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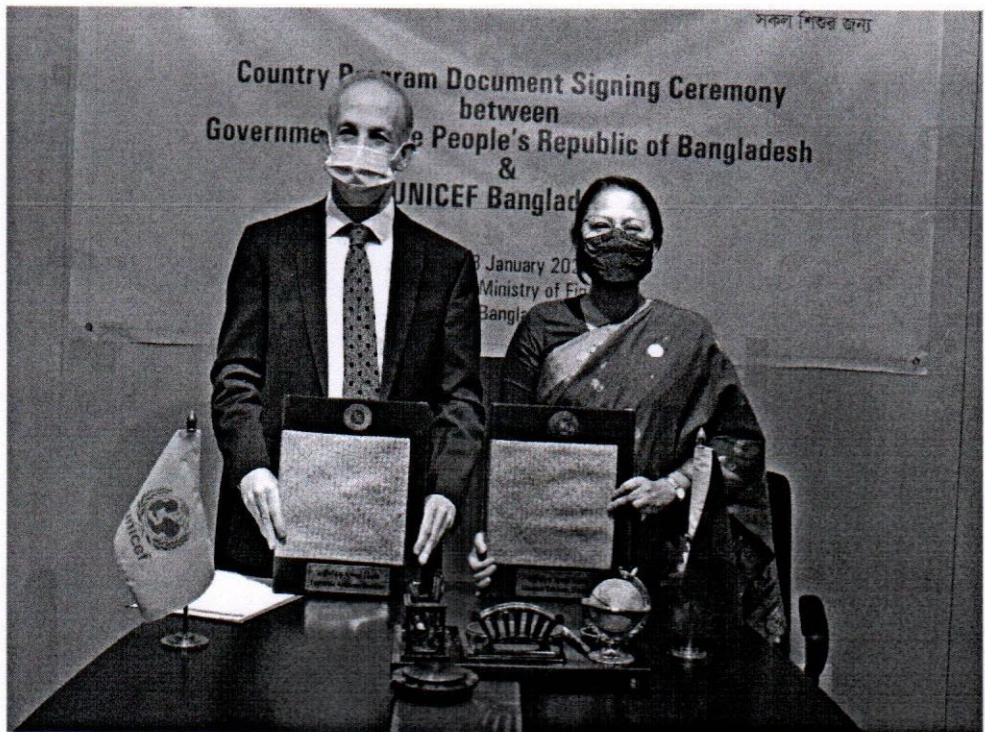
**PRESS RELEASE**

The Bangladesh- UNICEF Country Program Document 2022-2026 was signed on 23 January 2022 at Economic Relations Division (ERD). The new CPD 2022-2026 has outlined an indicative budget of USD 306.00 million. Ms. Fatima Yasmin, Secretary, Economic Relations Division, Ministry of Finance signed this document on behalf of the People's Republic of Bangladesh while Mr. Sheldon Yett, UNICEF Representative to Bangladesh signed on behalf of UNICEF. High officials from ERD and UNICEF were present in the signing ceremony. After signing the document, Ms. Fatima Yasmin, Secretary, Economic Relations Division informed that, the new CPD will significantly contribute to overall development of children and women in Bangladesh. Ms. Fatima Yasmin acknowledged the significant contribution of UNICEF in Bangladesh since 1971. Mr. Sheldon Yett, the UNICEF Representative mentioned that, the commitment of UNICEF to child development remains at the heart of its work in Bangladesh and the document will address these issues.



Different activities will be implemented from 2022 to 2026 under this Country Program Document 2022-2026. The previous CPD 2017-2020 was supposed to end in 31 December 2020. Due to COVID-19 situation the previous CPD was extended up to 31 December 2021. The CPD 2022-2026 has six sectorial components: health; nutrition; education; child protection; water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH); and social protection.

The Country Programme Document (CPD) 2022-2026 is fully aligned with and contributes to the Government's 8th Five Year Plan 2020-2025 and the UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2022-2026. It will also focus on rapid recovery of COVID-19.



Ms. Fatima Yasmin, Secretary, Economic Relations Division and Mr. Sheldon Yett, UNICEF Representative to Bangladesh signed the Country Program Document 2022-2026

The programme has six sectorial components which are;

**Outcome 1 – Health:** All children, adolescents and women have equitable access to and use quality, high-impact health services and adopt appropriate healthy life practices.

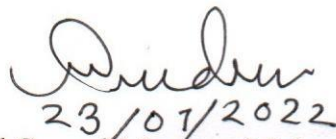
**Outcome 2 – Nutrition:** children under 5 years of age, adolescents and women of reproductive age access and utilize quality nutrition services in an equitable manner and adopt appropriate nutritional behaviour and care practices.

**Outcome 3 – Education:** girls and boys (4–18 years) access, appropriate nutritional behaviour and care practices.

**Outcome 4 - Child protection:** All children, including adolescents, are better protected from all forms of violence, abuse, exploitation and neglect and harmful traditional practices.

**Outcome 5 - Water, sanitation and hygiene:** Quality, equitable, resilient and sustainable WASH services and adopt appropriate hygiene behaviours and care practices.

**Outcome 6 - Social protection and social policy:** All children and their families benefit from quality, integrated, adaptive and child-sensitive social protection services.



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