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Designated (Executing) Agency: Planning Division, Ministry of Planning

Implementing Partners: General Economics Division (GED) and United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)

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GoB Contribution through TPP

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In kind (Taka): 7.84 million

Summary of UNDP and Cost-Sharing Inputs

UNDP (TRAC):	US\$	2,501,490
Cost-sharing needed:		2,500,000

TOTAL	US\$	5,001,490
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Brief Description

The Government of Bangladesh recently issued the *National Strategy for Accelerated Poverty Reduction* (NSAPR) and has committed the country to achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The project "Monitoring Poverty Reduction Strategies (PRS) and MDGs" will strengthen the capacity of Government professionals to track and monitor PRS/MDG progress, estimate the costs of achieving PRS/MDG targets, link those costs with the national budget and medium-term budgetary frameworks, and prepare future PRSs. Its institutional home will be the General Economics Division (GED), which serves as the National Poverty Focal Point, and all project activities will be interwoven into GED's regular functions, ensuring sustainability. A dynamically linked, integrated modeling system developed under an earlier UNDP-supported project will be used, updated, and extended. The modeling system simulates and analyzes the social and economic effects of policy measures and economic shocks in a consistent and coherent way within the context of the national economy as a whole. Its use will enable researchers and policy makers to understand trends of the past and to develop and analyze alternative policy scenarios for pro-poor growth and equity into the future. Policy studies, economic forecasts, and analytical MDG/PRS reports will be produced, and the project will ensure that results are validated nationally and internationally. Seminars and workshops will foster public awareness and stakeholder participation in the preparation of localized MDGs and future strategies. By the end of the project, GED is expected to have highly qualified professionals, state-of-the-art planning practices, and close linkages with other government entities and stakeholders.

Agreed by Designated Agency:

Date _____

Agreed by Government:

Date _____

Agreed by UNDP:

Date _____

Country: Bangladesh

- UNDAF Outcome (3):** The most vulnerable groups have improved life conditions, skills, services, and decent job opportunities.
- Expected Outcome (3.1)/Indicator:** Statistical capacities and analytical processes for regular MDG reporting established / Decision support mechanisms in place to plan, monitor, and cost MDGs and PRSP
- Expected Outputs:**
- (1) Progress toward MDGs and BDGs monitored
 - (2) Successive Poverty Reduction Strategies prepared
 - (3) Sources of pro-poor growth identified and pro-poor policy influenced through sector studies & policy analysis (fiscal, monetary, trade, gender budgeting, early warning/shock analysis, economic diplomacy, etc.)
 - (4) Modeling system maintained and strengthened
 - (5) Quality of professional staff of GED and other Government entities involved in data collection, analysis, and utilization in the policy process sustained and developed
 - (6) Stakeholder coordination and linkages established and feedback mechanism for policy formulation, updates and adjustment in place

Programme Details:

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SECTION I: NARRATIVE

PART I. SITUATION ANALYSIS

I.A Country Development Scenario

Bangladesh has achieved a mixed bag of success in its development process. According to UNDP's *Human Development Report (HDR)*, Bangladesh recently graduated from the league of low human development countries to the medium human development category and now holds a human development ranking of 139 among 177 countries. As measured by the head count ratio, poverty declined from 70 to 50 percent between the early 1970s and the year 2000, and remarkable success has been achieved in many social indicators, such as life expectancy, infant mortality, population growth, primary and secondary enrolment, and female education.

Despite these achievements, substantial challenges lie ahead as the country strives to sustain its past successes and move forward on other frontiers, particularly achieving the MDGs. Bangladesh has the third highest concentration of poverty in the world (after China and India). The country entered the new millennium with the same number of people living in poverty (around 63 million) as in 1991-92. Even with a steady decline in fertility, the population of 130 million is expected to increase by another 40 million people over the next 25 years. Child malnutrition remains among the highest in the world, and maternal mortality is among the highest outside Sub-Saharan Africa. Bangladesh is historically a poor saver, with a savings-to-GDP ratio well below that of its South Asian neighbors. The economy is also disaster-prone and vulnerable to external shocks, such as spikes in energy prices and the potential effects of the phase-out of the Multifiber Arrangement (MFA) on trade and employment. The magnitude and nature of the tasks ahead call for greater efforts to mobilize resources and to allocate those resources effectively.

I.B National Planning and Monitoring Capacity

Multifaceted planning and policy processes—recognizing the interdependence of social, economic, political, and institutional variables—are needed to address Bangladesh's development challenges. In October 2005 the Government of Bangladesh issued the country's first PRSP, *Unlocking the Potential: National Strategy for Accelerated Poverty Reduction (NSAPR)*. It now has the tasks of implementing the NSAPR, monitoring progress toward development goals, costing the achievement of goals, linking those costs to the national budget and medium-term budgetary frameworks, and designing subsequent Poverty Reduction Strategies. The current realities of Bangladesh, however, present numerous obstacles to effective planning:

- The existence of a wide range of actors inside and outside the Government who influence policy formulation but who do not use a common, regularly updated, and appropriate analytical framework often leads to inconsistent and counter-productive policy choices.
- Social issues related to sustainable development are addressed separately and often only at the end of the policy formulation process, rather than as integral parts of the process itself; analytical instruments and skills are inadequate to properly integrate the analysis of social dimensions of development into mainstream economic analysis.
- Micro-level program interventions are often inconsistent with macro-level realities, resulting in non-achievement of objectives and program failures; development targets are often

inconsistent with available resources and implementation capacity; and long-term objectives are often inconsistent with short- and medium-term policies.

- Inadequate monitoring and analytical feedback prevent policy adjustments that appropriately reflect implementation realities.

The Government needs to address these concerns over the coming years through a planning process that involves all relevant line ministries and agencies. As the principal agent to engineer and crystallize developmental efforts, the Government must have the capacity to formulate and implement appropriate and effective strategies. The prime institution in this respect is the Planning Commission, which is responsible for streamlining the country's overall development efforts. Within the Planning Commission, the General Economics Division (GED) is responsible for looking after PRS and MDG issues as the National Poverty Focal Point (NPPF). The acceleration of Bangladesh's progress toward poverty reduction and MDG achievement will require strengthening of the Planning Commission's institutional and professional capabilities, and particularly those of GED.

An integrated analytical framework is important for researchers and policy makers to understand trends of the past and to develop and analyze alternative policy scenarios for pro-poor growth and equity into the future. Recognizing this need, *the Government has developed a dynamically linked, integrated modeling system*. Within the context of the national economy as a whole, the system is capable of simulating and analyzing the social and economic implications of policy measures and packages in a consistent and coherent manner. It currently consists of eight interlinked and dynamic modules (e.g., demography, poverty, education).

A UNDP-supported project—Support for Monitoring Sustainable Human Development in Bangladesh (BGD/93/008), known as the “SHD Project”—enabled the development of this system. The Government and UNDP jointly commissioned international evaluations of the system in 1999 and 2004. In the first evaluation, the Millennium Institute (USA) recognized the system's efficiency and recommended its further refinement and its institutionalization within the Planning Commission. The second evaluation also recognized the high quality of the project's work. It suggested a number of actions to be taken up by a successive project and observed that the modeling system and related capacity building could help to frame successive rounds of Poverty Reduction Strategies and to track and monitor PRS and MDG progress in Bangladesh. It identified GED as the best institutional home for such a project.

Sustaining operation of the system and activating effective co-ordination mechanisms at the highest levels of policy formulation are two remaining imperatives. Following the recommendations of the 2004 evaluation, the Government and UNDP have therefore developed a subsequent project—*Support to Monitoring Poverty Reduction Strategies and MDGs*—to apply the immediate and potential utility of the modeling system, and the capacities built around it, to the establishment of the knowledge infrastructure needed to overcome capacity constraints to PRS/MDG monitoring and the preparation of future Poverty Reduction Strategies.

PART II. STRATEGY

II.A Linkage to National Goals and Priorities

The project will contribute to Bangladesh's medium-term progress toward the goals of the NSAPR and toward the objectives that the Government has set forth in collaboration with the United Nations. In so doing, it aims to strengthen the Government's foundation for long-term tracking, monitoring, and achievement of the MDGs, to which Bangladesh is committed, and the goals of future national Poverty Reduction Strategies.

The NSAPR outlines a rigorous monitoring strategy to track progress toward development goals, and it accords GED, as the National Poverty Focal Point (NPPF), a central role in this process:

“The NPPF will have the primary responsibility for developing the detailed strategies for PRS monitoring. Responsibilities will include a) collating official data on PRS monitoring, b) coordinating monitoring efforts within and outside the Government, c) facilitating effective resolution of debates on indicators and methodologies and developing new indicators where necessary, d) undertaking relevant research and studies in collaboration with independent academic/research institutions and civil society groups, and e) facilitating feedback of outcome monitoring into policy-making. To be able to respond to these challenges, suitable capacity building of NPPF will have to be addressed as a matter of priority.” (NSAPR, p. 197)

In addition, the Policy Matrix of the NSAPR allocates responsibilities to GED for several components of the national policy agenda for FY05-07, as shown in the table below.

**Intended Results of the NSAPR, UNDAF, and UNDP Country Programme
To Which the Project Will Contribute**

National Strategy for Accelerated Poverty Reduction (NSAPR): FY05-07 Policy Matrix 1: Macroeconomic Stability and Pro-poor Economic Growth	
Strategic Goal I.A.5	Increase funding for pro-poor growth, including... “The technical capacity and inter-ministerial linkages of the NPPF will be strengthened”
Strategic Goal I.A.6	Enhance analytical capability, including... “Information system and modeling capability to support policy analysis will be developed” “The modeling capacity of the NPPF will be strengthened”
United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) in Bangladesh: 2006-2010	
UNDAF National Priority 3	Education and pro-poor growth
UNDAF Outcome 3	The most vulnerable groups have improved life conditions, skills, services, and decent job opportunities
UNDP Country Programme (CP): 2006-2010	
CP Outcome 3.1	Statistical capacities and analytical processes for regular MDG reporting established
CP Outcome Indicator	Decision support mechanisms in place to plan, monitor, and cost MDGs and PRSP
CP Output 3.1.1	Government of Bangladesh MDG/PRSP monitoring cell established, results published

II.B. PRS/MDG Monitoring and the Preparation of Poverty Reduction Strategies

The integrated modeling system developed under the SHD Project will provide the analytical framework for monitoring PRS and MDG progress and for the preparation of successive PRSs. Using disaggregated data, the system is expected to allow researchers and policy makers to prepare and test alternative strategies for poverty reduction and to prioritize programmes accordingly. Activities to support the monitoring of MDG/PRS progress and the preparation of future Poverty Reduction Strategies include localizing the MDGs (i.e., establishing “Bangladesh Development Goals,” or

BDGs), developing corresponding targets and indicators, costing MDG and BDG achievement, linking those costs with the national budget and medium-term budgetary frameworks, and producing analytical MDG and BDG progress reports as part of GED's regular—and sustainable—functions. (See Outputs 1 and 2 in the Results and Resources Framework below.)

II.C Sector Studies and Policy Analysis

The project will support GED in preparing sector studies and policy analysis in a variety of areas including fiscal policy, monetary policy, trade, early warning systems and shock analysis, and economic diplomacy. Other analyses may address gender budgeting, HIV/AIDS, and other cross-cutting subjects. The studies will aim to identify sources of pro-poor growth and to influence policy development to the benefit of the poor. (See Output 3 in the Results and Resources Framework below.)

II.D Updating, Strengthening, and Expanding the Modeling System

The Project will support GED in regular updating of the modeling system, strengthening the system, and developing and integrating new modules. Monitoring and preparing poverty reduction strategies will require the availability and use of consistent, coherent, and reliable data sets that are disaggregated by gender, region, rural-urban residence, vulnerability, natural resource base, and other socioeconomic characteristics. The project therefore envisions regular updating of the data used in the modeling system to reflect steadily improving data quality. Stronger linkages will be sought between GED and data producers so that data demand is effectively conveyed. The extensions envisioned for the modeling system include an environment module, a health-population-education module, and an employment matrix. Biannual and annual economic reports/forecasts will be produced. (See Output 4 in the Results and Resources Framework in Section-II of this document.)

II.E Capacity Building

Expanded knowledge and skills are of utmost importance to ensure the smooth functioning of the country's development administration. Accordingly, the project will provide training in state-of-the-art techniques of development planning to officers of GED and other Government bodies involved with PRS/MDG monitoring, such as the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), Bangladesh Bank, Economic Relations Division (ERD), and the Finance Division. The training will focus on integrated micro and macro analysis of the social and economic aspects of alternative policy scenarios. The trained officers will use and further develop the modeling system as part of their regular functions. A priority will be placed on gender balance in the selection of participants in all training and higher studies conducted within the project.

