

Sub-Sector study on Small Metal Works and Light Engineering Industries in Bangladesh

This study report has been prepared for JOBS a project of USAID, Dhaka and IRIS of University of Maryland, USA. The objective of this was to carry out studies and baseline surveys into small metal works and light engineering industries, for the JOBS program, focusing on the following information:

- Clear definition of the firms and actors in each sub-sector
- Mapping of each sub-sectors' operations and its strengths and weaknesses
- Sub-sector level key needs and true firm level interest in project involvement to expand their employment and incomes
- The potential growth in the sub-sector

The study has followed largely the GEMINI sub-sector study technique based on a two-pronged approach. These are focus group discussions (FGD), one to one interactive interview with the movers and shakers of the industry and field survey. Total sample of enterprises was 72 drawn from different areas of the country.