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Four technical assistance project agreements were signed between the Economic Relations Division and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) on 11 December 2022.

The projects are: (i) Support to establish crop-based nutrition smart village and promotion of nutrition information campaign; (ii) Support to the development of Jackfruit value chain through post-harvest loss reduction and promotion of value-added products; (iii) Piloting Light Detection and Ranging technology (LiDAR) for fast-tracking agricultural transformation and sustainable development; and (iv) Green Cities Initiatives (GCI): Building Back Better for Climate and Resilient Sustainable Transitions (Global Project). The projects will contribute to the agriculture and environment sectors and will significantly support to the technological development of these sectors and the improvement of the livelihood of rural people and marginal farmers.

Ms. Sharifa Khan, Secretary, ERD and Mr. Robert D. Simpson, FAO Representative in Bangladesh signed the project agreements. Three projects will be implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture and one project by the Local Government Division.

FAO provides technical and financial supports to the field of greater agriculture (crops, fisheries, and livestock) and environment sector since the country became member in 1973. FAO provided technical support in Bangladesh in 350 projects so far. The global innovations and good practices related to agriculture are shared and disseminated by FAO at country level. The projects will support to achieve the targets and strategies of 8th Five Year Plan and the Sustainable Development Goals. This support is provided under the FAO's Country Programming Framework 2022-2026 made between the Government of Bangladesh and FAO focusing on more efficient, inclusive, resilient and sustainable agri-food systems for *better production, better nutrition, better environment, and better life*, leaving no one behind.



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