To deepen and internalize the Government's monitoring capacity, the project's training component will include opportunities for selected professionals to specialize in relevant fields through higher studies. The selection process for these programs will be rigorous, competitive, and transparent. All training will take place in phases so that it does not jeopardize the day-to-day activities and performance of participating Government bodies. Upon completion of their programs, the trained government officers must be placed in government institutions where their expertise is utilized to the maximum benefit of the nation. (For further information on the training envisioned, see Output 5 of the Results and Resources Table and Annex I of this document.)

The creation of a knowledgeable group of development planners in GED will provide a basic ingredient for the design of comprehensive Poverty Reduction Strategies in Bangladesh and the ability

to influence decision-makers, politicians, and development practitioners with a clearly articulated planning approach that takes poverty eradication as its central objective. The findings regarding appropriate strategies—and the consensus built around them—will be reflected in the objectives, policies, and projects/programs set forth in successive rounds of Poverty Reduction Strategies. The work of these development planners is expected to create a receptive attitude towards the implementation of Poverty Reduction Strategies in Bangladesh in which private and public efforts are tightly interwoven.

II.F Institution Building

Ultimately, the Project aims to establish GED as a self-sustaining National Poverty Focal Point—with highly qualified professionals, state-of-the-art planning practices, and close linkages with other government entities involved with the collection, analysis, and utilization of data in the policy process. In this way, the project envisions gradually reducing the Government's dependence on national and international consultants in vitally important national policy issues. In particular, the Government is expected to gain and demonstrate sustainable capacity to—

- Analyze the social and economic implications of alternative strategies, policies, and development choices
- Make policy choices that are well informed and coherent across macro, sectoral, and project levels.
- Integrate the planning functions of line ministries with those of the Planning Commission.
- Maintain information flows across macro, sector, and project levels.
- Strengthen linkages among data producers inside and outside the Government, ensuring that data demand is conveyed to data producers
- Continuously monitor the status of MDG/PRS progress and fine-tune development plans.

GED is expected to provide strategic inputs in the decision-making process regarding sectoral programs and policies to officials in the sector divisions of the Planning Commission and the planning wings of the line ministries, enabling them to use the information generated through the modeling system in discharging their usual functions. The project will develop and facilitate the use of user interfaces for a wide spectrum of policy and planning practitioners. To ensure an effective flow of information and data, GED will strengthen its collaboration with various data producing and processing institutions, such as the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS). These institutions will benefit from suggestions and advice from the viewpoints of users, which has seldom happened to date in Bangladesh.

II.G Quality Control and Networking

Renowned international experts will undertake two visits to the project each year to validate the project's results and disseminate good practices. They will also develop and present papers with the professionals involved in the project. A National Reference Group will be established to hold three or four meetings each year for similar purposes at the national level. Finally, backstopping arrangements will provide support to professionals involved in the project as needed for the design of extensions to the modeling system. With the completion of higher studies supported by the project, national capacity to extend components of the system is expected to replace the need for such backstopping support. (See Output 6 in the Results and Resources Framework in Section-II of this document).

II.H Communication Strategy, Public Advocacy, and Participation

The project will support a series of stakeholder seminars and workshops to increase public awareness of poverty reduction processes and strategies, to identify challenges to achieving the PRS/MDG targets, and to devise localized MDGs (or BDGs). Results of the analytical and modeling work performed under the project will be presented and discussed in these seminars with a variety of stakeholders, and this process will become part of GED's regular functions for continuation beyond the life of the project. Efforts will be made to involve development agencies, the Budget Analysis Unit of the Parliament Secretariat, independent research organizations, and civil society at large into the functioning of the project through these seminars and workshops and other venues for policy dialogue. The project will publish reports on PRS implementation progress and MDG progress, and all reports and forecasts will be circulated widely among stakeholders.

II.I Exit Strategy

An exit strategy is embedded in the whole design of the project. Building the Government's capacity to prepare Poverty Reduction Strategies and other development plans—and to track and monitor MDG/BDG progress—is the project's central focus. All project activities will be interwoven into GED's regular functions, and the Government is expected to allocate sufficient resources for the independent continuation of these activities beyond the life of the project.

The project will support GED in developing a comprehensive set of macro-models with comprehensive data (disaggregated by gender, socio-economic groups, location, etc.) and in building capacity to maintain, update, and expand the models and databases. Practical experience alongside opportunities for training and higher studies will enable model building and quantitative analysis to become permanent features of the national planning process.

Partnerships across Government entities—and between the Government and the private sector, civil society, academia, and development partners—will be established and encouraged to build their own momentum. As described above, the mechanisms for communicating ideas, knowledge, and data will include workshops, seminars, joint training opportunities, a policy working group, national and international reference groups, user interfaces for use of the modeling system by a variety of policy and planning practitioners, and wide dissemination of the project's published work, including regular MDG and BDG progress reports.

By the end of the project, GED is expected to emerge as a self-sustaining National Poverty Focal Point with highly qualified professionals, state-of-the-art planning practices, and close linkages with other government entities and stakeholders. The project will use external expertise in a targeted fashion, ensuring that the Government gradually reduces dependence on national and international consultants in addressing national policy issues. The creation of a knowledgeable group of development planners in GED will enable the design of successive Poverty Reduction Strategies that reflect both consensus and rigorous analysis. The project is thus expected to have a lasting influence on future policy developments for pro-poor growth and equity.

PART III. MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The Planning Division of the Ministry of Planning will execute the project under the national execution modality (NEX), and General Economic Division (GED) will implement the project, as recommended in the evaluation-cum-formulation mission report. The management arrangements will therefore ensure the pro-active ownership and involvement of policy planners at GED and Planning Division, which are necessary for success of the project. UNOPS will serve as the UN Implementing Partner to implement/administer the international sub-contracting inputs. A Letter of Agreement (LOA) will be signed between the Planning Division, Ministry of Planning (as the Designated Agency of the project) and UNOPS for this purpose. Procurement of equipment/hardware, arrangements of study tours and fellowship will be implemented by UNDP under the Direct Country Office Support (DCOS) modality (Annex IV, and Annex VI) agreed between the Government of Bangladesh and UNDP. The project was initiated through an Advance Authorization signed by the Resident Representative on 23 November 2005 (Annex VII). This document represents both the Advance Authorization period, including the 2005 actual expenditures, and the full project period.

III.A Implementation Capacity

GED is well qualified to implement the project. Since its inception in 1972, the Division has gained extensive experience in receiving, implementing, and managing technical assistance projects offered by various development partners, including UNDP. GED's responsibilities include the preparation and coordination of medium- and long-term development plans, day-to-day monitoring of the economic health of the nation, reviewing and evaluating plans and programs, and advising the Government and ministries on key socio-economic issues. GED naturally has a close relationship with all the line ministries, other departments, and agencies. In addition to preparing the country's first Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP), GED played active role in preparing Bangladesh's first MDG progress report. GED and UNDP have developed a good working relationship. Some skill enhancement training in NEX procedures will be organized for the project personnel and GED counterpart officials by the UNDP-funded NEX Support project (BGD/04/012), executed and implemented by ERD, at the beginning of the project.

III.B Management Structure

The evaluation-cum-formulation mission report identified some management problems in the earlier SHD Project, and GED recognizes that the earlier project's achievements were not integrated and utilized effectively in national planning and decision-making processes. These difficulties resulted largely from the project's sub-optimal location and segregated management structure in a distinct unit.

Considering the highly technical nature of the project and the need to overcome the earlier management difficulties, GED, as the National Poverty Focal Point, will be the institutional home of the new project and will provide overall leadership and guidance. The management structure will consist of a Steering Committee for policy guidance; a Policy Working Group to serve as a conduit between project activities and policy makers; a Tripartite Committee to advise on administrative issues; and a Coordination Committee to facilitate the day-to-day functioning of the project.

The *Steering Committee* will provide overall policy direction for the project. In order to facilitate quick decision-making, membership in the Steering Committee will remain small. Membership will be as follows (with the representatives of the ministries having at least the rank of Joint Secretary/Joint Chief):

- Secretary of the Planning Division (Chair)
- Member, GED (Co-Chair)
- GED professional staff member (Member-Secretary)
- Representative of the Planning Division
- Representative of the Finance Division
- Representative of the Planning Commission (concerned sector)
- Representative of ERD
- Representative of IMED
- Representative of UNDP
- Director General of BIDS
- National Project Director
- Senior Modeling Specialist/Project Coordinator

The key roles and responsibilities of the Steering Committee are the following:

- Review achievements and progress of the project biannually;
- Approve the annual work plan of the project;
- Provide policy guidance to project management and the Coordination Committee;
- Provide guidance needed for establishing effective collaboration between the project and data producing/processing institutions, including the various wings of BBS.

A *Policy Working Group*—established under the earlier SHD Project (BGD/93/008)—proved to be an essential coordination and management mechanism. The new project will therefore continue and strengthen the Policy Working Group. Membership will include, but is not necessarily limited to, the following:

- Member, GED (Chair)
- National Project Director (Member-Secretary)
- Member, Programming Division
- Member, Socio-economic Infrastructure Division
- Member, Agriculture, Water Resources and Rural Institutions Division
- Member, Industry and Energy Division
- Secretary, Finance Division
- Secretary, ERD
- Secretary, IMED
- Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- Secretary, Ministry of Primary and Mass Education
- Secretary Rural Development Division
- Secretary, Internal Resource Division
- Representative from Planning Division
- Representative from UNDP
- Director General of BIDS
- Senior Modeling Specialist and Project Coordinator
- Project Director

The main responsibility of the Policy Working Group will be to review the project's policy analyses/briefs and provide technical inputs to the project's policy analysis process. It will ensure that policy briefs meet Government requirements for the preparation of medium- and long-term plans and official documents. It will provide a technical framework for linking the project's quantitative output with policy development and the preparation of PRS and MDG reports. The Member, GED, will guide the establishment of the framework and collaboration among project outputs, NFPF professionals, and relevant stakeholders, including the National Steering Committee on PRS and MDG Monitoring, line ministries, UNDP, and the Local Consultative Group for finalizing the policy

briefs required for these two reports. Other Members of the Planning Commission will also provide necessary guidance to the project so that the respective sectoral policy issues are properly addressed in policy briefs issued by the project.

For smooth functioning of project activities, a *Coordination Committee* will be established, headed by the National Project Director. Committee members will include a representative of UNDP, the Senior Modeling Specialist/Project Coordinator, and representatives of GED professional staff. The Coordination Committee will meet each month to facilitate the functioning of the project by (a) reviewing project activities and work planning for each month in accordance with the work plan approved by the Steering Committee; (b) examining the status of equipment and needs for equipment replacement/repair/purchase; and (c) assessing the status of logistical arrangements and advising the project accordingly.

III.C Financial Management

Financial management will take place in accordance with the NEX Manual and UNDP rules and procedures. In addition, GED shall submit expenditure statements to the Coordination Committee and have review meetings with the Coordination Committee at least twice each quarter. The principles of the Harmonized Approach to Cash Transfers (HACT) will be adopted as and when finalized.

III.D UNDP Country Office Support to Project Implementation

The UNDP Country Office will provide selective assistance (as per Annex IV) to the project during implementation in accordance with NEX regulations, especially in facilitating arrangement of NEX training through project BGD/04/012, arranging overseas training (study tours, higher studies, etc.), and procurement of equipment. Specific requests for assistance will be communicated to UNDP-Bangladesh through quarterly work plans, where concrete UNDP inputs will be indicated. The project budget will cover expenses related to this support.

III.E National Professional Project Personnel and Other Support Personnel

The Government shall depute/attach to the project ten (10) desk-level officers with strong backgrounds in economics and statistics as national counterpart officers. A priority will be placed on gender balance in the selection of these officers. Desk officers of GED may be considered, among other Government professionals. The national counterpart officers will receive training in advanced techniques of development planning and poverty/socio-economic policy analysis under the project. Their services constitute an addition to the regular personnel resources to be provided by the UNDP funded project. In addition, UNDP will provide other support personnel to assist the National Project Director and his staff. These support personnel will receive remuneration in accordance with the policies and procedures of UNDP-Bangladesh applicable for UNDP funded projects.

