

LIST OF PIPE LINE PROJECTS

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Development Partners	Duration	Aid amount (US\$ in million)	Project Objectives	Present Status
1.0	Strengthening Accounting and Auditing Standards and Practices in the Corporate Sector	IDA	October 2004 to June 2009 (expected)	US\$ 3.86 million	<p>The main objective of this project is to strengthen corporate governance through improved compliance with accounting and auditing standards in the corporate sector and increased transparency in financial reporting. The following activities will be implemented under the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strengthening Capacities of ICAB: This will provide support for capacity building of the ICAB through training arrangement with a professional accountancy body of a developed country. ▪ Strengthening Capacities of ICMAB: This will support capacity building of ICMAB with the assistance of a professional body of management accountants of international standard. ▪ Comprehensive program of education and training: This will provide assistance in improving curricula and quality of teaching of accounting and auditing by Universities, Colleges, ICAB, ICMAB and other entities to facilitate implementation of IAS/IFRS and ISA through high quality education. 	<p>Draft TAPP has been sent to World Bank (WB) for their comments.</p> <p>After receiving the comments from the World Bank TAPP will be sent to the Planning Commission for approval</p>
2.0	Export Promotion Through Product and Market Development	IDA	January 2005 to 31 December 2006 (expected)	US\$ 3.00 million	<p>The objective of the project is to accelerate Bangladesh's integration into the world economy by expanding export through product development and market diversification, including increased value added. The focus of the project is to support private initiatives. The main component of this project are:</p>	<p>Draft TAPP has been sent to World Bank for their comments. In the meantime a meeting was held on 29-12-2004 for rationalization of manpower of the project.</p>

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To provide support to Bangladesh ICT Business Centre (BIBC) at Silicon Valley, USA ▪ To develop a Bangladesh National Trade portal; and ▪ To establish a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) cell in the Ministry of Commerce 	
3.0	Computerization of the office of Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms (RJSC)	SEDF & Australia	October 2004-September 2006 (expected)	Taka 452.21 lakh	<p>The Project aims at achieving the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To computerize the operations of RJSC and firms to the best international practices. • To provide a better value service for clients while reducing the number of intermediaries. • To introduce efficiencies for both RJSC and clients. • To reduce the time taken to lodge documents and returns by both RJSC and clients. • To encourage further e-governance and e-government initiatives in Bangladesh. • To digitize all existing records and create a central database (one for scanned images, another for digital data) • To develop electronic enquiries by suitable access and security. • To provide training at user level for operations and maintenance and management training for staff. • To develop all compliance requirements through the web • To introduce full online registration and returns. • 	TAPP was sent to Planning Commission for approval on 26-10-2004.
4.0	Growth of Competitive Private Enterprise	USAID	2003 to 2008 (expected)	US\$ 13.0 million	The proposed program will address a number of acute and interrelated problems of the Bangladesh economy.	USAID will finalise the activities of the project in consultation with MOC. Based on that a draft TAPP will be

					<p>These include the limited value of exports compared to their potential, over-dependence on the ready-made garments sector, a general lack of competitiveness of Bangladeshi private sector operators in a fiercely competitive and globalized world economy, weaknesses that constrain growth of the ICT sector, and policy and regulatory constraints related to the growth of the private sector. The specific objectives of the program are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. to increase and diversify the exports of Bangladesh by improving the competitiveness of selected sectors that have high potential for growth, export earnings, and for creating employment for poverty reduction; ii. to assist the ICT sector to improve its competitiveness; and iii. to identify and address policy and / or legal and regulatory constraints hindering private sector growth, and in particular the growth of high potential sectors. 	<p>prepared for formal approval. An agreement was signed between ERD & USAID on 30 September 2003.</p>
5.0	Private Sector Development Project	IDA	Not yet specified	Not yet specified	To be specified later	World Bank is planning to send a mission to carry out the preparatory activities for the proposed "Private Sector Development Project"
6.0	Footwear Design Development Institute/Bangladesh Leather Service Center	Government of Italy through ITC-Geneva	January 2005 to December 2007 (expected)	US\$ 1.827 Million	<p>To establish & set-up a full fledged FDDI in the same premises (or location) of the leather village at Savar.</p> <p>The main functions of the centre</p>	TAPP was sent to Planning Commission for approval on 14-12-2004.

					would be: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of New Design/Style, Translation of international customers services into manufactures products lines 2. Training of designers, Technicians and key operators. 3. Quality testing and Certification as per international standard (ref: EU) 4. Market analysis and promotion. 5. A commercial sales outlet” to be attached to the Leather Service Centre” for display/promotion of leather and allied merchandise. 	
7.0	Bangladesh Trade Support Programme	EC	January 2005 to December 2008	US\$ 7.8 million	<p>Overall objectives of this project is to assist Bangladesh pursuing a trade economic reform agenda in line with WTO agreements and build an enabling economic environment.</p> <p><u>The activities by programme components</u></p> <p>Bangladesh Foreign Trade Institute (BFTI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provision of Specialized WTO training to trade specialists and researchers ▪ Training the trainers to support specialized international trade courses for Foreign Service and Sectoral Business Associations ▪ Support/twinning of visiting scholars 	The agreement for this project was signed between GOB & EC on 09-12-2004. The SPEC meeting for the approval the project was held on 18-12-2004. The TAPP is now being revised as per the SPEC recommendations.

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supporting private sector dialogue, seminars/dissemination to local stakeholders ▪ Support to start-up costs of BFTI <p>Ministry of Commerce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Technical assistance/Studies commissioned to European consultants to enable Bangladesh to comply with WTO commitments, and contribute to substantiate and expand the government trade agenda and reforms. In particular, attention should be given to facilitate trade in services, e.g. professional, financial and telecommunications, and in the so-called Singapore issues (investment, trade facilitation, competition and government procurement) ▪ Technical assistance/study on trade and environment issues with the aim of enhancing the mutual support between trade and environment ▪ Technical assistance/ studies commissioned to reputed local institutions/think tanks to enable Bangladesh to establish trade positions and engage in trade reforms in a global, regional or bilateral basis ▪ Policy dialogue, stakeholders seminars and dissemination of information 	
					<p>Bangladesh Tariff Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Capacity building and policy 	

					<p>advice to the Bangladesh Tariff Commission in order to better represent and defend the interests of the Bangladesh Government to WTO;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Training in anti dumping procedures;▪ Dissemination of information to local stakeholders <p>Ministry of Shipping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Policy advice to the Ministry of Shipping in general and on the national shipping policy▪ Technical Assistance to the Ministry of Shipping on international maritime issues, in particular for the preparation / drafting of the new regulatory framework and thoroughly revising the existing maritime legislation on maritime services and other related issues such as freight forwarding and maritime agency services (the port Act, inland Shipping ordinance, The Chittagong Port▪ Authority Ordinance, Dock Workers Act, Merchant Shipping Ordinance, Bangladesh Flag Vessel Protection ordinance, Carriage of Goods by Se Act, Customs Act, Bangladesh merchant Shipping Rules, Bangladesh Shipping Corporation ordinance, Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority ordinance, etc.);▪ Technical Assistance for
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					<p>improvement of transport maritime/multi-modal services, including stakeholder's dialogue. The consultants should produce a 'roadmap' study proposing an action plan with concrete measures for the improvement of the maritime transport sector, ports performance and its linkages with other transport infrastructure. The consultants should also launch and supervise the inception phase of the action plan.</p> <p>Technical assistance for training to high –level officials on international maritime issues.</p>	
8.0	Post MFA Action Programme (PMAP)	SEDF indicated to provide 6.00 million US\$	July 2004 to June 2009 (expected)	US\$ 40.00 million	<p>The objective and components of this project stated below:</p> <p>Component 1: Skill and Quality Development Programme (SQDP): The project would provide training to about 32,990 workers, supervisors, managers, marketing executives, store keepers, top management, etc. involved primarily in the RMG sector (woven and knit). Not more than one person will be allowed to participate in each area of training. Individual factories will be encouraged to build in-house training facilities to disseminate the knowledge and experience gathered through participation in training courses. This would intern help them upgrading the product to fetch higher export earnings through sustained export activities as well as productivity.</p> <p>Component 2: Displaced Workers Rehabilitation Programme (DWRP)</p>	TAPP was sent to Planning Commission on 20-12-08 for approval.

