042	261.81	216.87	212.4	207.78
2043	265.74	218.4	213.79	209.08
2044	269.71	219.89	215.15	210.35

Cont. Table-2.8

Year	Fertility remains constant	NRR=1 2021	NRR=1 2016	NRR=1 2011
2045	273.73	221.35	216.48	211.61
2046	277.78	222.76	217.79	212.85
2047	281.88	224.14	219.06	214.06
2048	286.01	225.47	220.31	215.25
2049	290.18	226.77	221.52	216.41
2050	294.38	228.02	222.71	217.55

Projected Population under the assumption that replacement fertility will be achieved by the year 2011 is shown in Table 1.9. Total Population by sex and by place of residence is also shown in Table 1.9. If replacement fertility is achieved by 2011 then total population by 2051 will be 218 million, which will be two-thirds higher from the base population in 2001. The composition of urban and rural population will change dramatically. If the present urban and rural growth difference continues then by 2051 urban population will be 64% of the total population. From now 30 years later i.e. 2035 urban population will exceed the rural population. By 2025 urban population will be 40% of the total population while rural population will be 60 %.

Table 2.9 Projected Population by Sex and Urban and Rural Residence on the assumption that TFR= 2.1 by 2011

Year	Both (Population in Million)			Urban (Population in Million)			Rural (Population in Million)		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
2001	67.08	62.94	130.02	16.44	14.02	30.47	50.63	48.92	99.55
2002	68.39	64.21	132.6	16.86	14.39	31.25	51.53	49.82	101.35
2003	69.67	65.45	135.12	17.37	14.83	32.2	52.3	50.62	102.92
2004	70.89	66.65	137.54	17.96	15.36	33.33	52.93	51.28	104.21
2005	72.01	67.75	139.76	18.65	15.97	34.62	53.36	51.78	105.14
2006	73.03	68.77	141.8	19.43	16.67	36.11	53.6	52.1	105.69
2007	74.09	69.81	143.91	20.25	17.4	37.65	53.84	52.41	106.26
2008	75.11	70.82	145.93	21.08	18.14	39.22	54.03	52.68	106.71
2009	76.08	71.78	147.86	21.92	18.89	40.82	54.15	52.89	107.04
2010	76.99	72.69	149.69	22.77	19.66	42.43	54.22	53.04	107.26
2011	77.85	73.56	151.41	23.63	20.43	44.06	54.22	53.13	107.35
2012	78.75	74.46	153.2	24.52	21.23	45.75	54.23	53.22	107.45
2013	79.68	75.38	155.06	25.44	22.07	47.51	54.23	53.32	107.55
2014	80.64	76.34	156.98	26.4	22.93	49.33	54.24	53.41	107.65
2015	81.63	77.33	158.96	27.39	23.83	51.22	54.24	53.5	107.74
2016	82.65	78.34	160.99	28.42	24.76	53.18	54.24	53.58	107.81
2017	83.7	79.38	163.08	29.48	25.73	55.21	54.22	53.65	107.87
2018	84.77	80.43	165.21	30.57	26.72	57.3	54.2	53.71	107.91
2019	85.86	81.51	167.37	31.7	27.75	59.45	54.16	53.76	107.92
2020	86.96	82.58	169.54	32.86	28.8	61.66	54.1	53.78	107.88
2021	88.05	83.66	171.71	34.04	29.88	63.92	54.01	53.78	107.79
2022	89.13	84.73	173.86	35.24	30.99	66.23	53.89	53.74	107.64
2023	90.21	85.79	176	36.47	32.11	68.58	53.75	53.68	107.43
2024	91.28	86.84	178.12	37.71	33.26	70.97	53.56	53.58	107.15
2025	92.33	87.88	180.2	38.98	34.43	73.4	53.35	53.45	106.8

Cont. Table-2.9

Year	Both (Population in Million)			Urban (Population in Million)			Rural (Population in Million)		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
2026	93.35	88.89	182.24	40.26	35.61	75.87	53.1	53.28	106.38
2027	94.35	89.88	184.23	41.55	36.81	78.36	52.81	53.07	105.88
2028	95.33	90.84	186.17	42.85	38.02	80.87	52.48	52.82	105.3
2029	96.27	91.77	188.04	44.16	39.24	83.4	52.11	52.53	104.65
2030	97.18	92.67	189.85	45.48	40.47	85.94	51.71	52.21	103.91
2031	98.06	93.54	191.61	46.8	41.7	88.5	51.27	51.84	103.11
2032	98.91	94.38	193.29	48.12	42.94	91.06	50.79	51.44	102.23
2033	99.73	95.19	194.92	49.45	44.19	93.64	50.29	51	101.29
2034	100.53	95.97	196.5	50.78	45.44	96.22	49.75	50.53	100.28
2035	101.3	96.73	198.03	52.11	46.7	98.81	49.19	50.03	99.22
2036	102.05	97.47	199.52	53.45	47.96	101.41	48.6	49.51	98.11
2037	102.78	98.19	200.97	54.79	49.23	104.02	48	48.96	96.95
2038	103.5	98.89	202.38	56.13	50.5	106.63	47.37	48.38	95.75
2039	104.2	99.56	203.77	57.47	51.78	109.25	46.73	47.79	94.51
2040	104.9	100.23	205.12	58.82	53.06	111.88	46.07	47.17	93.24
2041	105.58	100.88	206.46	60.18	54.34	114.52	45.4	46.54	91.94
2042	106.26	101.52	207.78	61.54	55.63	117.16	44.72	45.89	90.62
2043	106.93	102.15	209.08	62.9	56.91	119.81	44.03	45.23	89.26
2044	107.59	102.76	210.35	64.26	58.2	122.46	43.33	44.56	87.89
2045	108.25	103.36	211.61	65.62	59.49	125.11	42.62	43.87	86.49
2046	108.9	103.95	212.85	66.99	60.78	127.76	41.91	43.17	85.08
2047	109.54	104.52	214.06	68.35	62.06	130.41	41.19	42.46	83.65
2048	110.17	105.08	215.25	69.71	63.34	133.05	40.46	41.74	82.2
2049	110.79	105.62	216.41	71.07	64.61	135.67	39.73	41.01	80.74
2050	111.4	106.14	217.55	72.41	65.87	138.28	38.99	40.27	79.26
2051	112	106.65	218.64	73.75	67.12	140.87	38.25	39.53	77.77