PART IV. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

GED shall arrange an inception meeting during the first quarter of project implementation. The National Project Director will submit quarterly progress reports (both physical and financial), in accordance with the approved work plan, to UNDP and UNOPS. Financial Reports shall be submitted to UNDP as per UNDP rules and procedures during the first week of each quarter. Annual audits will be undertaken by the Foreign Assisted Projects Audit Division (FAPAD), and UNDP, with support from the NEX support project (BGD/04/009) of ERD, will arrange for the services of financial

advisory firm(s) as and when necessary/requested. UNDP shall provide reports on annual cost sharing apportionment to concerned donors.

The project will be subject to periodic reviews in accordance with UNDP policies and procedures for monitoring the implementation of projects and programs. A project consultant (Chief Coordinator) will prepare Annual Project Reports (APRs) and Annual Work Plans (AWPs), which will be consolidated at the Coordination Committee level and submitted to GoB and UNDP. Upon request from UNDP, GED on behalf of the designated agency will convene a meeting for the purpose of conducting a Tripartite Program Review (TPR) with participation of major stakeholders to assess the progress and effectiveness of the program against stated objectives and to provide policy guidance. TPR meetings will be held at least once each year. UNDP and project consultants will develop Result-Oriented Monitoring Indicators (ROMI) for use in monitoring project activities.

A mid-term and a final evaluation of the project will take place in accordance with UNDP policies and procedures. The organization, terms of reference, and timing of the evaluations will be determined in consultation between the Government and UNDP. A separate budget line (under the Direct Country Office Support arrangement within the NEX modality) shall reflect the resources needed for the evaluation missions. The Evaluation Teams will each consist of an international consultant as Team Leader, GOB Representative(s) and a national consultant.

PART V. LEGAL CONTEXT

This Project Document shall be the instrument referred to as such in Article I of the Standard Basic Assistance Agreement between the Government of Bangladesh and the United Nations Development Program, signed by the parties on 25 November 1986. The host country-implementing agency shall, for the purpose of the Standard Basic Assistance Agreement, refer to the government cooperating agency described in that Agreement.

The following types of revisions may be made to this Project Document with the signature of the UNDP Resident Representative only, provided he or she is assured that the other signatories of the Project Document have no objections to the proposed changes:

- Revisions in, or addition to, any of the annexes of the Project Document;
- Revisions which do not involve significant changes in the immediate objectives, outputs or activities of the project, but are caused by the rearrangements of inputs agreed to or by cost increases due to inflation; and,
- Mandatory annual revisions, which rephrase the delivery of agreed program inputs or increased expert or other costs due to inflation or take into account agency expenditure flexibility.

This Project Document is, for all purposes related to implementation, considered to be the legal document by which UNDP and GoB will be bound. The Government of Bangladesh may prepare for its own internal planning and approval purposes a matching document such as Technical Project Proforma (TPP). All efforts must be made to ensure that the provisions of the concerned TPP prepared are identical to those in this signed Project Document. However, in the event of any discrepancies (including, but not limited to, discrepancies in terms of financial provisions) between the Project Document and the TPP, the provisions outlined in this signed Project Document shall be upheld.

SECTION II: RESULTS AND RESOURCES FRAMEWORK

Country Programme Outcome: CP Outcome 3.1: “Statistical capacities and analytical processes for regular MDG reporting established”

Outcome Indicator: “Decision support mechanisms in place to plan, monitor, and cost MDGs and PRSP”

MYFF Service Line: Service Line 1.1: “MDG country reporting and poverty monitoring”

Partnership Strategy: UNDP will provide initial funding for the project. GoB and UNDP will seek contributions from other development partners to fill the funding gap. The project will actively engage all GoB entities involved in data collection, analysis, and utilization in the policy process and will foster sustainable linkages among them. The project will also involve civil society organizations, NGOs, independent research organizations, and donors in the professional and analytical activities of the project through policy dialogues, workshops, and seminars/symposiums. The project will share experiences with the UNDP Regional Centre in Colombo and UNDP Country Offices upon request.

Project Title & Number: Support to Monitoring Poverty Reduction Strategies (PRS) and MDGs in Bangladesh, ATLAS Award ID BGD/04/011

Intended Outputs	Output Targets for Five Years	Indicative Activities	Responsible Parties	Inputs
Output 1: Progress toward MDGs and BDGs monitored	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutional Framework for monitoring progress towards MDGs, BDGs and PRS developed (year 1 and 2), consolidated and improved (year 3-5) • Successive PRS Implementation and MDG assessment reports prepared and published (year 1-5) • Set of hierarchical quantifiable and measurable indicators relating of PRS implementation and MDG attainment developed (year 1&2) • MDG/BDG costing done and linked with national budgetary process (year 1-5) • Technical tools (models, guidelines) developed, analytical capacity enhanced and institutionalized (year 1-5) 	1.1 Develop BDGs (localize the MDGs) and corresponding targets 1.2 Develop hierarchical indicators 1.3 Establish localized indicators against MDGs and BDGs 1.4 Cost MDG and BDG achievement and link with national budget and MTEF/ MTMF 1.5 Prepare MDG and BDG progress reports 1.6 Conduct comprehensive diagnostics of poverty and socio-economic situation with disaggregated data	GED, UNOPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International sub-contract (consultancy): 36 work-months • Training and research assistance: 2 x 9 = 18 work-months • Equipment • Operation and maintenance • Reporting and publication
Total cost for Output 1 (in USD)				948,990

Intended Outputs	Output Targets for Five Years	Indicative Activities	Responsible Parties	Inputs
<p>Output 2: Successive Poverty Reduction Strategies prepared</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analytical Frameworks (modeling system, guidelines), technical capacity for poverty and socio-economic policy analysis developed (year 1-4) and further improved, consolidated and institutionalized (year 1-5) Coherent and consistent development accounts along with detailed database and benchmarks established (year 1-5) Social issues integrated into the mainstream economic policy making process (year 1-5) Micro-meso-macro intervention links established (year 1-5) 	<p>2.1 Establish medium-term targets against MDGs and BDGs 2.2 Prioritize interventions and link with budget and MTMF 2.3 Identify coherent meso-macro programs 2.4 Report on alternative outlooks 2.5 Regularly produce a National Human Development Report or similar document 2.6 Produce annual NSAPR Implementation Report</p>	<p>GED, UNOPS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International sub-contract (consultancy): 48 Work-months Equipment O&M Core services
Total cost for Output 2 (in USD)				
<p>Output 3: Sources of pro-poor growth identified and pro-poor policy influenced through sector studies & policy analysis (fiscal, monetary, trade, gender budgeting, early warning/shock analysis, economic diplomacy, etc.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sector policies harmonized and reconciled within a macro-consistent medium to long term development plans (year 2-5) Analytical tools for early warning/shock analysis developed and institutionalized (year 2-5) Trade policies mainstreamed Sources of pro-poor growth identified and analyzed in a dynamic and macro consistent analytical setting (year 2-5) 	<p>3.1 Review of existing sector policies 3.2 Articulate problems to be addressed and design studies/simulation analyses accordingly 3.3 Develop sector modules and integrate with the modeling system 3.4 Prepare reports on results and provide to concerned ministries/agencies 3.5 Develop user interface for use by concerned ministries/agencies 3.6 Develop early warning/shock analysis module 3.7 Quarterly economic updates and forecasting</p>	<p>GED, UNOPS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International sub-contract (consultancy): work-months Training and research assistance: 2 x 9 = 18 work-months Equipment Operation and maintenance Reporting and publication costs
Total cost for Output 3 (in USD)				
670,000				
685,000				

Intended Outputs	Output Targets for Five Years	Indicative Activities	Responsible Parties	Inputs
<p><u>Output 4:</u> Modeling system maintained and strengthened</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New modules for financial sector (financial account and corresponding models), education, health, and population developed (year 2-4) and integrated (year 1-5) • Modeling system including supply and use table updated with latest available data regularly (year 1-5) • Capital-labour coefficient matrices computed and employment situation and potentials analyzed by sectors and by households (year 1-3) • Results disseminated through seminars, reports and meetings (year 1-5) 	<p>4.1 Design and operationalize new modules: (a) financial SAM and corresponding CGE; (b) environment module; (c) basic health, population and education module</p> <p>4.2 Design and perform simulations using new modules</p> <p>4.3 Analyze and report simulation results</p> <p>4.4 Prepare user interface for new modules</p> <p>4.5 Compile an employment matrix in line with previous Input-Output table (I-O 2000)</p> <p>4.6 Compute capital-labor coefficients and update employment matrix</p> <p>4.7 Update I-O 2000 with all its components taking into account periodic checks for structural changes in the economy</p> <p>4.8 Share I-O results with professionals and sector experts</p> <p>4.9 Update, upgrade, and extend the modeling system as needed</p> <p>4.10 Design and perform simulations using revised modeling system</p> <p>4.11 Analyze results and produce biannual and annual economic reports/forecasts</p>	<p>GED, UNOPS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International sub-contract (consultancy): 36 work-months • Training and research assistance: 2 x 9 = 18 work-months • Equipment • O&M • Training and higher studies including PhDs
Total cost for Output 4 (in USD)				554,000

Intended Outputs	Output Targets for Five Years	Indicative Activities	Responsible Parties	Inputs
<p>Output 5: Quality of professional staff of GED and other Government entities involved in data collection, analysis, and utilization in the policy process sustained and developed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High level professional capacities of selected officers developed through higher studies in specific fields - economic analysis, modeling, quantitative economics, trade policy and international economics etc. (year 1-5) • Quality control ensured through frequent interaction with national and international reference groups (year 1-5) • Study tours conducted for international experience for group of core policy staff regarding institutional mechanism of monitoring and evaluation of PRS implementation and MDG tracking (year 1-4) 	<p>5.1 Select candidates for study/training programs through a transparent and competitive process</p> <p>5.2 Support selected officers in pursuing Ph.D. degrees (up to 5), M.S. degrees (up to 10), short courses for diploma (up to 10) in relevant fields in top-ranking graduate programs</p> <p>5.3 Support selected officers in pursuing study tours and/or longer-term professional training on modeling systems and poverty analysis</p> <p>5.4 Ensure interaction between GED, National Reference Group, and international experts</p>	<p>GED, UNDP Dhaka</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International sub-contract (consultancy): 36 work-months • Training and research assistance: 2 x 9 = 18 work-months • Equipment • O&M • Training and higher studies including PhDs <p>1,585,000</p>
<p>Total cost for Output 5 (in USD)</p>				

Intended Outputs	Output Targets for Five Years	Indicative Activities	Responsible Parties	Inputs
<p>Output 6: Stakeholder coordination and linkages established and feedback mechanism for policy formulation, updates and adjustment in place</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff trained systematically on skills required to carry out monitoring of PRS implementation and MDG tracking activities including methodology, forecasting, policy analysis and impact assessment (year 2-5) Core group of policy making staff gains improved skills required to carry out monitoring and evaluation tasks on the basis of development of policy formulation technical tools – modeling system (year 1-5) Policy discussion and dialogue at various levels including private sector, local bodies, NGOs promoted and conducted on a regular basis with both domestic and international participation (year 1-5) Data provided on a timely basis from data producers to users (year 1-5) Efficient, effective, participatory, and transparent policy formulation and target setting that meets domestic requirements and international commitments (year 1-5) 	<p>6.1 Hold linkage meetings (working groups) and workshops on simulation design and operation, analysis and reporting of results, and user interface</p> <p>6.2 Develop curriculum for GoB user group training on dynamic consistent development accounts (1-O and SAM), survey-based poverty analysis, and user interface</p> <p>6.3 Stakeholder workshops and seminars for public awareness raising and a participatory process of localizing the MDGs (formulating BDGs)</p> <p>6.4 Establish National Reference Group and engage international experts for validation of project results and dissemination of good practices</p> <p>6.5 Policy briefs to working groups, working policy group (at least 5 each year)</p>	<p>GED</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International sub-contract (consultancy): 36 work-months Training and research assistance: 2 x 9 = 18 work-months Local consultants 48 work-months Support personnel: 720 work-months Equipment O&M Workshops/meetings In-service training Reporting and publication
<p>Total cost for Output 6 (in USD)</p>		<p>483,500</p>		
<p>Total cost for the Project (in USD)</p>		<p>5,000,000</p>		

SECTION III: WORK PLAN AND BUDGET

United Nations Development Programme, Bangladesh

Year: 2006

Project Number: BGD/04/011

Project Title: Support to Monitoring Poverty Reduction Strategies (PRSs) and MDGs in Bangladesh

