

Expansion, Renovation and Modernization of Bangabandhu Poverty Alleviation Training Complex, Kotalipara, Gopalganj Project

1. **Name of the Project** : Expansion, Renovation and modernization of Bangabandhu Poverty Alleviation Training Complex, Kotalipara, Gopalganj.
2. **Sponsoring Division/Ministry** : Rural Development and Co-operatives Division, Ministry Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operatives.
3. **Implementing Agency** : Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB)
4. **Estimated Cost (GOB)** : 3031.23 Lakh
5. **Funding Source** : Government of Bangladesh (GoB)
6. **Implementing Period** : March 2010 to December 2012.
7. **Project Area** : Kotalipara, Gopalganj
8. **Background** : Bangladesh is a poverty prone developing country in the world. Poverty is usually defined as a situation in which a household or a person is unable to satisfy certain needs or group of needs (food, shelter, education etc). The multidimensional character of poverty makes it difficult to describe the welfare situation of a household of an individual by any single composite indicator such as income or total consumption expenditure. In Bangladesh, the main causes of poverty are low literacy rate, low per capita income & food intake, overpopulation, lack of dissemination of modern agricultural technologies and lack of employment opportunities among others. BRDB is the largest Government agency engaged in rural poverty alleviation in our country since long. BRDB conducted different farm and off farm income generating activities like agriculture, aquaculture,

handicrafts etc. by providing training for creation human capital and also micro credit for financial capital. Keeping view, the importance of training and research on poverty alleviation, BRDB established a national level training and research institute at kotalipara upazila of Gopalgonj District in 2001 as the part of the commitment of the then Honorable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. It was named as “Bangabandhu Poverty Alleviation Training Complex (Bangabandhu PATC) ” in the memory of the dedication of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Muzibur Rahman. Upgrading the Training Complex towards national level training and research on Poverty Alleviation as well as in 2009 Rural Development, a new project have been undertaken in 2009 titled "Expansion, Renovation and Modernization of Bangabandhu PATC," Kotalipara, Gopalgonj.

9. Objectives

: The Salient objective of the project is to expansion the area of the complex for establishment of demonstration farms, modernization of the training facilities, development of physical facilities and capacity building for the faculties of Bangabandhu poverty Alleviation training complex for food security, employment generation as well as poverty reduction.

The specific objectives of the project are as follows

- i) To establish demonstration farms (crop, fisheries and livestock) in the expanded areas for hands-on training, adaptive research and ensuring food security through disseminating improved agricultural technology.
- ii) To modernize the physical facilities/infrastructures for improving training to create human resources into human capital.
- iii) To build up collaboration with similar institutes engaged

in human resource development, poverty alleviation as well as rural development.

- iv) To facilitate institutional capacity for conducting Basic/Foundation training course associated with rural development
- v) To conduct action research on Agricultural, Educational and Socio-economical issues commensurate with poverty alleviation.

10. Major Activities of the Project

- 20.00 acres of Land acquisition & Development
- Establishment of demonstration Farms on Crop, Fisheries & Live stock
- Construction of Office, Laboratory School, Residential buildings and others.
- 1389 Sqm office and Residential buildengs repair and renovation.
- Construction of hatchery, shed and pond digging.
- Construction of internal road, garage, boundary wall.
- 200 Kwt Diesel Generator and 300 KVA electric substation installation.
- Training and Action Reseach.
- Solar Power plant installation and Rain water harvesting.

11. Conclusion

: Agricultural Productivity of the complex will be incresed directly by establishing demonstration farms in the expanded areas. Besides national productivity also be incresed by in ensuring food security the trainees through dissemination

modern agricultural technology by learning hands-on training in the demonstration farms. Others skill development and IGA based training and research facilities will be increased. In this way, Bangabandhu Poverty Alleviation Training Complex will become a national level training and research institute under Bangladesh Rural Development Board (BRDB).