

## **PRESS RELEASE**

An agreement was signed on 19 December, 2017 at 16.00 hours in the NEC-2 Conference Room Economic Relations Division at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207 between Denmark and Bangladesh regarding "Climate Adaptation and Resilience Engagement (CARE) in Bangladesh". Denmark has been working since last 45 years in Agriculture, Water and Sanitation, Transport, Human Rights and Good Governance Programme. Danish Government approved this project according to "The World 2030-Denmark's Strategy for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Action Plan for Bangladesh. Denmark Government formulated this engagement to considering the priorities of the Bangladesh Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan, Seventh Five Year Plan (2016-2021)" and Perspective Plan of Bangladesh (2010-2021).

02. This agreement has two components such as (i) Climate Resilient and Rural Infrastructure Project II and (ii) Climate Resilient Water Supply and Sanitation Services through Strengthened Local Government Institutions. 1<sup>st</sup> Component will be implemented by the Local Government Engineering Department. Climate resilient infrastructure including Cyclone shelter, Social services institution, Rural market and Fish landing station will be constructed in the coastal district of Noakhali, Laksmipur through this component. 2<sup>nd</sup> Component will be implemented by HYSAWA (Hygiene, Sanitation, and Water Supply) an autonomous, non-profit financial Institution. HYSAWA will implement Climate Resilient Water Supply and Sanitation facilities infrastructure in the Climate vulnerable coastal district of Noakhali, Laksmipur and Patuakhali and this will also trained the Local Government institutions for Climate Resilient issues.

03. The total support for the programme is DKK 50 million (BDT 65 crore). The Government of Denmark will contribute DKK 30 million (BDT 39 crore). Government of Bangladesh will provide DKK 20 million (BDT 26 crore). This project will have duration of three years (December 2017 to November 2020).

04. Mr. Kazi Shofiqul Azam, Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance GoB and H.E Mr. Mikael Hemniti Winther, Ambassador, Embassy of Denmark Dhaka signed the agreement on behalf of the each Government. Besides, Ms. Sultana Afroz, Additional Secretary and Wing Chief, Coordination and Nordic, Economic Relations Division (ERD), M/o Finance, Dhaka and the high officials of Embassy of Denmark in Dhaka were present in the occasion of agreement signing ceremony.

  
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