Expected Output	Key Activities	Timeframe				Responsible Party	Source of Fund	Budget Description	Budget Line	Amount
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4					
Progress toward MDGs and BDGs monitored	Develop BDGs and corresponding targets					UNOPS	UNDP	72100 Sub-contract: International Consultants	021	135,000.00
	Develop hierarchical indicators					NEX	UNDP	71300 National Consultants	017	33,600.00
	Cost MDG and BDG and link with budget and MTEF/ MTMF					NEX (DCOS)	UNDP	71400 Support personnel	013	14,000.00
	Prepare MDG and BDG progress reports					NEX	UNDP	72400 Non-Expendable Equipment	045	191,500.00
	Diagnosics of poverty and socio-economic situation					NEX	UNDP	72400 Expendable Equipment	045	13,000.00
							74500 Miscellaneous	050		5,000.00
Sub total										392,100.00
Implementation of NSAPR and Successive Poverty Reduction Strategies prepared	Institutional Framework development; targets against MDGs and BDGs			X	X	UNOPS	UNDP	72100 Sub-contract: International Consultants	021	80,000.00
	Prioritize interventions, link with budget and MTMF									0.00
	Identify coherent meso-macro programs									
	Report on alternative outlooks					NEX				
	NSAPR Implementation report, NHD Report or similar document						UNDP	74500 Miscellaneous	050	5,000.00
Sub total										85,000.00

Expected Output	Key Activities	Timeframe				Responsible Party	Source of Fund	Budget Description	Budget Line	Amount
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4					
Sources of pro-poor growth identified and pro-poor policy influenced through sector studies & policy analysis (fiscal, monetary, trade, early warning/shock analysis, economic diplomacy, etc.)	Review and harmonize sector policies,					UNOPS	72100	Sub-contract: International Consultants	021	69,000.00
	Identify issues to be addressed and design studies/simulation analyses,					NEX	74500	Miscellaneous	050	3,000.00
	Develop sector modules and integrate with the modeling system,					NEX	73200	Premises Alteration		30,000.00
	reports on results and disseminate,									0.00
	user interface for ministries/agencies,									0.00
Sub total										102,000.00
Modeling system maintained and strengthened	Design, develop and operationalize new modules,					UNOPS	72100	Sub-contract: International Consultants	021	160,000.00
	simulations using new modules,					NEX	71400	Support personnel	013	13,960.00
	Analyze and report simulation results,					NEX	74500	Miscellaneous	50	4,000.00
	User interface for new modules									0.00
	Compilation of employment matrix,									0.00
	Compute capital-labor coefficients and update employment matrix,									0.00
	Update I-O 2000,									0.00
	Share I-O results									0.00
	Update, upgrade, and extend the modeling system as needed,									0.00
	Analyze results and produce biannual and annual economic reports/forecasts,									0.00
	Sub total									

Expected Output	Key Activities	Timeframe				Responsible Party	Source of Fund	Budget Description	Budget Line	Amount
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4					
Quality of professional staff of GED and other Government entities involved in data collection, analysis, and utilization in the policy process sustained and developed	Higher study/training programs					NEX (DCOS)	UNDP	63400 Individual Fellowships (PhD)	031	120,000.00
	Study tours and/or longer-term professional training on modeling systems and poverty analysis					NEX (DCOS)	UNDP	63400 Individual Fellowships (MS)	031	50,000.00
	Interaction between GED, National Reference Group, and International experts					NEX	UNDP	63400 Study Tours	032	50,000.00
										0.00
										0.00
										0.00
Sub total										220,000.00
Stakeholder coordination and linkages established	Linkage meetings, workshops					NEX	UNDP	72400 Expendable Equipment	045	10,000.00
	Develop curriculum and training on dynamic consistent development accounts (I-O and SAM), survey-based poverty analysis, and user interface					NEX	UNDP	74500 Miscellaneous	050	2000.00
	Stakeholder workshops and seminars for public awareness raising and a participatory process of localizing the MDGs (formulating BDGs)					NEX	UNDP	63400 In-service Training	33	70,900.00
										0.00
										0.00
										0.00
										0.00
Sub total										82,900.00
	Total for 2006									1,059,600.00
	Total UNDP									1,059,600.00
	Total Partner									0.00

United Nations Development Programme, Bangladesh
Year: 2007

Project Number: BGD/04/011

Project Title: Support to Monitoring Poverty Reduction Strategies (PRSs) and MDGs in Bangladesh

Expected Output	Key Activities	Timeframe				Responsible Party	Source of Fund	Budget Description	Budget Line	Budget Amount
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4					
Progress toward MDGs and BDGs monitored	Develop BDGs and corresponding targets					UNOPS	UNDP	72100 Sub-contract: international Consultants	021	217,000.00
	Develop hierarchical indicators					NEX	UNDP	71300 National Consultants	017	28,800.00
	Cost MDG and BDG and link with budget and MTEF/ MTMF					NEX (DCOS)	UNDP	71400 Support personnel	13.01	14,000.00
	Prepare MDG and BDG progress reports					NEX	UNDP	72400 Non-Expendable Equipment	045	0.00
	Diagnostics of poverty and socio-economic situation					NEX	UNDP	72400 Expendable Equipment	045	10,000.00
						NEX	UNDP	74500 Miscellaneous	050	4,000.00
Sub total										273,800.00
Implementation of NSAPR and Successive Poverty Reduction Strategies prepared				X	X	NEX	UNDP	72100 Sub-contract: International Consultants	21.01	100,000.00
	Prioritize interventions, link with budget and MTMF									0.00
	Identify coherent meso-macro programs									
	Report on alternative outlooks									
	NSAPR Implementation report, NHD Report or similar document					NEX	Cost sharing ¹	74500 Miscellaneous	050	5,000.00
Sub total										105, 000.00

¹ The component to be financed through cost-sharing arrangements with other development partners

Expected Output	Key Activities	Timeframe				Responsible Party	Source of Fund	Budget Description	Budget Line	Budget Amount
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4					
Sources of pro-poor growth identified and pro-poor policy influenced through sector studies & policy analysis (fiscal, monetary, trade, early warning/shock analysis, economic diplomacy, etc.)	Shock Analysis and module development					NEX	Partner	72100 Sub-contract: International Consultants	021	203,000.00
	Mainstreaming trade policies and design studies/simulation analyses,					NEX	Partner	74500 Miscellaneous	050	3,000.00
	Develop early warning and forecasting modules and integrate with the modeling system,					NEX	Partner	72400 Expendable Equipment	045	5,000.00
	reports on results and disseminate, user interface for ministries/agencies,									0.00
										0.00
Sub total										211,000.00
Modeling system maintained and strengthened	Design, develop and operationalize new modules, simulations using new modules Financial CGE, Analyze and report simulation results, User interface for new modules, Compilation of employment matrix, Compute capital-labor coefficients and update employment matrix, Update I-O 2000, Share I-O results Update, upgrade, and extend the modeling system as needed, Analyze results and produce biannual and annual economic reports/forecasts,					UNOPS	UNDP	72100 Sub-contract: International Consultants	021	212,000.00
						NEX	UNDP	71400 Support personnel	013	13,960.00
						NEX	UNDP	74500 Miscellaneous	050	5,000.00
										0
										0.00
										0.00
Sub total										230,960.00
Quality of professional staff of GED and other Government entities involved in data collection, analysis, and utilization in the policy process sustained and developed	Higher study/training programs Study tours and/or longer-term professional training on modeling systems and poverty analysis					NEX(DCOS)	UNDP	63400 Individual Fellowships (PhD)	031	100,000.00
						NEX(DCOS)	Cost Sharing	63400 Individual Fellowships (PhD)	031	150,000.00
						NEX	UNDP	63400 Individual Fellowships (MS)	031	50,000.00

United Nations Development Programme
Bangladesh
Year: 2008

Project Number: BGD/04/011

Project Title: Support to Monitoring Poverty Reduction Strategies (PRSS) and MDGs in Bangladesh

Expected Output	Key Activities	Timeframe				Responsible Party	Source of Fund	Budget Description	Budget Line	Amount	
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4						
Progress toward MDGs and BDGs monitored	Develop BDGs and corresponding targets					UNOPS	UNDP	72100	Sub-contract: International Consultants	021	100,000.00
	Develop hierarchical indicators					NEX	UNDP	71300	National Consultants	017	24,000.00
	Cost MDG and BDG and link with budget and MTEF/MTMF					NEX (DCOS)	UNDP	72400	Non-Expendable Equipment	045	10,000.00
	Prepare MDG and BDG progress reports					NEX	UNDP	71400	Admin. Support personnel	013	14,000.00
	Diagnostics of poverty and socio-economic situation					NEX	UNDP	74500	Miscellaneous	050	5,000.00
Sub total											173,000.00
Implementation of NSAPR and Successive Poverty Reduction Strategies prepared	Institutional Framework development; targets against MDGs and BDGs			X	X	UNOPS	Cost Sharing	72100	Sub-contract: International Consultants	021	160,000.00
	Prioritize interventions, link with budget and MTMF					NEX					0.00
	Identify coherent meso-macro programs					NEX	UNDP	74500	Miscellaneous	050	5,000.00
	Report on alternative outlooks					NEX(DCOS)	UNDP	71305	Evaluation	015	25,000.00
	NSAPR implementation report, NHD Report or similar document					NEX					0.00
Sub total											190,000.00

Expected Output	Key Activities	Timeframe				Responsible Party	Source of Fund	Budget Description	Budget Line	Amount	
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4						
Sources of pro-poor growth identified and pro-poor policy influenced through sector studies & policy analysis (fiscal, monetary, trade, early warning/shock analysis, economic diplomacy, etc.)	Review and harmonize sector policies,					UNOPS	Cost Sharing	72100	Sub-contract: International Consultants	021	204,000.00
	Identify issues to be addressed and design studies/simulation analyses,					NEX	UNDP	74500	Miscellaneous	050	2,000.00
	Develop sector modules and integrate with the modeling system,					NEX	Cost Sharing	72100	Sub-Contract Survey	050	20,000.00
	reports on results and disseminate,										0.00
	user interface for ministries/agencies,										0.00
Sub total											226,000.00
Modeling system maintained and strengthened	Design, develop and operationalize new modules,					UNOPS	UNDP	72100	Sub-contract: International Consultants	021	75,000.00
	simulations using new modules,										
	Analyze and report simulation results,					NEX	UNDP	71400	Admin. Support personnel	013	13,960.00
	User interface for new modules										
	Compilation of employment matrix,										
	Compute capital-labor coefficients and update employment matrix,										
	Update I-O 2000,										
	Share I-O results										
	Update, upgrade, and extend the modeling system as needed,										
	Analyze results and produce biannual and annual economic reports/forecasts,										
Sub total											90,960.00
Quality of professional staff of GED and other Government entities involved in data collection, analysis, and utilization in the	Higher study/training programs					NEX (DCOS)	UNDP	63400	Individual Fellowships (PhD)	031.	72,800.00

Expected Output	Key Activities	Timeframe				Responsible Party	Source of Fund	Budget Description	Budget Line	Amount	
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4						
policy process sustained and developed	Study tours and/or longer-term professional training on modeling systems and poverty analysis					NEX (DCOS)	Cost Sharing	63400 Individual Fellowships (PhD)	031	120,000.00	
						NEX	Cost Sharing	63400 Study Tour	032	45,000.00	
						NEX (DCOS)	Cost Sharing	63400 Individual Fellowships (MS)	031	100,000.00	
						NEX (DCOS)	Cost Sharing	74500 Individual Fellowships (Diploma)	031	50,000.00	
	Interaction between GED, National Reference Group, and International experts										
Sub total										387,800.00	
Stakeholder coordination and linkages established	Linkage meetings, workshops Develop curriculum and training on dynamic consistent development accounts (I-O and SAM), survey-based poverty analysis, and user interface Stakeholder workshops and seminars for public awareness raising and a participatory process of localizing the MDGs (formulating BDGs) Establish National Reference Group and engage international experts for validation of project results and dissemination of good practices					NEX	Cost Sharing	72400 Expendable Equipment	045	6,000.00	
						NEX	Cost Sharing	74500 Miscellaneous	050	5,000.00	
						NEX	Cost Sharing	63400 In-service Training	033	124,100.00	
											0.00
											0.00
											0.00
Sub total										135,100.00	
Total for 2008										1,202,860.00	
Total UNDP										379,760.00	
Total Partner										823,100.00	

