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## Press Release

An Agreement was signed today 01 November 2015 at the Economic Relations Division (ERD), Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka between the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the United Nations to implement a programme titled "Continue Strengthening the Food Security Cluster in Bangladesh through Capacity Building and Institutionalizing Best Practices in Humanitarian Responses with a view to Fostering Future Sustainability (OSRO/BGD/502/EC)". The programme will be implemented by the Ministry of Food (Food Policy Monitoring Unit) & FAO for the period from 01 August 2015 – 31 December 2016. The total amount of the programme aid is 408,496 USD (TK. 03 Crore and 19 lakh 71 thousand) which will be funded by the European Commission Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO). FAO will provide technical support to the Ministry of Food.

### Objectives:

- The proposed action will work toward ensuring that the Food Security Cluster (FSC) is further institutionalized as an effective platform for emergency preparedness and response at national and sub-national level through continued support to the existing Government coordination structure;
- This will ensure better linkages and stronger commitment and ownership from the government side, especially at sub-national level;
- Through enhancement of this preparedness measures, the FSC will be able to support proportionate, appropriate and timely food security responses in humanitarian crisis situation; and
- Finally, the FSC will become a sustainable mechanism building on national capacity through the phased nationalization of staff associated with the action.

On behalf of the Government of Bangladesh Mr. Md. Ashadul Islam, Additional Secretary, Economic Relations Division and on behalf of FAO, Mr. Mike Robson, FAO Representative in Bangladesh signed the Agreement. Senior officials from the Government and FAO were also present on the occasion.

  
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