



Landless Rural Women's Participation in Income Generating Activities (IGAs): The Case of *Char* Dwellers in Selected Areas of Bangladesh

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ABSTRACT This study explores how landless women on isolated islands in rivers obtain their livelihoods. They mostly use Income Generating Activities (IGAs) like livestock rearing and vegetable production. Those not involved in IGAs tend to get involved in odd activities like becoming domestic servants. Their land availability, transport, training, public services, capital are almost non-existent, so they face many problems in carrying on their IGAs. The paper concludes that State support is needed to redistribute available land, provide basic services, including infrastructure and capital/loans, including training, so that these women have a chance for a better life. The study used triangulated qualitative and quantitative methods to analyze data. Regression results showed that IGAs participation is significantly related with age, family size, educational level, family income, agricultural service frequency and mass media use whereas problem confrontation is significantly related with age, farm size training experiences and cosmopolitanism of the rural women.