

# Research for International Tobacco Control (RITC)

*Tobacco - a Development Issue*



# RITC's Mission

To create a strong research, knowledge and funding base for the development of effective tobacco control policies that will minimize the threat of tobacco production and consumption to health and human development in **developing countries**.

# RITC: A Unique Program

- ▶ Exclusively focused on supporting research for tobacco control policy
- ▶ Emphasizes Southern-led, multi-disciplinary research
- ▶ Particularly concerned about poor and vulnerable communities
- ▶ Sees tobacco as a development issue not just a health issue:
  - Economic impact at national and household level
  - Globalization
  - Production

# RITC's Priority Research Themes

These reflect RITC's emphasis on **tobacco as a development issue**, and the needs of **vulnerable and marginalized populations**

- ▶ Poverty and Tobacco
- ▶ Tobacco Farming: Health, Social, Environmental and Economic Impacts
- ▶ Health Systems Interventions
- ▶ Globalization, Trade and Tobacco
- ▶ Alternative Forms of Tobacco Use





Tobacco grading and buying, Bangladesh



Farmers' meeting, Kushtia, Bangladesh



Deforestation of the Chittagong Hills



Siltation of the Matamuhri River

# WATERPIPES: NARGHILE, SHISHA, HUBBLE BUBBLE, HOOKAHS

