

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE
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LIST OF ON GOING PROJECT

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Development Partners	Duration	Aid amount (US\$ in million)	Objectives	Present Status
1.0	EC Small Project Facility Approved	EC	July 04 to June 06	Euro 3.00 million (Equivalent US\$3.60 million) Euro 1=US\$1.20	The project purpose is to assist Bangladesh in promoting export oriented sectors and improve the mutual understanding and joint visibility of partners by promoting civil society dialogue and facilitating interactions in the areas of economic reforms, trade related matters and economic culture co-operation. These are critical areas to build economic and trade partnership between the EU and Bangladesh, while contributing to poverty alleviation. Several small projects on Trade Capacity Building, Trade related research, conference, seminar, training, media events and media products etc. will be under taken during implementation of the project. Proposals in the following areas will be given preference: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trade related matters • Technology transfer to foster the diversification of the local economy in export oriented sectors, Vocational Training and promotion of entrepreneurship to foster employment in export oriented sectors • Training of media professionals 	This project is included in the ADP of 2004-2005. European Commission in Bangladesh will implement the project. Out of this small project facility fund, a number of small projects will be under taken for trade development capacity building. Presumably, these small technical projects will not lead to any investment projects. DS (ITO-2) is the Project Director
2.0	Developing Business Services Market (BDSM) Programme in Bangladesh Approved	DFID SDC SIDA	September 2003 to September 2007	DFID £ 8.8 million SDC CHF 6.5 million SIDA SEK 28.00 million (equivalent US\$ 20.00 million)	The project's objective is to enhance the number, growth rate and competitiveness of small and medium enterprises. The project will achieve the objective through promoting an effective and sustainable market for SME business services and improving the enabling environment for SME growth and competitiveness. It has three components. Component-A will render services to increase market share of SMEs. Component B will raise capacity of SMEs while Component C will ensure conducive environment. The main activities of this projects are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Providing services in Accounting, Finance and Taxation (AFT), Quality Management and IT Sector. ▪ Studies on Plastic, Agro-tools, Fisheries, Vegetables, Maize and Knitwear. ▪ Demonstration of effectiveness of using Mold steel and social marketing of plastic ▪ Arranging trade fair to make the people aware on using new agro-tools and technology. ▪ Developing a fingerling market in Faridpur as well as a channel for increasing the supply of brood fish. ▪ Creating awareness among the farmers about using fertilizer, seeds and pesticides; Extending the system of soil testing to the individual farmer; and providing training on developed packaging. ▪ Developing and extending post harvest technology for maize, developing the system of contact growing and making compost fertilizers; and strengthening maize association.; 	The project is being implemented by KATALYST. Joint Secretary (Export) is the project director.
3.0	Business Development Services for Private	GTZ	July 2003 to June 06	Euro 5.36 million	'Business Development Service (BDS) for Private Sector Promotion' project with the financial	GTZ itself is implementing the project.

	<p>Sector Promotion</p> <p>Approved</p>			<p>(US\$ 6.43 million)</p>	<p>assistance of GTZ is under implementation with the objective of promoting competitiveness of micro, small and medium enterprises. BDS project will provide supportive environment and make available a good range of business services. This project has four components:</p> <p>Component-A: SMEs make use of services rendered by selected business associations and chambers for business development and export promotion.</p> <p>Component-B: It aims at micro enterprises development. The project will implement by 10 NGOs.</p> <p>Component-C: SMEs development has been focused by applying design and technology services.</p> <p>Component-D: SMEs make use of commercial business information services to improve their competitiveness.</p> <p>The main activities of this project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Formation of association with partner NGOs to create Business Services Network (BSNET) ▪ Seminar on Business Development Conception ▪ Training of Trainer on Training Methodology (To be held in Dhaka) ▪ Registration of different service providing organizations for hosting their web sites on business development related information (Virtual Market) ▪ Making an inventory on all industries of the country working on the development of leather sector and conducting two studies on how some other countries like China, Thailand, India, Pakistan, etc. have developed their leather sectors. ▪ Conducting a market research with the help of the ICT sector and KATALYST on Information and Communication Technology. ▪ Textile workshop ▪ Furniture Design Competition ▪ Training on Shoe Master Software ▪ Street Children Product Development ▪ Business Marketing Training Program (Proper pricing, costing, etc.) ▪ Inauguration of the web sites on business development related information of different service providing. ▪ Jewelry Making Workshop ▪ Foam Model Making Workshop ▪ Textile Surface Design Exhibition ▪ Training on sustainable business development ▪ Carpentry Workshop 	<p>Joint Secretary (Export) is the project director.</p>
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4.0	Preparatory Assistance (PA) for Trade and Human development: Employment Implications for MFA phase out and sustainable policy options. Approved	UNDP	April 2004 to June 2005	US\$ 0.5 million	<p>The purpose of the TA are: (a) to conduct a comprehensive assessment of possible impact of the MFA expiration and changing rules of the multilateral trading system on employment and livelihoods in Bangladesh, and to mainstream such human development related impact assessments into trade policy making; (b) to determine RMG related as well as non-RMG sectors that have a great potential for absorbing the surplus labor while enhancing export opportunities and capacity in Bangladesh after the MFA expiration and (c) to develop (i) modalities for training and retraining of workers and small entrepreneurs for skill building and upgrading for enhanced productive efficiency and (ii) mechanisms to enhance marketing efficiency, particularly but not exclusively in the RMG sector, to be implemented in the project phase. In addition, to identify sustainable social safety schemes that will be presented to the GOB for consideration. The following studies are being conducted under this project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Quantitative impact assessment of the MFA expiration. ▪ Qualitative impact assessment of the MFA expiration. ▪ Human development impact assessment of trade agreements and rules ▪ Identification of Employment Oriented export Sector ▪ Development of productive and marketing efficiency measures ▪ Development of training/retraining modalities ▪ Identifying appropriate social safety schemes for workers 	<p>UNDP is implementing the project. After completion of this Preparatory Assistance (PA) Phase, their will be a project funded by UNDP based on the outcome of the PA phase.</p> <p>Joint Secretary (Export) is the project director</p>