

## PREFACE

It brings me great pleasure to know that Economic Relations Division (ERD), Ministry of Finance is unveiling the forty-seventh issue of the flagship publication titled '*Flow of External Resources into Bangladesh*'. It has been observed that external resources have so far played a critical role in shaping the country's economic and social fabric. As Bangladesh aspires to transition from a lower-middle-income to a high-income country, it is crucial to strategically harness external resources in alignment with national priorities and global sustainability goals.

This publication reflects updated information on foreign assistance flows into Bangladesh and the external debt it incurs and features data on disbursements, repayments and balances in respect of each development partner. The data presented in this book pertain to foreign assistance and external debt, which are managed and coordinated by ERD. Summary data on borrowing from IMF, external debt of autonomous, semi-autonomous and corporate bodies and grants to NGOs have also been incorporated to make the document exhaustive. However, data on assistance to the private sector are not contained here.

Leveraging the latest data from ERD, along with reports from development partners, Bangladesh Bank, and other stakeholders, has resulted in a well-rounded and informative document. I trust that, like before, this annual publication of the ERD will receive wide appreciation among the policy makers, development practitioners, researchers, academicians, students and others as an instrumental record.

This publication is the result of the relentless efforts of the officials and staff of the *Foreign Aid Budget and Accounts (FABA) and ICT Wing* of ERD. Their unwavering commitment to continuous improvement in scope, presentation, and analysis is commendable and will undoubtedly enhance the document's value even further. We generously welcome any suggestions for further improvements and modifications throughout this journey. Should any discrepancies be detected or clarifications needed by users, please do not hesitate to contact ERD.

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