



Restoring Balance: Bangladesh's Rural Energy Realities

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World Bank Publications. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Restoring Balance: Bangladesh's Rural Energy Realities, Mohammad Asaduzzaman, Douglas F. Barnes, Shahidur R. Khandker, World Bank, Rural energy's importance to the Bangladesh economy cannot be underestimated. The problems rural people face in obtaining safe, clean, and reliable energy supplies are not minor inconveniences. People are cooking with biomass fuels including large amounts of leaves and grass that expose them harmful indoor air pollution. They light with kerosene or sometimes candles which give off a dim light that hampers studying and reading in the evening. Finally, rural productivity suffers because of lack of access to modern energy. However, the picture also is not all bleak. This study underscores how improved access to rural energy services can created multiple benefits for rural life - from income and labor productivity to education and women's health. Recommended or enhancement of programs for improved stoves, rural electrification, renewable energy and greater access to commercial liquid fuels can significantly improve both the rural productivity and enhance the quality of life in rural Bangladesh.



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