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Three Technical Assistance Project Agreements Signed between Bangladesh and FAO

Today, the Economic Relations Division of the Ministry of Finance signed three technical assistance project agreements with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). These agreements aim to enhance the country's agricultural and environmental sectors.

The projects include:

- 1. Enabling inclusive and effective blended investment in agri-food systems in the context of the Hand in Hand Initiative (HIH) (Regional project).
- 2. Innovative approaches for better plant production (Global project), and
- 3. Scaling-up climate actions to enhance Nationally Determined Contributions and climate and livestock (Global project).

Ms. Sharifa Khan, Secretary of the Economic Relations Division, and Mr. Robert D. Simpson, FAO Representative in Bangladesh, signed the project agreements. The Ministry of Agriculture will implement two projects, while the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock will implement one project.

Since Bangladesh became a member of FAO in 1973, the organization has been providing technical and financial support in the fields of food, agriculture (crops, fisheries, livestock), and the environment. To date, FAO has assisted Bangladesh in 400 projects. FAO actively shares global innovations and good practices related to agriculture at the country level.

These projects align with the targets and strategies of the 8th Five Year Plan and the Sustainable Development Goals, supporting Bangladesh's efforts to develop more efficient, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable agri-food systems. The project implementation is in accordance with the FAO's Country Programming Framework 2022-2026, which focuses on achieving better production, nutrition, environment, and quality of life for all, leaving no one behind.

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