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 Hillls

Siltation of the Matamuhri River
WATERPIPES: NARGHILE, SHISHA, HUBBLE BUBBLE, HOOKAHS