United Nations Development Programme
Bangladesh
Year: 2009

Project Number: BGD/04/011
Project Title: Support to Monitoring Poverty Reduction Strategies (PRSs) and MDGs in Bangladesh

Expected Output	Key Activities	Timeframe				Responsible Party	Source of Fund	Budget Description	Budget Line	Budget Amount	
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4						
Progress toward MDGs and BDGs monitored	Develop BDGs and corresponding targets	X		X	X	UNOPS	Cost Sharing	72100	Sub-contract: International Consultants	021	67,000.00
	Develop hierarchical indicators					NEX (DCOS)	UNDP	71300	Local Consultants	17.	0.00
	Cost MDG and BDG and link with budget and MTEF/ MTMF					NEX (DCOS)	UNDP	72400	Non-Expendable Equipment	045	61,300.00
	Prepare MDG and BDG progress reports					NEX	UNDP	72400	Expendable Equipment	045.	20,000.00
	Diagnostics of poverty and socio-economic situation					NEX	UNDP	74500	Miscellaneous	050	5,000.00
	Sub total										1,673,000.00
Implementation of NSAPR and Successive Poverty Reduction Strategies prepared	Institutional Framework development; targets against MDGs and BDGs			X	X	UNOPS	Cost Sharing	72100	Sub-contract: International Consultants	021	100,000.00
	Prioritize interventions, link with budget and MTMF					NEX	Cost Sharing	72100	Sub-contract: Premises Alteration	022	40,000.00
	Identify coherent meso-macro programs					NEX					
	Report on alternative outlooks					NEX					
	NSAPR Implementation report, NHD Report or similar document					NEX	UNDP	74500	Miscellaneous	050	5,000.00
	Sub total										0.00
	Sub total										145,000.00
Sources of pro-poor growth identified and pro-poor policy influenced through sector	Review and harmonize sector policies,					UNOPS	Cost Sharing	72100	Sub-contract: International Consultants	021	50,000.00

Expected Output	Key Activities	Timeframe				Responsible Party	Source of Fund	Budget Description	Budget Line	Budget Amount	
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4						
studies & policy analysis (fiscal, monetary, trade, early warning/shock analysis, economic diplomacy, etc.)	Identify issues to be addressed and design studies/simulation analyses,					NEX	UNDP	74500 Miscellaneous	50	3,000.00	
	Develop sector modules and integrate with the modeling system,									0.00	
	reports on results and disseminate,									0.00	
	user interface for ministries/agencies,									0.00	
	Sub total									53,000.00	
	Modeling system maintained and strengthened	Design, develop and operationalize new modules,					UNOPS	Cost Sharing	72100 Sub-contract: International Consultants	21.01	60,000.00
		Simulations using new modules,					NEX	UNDP	71400 Admin.Support personnel	013	13,960.00
		Analyze and report simulation results,					NEX	UNDP	74500 Miscellaneous	50	3,000.00
		User interface for new modules									0.00
		Compilation of employment matrix,									0.00
Compute capital-labor coefficients and update employment matrix,										0.00	
Update I-O 2000,										0.00	
Share I-O results										0.00	
Update, upgrade, and extend the modeling system as needed,										0.00	
Analyze results and produce biannual and annual economic reports/forecasts,										0.00	
Sub total									76,960.00		
Quality of professional staff of GED and other Government entities involved in data collection, analysis, and utilization in the policy process sustained and developed	Higher study/training programs					NEX (DCOS)	UNDP	63400 Individual Fellowships (PhD)	031	57,600.00	
	Study tours and/or longer-term professional training on modeling systems and poverty analysis					NEX (DCOS)	Cost sharing	63400 Study Tour	032	33,000.00	
						NEX	Cost sharing	Individual Fellowships (PhD)	031	70,000.00	

Expected Output	Key Activities	Timeframe				Responsible Party	Budget Description			Budget Line	Amount
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Source of Fund	Budget Description	Budget Line		
	Interaction between GED, National Reference Group, and International experts					NEX (DCOS)	63400	Individual Fellowships (MS)	31	100,000.00	
						NEX(DCOS)	63400	Individual Fellowships (Diploma)	60	50,000.00	
	Interaction between GED, National Reference Group, and International experts					NEX	74500	National Experts (Reference)	60	10,000.00	
	Sub total									310,600.00	
Stakeholder coordination and linkages established	Linkage meetings, workshops					NEX	72400	Expendable Equipment	045	6,000.00	
	Develop curriculum and training on dynamic consistent development accounts (I-O and SAM), survey-based poverty analysis, and user interface					NEX	74500	Miscellaneous	050	3,000.00	
	Stakeholder workshops and seminars for public awareness raising and a participatory process of localizing the MDGs (formulating BDGs)					NEX	63400	In-service Training	033	105,000.00	
	Establish National Reference Group and engage international experts for validation of project results and dissemination of good practices									0.00	
										0.00	
										0.00	
										0.00	
	Sub total									114,000.00	
	Total for 2009									866,860.00	
	Total UNDP									130,560.00	
	Total Partner									736,300.00	

**United Nations Development Programme
Bangladesh
Year: 2010**

**Project Number: BGD/04/011
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Expected Output	Key Activities	Timeframe				Responsible Party	Source of Fund	Budget Description		Budget Line	Amount
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4						
						NEX	UNDP	71400	Support personnel	13	14,000.00
	Cost MDG and BDG and link with budget and MTEF/ MTMF					NEX (DCOS)	UNDP	72400	Non-Expendable Equipment	45	00
	Prepare MDG and BDG progress reports					NEX	UNDP	72400	Expendable Equipment	45	20,000.00
	Diagnostics of poverty and socio-economic situation					NEX	UNDP	74500	Miscellaneous	50	3,000.00
	Sub total										37,000.00
Implementation of NSAPR and Successive Poverty Reduction Strategies prepared	Institutional Framework development; targets against MDGs and BDGs			X	X	UNOPS	Cost Sharing	72100	Sub-contract: International Consultants	21	56,000.00
	Prioritize interventions, link with budget and MTMF										
	Identify coherent meso-macro programs										
	Report on alternative outlooks										
	NSAPR Implementation report, NHD Report or similar document					NEX	UNDP	74500	Miscellaneous	50	4,000.00
	Sub total										60,000.00
Sources of pro-poor growth identified and pro-poor policy influenced through sector studies & policy analysis (fiscal, monetary, trade, early warning/shock analysis, economic diplomacy, etc.)	Review and harmonize sector policies,					UNOPS	Cost Sharing	72100	Sub-contract: International Consultants	21	50,000.00
	Identify issues to be addressed and design studies/simulation analyses,					NEX	UNDP	74500	Miscellaneous	50	3,000.00
	Develop sector modules and integrate with the										0.00

Expected Output	Key Activities	Timeframe				Responsible Party	Source of Fund	Budget Description	Budget Line	Amount
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4					
	modeling system, reports on results and disseminate, user interface for ministries/agencies,								0.00	
									0.00	
									0.00	
Sub total									53,000.00	
Modeling system maintained and strengthened	Design, develop and operationalize new modules,				UNOPS	Cost Sharing	72100 Sub-contract: International Consultants	021	42,000.00	
	Simulations using new modules, Analyze and report simulation results, User interface for new modules				NEX	UNDP	71400 Support personnel	13	13,960.00	
	Compilation of employment matrix, Compute capital-labor coefficients and update employment matrix, Update I-O 2000, Share I-O results				NEX	UNDP	74500 Miscellaneous	50	4,000.00	
	Update, upgrade, and extend the modeling system as needed, Analyze results and produce biannual and annual economic reports/forecasts,								0.00	
									0.00	
									0.00	
									0.00	
									0.00	
									0.00	
									0.00	
									0.00	
Sub total									59,960.00	
Quality of professional staff of GED and other Government entities involved in data collection, analysis, and utilization in the policy process sustained and developed	Higher study/training programs				NEX (DCOS)	Cost Sharing	63400 Individual Fellowships (PhD)	31	59,600.00	
	Study tours and/or longer-term professional training on modeling systems and poverty analysis				NEX (DCOS)	Cost Sharing	63400 Study Tour	32.	33,000.00	

SECTION IV: COST SHARING ARRANGEMENTS

A total budget of US\$ 5 million is envisioned for the project. UNDP commits an initial contribution of US\$ 2.5 million from its own funds (TRAC). The balance is considered "cost-sharing contributions from other development partners." UNDP and the Government (ERD and GED) expect to mobilize resources from other donors interested in PRS/MDG monitoring, tracking, and reporting. In the event that the project faces a continuing funding gap, UNDP will review the situation and consider further contributions depending on resource availability.

ANNEX I

Arrangements for Higher Training/Studies

An important component of the project is capacity building of the professional staff of GED in particular and the Government in general. This will be pursued through training for Ph.D. degrees, training for M.S. degrees, study tours, one-year professional trainings, and/or short diploma courses in relevant areas.

The Ph.D. program will be highly selective. The project will consider only those candidates who are accepted to top-ranking graduate programs. Successful candidates will have strong backgrounds in economics and research in related fields. Adequate orientation and training in quantitative exercises and socio-economic modeling—including demonstrated proficiency in using modeling systems such as the system developed in the earlier project—shall be a prerequisite. As quality and grading systems vary significantly across universities, the grade/class obtained in previous degrees is, in many cases, an inadequate indicator for the potential or promise of individuals. As required for application to top-ranking graduate programs, candidates must take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and a standard language proficiency test (e.g., the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS)). The results of these tests are considered proxies for applicants' competence for rigorous Ph.D. programs. Following the norms of reputed graduate programs, the project will require candidates to achieve at least the following scores:

Minimum Test Scores required for PhD program

Tests	Verbal + Quantitative	Analytical Writing
GRE	1150	3.5
TOEFL or	250 (Computer-based)	
IELTS	7.0	

The project will give preference to candidates who are awarded financial assistance (e.g., graduate teaching or research assistantships providing partial or full tuition waivers and/or stipends).

For masters' degrees, the project will again consider only those candidates who are accepted to top-ranking masters' degree programs. Successful candidates will be promising government officers with strong backgrounds in economics and related areas. Preference will be given to those with working knowledge of economic modelling. Candidates for the masters' program will be required to have combined verbal and quantitative GRE scores of 1100.

Minimum Test Scores required for MS program

Tests	Verbal + Quantitative	Analytical Writing
GRE	1100	3.5
TOEFL or	225 (Computer-based)	
IELTS	6.5	

Trainees for study tours and/or one-year programs of professional training on economic modelling and quantitative analysis will be selected from government officers who perform well in users' group training sessions.

The Ph.D. program will be concentrated in econometrics and/or international economics with an emphasis on modeling and forecasting. The broad areas in which the project will support the pursuit of M.S. degrees and short diploma courses include microeconomics, macroeconomics, international economics and trade, fiscal policy, monetary policy, environmental economics/green accounting, econometrics, and demography. Some of the programs will address economic diplomacy

and negotiation skills—these areas may not have direct relevance to modeling or economic analysis, but they are critical for Bangladesh’s success in negotiating agreements and contracts relevant to the national economy.

A seven-member Selection Committee headed by the Secretary, Planning Division, will be responsible for selecting the candidates for higher studies based on the criteria described above. The other committee members will be the Member, General Economics Division, the Project Director (Member Secretary), representative of ERD, representative of UNDP, the Senior Policy Advisor and the Senior Modeling Specialist and Chief-coordinator.

The Ph.D. and M.S. degree program will be implemented by UNDP under the DCOS modality; the other training programs will be nationally executed (NEX modality).

Upon completion of their programs, the trained government officers must be placed in government institutions where their expertise is utilized to the maximum benefit of the nation.

Costs for PhD programs will be determined by the actual situation of particular universities and their locations. The following is sample cost structure:

Ph.D. Program (per person)	Annual Cost (US\$)	# of Years	Total Cost (US\$)
Tuition	18,000	4	72,000
Living Expenses	24,000	4	96,000
Other lump sum (air tickets and allowances for books, clothing, etc.)	1,250	4	5,000
Total per person (excluding family allowances/insurance)	43,250		173,000
Allowances for spouse and Children as permissible by UNDP rule and practices			
Insurance coverage will also be provided by UNDP			

Costs for the M.S. and Diploma programs will be similar but for shorter periods. M.S. and Diploma participants, however, will be discouraged from taking their spouses and children and will receive no allowances for them.

