

Bangladesh in the limelight of country programs of UN agencies

Bangladesh has become the focus of the country programs of major UN agencies, sources at the UN said, reports BSS from New York.

The sources said UNICEF, UNDP and UNFPA have spent around one billion US dollars during their nearly three decades of operations in Bangladesh.

UNICEF program in Bangladesh is globally the second largest non-emergency country program since the birth of Bangladesh in 1971. The UNICEF Executive Board has approved six country programs and 10 other allocations totaling \$781.5 million.

The UNICEF program in Bangladesh focused on the rights of children and women and activities were guided by the goals set at the 1990 World Summit for Children, the Convention on Rights of the Child and the Convention to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women.

Last September UNICEF approved the largest Bangladesh country program of \$202.5 million for the period of 2001 to 2005.

Bangladesh being the president of the UNICEF Executive Board for the year 2000 made remarkable contribution to the country's interest including moving two resolutions on 'Arsenic contamination of drinking water in Bangladesh' and 'De-

clining resource allocation,' which brought global attention to these important issues.

Another major UN agency - the UNDP since the beginning of its operation in Bangladesh in 1973, has completed five country programs and globally UNDP operates the third largest country program in Bangladesh. UNDP grant funding for the period of 1999-2001 is \$ 85 million while the proposed country program for 2001 to 2005 has a resource mobilisation target of \$127.6 millions.

Being mandated of providing technical assistance for Sustainable Human Development, UNDP's activities in Bangladesh primarily focus on poverty alleviation through the community empowerment, food security, sustainable environment and natural resources management, governance, advancement of women. Special attention has also been given to HIV AIDS and disaster management.

In its review of Bangladesh country programs in 1999 the UNDP Executive Board noted major developments with implications for long-term growth, alleviation of poverty, streamlined and decentralised governance structures and processes for economic social and admin-

istrative management, advancement of women and protection and regeneration of the environment. A renewed strategy to address the concerned issues has been articulated during the fifth Five Year Plan period of Bangladesh (1997-2002), sources added.

According to UN observers, the close ties between the government and UNDP have been reinforced by the lead role taken by UNDP in different areas of development and in the Chittagong Hill Tract peace process.

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), which has been assisting Bangladesh since 1974, played a positive role in the country's family planning program and has embarked on the fifth country program (1998-2002) with a resource allocation of \$35 million. This is the first program developed after International Conference on the Population and Development (ICPD) held in 1994.

The overall goal of UNFPA's country program is to contribute to the improvement of the reproductive health and family welfare of the people of Bangladesh and to the achievement of population stabilisation, the sources added.



Jativa Sangskritik Party formed a human chain in front of the National Press Club yesterday demanding JP chairman H M Ershad's release from prison. Begum Roushan (3' from L) also seen. - Star photo

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Amendment Notice

Amendment of Local Tender Notice No Pur-228/2000 (ADP) Dated: 29-11-2000

- Receiving date of the Local Tender Notice No Pur-228/2000 (ADP) dated 29-11-2000 shall be 24-1-2001 instead of 10-1-2001
- In Page No 3 the Clause No 2.11 the word supplier shall be deleted.
- In Page No 16 the Bid Bond Form shall be treated as cancelled.
- In the Tender Notice's Clause No 3 (three), the word Bid Bond shall be substituted by the word Bank Draft. All other terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

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Qulkhwani

The first namaz-jannata of Dr. Iqbal Ahmed will be held after the Jinnah prayers tomorrow at the Dhanmondi Jame Masjid at Dhanmondi Road No 7, says a press release of Abahani.

The second namaz-jannata will be held at the Abahani club premises later in the day.

Besides, his qulkhwani will be held at his Dhanmondi residence - Road No 7 (new), House No 28 - after the Maghreb prayers on January 13.

All members and players of Abahani and well-wishers have been invited to attend rituals.

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By JU Correspondent

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Ambassador of UNESCO calls on President

Ambassador of UNESCO Madanraj Singh made a courtesy call on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday and apprised him of UNESCO activities world over, particularly in Bangladesh, reports UNB.

He presented the President with a copy of a book titled 'The Sun-Symbol of Power In Literature' written by him.

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Gulf Environmental Technologies Ltd.

