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A Framework Agreement [FA] covering a budget support titled 'Policy Loan in Support of GOB Climate Change Agenda' of three hundred [300] million-euro concessional loan was signed between the Government of Bangladesh and Agence Francaise de Developpement (AFD) on 20 May 2024. The three-years program covers the period 2023-2026. It also includes Five [05] million grants to finance technical cooperation for the different stakeholders involved in the implementation of the policy loan.

The Program aims at supporting the Government of Bangladesh to fight against climate change and support the country's climate-resilient and low-carbon development pathway, in line with the medium and long-term national priorities defined in the National Adaptation Plan [NAP], the Mujib Climate Prosperity Plan [MCPPE] and the Nationally Determined Contributions [NDC]. The first Loan of one hundred [100] million euro is likely to be disbursed by June 2024.

Md. Shahriar Kader Siddiky, Secretary, Economic Relations Division and Ms. Cecilia CORTESE, AFD Deputy Country Director for Bangladesh signed the Agreement on behalf of Bangladesh and the AFD respectively. The Ambassador of France, H.E Ms. Marie MASDUPUY was also present at the signing ceremony.

The Agence Francaise de developpement (AFD) is a bilateral development agency implementing Official Development Assistance on behalf of the French Government. It has been operating in Bangladesh since 2012. It supports development projects for power & energy, environment and climate change, transport and communication and health sector. At present, AFD has been funding 11 on-going projects in Bangladesh. All the projects entail net assistance amount of 1141.86 million euro [1242.71 million USD]. More precisely, it consists of 1122 million euro [1221.10 million USD] of loans and 19.89 million euro [21.65 million USD] of grants. AFD has so far disbursed 2207.56 million euro [2402 million USD] in technical assistance and loans, of which 1084.48 million euro [1180 million USD] has been disbursed as of June 2023.

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