Table 2.10 Associated Parameters with the replacement fertility by 2011

	2001	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031	2036	2041	2046	2051
Vital Rates											
CBR per 1000	27.8	23.3	18.5	19.2	18.8	17.5	15.7	14.4	14.0	13.9	13.6
CDR per 1000	8.6	7.7	7.1	6.6	6.2	6.3	6.6	6.9	7.5	8.1	8.6
RNI percent	1.9	1.6	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5
GR percent	1.9	1.6	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5
Doubling time	36.4	45.0	61.1	55.2	55.3	62.3	76.2	93.0	107.3	119.5	138.2
Population (Millions)											
Total population	130.0	141.8	151.4	161.0	171.7	182.2	191.6	199.5	206.5	212.9	218.7
Male population	67.1	73.0	77.9	82.7	88.1	93.4	98.1	102.1	105.6	108.9	112.0
Female population	62.9	68.8	73.6	78.3	83.7	88.9	93.5	97.5	100.9	104.0	106.7
Percent 0-4	13.0	11.0	9.1	8.6	8.8	8.4	7.7	7.0	6.7	6.7	6.6
Percent 5-14	26.4	24.0	20.9	17.9	15.9	15.7	15.7	14.9	13.8	13.0	12.8
Percent 15-49	49.4	53.1	56.6	58.1	57.8	55.7	54.2	53.3	50.9	48.1	45.8
Percent 15-64	56.8	60.7	65.9	69.0	70.3	69.8	69.0	69.1	68.7	68.2	67.0
Percent 65 and over	3.8	4.4	4.1	4.6	5.1	6.1	7.6	8.9	10.7	12.1	13.5
Percent females 15-49	51.0	54.5	57.8	59.0	58.4	55.4	53.0	52.2	50.1	47.6	45.4
Dependency ratio	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Median age	21	22	24	26	28	31	33	35	36	37	38

Table 2.11 Projected populations by five-year age group, sex and by residence in of year 2006.

Year	Both			Urban			Rural		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	15.55	8.02	7.53	3.26	1.69	1.57	12.29	6.33	5.96
5-9	16.51	8.6	7.91	3.46	1.79	1.67	13.04	6.8	6.24
10-14	17.52	9.21	8.3	4.37	2.27	2.1	13.14	6.94	6.2
15-19	16.56	8.8	7.76	4.89	2.59	2.31	11.67	6.21	5.46
20-24	12.48	6.57	5.91	4.05	2.35	1.7	8.43	4.22	4.21
25-29	11.38	5.07	6.31	3.4	1.71	1.69	7.98	3.36	4.62
30-34	11.19	5.09	6.1	3.21	1.62	1.59	7.99	3.48	4.51
35-39	9.07	4.47	4.6	2.47	1.32	1.15	6.61	3.16	3.45
40-44	8.25	4.33	3.92	2.2	1.26	0.93	6.05	3.07	2.98
45-49	6.34	3.49	2.84	1.62	0.97	0.65	4.72	2.53	2.19
50-54	4.63	2.62	2.01	1.11	0.68	0.43	3.52	1.93	1.58
55-59	3.93	2.12	1.8	0.87	0.51	0.36	3.06	1.61	1.44
60-64	2.22	1.23	1	0.47	0.27	0.19	1.75	0.95	0.8
65-69	2.52	1.35	1.17	0.51	0.29	0.23	2.01	1.06	0.94
70-74	1.18	0.66	0.52	0.23	0.13	0.1	0.96	0.54	0.42
75-79	2.44	1.37	1.07	-	-	-	2.44	1.37	1.07
80+	0.03	0.02	0.01	-	-	-	0.03	0.02	0.01
Total	141.8	73.03	68.77	36.11	19.43	16.67	105.69	53.6	52.1

Table 2.12 Projected populations by five-year age group, sex and by residence in of year 2011

Year	Both			Urban			Rural		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	13.75	7.09	6.66	3.29	1.69	1.6	10.46	5.4	5.06
5-9	15.27	7.89	7.38	3.65	1.87	1.79	11.61	6.02	5.59
10-14	16.43	8.56	7.87	4.65	2.38	2.27	11.79	6.18	5.6
15-19	17.45	9.18	8.27	5.79	3.01	2.77	11.66	6.17	5.49
20-24	16.48	8.76	7.72	5.97	3.46	2.51	10.51	5.3	5.21
25-29	12.41	6.53	5.88	4.22	2.44	1.79	8.19	4.1	4.09
30-34	11.29	5.03	6.26	3.63	1.78	1.86	7.66	3.26	4.41
35-39	11.09	5.05	6.04	3.38	1.66	1.72	7.71	3.39	4.32
40-44	14.94	7.72	7.22	9.67	5.2	4.47	5.27	2.52	2.75
45-49	15.93	8.29	7.64	10.07	5.43	4.64	5.86	2.86	3.01
50-54	16.62	8.72	7.9	10.13	5.54	4.59	6.49	3.18	3.31
55-59	15.21	8.03	7.18	8.88	4.88	4	6.33	3.15	3.18
60-64	10.83	5.63	5.19	6.16	3.3	2.86	4.67	2.34	2.33
65-69	8.98	3.92	5.06	4.99	2.22	2.78	3.98	1.7	2.28
70-74	7.58	3.34	4.24	4.09	1.78	2.31	3.49	1.57	1.92
75-79	4.73	2.25	2.48	-	-	-	4.73	2.25	2.48
80+	4.48	2.34	2.14	-	-	-	4.48	2.34	2.14
Total	212.85	108.9	103.95	127.76	66.99	60.78	85.08	41.91	43.17