Annex II

Terms of Reference for International and National Consultants

The international and national consultants will form a team to analyze the poverty situation, undertake sectoral studies, frame an institutional strategy for PRS/MDG implementation, monitoring, and tracking, and develop new modules to be integrated with the existing modeling system. They will also train Government professionals so that quantitative analysis of the socio-economic situation and model building/updating become continuous and integral functions of the General Economics Division (GED) of the Planning Commission. This will ensure that GED will deliver quality outputs as a modern decision support institution of the Government for socioeconomic policy planning (particularly in preparing Poverty Reduction Strategies and PRS/MDG monitoring and tracking).

1. SENIOR MODELING SPECIALIST AND CHIEF COORDINATOR (SMSCC)

The International Senior Modeling Specialist and Chief Coordinator (SMSCC) will be located in GED. S/he will provide overall technical advice and oversight support under the direct supervision of the National Project Director (NPD) and/or the Deputy Project Director (DPD) and UNDP management. The principal responsibility of the SMSCC will be to undertake socioeconomic policy analysis and modeling to help identify alternative policy options and growth paths. S/he will also be responsible for overall coordination of the advisory services and technical assistance part of the project in consultation with the Chief Technical Supervisor (CTS) and the Coordination Committee. Assisting the CTS in designing and developing an integrated analytical framework will be another major responsibility of SMSCC. The SMSCC will also contribute to the development of a flow-of-funds Social Accounting Matrix (SAM) and Financial Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) model and provide related training.

Specific Responsibilities:

1. Coordinate advisory services and technical assistance, including the tasks of national and international experts/consultants.
2. Assist GoB and UNDP to select institutions to provide higher studies, and assist the project authority in monitoring the progress of participants in project-supported higher studies.
3. Oversee the technical work of GED professionals involved in the project and oversee the users' group training program, linkage meetings, and institutional networking.
4. Ensure maintenance and updating of the modeling system with the assistance of the CTS and other project staff/consultants and the development of modules for MDG costing, financing, and budgeting.
5. Coordinate the model development and extension tasks such as those related to the flow-of-funds matrix, the environmental SAM, etc.
6. Coordinate the reporting and publication of papers, policy briefs, and newsletters.
7. Liaise with the international and national reference groups and assist GED professionals and consultants to establish close working relations.
8. Assist in the arrangement of workshops and seminars involving international and national experts, project consultants, and GED professionals.
9. Prepare Annual Progress Reports of the project.
10. Assist GoB and UNDP in the preparation of work plans for consultants, experts, and participating GED professionals.
11. Develop Bangladesh Development Goals (BDGs) in line with the MDGs.

12. Undertake other activities as required by the NPD and/or project management.

Qualifications:

1. Ph.D. in quantitative economics from a highly reputable university. Preference will be given to those with extensive research experience on CGE modeling.
2. Knowledge of techniques of simulation design, estimation, analysis, and reporting.
3. Competency with CGE modeling in regard to fiscal policy, trade, income distribution, environment, etc. under perfect competition, imperfect competition, constant returns to scale, increasing returns to scale, etc.
4. Knowledge of the construction of SAM depicting socioeconomic relationships among sectors, factors, institutions, household groups, and financial agents.
5. Familiarity with the techniques of time-series estimation, multivariate regression analysis, and cross-section regression analysis.
6. Thorough familiarity with the VENSIM environment.
7. Proficiency in economic analysis using SAM and Input-Output Tables.
8. Competency with the analysis of survey data using the Statistical Package for Social Scientists (SPSS).
9. Competency with General Algebraic Modeling System (GAMS) software.
10. Familiarity with other related software (e.g., EVIEWS, LIMDEP, Microsoft Office/XP).

Duration: 48 person-months

2. SENIOR ECONOMIST

The International Senior Economist will be located in GED. The principal responsibility of the Senior Economist will be to conceptualize and develop an analytical framework for PRS formulation/monitoring and MDG monitoring in collaboration with the Chief Technical Supervisor. S/he will identify key sectoral policy choices facing the Government, which will be fed in the modeling system to generate alternative outcomes. S/he will particularly assist the team in mainstreaming fiscal policy issues in the modeling system. Other areas of responsibility will include interpretation of model-generated results and guiding the team through the institutional process to meet the requirements of preparing and monitoring of PRS and MDGs. The Senior Economist will also support the design and construction of the Medium-Term Macroeconomic and Expenditure Frameworks (MTM&EF) module.

Specific Responsibilities:

1. Design and construct the MTM&EF module in collaboration with the Senior Macroeconomist and Government colleagues.
2. Conceptualize and develop an analytical framework for PRS formulation/monitoring and MDG monitoring.
3. Identify sectoral policy choices to be fed into the modeling system.
4. Undertake studies to identify linkages between policy intervention and results in terms of poverty, equity, and the overall policy framework.
5. Provide on-the-job training to GoB officers.
6. Help develop BDGs and a hierarchical set of indicators for PRS and MDGs monitoring.
7. Assist in designing and preparing a quarterly economic forecast/update and an annual development outlook/GoB version of Human Development Report.
8. Undertake other activities as required by the NPD and/or project management.

Qualifications:

1. Ph.D. in Economics from a highly reputable university;
2. Twenty (20) years of professional experience in advising governments in developing countries;
3. Working experience in government(s) or multilateral organization(s);
4. Working knowledge of computation software packages;
5. Knowledge of spatial and cross-cutting issues related to Bangladesh;
6. Experience in the formulation of Poverty Reduction Strategies preferred.

Duration: 24 person-months spread over the project period

3. SENIOR MACROECONOMIST

The International Senior Macroeconomist will be located in GED and will reside in Bangladesh. The principal responsibility of the Senior Macroeconomist will be to contribute to the development of a consistent macroeconomic framework for analyzing the short-, medium-, and long-term impacts of alternative monetary, fiscal, and trade policies on the economy. Other major areas of responsibility include the interpretation of model-generated results and guiding the modeling and analytical activities of GED to meet the requirements of PRS/MDG monitoring and the preparation of future PRSs.

Specific Responsibilities:

1. Develop a macroeconomic model to reconcile monetary, fiscal, and trade policy issues with the overall macro policy frame;
2. Design and construct the module for the Medium Term Macro Economic and Expenditure Framework in collaboration with the Senior Economist and Government colleagues;
3. Assist in developing and integrating the flow-of-funds module;
4. Undertake studies to identify linkages between policy intervention and results in terms of poverty reduction and equity;
5. Provide on-the-job training to GoB officers;
6. Support the development of hierarchical indicators for PRS and MDG monitoring;
7. Assist in designing and preparing a quarterly economic forecast/update and an annual development outlook (a GoB version of the National Human Development Report or similar document);
8. Incorporate issues relating to PRS and MDGs into the project;
9. Undertake other activities as required by the NPD and/or project management.

Qualifications:

1. Extensive academic and working experience with macroeconomics;
2. Ph.D. in Economics from a highly reputable university;
3. Twenty (20) years of professional experience in advising governments in developing countries;
4. Working knowledge of computation software (E-Views, Vensim, GAMS, etc.)
5. At least five publications in leading economic journals;
6. Experience constructing macroeconomic models for a developing country;
7. Experience in PRS formulation and monitoring in a developing country (preferred);
8. Teaching/training experience.

Duration: 24 person-months spread over the project period

4. CHIEF TECHNICAL SUPERVISOR (CTS)

The International Chief Technical Supervisor (CTS) will be located in GED. Under the overall guidance of the National Project Director and in collaboration with the Senior Modeling Specialist/Chief Coordinator, the CTS will be responsible for the overall design of the models to be developed and their integration into the SHD System developed in the earlier phase of the project. The CTS will also have responsibility for streamlining the capacity building process to ensure a flow of quality inputs into the Government's decision-making circuit on a sustainable basis. Since the CTS will not be resident in Bangladesh during the entire project period, s/he will need to work closely with the Coordination Committee in the delivery of his/her services.

Specific Responsibilities:

1. Oversee and guide the activities of the other international consultants;
2. Design and review the capacity building process;
3. Support the preparation and review of annual work plans;
4. Ensure the modeling system is designed to provide inputs for the preparation of PRSs and for PRS/MDG monitoring;
5. Design the user interface for the modeling system;
6. Develop a hierarchical indicator structure for PRS/MDG monitoring in consultation with other consultants;
7. Assist in the production of the quarterly economic forecasts/updates;
8. Undertake other activities as required by the NPD and/or project management.

Qualifications:

1. Ph.D. in Economics from a highly reputable university;
2. At least fifteen (15) years of professional experience in economic modeling and analysis;
3. Substantial experience working in the government policy making circuit in developing countries;
4. Competency with modeling software (Vensim, GAMS, etc.);
5. Excellent communication and reporting skills

Duration: 24 person-months spread over the project period

5. SENIOR MODELING SPECIALIST (SMS)

The International Senior Modeling Specialist (SMS) will be located in GED and will reside in Bangladesh. This will be a very senior position. The principal responsibility of the SMS will be to undertake economic policy analysis leading to policy recommendations. The SMS will assist the CTS in designing and developing an integrated analytical framework and will have responsibility for developing a flow-of-funds matrix and financial CGE. S/he will also provide training to Government officers and work in close cooperation with other consultants in the project.

Specific Responsibilities:

1. Design and construct the flow-of-funds module and integrate it with the modeling system;
2. Guide and supervise the overall modeling and analytical activities of the project;
3. Undertake studies to identify linkages between policy intervention and results in terms of poverty reduction and equity;

4. Provide on-the-job training to GoB officers;
5. Support the development of hierarchical indicators for PRS and MDG monitoring;
6. Undertake studies using the modeling system to reconcile trade policy issues within the overall macroeconomic policy framework;
7. Support the production of the quarterly economic forecasts/updates and the annual development outlook (GoB version of the National Human Development Report or similar document);
8. Undertake other activities as required by the NPD /or project management;

Qualifications:

1. The SMS will be a leading internationally reputed economist with extensive experience in economic modeling, including SAM-based CGE modeling;
2. Ph.D. in Economics from a highly reputable university;
3. Twenty (20) years of professional experience in advising governments in developing countries;
4. Competency with modeling software (Vensim, GAMS, etc.)
5. At least ten publications in a relevant field in internationally reputed journals;
6. Teaching/training experience.

Duration: 12 person-months spread over the project period

6. ECONOMIST (ECONOMETRICS AND TRADE)

The International Economist (Econometrics and Trade) will be located in GED and will reside in Bangladesh. Estimation of parameters used in the modeling system and updating the socioeconomic database will be the principal responsibilities of the Economist. S/he will engage in other activities related to data and econometric estimation and will provide training on related methodologies to selected Government officers. S/he will also be responsible for mainstreaming trade policy issues in the modeling system.

Specific Responsibilities:

1. Undertake and advise on the updating of the socioeconomic database;
2. Undertake and advise on the estimation and testing of model parameters to meet present and future resource-allocation needs for planning and programming;
3. Undertake and support environmental impact assessment and related activities;
4. Undertake and advise on the development of Bangladesh Development Goals (BDGs) and a generic and hierarchical indicator system to be used for PRS/MDG monitoring;
5. Train selected GoB officers in relevant fields;
6. Assist and advise on the design and implementation of modeling mechanisms, such as the flow-of-funds module;
7. Undertake studies on the impact of external shocks using the modeling system;
8. Support the mainstreaming of trade policy issues into greater macroeconomic policy process;
9. Lead the trade-related aspects of the project's sectoral studies, particularly those related to trade negotiations and globalization;
10. Undertake other activities as required by the NPD and/or project management.

Qualifications:

1. The Economist will be a reputed economist with extensive experience in econometric analysis and international economics;
2. Ph.D. degree in econometrics or economics with an emphasis on econometrics from a reputable university;
3. At least 10 years of experience in econometric modeling, data management, and applications;
4. Experience advising international agencies;
5. Competence with econometric software (STATA, LIMDEP, E-VIEWS, MICRO FIT, etc.)

Duration: 24 person-months spread over the project period

7. POVERTY ANALYSIS & MONITORING SPECIALIST (PAMS)

The International Poverty Analysis and Monitoring Specialist (PAMS) will be located in GED and will reside in Bangladesh. The principal responsibility of the PAMS will be to advise and assist other international consultants on the theoretical and operational aspects of poverty measurement. The PAMS will prepare templates of poverty estimates by different measures using data from household income and expenditure surveys, labor force surveys, poverty monitoring surveys, etc. The PAMS will engage in other activities related to data and econometric estimation and will provide training on related methodologies to selected Government officers.

