

PROJECT BRIEF

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- 1. Project Title : Development of Selected Non-Government Colleges along with ICT Facilities for Improving Quality of Education**
- 2. Sponsoring Ministry : Ministry of Education (MoE)**
- 3. Executing Agency : Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education (DSHE)**
- 4. Objectives of the Project : The project has been framed with a view to achieving the following objectives-**

- ❖ To provide enhanced physical facilities & teaching materials (Academic building, computer lab, computer & accessories, laptop, multimedia projector, training of teachers) to the selected Non-government colleges and thereby improving the quality of education to achieve the goal of digital Bangladesh.
- ❖ To reduce the gap of infrastructural facilities of Non-Govt. colleges;
- ❖ To reduce the gap of infrastructural facilities between Non-Govt. Colleges & Govt. Colleges;
- ❖ To ensure balanced and equitable distribution of educational opportunities in higher secondary and higher education all over the country;
- ❖ To reduce and diffuse excessive pressure of students in the Non-govt. Colleges by providing educational facilities to the colleges located in the District and Upazila Headquarters; and

- 5. Location of the Project (attach map Where necessary) : All over the country.**

- 6. a) Estimated cost of the Project (In lakh Taka) : I) Total: 554774.30 lakh**

II) GOB: 554774.30 lakh

III) P. A.: Nil

b) Exchange rate with date : Not applicable

- 7. Project Implementation Period : I) Date of commencement: July, 2012**
II) Date of completion: December, 2018

Project Details

Background, Objectives, Priority, Rationale, Linkages, Targets and Outputs/ outcomes of the project including findings of feasibility Study/Survey, if any:

Background:

In view of the inadequacy of educational facilities of the Non-Govt. Colleges at the upazila, district and metropolitan area, the present project with the title of “**Development of Selected Non-government Colleges Along with ICT Facilities for Improving Quality of Education**” involving an estimated cost of Tk. 554774.30 lakh had been identified and undertaken.

In the Sixth Five Year Plan (2011-2015) for Bangladesh, education sector has given the highest priority. It is mentioned that education acts as an engine of growth for economic and social development of a nation. In this context, human resources development is at the core of Bangladesh’s development efforts and access to quality education is crucial for poverty alleviation and economic development. SFYP Goals and objectives for education sector:

The Quantative Goals:

- To improve infrastructure. In this context, the goal is to construct / up grade class rooms and labs to facilitate admission of more students;
- To provide teaching and learning aids and other facilities to increase pupil’s interest over education and to modernize the education environment;
- To provide computers to make the students competent with the modern world of ICT and to make them fit for the present job market;

The Qualitative Goals:

- To introduce ICT and Technical education at all levels of education;
- To provide laptops and multimedia to improve teaching learning system;

It is to this context, to say that the proposed project “**Development of Selected Non-government Colleges Along with ICT Facilities for Improving Quality of Education**” is relevant to the objectives of the SFYP(2011-2015) and NEP 2010.

Rationale and Justification of the Project: there are at present 2899 Non-Govt. Colleges (Bangladesh Educational Statistics, 2006) operating all over Bangladesh. In fact, most of the non-government colleges in the rural areas have been running with poor facilities and for obvious reasons, these institutions are incapable to ensure quality of education. In this connection it is needed to mention that 858409 students (Bangladesh Educational Statistics, 2006) have been learning in the non-government colleges all over the country.

At this stage, it has been realized that to cope with increased rural based brilliant and poor students need to be provided facilities along with learning materials in the non-government colleges at the upazila and district headquarters. With this end in view, the project has been planned to construct academic buildings, computer labs etc. in the selected 1500 Colleges .

Linkages of the Project: This scheme has been undertaken with a view to cope with the increased students by providing physical facilities such as classroom accommodation, computer labs, learning materials, and training of teachers to improve standard of education. In other words, this project has been aimed to produce skilled, talented as well as to minimize the imbalances on the standard of higher education seekers between Public Universities and government operated colleges under National University. Moreover, it is linked with the job market within and also outside the country by producing quality graduates.

Target/output of the Project: The Project has been framed with a view to achieving the following objectives;

- To provide enhanced physical facilities & teaching materials (Academic building, computer lab, computer & accessories with internet facilities, science equipment, furniture, books & reference materials, training of teachers to the selected Non-government colleges) and thereby improving the quality of education to achieve the goal of digital Bangladesh.
- To reduce the gap of infrastructural facilities of Non-Govt. colleges;
- To reduce the gap of infrastructural facilities between Non-Govt. Colleges & Govt. Colleges;
- To ensure balanced and equitable distribution of educational opportunities in higher secondary and higher education all over the country;
- To reduce and diffuse excessive pressure of students in the Non-govt. Colleges by providing educational facilities to the colleges located in the District and Upazila Headquarters; and

Selection Criteria of Colleges: In selecting the Non- Govt. Colleges for inclusion into this project, the following criteria will be followed:

1. The Colleges must be affiliated by the Government;
2. Priority will be given to the Colleges where no development scheme has been taken up;
3. Number of enrollment minimum 200 students for general cases but 500 students for the colleges developed during last five years;
4. Selected college must have adequate land & Priority should be given for vertical extension where scope is available;
5. Further requirement of physical infrastructure to accommodate the students;
6. Considering the above mentioned criteria. The Ministry of Education has selected 1290 Colleges out of 1500. Remaining 210 colleges will be reserved for the Ministry of Education, which will be included in the project at any stage of the implementation period.

It should be noted that if any discrepancy is found for the fulfillment of the aforesaid criteria during execution or at any time regarding the selected colleges for development would be excluded accordingly.

Strategies of Implementation of the Project: The project will be implemented as of strategies stated below:

- To implement the project, a PIU consisting of 10 personnel will be established headed by a Project Director. The Project Director will be assisted by 02 Assistant Project Directors and by 07 supporting staff and that would be controlled under the overall supervision of the Director General, Directorate of Secondary & Higher Education. The proposed class-1 officers will be appointed on deputation from the BCS (Education) Cadre Services.
- The civil works of the colleges proposed under this project will be executed by the Education Engineering Department (EED). The PD will provide the list of the colleges for tender to EED through planning & Development wing of DSHE. According to the annual work plan and the ADP allocation the college will be selected for tender on the priority basis which will be approved by the Ministry of Education.
- The PIU will prepare and submit a comprehensive annual work plan on the basis of the ADP allocation for implementation and submit it to the DG, DSHE through Director (Planning & Development). For smooth implementation of the Project all communications from PIU to MoE and other agencies will be made through the Director General, DSHE

- The other works such as procurement of computers, furniture, recruitment of PIU staff, co-ordination with different concerned agencies of the Government of Bangladesh, release of fund, monitoring of implementation and support to PIC & Steering Committee etc. will be executed by the PIU;
- Smooth monitoring of implementation of the scheduled works of the project, co-operation with EED and also with the concerned Principals will have to be maintained by the PIU;
- In order to resolve any nature of problem in implementation of the project, a Steering Committee will be constituted soon after launching the project. The Committee will be headed by the Secretary, Ministry of Education.
- To ensure smooth implementation and quality of works of the project, a Project Implementation Committee (PIC) headed by Director General, DSHE and a Central Monitoring Committee headed by Chief Planning, MoE will be constituted.