Table 2.20 Projected populations by five year age group, sex and by residence in of year 2051

Year	Both			Urban			Rural		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	14.53	7.53	7	9.09	4.66	4.42	5.44	2.87	2.57
5-9	14.19	7.34	6.85	8.88	4.53	4.35	5.31	2.82	2.49
10-14	13.82	7.14	6.68	9.44	4.79	4.65	4.37	2.35	2.03
15-19	13.92	7.18	6.74	10.28	5.23	5.06	3.64	1.96	1.68
20-24	14.6	7.53	7.07	11.17	5.95	5.22	3.42	1.58	1.84
25-29	15.11	7.8	7.31	11.24	6.01	5.23	3.86	1.79	2.08
30-34	14.84	7.66	7.18	10.84	5.77	5.07	4	1.9	2.1
35-39	13.55	7	6.55	9.63	5.09	4.54	3.92	1.9	2.01
40-44	13.31	6.87	6.44	9.34	4.99	4.36	3.97	1.89	2.08
45-49	14.82	7.64	7.17	10.18	5.41	4.77	4.64	2.23	2.4
50-54	15.69	8.14	7.55	10.44	5.61	4.83	5.25	2.53	2.72
55-59	16.18	8.45	7.73	10.35	5.59	4.76	5.82	2.86	2.96
60-64	14.52	7.63	6.89	9.08	4.88	4.2	5.43	2.74	2.69
65-69	10.03	5.19	4.83	6.16	3.22	2.94	3.87	1.97	1.9
70-74	7.93	3.44	4.48	4.73	2.02	2.71	3.19	1.42	1.77
75-79	6.08	2.68	3.4	-	-	-	6.08	2.68	3.4
80+	5.55	2.76	2.79	-	-	-	5.55	2.76	2.79
Total	218.64	112	106.65	140.87	73.75	67.12	77.77	38.25	39.53

Assumption 2: Projected Population for 2001-51 years under the assumption that TFR = 2.1 by the year 2016

Table 2.21 Projected Population by Sex and by Urban and Rural Areas

Year	Both			Urban			Rural		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
2001	67.08	62.94	130.02	16.44	14.02	30.47	50.63	48.92	99.55
2002	68.39	64.21	132.6	16.86	14.39	31.25	51.53	49.82	101.35
2003	69.67	65.45	135.12	17.37	14.83	32.2	52.3	50.62	102.92
2004	70.89	66.65	137.54	17.96	15.36	33.33	52.93	51.28	104.21
2005	72.04	67.78	139.82	18.66	15.98	34.64	53.38	51.8	105.18
2006	73.12	68.85	141.97	19.46	16.69	36.15	53.66	52.16	105.83
2007	74.28	69.99	144.26	20.3	17.44	37.74	53.98	52.55	106.52
2008	75.42	71.11	146.52	21.17	18.21	39.38	54.25	52.89	107.14
2009	76.54	72.21	148.75	22.05	19	41.06	54.49	53.21	107.7
2010	77.65	73.31	150.96	22.96	19.82	42.78	54.68	53.49	108.18
2011	78.74	74.39	153.13	23.89	20.65	44.55	54.85	53.74	108.59
2012	79.82	75.46	155.29	24.85	21.51	46.36	54.98	53.95	108.93
2013	80.89	76.52	157.42	25.82	22.39	48.21	55.07	54.13	109.2
2014	81.95	77.57	159.52	26.82	23.29	50.11	55.13	54.28	109.41
2015	82.99	78.6	161.59	27.84	24.21	52.05	55.15	54.39	109.54
2016	84.01	79.61	163.62	28.87	25.15	54.03	55.14	54.46	109.59
2017	85.06	80.64	165.7	29.95	26.13	56.07	55.11	54.52	109.63
2018	86.13	81.7	167.83	31.05	27.13	58.18	55.08	54.57	109.64
2019	87.21	82.77	169.99	32.19	28.17	60.36	55.03	54.6	109.63
2020	88.31	83.85	172.16	33.36	29.23	62.59	54.95	54.62	109.57
2021	89.4	84.93	174.33	34.55	30.32	64.87	54.85	54.6	109.46
2022	90.49	86	176.49	35.76	31.44	67.2	54.73	54.56	109.28
2023	91.57	87.06	178.63	37	32.58	69.58	54.57	54.49	109.05
2024	92.64	88.12	180.76	38.26	33.74	72	54.38	54.38	108.76
2025	93.7	89.16	182.86	39.54	34.92	74.46	54.15	54.24	108.4
2026	94.74	90.19	184.93	40.84	36.12	76.96	53.9	54.07	107.97
2027	95.76	91.19	186.96	42.15	37.33	79.49	53.61	53.86	107.47
2028	96.77	92.18	188.95	43.48	38.57	82.05	53.28	53.62	106.9
2029	97.75	93.15	190.9	44.82	39.81	84.64	52.92	53.33	106.26
2030	98.71	94.09	192.8	46.17	41.07	87.25	52.53	53.02	105.55
2031	99.65	95.02	194.67	47.54	42.35	89.88	52.11	52.67	104.78
2032	100.56	95.92	196.49	48.91	43.63	92.54	51.66	52.29	103.95
2033	101.46	96.8	198.26	50.29	44.93	95.21	51.17	51.88	103.05
2034	102.33	97.66	200	51.67	46.23	97.9	50.66	51.44	102.1
2035	103.19	98.5	201.69	53.06	47.54	100.6	50.12	50.96	101.08
2036	104.02	99.32	203.34	54.46	48.86	103.32	49.56	50.46	100.02
2037	104.83	100.11	204.94	55.86	50.18	106.04	48.97	49.93	98.9
2038	105.63	100.88	206.51	57.26	51.5	108.77	48.37	49.38	97.74
2039	106.41	101.63	208.03	58.67	52.83	111.5	47.74	48.79	96.53
2040	107.17	102.36	209.52	60.08	54.16	114.24	47.09	48.19	95.28
2041	107.91	103.06	210.98	61.49	55.5	116.98	46.43	47.57	93.99
2042	108.65	103.76	212.4	62.9	56.83	119.73	45.75	46.93	92.67
2043	109.37	104.43	213.79	64.31	58.16	122.47	45.06	46.26	91.32
2044	110.07	105.08	215.15	65.72	59.49	125.21	44.35	45.59	89.94
2045	110.77	105.72	216.48	67.13	60.82	127.95	43.64	44.89	88.53

