

# **Lives and Hopes of the People of Former Enclaves of Bangladesh: A Search for Development Interventions**

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## **Abstract**

*The story of enclave people in Bangladesh encompasses their livelihood pattern and a historical phenomenon. The objective of the study was to: analyze the historical perspective of the lives of enclave people; examine their hopes and aspirations about their future and analyze the possible development interventions in the enclave areas. The people of the former enclave were mainly engaged in agriculture, day labour, and petty business. The dwellers of former enclaves faced multiple problems. One of the major problems was no citizenship. Absence of citizenship made the crisis of self-identity amongst them. They were unable to access the basic facilities like education, medical treatment, entertainment, legal support, business etc. The respondents opined that they need development interventions in the areas like modern agriculture, health facilities, access to quality education, employment (both in and out side country), family planning, women development, business opportunities, cottage industry, market access, and skill based training. They also demanded proper communication facilities to nearby schools. Electricity has been provided in the enclave after the dispute was resolved. Formation of village based organizations could play vital role to develop the people of the former enclaves.*