

## Introduction

The Bangladesh Economic Review is published every year by Finance Division. It customarily accompanies other documents relating to budgetary proposals tabled in the Jatio Sangsad for discussion. The Review delineates the overall macroeconomic scenario of the country and the up-to-date progress of the socio-economic sectors many of which Bangladesh can boast of.

2. Bangladesh weathered the adverse effects of COVID-19 pandemic well with prudent macroeconomic management and home-grown strategies spearheaded by the Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Now, the world economy is a bit subdued due to the RussiaUkraine war. However, Bangladesh is coping the impacts well with resilience as well as pragmatic macro-fiscal measures.

3. The volume is organised around three sections with a total of 15 chapters and 62 statistical appendices. First, the Macro Section consists of six chapters that are devoted to macroeconomic policy issues and forecasts both in global and Bangladesh contexts. These chapters along with related data and tables illustrate GDP, savings, investments, commodity prices, wages and employment, inflation, fiscal and monetary policy issues, and financial market. Second, the Sectoral Section, expanded over five chapters, deals with agriculture, industry, SoEs, power and energy, and transport and communications. Third, the Thrust Area Section describes human resource development, poverty alleviation, private sector development, and environment and climate change issues.

4 The tasks of compiling, editing and analysing were professionally carried out by the officials of the Economic Adviser's Wing of Finance Division. I offer my sincerest thanks to them for bringing out the volume on time. I also convey my gratitude to ministries/divisions/agencies for feeding Finance Division with valuable data and information that helped make this publication more comprehensive and informative. Amidst sincere efforts, there may remain some errors. In spite of that I hope this Review will be considered as an important document for numerous readers, researchers, policy makers and students.



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