Specific Responsibilities:

1. Assist and advise on theoretical and operational aspects of poverty measurement;
2. Assist and advise in the development and updating of a poverty database;
3. Assist in the development of pro-poor growth indices for Bangladesh;
4. Prepare a template for estimating the growth elasticity of poverty reduction using household expenditure survey data for rural/urban household groups and the various classifications of household groups used in the SHD System;
5. Assist and advise on the development and testing of poverty measures using data on Bangladesh;
6. Assist and advise on the development of Bangladesh Development Goals (BDGs) and a generic and hierarchical indicator system for poverty-related PRS/MDG monitoring;
7. Train selected GoB officers in related fields;
8. Undertake other activities as required by the NPD and/or project management.

Qualifications:

1. The PAMS will be a leading and internationally renowned economist with extensive experience in poverty monitoring;
2. Ph.D. in Economics;
3. Experience in econometric modeling, data management, and applications;
4. Competence with econometric software (STATA, LIMDEP, E-VIEWS, MICRO FIT, etc.)

Duration: 24 person-months over the project period

8. SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR (SPA)

The Senior Policy Advisor (SPA) will be a national consultant located in GED and resident in Bangladesh. The principal responsibility of the SPA will be to assist and advise the Project Director and team in project implementation, coordinating with data producing agencies, and interacting with various stakeholders.

Specific Responsibilities:

1. Design and develop an institutional framework for monitoring PRS implementation and PRS/MDG/BDG progress;
2. Assist and advise the Project Director in overall project implementation;
3. Coordinate with data producing agencies;
4. Hold linkage meetings with stakeholders;
5. Coordinate and hold policy briefing sessions;
6. Regularly review project implementation status and support the NPD in ensuring timely implementation;
7. Undertake other activities as required by the NPD and/or project management.

Qualifications:

1. Former civil servant with extensive experience in development administration, planning, and project implementation;
2. Exemplary academic and professional record;
3. Detailed knowledge of the functioning of the Government;
4. Excellent oral and written communication skills.

Duration: 36 person-months over the project period

9. COMMUNICATIONS EXPERT

The Communications Expert will be a national consultant.

Specific Responsibilities:

1. Organize national and international workshops, seminars, and meetings;
2. Liaise with national and international reference groups;
3. Liaise with development partners;
4. Supervise the publication of reports, papers, and other project outputs;
5. Arrange participatory consultations with stakeholders;
6. Widely disseminate project outputs;
7. Undertake other communication-related tasks as may required.

Qualifications:

1. Master's degree in communication/journalism;
2. Experience in mass communication;
3. Experience in government and/or multilateral organizations (preferred).

Duration: 12 person-months over the project period.

Annex III

Details on Project Inputs

1.1 Non-Expendable Equipment

ITEMS	QUANTITY
1. Personal Computers	20
2. Laptop Computers	5
3. AIR-Conditioners	
<i>a. Split</i>	10
<i>b. Window</i>	4
4. Printer	6
5. Projector	2
6. Scanner	1
7. Lamination/Spiral Binding	2
8. WorkStation/other furniture	25
9. Photocopier	3
10. IPS + stabilizer	25
11. Microbus	2
12. Car	2
13. Telephone +PABX System	
14. Digital Camera	1
15. Water Filter	4
16. Refrigerator	1
17. Fax	2
18. Networking (LAN)	
19. Vacuum Cleaner	2
Total	

1.2a International Sub-contract :International Consultants

	Areas of Activities	No. of Consultants	Work-month
1	Senior Modeling Specialist & Chief Coordinator	01	48
2	Senior Economist	01	24
3	Senior Macroeconomist	01	24
4	Chief Technical Supervisor (CTS)	01	24
5	Senior Modeling Specialist (short-term)	01	12
6	Economist (Econometrics, International economics)	01	24
7	Poverty Analyst & Monitoring Specialist	01	24
8	Technical and Research Assistant (T&RA)	03	54
	Total:		234

1.2b National Professionals : Local Consultants

LOCAL CONSULTANTS	No. of Consultants	Work-Months
1. Senior Policy Advisor (SPA)	01	36
2. Communication Specialist	01	12
Total	02	48

1.2c Break up of Administrative Support Personnel full time (UNDP)

Project Personnel Others (UNDP)	Work-Months	No. Of Personnel
Administrative Assistant cum accountant	60	01
Office Secretary	180	03
Driver	240	04
Support Staff	240	04
Total	720	12

1.3a Break up of Miscellaneous Items (Core Services -Survey, References, and Seminars/Workshops etc.)

Item no.	ITEMS
01.	Library
04.	Survey
05.	Monitoring and Evaluation
06.	Publication
09.	International Reference Group
10.	National Reference Group
11.	Workshops, Seminars, Meetings
	Total

1.3b Break up of Expendable Equipment (Operation and Maintenance)

Item no.	ITEMS
01.	Equipment Maintenance
02.	Software
03.	Stationery
04.	Fuel
05.	Renovation and Office Decoration
06.	Furniture, File Cabinet, Almirah, Iron selves, etc.
07.	Sundry
08.	Fan, Light, Small Electronics etc.
09.	Crockery
	Total

1.4 Break up of Training

SPECIFICATION	INSTITUTIONS	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS	DURATION
Local Training			
1. User-Group	Line Ministries/divisions, Departments, BB	100	3 weeks per batch
Foreign Training/Higher Studies			
1 PhD Program	Reputed Western Universities	04	Four years
2. Masters Program	Reputed Western Universities	10	One/two year
3. Study Tour	Planning Division, Planning Commission, IMED, ERD,BBS & GED	28 in Four Groups	Two to three weeks
4. Short Courses/Diploma		10	Not more than Six months
Total			

Annex IV

Direct Country Office Support (DCOS) Modality

UNDP will procure on behalf of the project the following goods and services using Direct Country Office Support (DCOS) Modality:

<u>ATLAS Code</u>	<u>Budget lines</u>		<u>Description</u>
63400	031.01	NEX (DCOS)	Fellowships (PhD)
63400	031.02	NEX (DCOS)	Fellowships (MS)
63400	031.03	NEX (DCOS)	Fellowships (Diploma)
63400	032.01	NEX (DCOS)	Study Tours: PRS and MDG M&E
63400	032.02	NEX (DCOS)	Study Tours: Institutionalization
71200	016.01	NEX (DCOS)	Mid-term Evaluation Mission
72200	045.02	NEX (DCOS)	Personal Computers
72200	045.03	NEX (DCOS)	Laptop Computers
72200	045.04	NEX (DCOS)	Air-Conditioners
72200	045.05	NEX (DCOS)	Printer
72200	045.06	NEX (DCOS)	Projector
72200	045.07	NEX (DCOS)	Scanner
72200	045.08	NEX (DCOS)	Lamination/Spiral Binder
72200	045.09	NEX (DCOS)	Work Station and Networking
72200	045.10	NEX (DCOS)	Photocopier
72200	045.11	NEX (DCOS)	IPS + Stabilizer
72200	045.12	NEX (DCOS)	Microbus (02)
72200	045.13	NEX (DCOS)	Car (02)
72200	045.14	NEX (DCOS)	Telephone + PABX System
72200	045.15	NEX (DCOS)	Digital Camera
72200	045.16	NEX (DCOS)	Water Filter
72200	045.17	NEX (DCOS)	Vacuum Cleaner
72200	045.18	NEX (DCOS)	Equipment Maintenance
72200	045.19	NEX (DCOS)	Software
72200	045.20	NEX (DCOS)	Furniture, file Cabinet, Almirah, Iron Selves, etc.
72200	045.21	NEX (DCOS)	Fan, Light, Small Electronics, etc.
72200	045.22	NEX (DCOS)	Fuel and Lubricants

Main Source of Funds: 01 - UNDP-IPF / TRAC - (Trac 1.1.1 & 1
Executing Agency: NEX - National Execution

ATLAS Code	Code	Description	Implem. Agency	W/M	Total Amount	2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		2010	
						Amount	UNDP	Amount	UNDP	Amount	UNDP	Amount	UNDP	Amount	UNDP	Amount	UNDP
PERSONNEL																	
010	013	Administrative Support															
71400	013.01	Administrative Assistants cum Asstt (01)	NEX	60	23,400	0	4680	0	4680	0	4680	0	4680	0	4680	0	4680
71400	013.02	Secretaries (03)	NEX	180	54,000	0	10800	0	10800	0	10800	0	10800	0	10800	0	10800
71400	013.03	Drivers (04)	NEX	240	36,000	0	7200	0	7200	0	7200	0	7200	0	7200	0	7200
71400	013.04	Support Staff (04)	NEX	240	26,400	0	5280	0	5280	0	5280	0	5280	0	5280	0	5280
013.99		Line Total		720	139,800	0	27960	0	27960	0	27960	0	27960	0	27960	0	27960
016		Mission Costs															
71200	016.01	Mid-term Evaluation Mission	NEX (DCOS)		25,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	25000	0	0	0	0	0
016.99		Line Total			25,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	25000	0	0	0	0	0
017		National Consultants															
71300	017.01	Senior Policy Advisor (01)	NEX	36	72,000	0	24000	0	24000	0	24000	0	24000	0	24000	0	24000
71300	017.02	Communication Specialist	NEX	12	14,400	0	4800	0	4800	0	4800	0	4800	0	4800	0	4800
017.99		Line Total		48	86,400	0	33600	0	33600	0	33600	0	33600	0	33600	0	33600
019		PROJECT PERSONNEL TOTAL		48	251,200	0	61560	0	61560	0	61560	0	61560	0	61560	0	61560
020		CONTRACTS															
		Contract A															
72100	021.01	International Sub-contract Consultancy	UNOPS	234	2,130,000	0	444000	0	444000	0	532000	200000	175000	0	277000	0	1380000
021.99		Line Total		234	2,130,000	0	444000	0	444000	0	532000	200000	175000	0	277000	0	1380000
022		Contract B															
73200	022.01	Premise Alteration	NEX		70,000	0	30000	0	30000	0	0	0	0	0	40000	0	0
72100	022.02	Survey	NEX		20,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
022.99		Line Total			90,000	0	30000	0	30000	0	0	0	0	0	40000	0	0
029		SUBCONTRACTS TOTAL			2,220,000	0	535560	0	535560	0	589600	200000	251960	0	317000	0	1380000
030		TRAINING															
		Fellowships															
63400	031.01	Fellowships (PhD)	NEX (DCOS)	0	750,000	0	120000	0	120000	0	100000	150000	72800	0	70000	0	59600
63400	031.02	Fellowships (MS)	NEX (DCOS)	0	400,000	0	50000	0	50000	0	50000	0	0	0	100000	0	100000
63400	031.03	Fellowships (Diploma)	NEX (DCOS)	0	190,000	0	0	0	0	0	50000	0	0	0	50000	0	40000
031.99		Line Total			1,340,000	0	170000	0	170000	0	150000	200000	72800	0	220000	0	199600
032		Study Tours															
63400	032.01	Study Tours: PRS and MDG M&E	NEX (DCOS)	0	116,000	0	50000	0	50000	0	0	0	0	0	33000	0	33000
63400	032.02	Study Tours: Institutionalization	NEX (DCOS)	0	90,000	0	0	0	0	45000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
032.99		Line Total			206,000	0	50000	0	50000	45000	0	0	0	0	33000	0	33000
033		In-Service Training															
63400	033.01	User-Group Training	NEX	0	110,000	0	20000	0	20000	0	20000	0	20000	0	20000	0	20000
63400	033.02	Workshop for Media and NGOs	NEX	0	20,000	0	10000	0	10000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
63400	033.03	Workshop for M&E working groups	NEX	0	171,490	1,490	25000	0	25000	0	40000	0	35000	0	35000	0	35000
63400	033.04	Other training and workshops (Nat. & Int. Ref)	NEX	0	200,000	0	15900	0	15900	10000	10000	0	49100	0	50000	0	65000
033.99		Line Total			501,490	1,490	70900	0	70900	30000	50000	0	124100	0	105000	0	120000
039		TRAINING TOTAL			2,047,490	1,490	290900	0	290900	225000	250000	72800	439100	0	358000	0	352600
040		EQUIPMENT															
		Equipment															
72200	045.01	Supplies (Stationery, Computer Accessories)	NEX	0	50,000	0	10000	0	10000	10000	0	10000	0	0	10000	0	0
72200	045.02	Personal Computers	NEX (DCOS)	0	24,000	0	12000	0	12000	0	0	0	0	0	12000	0	0
72200	045.03	Laptop Computers	NEX (DCOS)	0	10,000	0	6000	0	6000	0	0	0	0	0	4000	0	0
72200	045.04	Air-Conditioners	NEX (DCOS)	0	13,000	0	13000	0	13000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
72200	045.05	Printer	NEX (DCOS)	0	9,000	0	4500	0	4500	0	0	0	0	0	4500	0	0
72200	045.06	Projector	NEX (DCOS)	0	5,000	0	2500	0	2500	0	0	0	0	0	2500	0	0
72200	045.07	Scanner	NEX (DCOS)	0	400	0	400	0	400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
72200	045.08	Lamination/Spira Binder	NEX (DCOS)	0	600	0	600	0	600	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
72200	045.09	Work Station and Networking	NEX (DCOS)	0	25,000	0	15000	0	15000	0	0	0	0	0	10000	0	0
72200	045.10	Photocopier	NEX (DCOS)	0	9,000	0	4500	0	4500	0	0	0	0	0	4500	0	0
72200	045.11	IPS + Stabilizer	NEX (DCOS)	0	6,000	0	3000	0	3000	0	0	0	0	0	3000	0	0
72200	045.12	Microbus (02)	NEX (DCOS)	0	50,000	0	50000	0	50000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
72200	045.13	Car (02)	NEX (DCOS)	0	50,000	0	50000	0	50000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
72200	045.14	Telephone + PABX System	NEX (DCOS)	0	3,500	0	3500	0	3500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
72200	045.15	Digital Camera	NEX (DCOS)	0	500	0	500	0	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Main Source of Funds: 01 - UNDP-IPF / TRAC - (Trac 1.1.1 & 1
 Executing Agency: NEX - National Execution

