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Government of Bangladesh and UNFPA Sign Three Project Agreements to Promote Development and address Social Issues

Dhaka, Bangladesh- On April 16, 2023, the Government of Bangladesh, and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) signed three project agreements to accelerate action to end child marriage, integrating population dynamics and development issues into national plans and policies, and promote life skills education for youth training centers and strengthen the national youth platform.

The signing ceremony was held at the Economic Relations Division, and was attended by Secretary MS Sharifa Khan representing the Government of Bangladesh and Country Representative MS Kristine Blokhuis representing UNFPA.

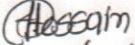
Under the first project, "Accelerating Action to End Child Marriage in Bangladesh (Phase II)," the Government of Bangladesh will provide a grant of 1.92 lakh, while UNFPA will contribute 997.76 lakh, bringing the total grant amount to 999.68 lakh. The project will be implemented by the Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, with UNFPA as the development partner.

The second project, "Integrating Population Dynamics and Development Issues into National Plans and Policies," will receive a grant of 25.00 lakh from the Government of Bangladesh, and 301.00 lakh from UNFPA, for a total grant amount of 326.00 lakh. The General Economics Division will implement the project, with UNFPA as the development partner.

The third project, "Life Skills Education in Youth Training Centers and Strengthening of National Youth Platform," will receive a grant of 47.00 lakh from the Government of Bangladesh, and 374.00 lakh from UNFPA, for a total grant amount of 421.00 lakh. The Department of Youth Development will implement the project, with UNFPA as the development partner.

These projects will contribute to the Government of Bangladesh's efforts to promote development and address social issues such as child marriage and youth education. The projects will also help integrate population dynamics and development issues into national plans and policies, promoting sustainable development for all.

The Government of Bangladesh and UNFPA reaffirm their commitment to working together towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and improving the lives of the people of Bangladesh.


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