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PRESS RELEASE

GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH LAUNCHES U.S.-FUNDED NATIONAL FOOD POLICY PLAN OF ACTION

DHAKA, MAY 28 – Minister of Agriculture Begum Matia Chowdhury, Minister of Food and Disaster Management Dr. Muhammad Abdur Razzak, and U.S. Ambassador James F. Moriarty, launched Bangladesh’s first comprehensive National Food Policy Plan of Action today. This important initiative aims to ensure food security by 2015 for the nearly 40% of the population who currently lack it. The Plan of Action contains detailed objectives to improve food availability, access to food, and nutrition. It also identifies each ministry’s responsibilities and recommends standards for measuring success.

Developed under the National Food Policy Capacity Strengthening Program (NFPCSP), the U.S. Government, through USAID, and the European Union have provided \$7 million to fund the Plan of Action. It will be implemented by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the Bangladesh Government. This program enhances the Government’s capacity to oversee a comprehensive, equitable, gender-sensitive, and poverty-targeted National Food Policy. Seven Bangladeshi universities, along with American and European researchers, will participate in the program and provide important research and policy recommendations.

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