Cont. Table-2.21

Year	Both			Urban			Rural		
	Male	Female	Total		Male	Female	Total		Male
2046	111.45	106.34	217.79	68.54	62.15	130.69	42.91	44.19	87.1
2047	112.12	106.94	219.06	69.94	63.47	133.41	42.18	43.47	85.65
2048	112.78	107.52	220.31	71.34	64.79	136.13	41.44	42.74	84.18
2049	113.43	108.09	221.52	72.73	66.1	138.83	40.7	41.99	82.69
2050	114.07	108.64	222.71	74.12	67.4	141.52	39.94	41.24	81.19
2051	114.69	109.17	223.86	75.5	68.69	144.19	39.19	40.48	79.67

Assumption 3: Projected Population for 2001-51 years under the assumption that TFR= 2.1 by the year 2021

2.13 Situation of elderly population

With the change in fertility and life expectancy, the elderly population will also increase. If replacement fertility is achieved by 2011 then by 2015 the elderly population aged 60+ years will be 17.3 million, which is 9.6 percent of the total population. If replacement fertility is achieved five years later say 2016, then there will be no change in the total elderly population 60 years and above but the proportion of elderly population aged 60 years and above will be declined from 9.6 percent to 9.4 percent. This may be attributed to prevailing high fertility.

Table 2.23 Elderly Population in Bangladesh under Three Demographic Scenarios

Year	2011 TFR=2.1	Total elderly population in million	% of elderly population	RF 2016 TFR=2.1	Total elderly population in million	% of elderly population	RF 2021 TFE=2.1	Total elderly population in million	% of elderly population
	Total	P60+	%	Total	P60+	%	Total	P60+	%
2001	130.02	7.97	6.13	130.02	7.97	6.13	130.02	7.97	6.13
2002	132.6	8.11	6.12	132.6	8.11	6.12	132.6	8.11	6.12
2003	135.12	8.17	6.05	135.12	8.17	6.05	135.12	8.17	6.05
2004	137.54	8.2	5.96	137.54	8.2	5.96	137.54	8.2	5.96
2005	139.76	8.26	5.91	139.82	8.26	5.91	139.84	8.26	5.91
2006	141.8	8.39	5.92	141.97	8.39	5.91	142.04	8.39	5.91
2007	143.91	8.6	5.98	144.26	8.6	5.96	144.41	8.6	5.96
2008	145.93	8.86	6.07	146.52	8.86	6.05	146.76	8.86	6.04
2009	147.86	9.17	6.20	148.75	9.17	6.16	149.12	9.17	6.15
2010	149.69	9.48	6.33	150.96	9.48	6.28	151.48	9.48	6.26
2011	151.41	9.77	6.45	153.13	9.77	6.38	153.84	9.77	6.35
2012	153.2	10.04	6.55	155.29	10.04	6.47	156.21	10.04	6.43
2013	155.06	10.31	6.65	157.42	10.31	6.55	158.58	10.31	6.50
2014	156.98	10.6	6.75	159.52	10.6	6.64	160.97	10.6	6.59
2015	158.96	10.94	6.88	161.59	10.94	6.77	163.35	10.94	6.70
2016	160.99	11.32	7.03	163.62	11.32	6.92	165.72	11.32	6.83
2017	163.08	11.77	7.22	165.7	11.77	7.10	168.09	11.77	7.00
2018	165.21	12.27	7.43	167.83	12.27	7.31	170.42	12.27	7.20
2019	167.37	12.82	7.66	169.99	12.82	7.54	172.72	12.82	7.42
2020	169.54	13.43	7.92	172.16	13.43	7.80	174.97	13.43	7.68
2021	171.71	14.1	8.21	174.33	14.1	8.09	177.13	14.1	7.96
2022	173.86	14.82	8.52	176.49	14.82	8.40	179.29	14.82	8.27

Cont. Table-2.23

Year	2011 TFR=2.1	Total elderly population in million	% of elderly population	RF 2016 TFR=2.1	Total elderly population in million	% of elderly population	RF 2021 TFE=2.1	Total elderly population in million	% of elderly population
2023	176	15.61	8.87	178.63	15.61	8.74	181.44	15.61	8.60
2024	178.12	16.43	9.22	180.76	16.43	9.09	183.57	16.43	8.95
2025	180.2	17.26	9.58	182.86	17.26	9.44	185.67	17.26	9.30
2026	182.24	18.07	9.92	184.93	18.07	9.77	187.75	18.07	9.62
2027	184.23	18.87	10.24	186.96	18.87	10.09	189.8	18.87	9.94
2028	186.17	19.64	10.55	188.95	19.64	10.39	191.81	19.64	10.24
2029	188.04	20.42	10.86	190.9	20.42	10.70	193.79	20.42	10.54
2030	189.85	21.25	11.19	192.8	21.25	11.02	195.75	21.25	10.86
2031	191.61	22.15	11.56	194.67	22.15	11.38	197.67	22.15	11.21
2032	193.29	23.12	11.96	196.49	23.12	11.77	199.57	23.12	11.58
2033	194.92	24.17	12.40	198.26	24.17	12.19	201.43	24.17	12.00
2034	196.5	25.25	12.85	200	25.25	12.63	203.27	25.25	12.42
2035	198.03	26.32	13.29	201.69	26.32	13.05	205.08	26.32	12.83
2036	199.52	27.34	13.70	203.34	27.34	13.45	206.86	27.34	13.22
2037	200.97	28.31	14.09	204.94	28.31	13.81	208.62	28.31	13.57
2038	202.38	29.24	14.45	206.51	29.24	14.16	210.34	29.24	13.90
2039	203.77	30.14	14.79	208.03	30.14	14.49	212.03	30.14	14.21
2040	205.12	31.02	15.12	209.52	31.02	14.81	213.68	31.02	14.52
2041	206.46	31.89	15.45	210.98	31.89	15.12	215.29	31.89	14.81
2042	207.78	32.74	15.76	212.4	32.74	15.41	216.87	32.74	15.10
2043	209.08	33.58	16.06	213.79	33.58	15.71	218.4	33.58	15.38
2044	210.35	34.46	16.38	215.15	34.46	16.02	219.89	34.46	15.67
2045	211.61	35.45	16.75	216.48	35.45	16.38	221.35	35.45	16.02
2046	212.85	36.59	17.19	217.79	36.59	16.80	222.76	36.59	16.43
2047	214.06	37.9	17.71	219.06	37.9	17.30	224.14	37.9	16.91
2048	215.25	39.35	18.28	220.31	39.35	17.86	225.47	39.35	17.45
2049	216.41	40.91	18.90	221.52	40.91	18.47	226.77	40.91	18.04
2050	217.55	42.51	19.54	222.71	42.51	19.09	228.02	42.51	18.64
2051	218.64	44.1	20.17	223.86	44.1	19.70	229.25	44.1	19.24

2.14 Size of the Elderly Population under different Demographic Scenarios

Table 1.23 shows that the total size of the elderly population under three assumptions. Under the assumptions that replacement fertility will be reached by 2011, the size of the elderly population will increase from about 8 million in 2001 to 18.1 million by 2026, an increase of 127 percent. If replacement fertility is achieved five years later or ten years later then there will be no change in the number of elderly population by 2026. This is due to prevailing high fertility.

Table 2.24 Total Elderly Population under Three Demographic Scenarios

Projection year	TFR= 2.1 in 2011	TFR= 2.1 in 2016	TFR= 2.1 in 2021
	P60+	P60+	P60+
2001	7,968,088	7,968,088	7,968,088
2006	8,390,061	8,390,061	8,390,061
2011	9,766,035	9,766,035	9,766,035
2016	11,324,457	11,324,457	11,324,457
2021	14,097,553	14,097,553	14,097,553
2026	18,073,580	18,073,536	18,073,536
2031	22,145,266	22,145,360	22,145,360
2036	27,337,004	27,337,386	27,337,386
2041	31,887,844	31,887,992	31,887,992
2046	36,593,164	36,593,172	36,593,172
2051	44,098,228	44,098,216	44,098,216

Projected Elderly Population

Table 1.24 shows that under the assumption that replacement fertility will be achieved by 2011, the elderly population will progressively increase with the increase in time. The absolute number of elderly population will also increase alarmingly. By 2026 the percentage elderly population will increase from about 6% to about 10% while the absolute number of elderly population will increase from about 8 million to over 18 million (elderly population will be 127% higher than in 2001).

Median age of projected population

Median age is an important indicator population aging. It is the figure below or above which half of the population will lie. Table 1.28 shows the median age of the population. With the fall in fertility and increase in life expectancy the median age will also increase. For instance, under the assumption that replacement fertility will be achieved by 2011, the median age of the population will increase from 21 years in 2001 to 31 years in 2026. If the replacement fertility is achieved 5 years later the median age will decline one year by 2026.

Table 2.28 Median Age of the Elderly Population under three Demographic Scenarios

Year	TFR 2.1 by 2011			TFR 2.1 by 2016			TFR 2.1 by 2021		
	Both	Urban	Rural	Both	Urban	Rural	Both	Urban	Rural
2001	21	22	20	21	22	20	21	22	20
2006	22	23	22	22	23	22	22	23	22
2011	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	23
2016	26	26	27	26	26	26	26	25	26
2021	28	28	29	28	28	29	28	27	28
2026	31	30	31	30	29	31	30	29	31
2031	33	31	34	32	31	34	32	30	33
2036	35	33	37	34	32	36	33	32	36
2041	36	34	40	36	33	39	35	33	38
2046	37	34	43	37	34	42	36	34	41
2051	38	35	46	38	35	45	37	35	44

Changes in the Life Expectancy

Since elderly population will increase with the increase in life expectancy we investigated expected number of years elderly population will survive under different expectation of life at birth. In the base Year 2001, an elderly person aged 60 years would expect to leave another 16 years. By 2011 the elderly person would expect to leave 17.6 years if expectation of life at birth increased to 67 years and 18.5 years if expectation of life at birth would increase to 70 years by 2011. The changes are evident at every age of

the elderly persons. A person aged 85 years in 2001 would expect to leave another 5.3 years and this would increase to 5.7 years in 2011 years.

Table 2.29 Changes in Life Expectancy at Selected Ages under Different Expectation of Life at Birth

Age	Life expectancy 61.0 Years in 2001	Life expectancy 67 Years in 2011	Life expectancy 70 Years in 2011
60	16.1	17.6	18.5
65	13.1	14.3	15.1
70	10.5	11.5	12.1
75	8.4	9.1	9.6
80	6.7	7.2	7.6
85	5.3	5.7	5.9

Table 3.16: Projected Secondary Age Population for 2006 – 2051 (in million)

Year	Urban			Rural			Overall		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
2006	2.36	2.18	4.54	6.88	6.11	12.99	9.24	8.29	17.53
2011	2.50	2.39	4.89	6.20	5.58	11.78	8.71	7.97	16.68
2016	2.61	2.55	5.16	5.42	4.93	10.35	8.03	7.48	15.52
2021	2.62	2.58	5.20	4.48	4.07	8.55	7.10	6.65	13.75
2026	2.92	2.86	5.77	4.07	3.66	7.73	6.99	6.52	13.51
2031	3.56	3.48	7.04	4.04	3.63	7.67	7.60	7.11	14.71
2036	4.09	3.98	8.07	3.75	3.36	7.12	7.84	7.34	15.18
2041	4.38	4.27	8.65	3.24	2.88	6.12	7.62	7.15	14.77
2046	4.56	4.44	9.00	2.68	2.35	5.04	7.24	6.79	14.03
2051	4.86	4.73	9.60	2.26	1.94	4.20	7.12	6.67	13.80

Assumption: Projected Population for 2001-51 years under the assumption that TFR = 2.1 by the year 2011

3.20 Projection of Primary School Enrolment

Projections of the future number of pupils enrolled at primary level constitute the starting point of primary educational planning as they provide the basis of estimating the future needs of primary schools, classrooms, teachers and other facilities. Enrolment projections inform us about how many would be enrolled at some future time, assuming changes or no changes in the educational system, with past trends continuing unchanged or changed as per educational future plan. Table 22 provides projection of primary school enrolment under the assumption of TFR = 2.1 by 2011 for the period 2006 – 2051.

Table 3.16: Projection of Primary School Enrolment for 2006 – 2051 (in million)

Year	Urban			Rural			Overall		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
2006	1.61	1.68	3.29	6.86	6.67	13.54	8.47	8.35	16.82
2011	1.80	1.85	3.65	6.06	5.76	11.83	7.86	7.62	15.47
2016	1.98	1.92	3.90	5.18	4.78	9.97	7.16	6.70	13.86
2021	2.22	2.15	4.37	4.82	4.44	9.26	7.04	6.59	13.63
2026	2.76	2.68	5.44	4.88	4.48	9.37	7.65	7.16	14.81
2031	3.24	3.14	6.38	4.66	4.27	8.93	7.90	7.40	15.30
2036	3.55	3.42	6.97	4.13	3.78	7.91	7.68	7.21	14.88
2041	3.78	3.63	7.41	3.56	3.26	6.83	7.34	6.89	14.24
2046	4.10	3.93	8.04	3.10	2.82	5.91	7.20	6.75	13.95
2051	4.59	4.40	8.99	2.77	2.46	5.23	7.36	6.86	14.22

Assumption: Projected Population for 2001-51 years under the assumption that TFR = 2.1 by the year 2011

Table 3.18: Projection of Secondary School Enrolment for 2006 – 2051 (in million)

Year	Urban			Rural			Overall		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
2006	1.06	1.05	2.11	4.02	4.59	8.61	5.08	5.64	10.72
2011	1.33	1.34	2.66	3.81	4.24	8.05	5.14	5.58	10.72
2016	1.57	1.58	3.15	3.41	3.73	7.15	4.98	5.31	10.29
2021	1.77	1.73	3.50	2.85	3.06	5.91	4.62	4.79	9.40
2026	2.03	1.99	4.02	2.65	2.77	5.42	4.68	4.76	9.44
2031	2.49	2.50	5.00	2.75	2.76	5.51	5.25	5.26	10.51
2036	2.91	2.95	5.85	2.66	2.56	5.22	5.57	5.50	11.07
2041	3.20	3.24	6.44	2.36	2.19	4.55	5.56	5.43	10.99
2046	3.42	3.42	6.84	2.01	1.81	3.82	5.43	5.23	10.66
2051	3.65	3.64	7.29	1.70	1.49	3.19	5.34	5.14	10.48

Assumption: Projected Population for 2001-51 years under the assumption that TFR = 2.1 by the year 2011

Table 4.3 Projected 2001-2050 Labour Force Aged 15 Years and Over by Sex and Residence (in million)