ATLAS Code	Code	Description	Implem. Agency	W/M	Total Amount	2005 Amount UNDP	2006 Amount UNDP	2007 UNDP Cost Sharing	2008 UNDP Cost Sharing	2009 UNDP Cost Sharing	2010 UNDP Cost Sharing
72200	045.16	Water Filter	NEX (DCOS)	0	1,000	0	500	0	0	0	0
72200	045.17	Vacuum Cleaner	NEX (DCOS)	0	500	0	500	0	0	0	0
72200	045.18	Equipment Maintenance	NEX (DCOS)	0	25,000	0	3000	0	6000	0	5000
72200	045.19	Software	NEX (DCOS)	0	40,000	0	10000	0	10000	0	0
72200	045.20	Furniture, file Cabinet, Almirah, Iron Seives, etc.	NEX (DCOS)	0	10,300	0	10000	0	0	0	0
72200	045.21	Fan, Light, Small Electronics, etc.	NEX (DCOS)	0	5,000	0	5000	0	0	0	0
72200	045.22	Fuel and Lubricants	NEX (DCOS)	0	50,000	0	10000	0	10000	0	10000
049	045.99	Line Total			387,800	0	214500	0	25000	0	25000
050	045.99	EQUIPMENT TOTAL			387,800	0	214500	0	25000	0	25000
052	050	MISCELLANEOUS									
72200	052.01	Reporting Costs	NEX	0	15,000	0	3000	0	3000	0	3000
72300	052.02	Library (books, Journals)	NEX	0	40,000	0	8000	0	8000	0	8000
052	052.99	Line Total			55,000	0	11000	0	11000	0	11000
74500	053.01	Sundries	NEX	0	40,000	0	8000	0	8000	0	8000
053	053.99	Line Total			40,000	0	8000	0	8000	0	8000
059	053.99	MISCELLANEOUS TOTAL			95,000	0	19000	0	19000	0	19000
099	053.99	PROJECT TOTAL			5,001,490	1,490	1059960	858600	450000	379760	823100
		COST SHARING			2,500,000						
		UNDP Net Contribution			2,501,490						

From : Shamima Akhtar
Sr. Asset. Chief



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D.O No ERD/UN-1/S-IU/LOA/3/99/152.

Date: 5 December 1999

Dear Mr. Kiap,

Latter of Agreement between Gov and UNDP for NEX
Executing project to be supported by direct country
Office of UN.

Kindly refer to the UNDP's letter No. PRO/300/CCF dated 20 July 1999 of the above subject. I am pleased to enclose the letter of agreement (LOA) duly signed by the secretary. ERD.

It may be mentioned that minor changes has been made in paras of 4.7 and 8 Earlier the copy of the minutes of the interministerial meeting was sent to the UNDP vide letter no. ERD/UN-1/S-TTT/LOA/3/99/30 dated 6.9.99 for information & necessary action.

Under the above circumstances may I request you to kindly take further necessary action,

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Shamima Akhtar)

Mr. Andre Kiup
Acting Resident Representative
UNDP, Dhaka.

**Letter of Agreement between GOB and UNDP for NEX Executing project
to be supported by Direct Office on UN.**

Dear Dr. Rahman,

1. Reference is made to consultations between officials of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (hereinafter referred to as "the Government") and officials of UNDP with respect to the provision of support services by the UNDP country office for nationally executed programmers or projects. UNDP and the Government hereby agree that the UNDP country office may provide such support services at the request of the Government through its Executing Agent designated in the relevant program support document of project document, as described below.
2. The UNDP country office may provide support services for execution activities, such as assistance with reporting requirements and direct payment. In providing such support services. The UNDP country office shall ensure that the capacity of the Executing Agent is strengthened to enable it to carry out such activities directly. The costs incurred by the UNDP country office in providing such support services shall be recovered from the administrative budget of the office.
3. In addition the UNDP country office may provide, at the request of the Executing Agent, the following support services for implementation activities.
 - (a) Identification and assistance with and / or recruitment of project and program personnel.
 - (b) Identification and facilitation of training activities, including fellowship, short-term training and study tours:
 - (c) Procurement of goods and services : and
 - (d) Access to UNDP-managed global information systems, the network of UNDP country offices and specialized systems containing operations information, including rosters of consultants and providers of development services.

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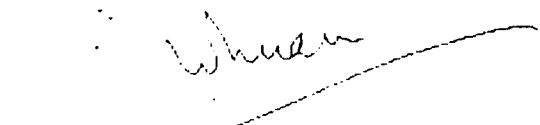
4. The procurement of goods and services and the recruitment of project and program personnel by the UNDP country office shall be in accordance with the UNDP regulations, rules, policies and procedures. Support services described in paragraph 2 and 3 above shall be detailed in an annex to the programme support document or project document, in the form provided in Attachment hereto. If the requirements for support services by the country office change during the life of a programme or project, the annex to the programme support document or project document is revised with the mutual agreement of the UNDP Resident Representative and the Executing Agent.
5. The relevant provisions of the Agreement between the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and United Nations Development Programme signed on 25 November 1986. (The "SBAA") including the provision on liability and privileges and immunities, shall apply to the provision of such support services. The Government shall retain overall responsibility for the nationally executed programme or project through its designated Executing Agent. The responsibility of the UNDP country office of the provision of the support services described herein shall be limited to the provision of such support services detailed in the annex to the programme support document or project document.
6. Any claim or dispute arising under or in connection with the provision of support services by the UNDP country office in accordance with this letter shall be pursuant to the relevant provisions of the SBAA.
7. The manner and method of cost recovery by the UNDP country office in providing the support services described in paragraph 2 and 3 above shall in the annex to the programme support document or project document.
8. The UNDP country office shall submit progress reports to the Executing Agent on the support services provided and shall report on the costs reimbursed in providing such services.

9. Any modification of the present arrangements shall be effected by mutual written agreement of the parties hereto.
10. If you are in agreement with the provisions set forth above, please sign and return this Office two signed copies of this letter. Upon your signature. This letter constitute an agreement between your Government and UNDP on the terms and conditions for the provision of support services by the UNDP country office for nationally executed programmes and projects.

Yours sincerely.



Signed on behalf of UNDP
Andre Klap
Resident Representative a.i
UNDP, Bangladesh, Dhaka



For the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Dr Masihur Rahman
Secretary
Economic Relations Division
Ministry of Finance
Sher-e-Bangla Nagar
Dhaka
Bangladesh

United Nations Development Programme

Project for the Government of the
People's Republic of Bangladesh

Advance Authorization Document

Project Title : Support to Monitoring of Poverty Reduction Strategies and MDGs

Project Number : BGD/04/011 Award ID: 00041911 Project ID: 00047954

Implementing Partner : General Economics Division, Planning Commission, Ministry of Planning.
(designated institution .i.e. formerly executing agency)

Management arrangement : National Execution (NEX)

The General Economics Division of Planning Commission, Ministry of Planning, Government of Bangladesh, the designated institution for the above mentioned project, is hereby authorized to enter into commitments and incur expenditures in accordance with the attached budget.

This advance authorization will be superseded by the project document after its full signature, which will be accomplished within 60 days of the date of authorization.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jørgen Lissner', is written over a horizontal line.

Approved by UNDP
Jørgen Lissner
Resident Representative

23 Nov. 2005

Date

ATLAS Budget

BGD/04/011 (ATLAS No. 00047954) - Support to Monitoring Poverty Reduction Strategies and MDGs

*Activity ID	Budget Category	Account Code	Execut. Agency	Description	m/m	2005	2006	Total
ACTIVITY1	PERINT	71200	NEX	International Consultant (under DCOS) - 11.01	1	10,000	-	10,000.00
ACTIVITY1	SERCT	72100	NEX	Local Consultant (under DCOS) - 21.02	1	2,000	-	2,000.00
ACTIVITY1	MISC	63400	NEX	Two-half day Workshop & Training (under DCOS) - 33.01	-	7,500	-	7,500.00
ACTIVITY2	EQUIP	72200	NEX	Office Supplies/Equipment (Rental) (under DCOS) - 45.01	-	16,000	-	16,000.00
ACTIVITY2	MISC	74100	NEX	Printing Reports 7500 copies @ \$4 each (under DCOS) - 52.01	-	30,000	-	30,000.00
ACTIVITY2	MISC	74500	NEX	Sundries (under DCOS) - 53.01	-	15,000	5,000	20,000.00
ACTIVITY3	SERCT	72100	NEX	Senior Local Consultant for (under DCOS) - 21.01	2.5	9,500	-	9,500.00
TOTAL :					4.5	90,000	5,000	95,000

Note: All expenditures will be implemented through Direct Country Office Support (DCOS) in accordance with the attached "Letter of Agreement for NEX Executing Projects to be supported by Direct Country Office of UN" dated 5 December 1999.



Economic Relations Division
Ministry of Finance
Sher-e-Bangla Nagar
Dhaka-1207

D.O. No. ERD/UN-1/PRS-17/2005/151

Dated.....10.Nov.2005.....

Dear Resident Representative,

Subject: Technical Project Proforma (TPP) of the project titled "Support to Monitoring Poverty Reduction Strategies and MDGs in Bangladesh".

You are aware that a UNDP supported project titled "Sustainable Human Development Project" was completed in June 2003. Under the auspices of the project, a system of comprehensive and integrated models was developed which is capable of simulating and analyzing socio-economic implications of government policy options. In order to further strengthen and institutionalize the above modeling system, a TA project titled "Support to Monitoring Poverty Reduction Strategies and MDGs in Bangladesh" has been contemplated to be undertaken. The broad objective of the project is to support the whole range of issues relating to preparation and monitoring of successive rounds of PRSP and attainment of MDGs in Bangladesh.

A meeting of the Special Project Evaluation Committee (SPEC) was held on the proposed project on 20 October 2005 in Planning Commission and resolved in the meeting that the TPP of the project would be processed further for approval after having comments of UNDP on the TPP and funding commitment from UNDP as well.

Further to inform you that pending approval of TPP and signing of the prodoc, General Economics Division of Planning Commission approached ERD to allow UNDP to use its Advance Authorization mechanism in respect of the aforementioned pipeline project to support GED's current activities relating to procurement of services of a short term consultant in view of preparing in depth analytical reports on implementation of Poverty Reduction Strategies (PRSs) as well as on MDGs attainment status to be placed before the impending PRS Implementation Review Meeting scheduled to be held during 15-17 November, 2005.

In view of the above the undersigned is sending herewith the TPP of the proposed project for your review and comments. It would be highly appreciated if you could let us know your views about TPP, funding commitment and advance authorization as well.

An early response from you will enable to commence implementation of the project soonest.

With best regards.

Enclosed: As stated

Yours sincerely


M. Mokhlesur Rahman
Joint Secretary (UN)

Resident Representative
UNDP
IDB Bhaban, Dhaka.

CC: Dr. Qazi Mesbahuddin Ahmed
Member
General Economics Division
Planning Commission
Sher- e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka

