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## Press Release

An Agreement was signed today 01 December 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 "Enhancing Urban Horticulture Production to Improve Food and Nutrition Security (TCP/BGD/3503)". The programme will be implemented by the Department of Agricultural Extension, Ministry of Agriculture & FAO for the period from December 2015 - May 2017. The total amount of the programme aid is USD 299,000 (TK. 02 Crore and 32 lakh) which will be funded by the Food and Agricultural Organization.

### **Objectives:**

- The goal of the project is to increase of horticulture production to contribute to food security and create a positive impact on urban environment.
- The expected outcome of the project is to increase the vegetables & fruits production and consumption in urban areas, and to some extent reduce the market pressure and create a positive impact on environment.
- Rooftop garden plays an important role in the mental well-being of the gardeners as well as in amelioration of the physical environment.
- Rooftop gardening has a promising potential as a small scale business, that can accelerate additional family income.
- After completion of the project, the production of fresh fruits and vegetables will be increased using environmentally friendly technologies and the nutritional status of household members of the urban citizens will be improved and it will make a positive contribution to the environment.

On behalf of the Government of Bangladesh Mr. Mohammad Mejbahuddin, Senior Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance 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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