Year	Bangladesh			Urban			Rural		
	Both	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female
2001	44.9	35.3	9.6	11.7	9.4	2.4	33.1	25.9	7.2
2002	46.4	36.2	10.2	12.3	9.8	2.6	34.1	26.5	7.6
2003	48.1	37.3	10.8	13.0	10.2	2.8	35.1	27.1	8.1
2004	49.8	38.4	11.5	13.6	10.6	3.0	36.2	27.7	8.5
2005	51.7	39.6	12.1	14.3	11.1	3.2	37.4	28.4	8.9
2006	53.7	40.8	12.9	15.1	11.6	3.5	38.6	29.2	9.4
2007	55.4	41.9	13.5	16.0	12.2	3.7	39.4	29.7	9.7
2008	57.2	43.1	14.1	16.9	12.9	4.0	40.3	30.2	10.1
2009	59.2	44.4	14.8	17.9	13.6	4.4	41.3	30.8	10.5
2010	61.3	45.7	15.6	19.0	14.3	4.7	42.3	31.4	10.9
2011	63.5	47.1	16.4	20.2	15.1	5.1	43.3	32.0	11.3
2012	65.2	48.2	17.0	21.2	15.8	5.4	43.9	32.4	11.6
2013	67.0	49.3	17.7	22.4	16.6	5.8	44.6	32.7	11.9
2014	68.9	50.5	18.4	23.6	17.4	6.2	45.3	33.1	12.2
2015	70.9	51.8	19.1	24.9	18.3	6.6	46.0	33.5	12.5
2016	73.1	53.2	19.9	26.3	19.2	7.1	46.8	34.0	12.8
2017	74.7	54.1	20.5	27.5	20.0	7.5	47.1	34.1	13.0
2018	76.4	55.1	21.2	28.9	20.9	8.0	47.5	34.2	13.3
2019	78.2	56.2	21.9	30.3	21.8	8.4	47.9	34.4	13.5
2020	80.1	57.4	22.7	31.8	22.8	9.0	48.3	34.6	13.7
2021	82.2	58.6	23.5	33.4	23.8	9.5	48.8	34.8	14.0
2022	83.4	59.3	24.1	34.7	24.7	10.0	48.7	34.7	14.1
2023	84.8	60.1	24.7	36.1	25.5	10.5	48.7	34.6	14.2
2024	86.3	61.0	25.3	37.6	26.5	11.1	48.8	34.5	14.3
2025	88.0	61.9	26.0	39.1	27.5	11.7	48.8	34.4	14.4
2026	89.8	63.0	26.8	40.8	28.5	12.3	48.9	34.4	14.5
2027	90.9	63.5	27.4	42.2	29.4	12.8	48.7	34.1	14.6
2028	92.1	64.1	28.0	43.6	30.3	13.4	48.5	33.9	14.7

Cont. Table-4.3

Year	Bangladesh			Urban			Rural		
	Both	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female	Both	Male	Female
2029	93.5	64.8	28.7	45.2	31.2	14.0	48.3	33.6	14.7
2030	95.0	65.6	29.4	46.8	32.2	14.6	48.2	33.4	14.8
2031	96.7	66.5	30.1	48.5	33.3	15.2	48.2	33.2	14.9
2032	97.9	67.1	30.8	50.0	34.2	15.8	47.8	32.9	14.9
2033	99.2	67.7	31.5	51.6	35.1	16.5	47.5	32.6	15.0
2034	100.6	68.4	32.2	53.3	36.1	17.2	47.3	32.3	15.0
2035	102.1	69.2	32.9	55.0	37.2	17.9	47.1	32.0	15.1
2036	103.8	70.1	33.7	56.9	38.3	18.6	46.9	31.8	15.1
2037	104.9	70.6	34.3	58.6	39.2	19.3	46.4	31.3	15.0
2038	106.2	71.2	35.0	60.3	40.2	20.1	45.9	30.9	15.0
2039	107.5	71.8	35.7	62.1	41.3	20.8	45.4	30.5	14.9
2040	109.1	72.6	36.5	64.0	42.4	21.7	45.0	30.2	14.8
2041	110.7	73.4	37.3	66.1	43.5	22.5	44.6	29.9	14.7
2042	111.7	73.8	37.8	67.8	44.5	23.3	43.9	29.4	14.5
2043	112.8	74.3	38.4	69.6	45.5	24.1	43.2	28.9	14.3
2044	114.0	74.9	39.1	71.5	46.5	24.9	42.5	28.4	14.2
2045	115.4	75.6	39.8	73.4	47.6	25.8	41.9	28.0	14.0
2046	116.8	76.3	40.5	75.5	48.8	26.7	41.4	27.6	13.8
2047	117.5	76.6	41.0	77.1	49.6	27.5	40.4	26.9	13.5
2048	118.3	76.9	41.5	78.8	50.5	28.3	39.5	26.3	13.2
2049	119.2	77.2	42.0	80.6	51.5	29.1	38.7	25.7	12.9
2050	120.3	77.7	42.6	82.4	52.5	29.9	37.9	25.2	12.7

As to broad sectoral employment it is observed that among the employed persons of both sexes, 50.7 percent were engaged in agriculture sector, 13.7 percent in industry sector and 35.5 percent in services sector in 2001. In 2050 it was projected that 30.4 percent would be engaged in agriculture sector, 21.4 percent in industry sector and 48.2 percent in services sector. It is also seen that the employed persons in agriculture sector is likely to decrease from 50.7 percent to 30.4 percent while those in service sector is likely to increase from 35.5 percent in 2001 to 48.2 in 2050. Agriculture sector is gradually being mechanised. As a result, employment opportunity in this sector will decrease over time. On the other hand, in the next fifty years the country will be further industrialised and services sector will continue to expand creating more job opportunities for the additional labour force.

The five-year compound growth rate of employment by major occupations from 2001 to 2050 has been presented. It is observed that the estimated that the compound growth rate of employed population in the projection period of fifty years would be around 1.9 percent - the growth rate for males 1.5 percent and for females 3.0 percent. The average annual growth rate was estimated to the highest (2.6%) for clerical and sales workers.

As regards weekly hours worked, it is revealed that out of 42,972 thousand employed persons, 13,709 thousand (31.9 percent) worked 40-49 hours in a week in 2001. In 2050 out of 112,387 thousand employed populations, 36,495 thousand or 32.5 percent would work 40-49 hours in a week in 2050.

