Development and Confidence Building: A Case Study of UNDP’s Development Program of CHT Indigenous Peoples

Research Problem:
The CHT Peace Accord is passing its first decade in 2007. It was signed on December 2, 1997 by the Bangladesh Government and Parbottya Chattagram Jana Samhati Samity (PCJSS), on behalf of CHT indigenous peoples. With the signing of the Accord it has ended up a long armed conflict and opened up an opportunity to have self-development to the indigenous peoples of CHT. After the CHT Peace Accord, UNDP in collaboration with Bangladesh Government come up with the programme called “Promotion of Development and Confidence Building in the CHT Programme” in 2003 where it aimed to support para/village community with small projects as they want to use for themselves in order to empower them for self-reliant development. The project duration is 30 months and this year it finished one and half year time. Presently, UNDP has already funded a number village development projects that has been decided by the village development committees. So at this stage, we want to study what the dimensions of the decision making process of the village project activities by the Para/village development committee and how the fund are being used for achieving project objectives and how far it has helped the indigenous peoples to achieve hopes and aspirations in line of the CHT Accord of 1997.

General Objective:
The general objective of this research is to study the UNDP’s Promotion of Development and Confidence Building in the CHT programme in [selected villages] in line of the implementation of the CHT Accord and find out the prospective of CHT indigenous peoples in it.

Specific Objectives:
The specific objectives of this research are:
1. To review the UNDP’s Promotion of Development and Confidence Building in the CHT programme in line of the implementation of the CHT Accord;
2. To study the dimensions of taking decisions on what would be the village project activities of the village development committee and how the fund is being used;
3. To analyze the activities of village development committee with the objectives of the UNDP’s development programme;
4. To analyze the project activities of UNDP with the prospective of CHT Peace Accord;
5. To formulate recommendation for necessary changes in line of the prospective of CHT indigenous peoples;
6. To enrich the research of the decade assessment of the implementation of CHT Accord.