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- Identify local potential & reliable suppliers and undertake procurement action as required by issuing invitation to bid and adjudicate bids received, prepare CRC ensuring rules and regulations are strictly followed and the organization's interest is protected. Communicates with suppliers where bids are unclear or require elaboration.
- Screen and review SRQs for adequate specifications, accuracy, completeness and makes necessary changes in consultation with relevant programme staff. Ensures that complete details and information are available for programme/consignee/materials management control as per established audit guidelines and other requirements.
- Monitor timely delivery of supplies and provides status reports for the benefit of the programmes and the Section.
- Conduct market research, identify and recommend potential local suppliers/manufacturers by evaluating suppliers financial resources, production capacities/capabilities, performance on the basis of product acceptability and suitability, ethical supply behaviour and update suppliers' profile file with all relevant information.
- Establish workplans and priorities of the unit, monitors achievements and evaluates performance of support staff.
- Undertake field visits to project sites, monitor supply inputs and recommend corrective actions to improve logistical procedures.
- As and when required carries out works/quality assurance inspections with manufacturers/suppliers.

The ideal candidate should have:

- First university degree in Business administration, commerce, Purchasing and contracting or related technical field desirable.
- Two years progressively responsible professional work experience in purchasing and contracting or procurement management at National or International level.
- Supply/logistics management at national level an advantage.
- Fluency in Bangla and English is required.
- Proven analytical and negotiating skills.
- Ability to implement training and share information and knowledge.
- Good knowledge of IT applications.

Remuneration:
Starting remuneration at NO-B level.
Applications with CV and recent passport size photographs should be forwarded to the Chief of Human Resources Section, UNICEF-Bangladesh, Sheraton Annex, 1 Minto Road, Dhaka-1000, by January 25, 2001. D-25

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Re-Advertisement

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is seeking applications from Bangladeshi Nationals for its Dhaka Office to fill in the positions mentioned below.

1) Project Officer (Community & Social Development)
Nature of responsibilities (This is a Senior Level Position within the Water and Environmental Sanitation Section):

The successful candidate will develop innovative and participatory, child friendly, gender sensitive and pro-poor approaches and strategies for the designing, planning, implementation and monitoring of the hygiene, sanitation and water supply project; negotiate, facilitate, institutionalize and monitor the maintaining of social development issues within the WES team and all other stakeholders in sector across project components and process; monitor and manage the work of NGOs/contractors in field implementation, through regular dialogue, field visit and review meetings in Dhaka and at field level; develop terms of references, strategies and participatory approaches for the engagement of NGOs and other contractors in the implementation of the project activities; provide inputs into the development of qualitative social development and participatory monitoring methods and indicators and systems development for ongoing monitoring mechanisms, to include capacity building at local government levels; develop strategies and activities for mainstreaming gender and participatory social development approaches within WES programmes; develop methodology, approaches and activities to address the serious social issues, which are emerging as a result of the arsenic crisis, leading to arsenicosis patients being ostracised within the community; develop a methodology for the promotion and facilitation of private sector latrine producers within the project; identify and develop studies, surveys and evaluations which will be needed to input into project development and in assessing achievements of project purpose.

The ideal candidate should have:

- Advanced university degree in areas related to social science, sociology, anthropology, economics, rural development, and demography, development study focus an advantage.
- Minimum 10 years work experience of which at least eight years at a senior professional level in social development field including field level and policy level activities.
- Analytical skills, preparation of project documents and report writing ability are essential.
- Experience at national level in alliance building and networking among Government agencies, NGOs, and private sector.
- Proven experience in planning and managing large-scale programmes is essential.
- Negotiation and advocacy skills.
- Fluency in written and oral English and Bangla.
- Proficiency in use of computer, especially word processing, spreadsheet & graphics.
- Experience in use of internet and email desirable.

Remuneration:
Starting remuneration at NO-D level which is the most Senior National Professional Officer grade level.
Applications with CV and recent passport size photographs should be forwarded to the Chief of Human Resources Section, UNICEF-Bangladesh, Sheraton Annex, 1 Minto Road, Dhaka-1000, by January 18, 2001. Please mark on the envelope the post applied for. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.
Those candidates who applied earlier for this position need not to apply again. D-25