Considering the size of labour force the number of unemployed population vis-à-vis unemployment is not significant in Bangladesh. Each round of labour force survey from 1983-84 to 2002-03 indicated fairly the same level of unemployment rates. The number of unemployed population and unemployment rates from 2001 to 2050 is also estimated. The projection shows that in 2001 the unemployment population was 1.89 million and it will be 8.01 million in 2050. At the national level, the unemployment rate was 4.4 percent in 2001 and it will be 7.1 percent in 2050. There exists gender variation in unemployment rate. Unemployment rate for males was 3.7 percent in 2001 as compared to 6.0 percent in the year 2050. For females, the unemployment rate was 7.1 percent in 2001 and it will be 9.2 percent in 2050.

Youth labour force participation rate was 52.4 percent in 2001 and is projected to be 70.1 percent in 2050. Among the employed youths, 49.5 percent were engaged in agriculture sector, 16.8 percent in industry sector and 33.7 percent in services sector in 2001 whereas 23.1 percent will be engaged in agriculture sector, 28.2 percent in industry sector and 48.7 percent in services sector in 2050. The projection shows that the agriculture sector will decrease from 49.5 percent in 2001 to 23.1 percent in 2050 and the service sector will increase from 33.7 percent in 2001 to 48.7 percent in 2050.

It is found that child labour force participation rate was 2.5 percent and 28.9 percent of age group 5-9 and 10-14 respectively. It is assumed that child labour of age group 5-9 will be eliminated after the year 2015 and age group 10-14 will be eliminated after 2025. It is likely to happen due to improvement in socio-economic conditions of the people, enhancement of school enrolment, etc. The size of youth (15-29 years) labour force is projected to increase to 30.7 million in 2050 (an increase of 66% from 2001).

Table-4.5: Projected labour force and growth rate, 2001-2050

Year	Bangladesh			Urban			Rural		
	Both sex	Male	Female	Both sex	Male	Female	Both sex	Male	Female
Number ("000")									
2001	44857	35283	9574	11734	9374	2360	33123	25909	7214
2005	51696	39550	12146	14324	11103	3221	37371	28447	8924
2010	61278	45695	15584	19004	14309	4695	42274	31385	10889
2015	70950	51835	19115	24917	18305	6612	46033	33530	12504
2020	80082	57384	22697	31759	22789	8970	48322	34596	13727
2025	87967	61920	26046	39138	27486	11652	48829	34434	14395
2030	95038	65645	29393	46806	32229	14577	48232	33416	14816
2035	102119	69198	32921	55046	37190	17856	47072	32008	15064
2040	109050	72587	36464	64039	42384	21655	45011	30203	14809
2045	115354	75593	39761	73424	47628	25796	41930	27965	13965
2050	120261	77672	42589	82391	52458	29933	37869	25213	12656
Growth rate									
2005	3.61	2.90	6.13	5.11	4.32	8.09	3.06	2.36	5.46
2010	3.46	2.93	5.11	5.82	5.20	7.83	2.50	1.99	4.06
2015	3.73	3.20	5.24	7.01	6.35	8.94	2.15	1.67	3.52
2020	2.45	2.06	3.49	4.97	4.48	6.29	0.98	0.63	1.88
2025	2.38	1.92	3.50	5.36	4.80	6.76	0.26	-0.12	1.19
2030	1.56	1.18	2.45	3.64	3.23	4.58	-0.25	-0.60	0.58

Cont. Table-4.5

Year	Bangladesh			Urban			Rural		
	Both sex	Male	Female	Both sex	Male	Female	Both sex	Male	Female
2035	1.81	1.33	2.87	4.14	3.64	5.20	-0.61	-1.07	0.42
2040	1.66	1.20	2.59	3.86	3.32	4.94	-1.11	-1.44	-0.43
2045	1.41	1.02	2.19	3.48	2.96	4.47	-1.76	-1.91	-1.46
2050	1.05	0.68	1.73	2.92	2.44	3.79	-2.51	-2.56	-2.43

Table 4.6: Projected labour force participation rate by age group and sex (2001-2050)

Year	Labour force ("000")			Participation rates (%)		
	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female
2001	44857	35283	9574	56.9	87.8	24.8
2005	51696	39550	12146	58.0	86.7	27.9
2010	61278	45695	15584	59.6	86.7	31.1
2015	70950	51835	19115	61.4	87.6	33.9
2020	80082	57384	22697	63.1	88.4	36.7
2025	87967	61920	26046	64.6	89.0	39.1
2030	95038	65645	29393	65.7	88.9	41.5
2035	102119	69198	32921	66.5	88.3	43.8
2040	109050	72587	36464	67.3	87.8	46.0
2045	115354	75593	39761	68.2	87.6	48.0
2050	120261	77672	42589	68.8	87.0	49.8

Table 7.2: Per capita growth, poverty rate and poor population: 2004-2051 (e = - 0.71)

Year	Per capita growth rate	Percent poor	Poor population (Million)	Rural Poor (Million)	Urban Poor (million)
2004	3.62	45.00	62.00	48.20	13.80
2011	5.96	34.90	52.85	40.00	12.80
2016	6.34	27.80	44.77	32.80	12.00
2021	7.02	22.00	37.76	26.80	11.00
2026	7.22	17.30	31.50	21.50	10.00
2031	7.64	13.50	25.85	16.90	8.90
2036	7.95	10.40	20.78	13.90	6.90
2041	8.29	8.00	16.48	11.50	5.00
2046	8.52	6.10	12.90	9.50	3.40
2051	8.76	4.60	9.97	7.80	2.20

Given the assumptions, Bangladesh may achieve MDG by 2015, and total poor at that time would be around 43 million. Rural poverty and urban poverty decreases consistently. In 2051 total rural poor would be around 7.8 million and urban poor 2.2 million. Rural and urban poor show similar trend of decline. However, the pace of decline is projected to be slightly higher in urban areas compared to rural areas.