					<p>The programme would help the displaced RMG women workers to avail training on alternative trades in areas other than RMG. This would facilities them in finding alternative employment, and women empowerment. Displaced workers will be provided credits at nominal rates for alternative employment through revolving funds created with Karmasangsthan Bank and BRAC Bank.</p> <p>Component 3: Support to Capacity Enhancement Programme (SCEP)</p> <p>The programme would help the SMEs in RMG sector to prepare themselves to face the probable MFA shock by enhancing the standard and skill in different areas. The formation of strategic partnerships, merger and acquisition can help the small enterprises from being close down and thus accumulate strength and enhanced bargaining power. This intern may contribute in increased export earnings, employment generation and regenerating economy. The programme will also help in upgrading technology, create technology awareness thereby increase productivity and quality.</p> <p>Component 4: Support to Primary Textile Sector (SPTS)</p> <p>The programme will help in technological development in the textile sector thereby upgrading quality and increasing capacity to cope up with changing market needs. 28,400 workers, supervisors, designers, managers, executives, top management will be provided training on several skills such as productivity, quality, international</p>	
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					marketing, office automation and management, social accountability, labour standards, safety standards, factor conditions, health care, and bargaining rights.	
					<p>Component 5: Support to Handloom sector (SHS)</p> <p>The programme will provide training to the weavers, artisans, designers involved in the handloom sector to improve design, quality, and develop capacity to produce in response to changing market needs 10,000 workers will be provided training on different disciplines. A national design and development centre will be established in Dhaka.</p> <p>Component 6: Support to Forward Linkage industries (SFLI)</p> <p>The programme will help all forward linkage industries and service providers in upgrading their efficiencies thereby reduce in lead-time.</p>	
9.0	Trade Related Technical Assistance MOC (MOC-TRTA)	CIDA	January 2004 to Dec. 2006	2,60,000 Can \$ 30,000 GOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establishment of Documentation center & website for MOC ▪ Study on E-Commerce ▪ Study on Value Addition for some selected export items. ▪ Exploring export opportunities in Canadian Market ▪ Improving negotiation skill of the trade officials ▪ Study on Strategic option on Bangladeshi RMG sector with a specific focus on Post MFA 	CIDA is implementing the project through the agencies. Not included in the ADP.

					Scenario, FDI policy and competitiveness	
10.0	Trade Related Capacity Building Programme (TRCB)	CIDA	January 2005 to 2010	Can \$ 5 million	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strengthen capacity of GOB to understand, prepare and negotiate trade issues ▪ Strengthen Capacity to analyze, formulate & implement appropriate public policies in the context of the trade environment & proper growth. ▪ Increase awareness and regional trade issues 	Negotiation is in progress
11.0	Asia TRRA Trust Fund	EC & ITC	2005-2006	Yet to be decided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To increase trade capacity of Bangladeshi 8 (eight) PCP have been processed in this connection. 	19 countries including Bangladesh has been included in this fund. It is expected that one or two projects will be considers by ITC . This will be implemented by ITC and not included in ADP.
12.0	Need Assistance Study	EC	2005	1,900,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To identity the constrains, Bangladesh is facing in participating in the World Trading System and recommending a prioritized list of activities to remove the constraints. 	Will be implemented by EC and not included in ADP