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### **PRESS RELEASES**

Today on 25 January 2015, a Joint Co-operation Arrangement (JCA) has been signed at the Economic Relations Division (ERD), Dhaka between the Government of Bangladesh and 14 development partners: DFTAD, DFID, EKN, JICA, GIZ, Kfw, KOICA, SIDA, USAID, IDA, WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA and UNAIDS to support Bangladesh Health, Population and Nutrition Sector Development Program (HPNSDP). Mr. Mohammad Mejbahuddin, Senior Secretary ERD and representatives from 14 Development Partners signed the Joint Co-operation Arrangement (JCA) on behalf of their respective sides. Moreover, Mr. Syed Manjurul Islam, Secretary, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, senior officials of the Government of Bangladesh and the Development Partners were present at the ceremony.

The main objective of HPNSDP is:

- To achieve Millennium Development Goals (MDGs);
- To overcome the challenges of Health, Population & Nutrition sector.
- To increase the effectiveness and modernization of this sector

This JCA sets forth the joint provisions and procedures for support to HPNSDP and serves as a co-ordination framework for consultation among the Signatories. This JCA, however, is not an international treaty or international Arrangement, and is not legally binding under international law, and does not create any legal obligations. It is an administrative arrangement between the Signatories.

  
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