

EDITOR'S NOTE

A Journal of Population and Development (JPD) has been awaited for a long time. With the publication of this issue, the JPD starts its journey. We are sure that with the support and encouragement of our well-wishers, contributors and readers, the journal will continue to serve as the hub of academic excellence. This journal will remain a center piece for the researchers, academicians, professionals, policy makers, practitioners and stakeholders interested on multidimensional issues of population and development.

In this issue, a number of important issues and challenges have been covered. Using DHS data of 74 different countries since 1990s, Rabbi and Kabir examine the relationship between contraceptive prevalence rate and total fertility rate by revisiting the empirical model developed by Bongaarts and Potter in 1983. Islam attempts to assess the extent to which women's education affects cumulative fertility and progression to parity-specific fertility. Dealing with another contemporary topic is Uddin's scrutiny of socioeconomic differentials in the use of selected reproductive health services from different sources in Bangladesh. Through a series of multivariate logistic regression analyses, Hasan and his colleagues assess the effects of selected determinants of contraceptive use in rural Bangladesh. Emran and Uddin grapple with the question whether household wealth and educational advancement have impacts on the spouse age difference, and they conclude that husbands' education increase the spouse age difference at large, while wives' education reduce the difference. Mozumder and his colleagues look at different climate change adaptation strategies for the vulnerable coastal people of Bangladesh and propose alternative housing measures.

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