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Press Release

Today, 14 February 2022, Loan Agreement for financing the "Sustainable Economic Recovery Programme (SERP)" has been signed between the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID). Under the loan agreement, OPEC Fund will provide a loan of US\$ 75.00 Million as budgetary support. Ms. Fatima Yasmin, Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance, Government of Bangladesh and H.E. Mr. Abdulhamid Alkhalifa, Director-General, OFID has signed the Agreement on behalf of their respective Government/Authority.

The purpose of the loan is to provide budgetary support which will be used to implement urgent reforms to facilitate rapid recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, specifically by creating (a) fiscal space to support critical public expenditure; and (b) a favorable environment to foster the growth of Cottage, Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, thereby generating employment and income opportunities. The loan shall bear interest at the rate of 1.35% per annum and shall carry a commitment fee charge of 0.25% per annum, Front-end fee 0.25% and shall have a maturity of 20 years including a grace period of 5 years.



OFID is one of the largest Development Partners of Bangladesh. It has been providing economic assistance to Bangladesh for the development program/project, particularly in the area of road transport and power sector since the Financial Year of 1974/75. So far, OFID has provided development assistance of 552.61 Million US\$ to Bangladesh in 30 development projects.

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