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Project Title: Twenty-five Years of Sustainable Development in the Village of Honey

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This is a proposal to restudy the village of Modhupur in southwestern Bangladesh, twenty-five years after I began my initial study which became a my Ph.D. dissertation in 1996. Key findings revealed the vulnerability of families headed by young widows among other extremely poor families who were not able to take advantage of most of the sustainable development programs of the Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee owing to their extreme poverty. The purpose of the restudy will be to chart sustainable development chiefly among these families and new widow-headed families, to check for continued disproportional benefit from programs among village factions, to monitor the effects of education upon materially poor families in Modhupur. In terms of new perspectives this restudy proposes to examine prospects for randomized control experiments as advocated by Banerjee and Duflo in and around and about Modhupur by BRAC and even some educated residents of Modhupur. Finally it is also proposed that the growing environmental threats to sustainable development be monitored and analyzed in this village.