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A.I.D. Project Number 388-0028

PROJECT  
GRANT AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH  
AND THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FOR  
NATIONAL WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY

Dated: September 30, 1977

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Project Grant Agreement

Dated September 30, 1977

Between

The People's Republic of Bangladesh ("Grantee")

and

The United States of America, acting through the  
Agency for International Development ("A.I.D.")

Article 1: The Agreement

The purpose of this Agreement is to set out the understandings of the parties named above ("Parties") with respect to the undertaking by the Grantee of the Project described herein, and with respect to the financing of the Project by the Parties.

## Article 2: The Project

### SECTION 2.1. Definition of Project

The Project, which is further described in Annex 1, will consist of assisting the Grantee's National Women's Development Academy (NWDA) to train personnel and to collect and disseminate information needed for an outreach network through providing consultants, training, commodities, stipends, etc. Annex 1, attached, amplifies the definition of the Project contained in this Section 2.1. Within the limits of the definition of the Project in this Section 2.1., elements of the amplified description stated in Annex 1 may be changed by written agreement of the authorized representatives of the Parties named in Section 8.2., without formal amendment of this Agreement.

## Article 3: Financing

### SECTION 3.1. The Grant

To assist the Grantee to meet the costs of carrying out the Project, A.I.D., pursuant to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, agrees to grant the Grantee under the terms of this Agreement not to exceed three hundred thousand United States (U.S.) Dollars (\$300,000) ("Grant").

The Grant may be used to finance foreign exchange costs, as defined in Section 6.1., and local currency costs, as defined in Section 6.2., of goods and services required for the Project.

SECTION 3.2. Grantee Resources for the Project

(a) The Grantee agrees to provide or cause to be provided for the Project all funds, in addition to the Grant, and all other resources required to carry out the Project effectively and in a timely manner.

(b) The resources provided by Grantee for the Project will be the equivalent of five hundred sixty-eight thousand nine hundred United States (U.S.) Dollars (\$568,900), including costs borne on an "in-kind" basis and including obligations made to date.

SECTION 3.3. Project Assistance Completion Date

(a) The "Project Assistance Completion Date" (PACD), which is twenty-four (24) months from the date of this agreement, or such other date as the Parties may agree to in writing, is the date by which the parties estimate that all services financed under the Grant will have been performed and all goods financed under the Grant will have been furnished for the Project as contemplated in this Agreement.

(b) Except as A.I.D. may otherwise agree in writing, A.I.D. will not issue or approve documentation which would authorize disbursement of the Grant for services performed subsequent to the PACD or for goods furnished for the Project, as contemplated in this Agreement, subsequent to the PACD.

(c) Requests for disbursement, accompanied by necessary supporting documentation prescribed in Project Implementation Letters are to be received by A.I.D. or any bank described in Section 7.1. no later than three (3) months following the PACD, or such other period as A.I.D. agrees to in writing. After such period, A.I.D., giving notice in writing to the Grantee, may at

any time or times reduce the amount of the Grant by all or any part thereof for which requests for disbursement, accompanied by necessary supporting documentation prescribed in Project Implementation Letters, were not received before the expiration of said period.

Article 4: Conditions Precedent to Disbursement

SECTION 4.1. First Disbursement

Prior to the first disbursement under the Grant, or to the issuance by A.I.D. of documentation pursuant to which disbursement will be made, the Grantee will, except as the Parties may otherwise agree in writing, furnish to A.I.D. in form and substance satisfactory to A.I.D.:

(a) An opinion of counsel acceptable to A.I.D. that this agreement has been duly authorized and/or ratified by, and executed on behalf of, the Grantee, and that it constitutes a valid and legally binding obligation of the Grantee in accordance with all of its terms;

(b) A statement of the names of the persons holding or acting in the office of the Grantee specified in Section 8.2., and a specimen signature of each person specified in such statement.

(c) A statement that adequate teaching and administrative staff (including an Academy Director/Principal) have been recruited by the NWDA to begin training the first group of rural trainees.

#### SECTION 4.2. Notification

When A.I.D. has determined that the conditions precedent specified in Section 4.1. have been met, it will promptly notify the Grantee.

#### SECTION 4.3. Terminal Dates for Conditions Precedent

If all of the conditions specified in Section 4.1. have not been met within sixty (60) days from the date of this Agreement, or such later date as A.I.D. may agree to in writing, A.I.D., at its option, may terminate this Agreement by written notice to Grantee.

#### SECTION 5.1. Project Evaluation

The Parties agree to establish an evaluation program as an integral part of the Project. Except as the Parties otherwise agree in writing, the program will include, during the implementation of the Project and at one or more points thereafter: (a) evaluation of progress toward attainment of the objectives of the Project; (b) identification and evaluation of problem areas or constraints which may inhibit such attainment; (c) assessment of how such information may be used to help overcome such problems, in this or other projects; and (d) evaluation, to the degree feasible, of the overall development impact of the Project.

#### SECTION 5.2. Other Covenants

(a) The Bangladesh Jatiyo Mahila Sangstha (BJMS) will submit quarterly reports through the Women's Affairs Division (WAD) to A.I.D., on the number of Academy graduates, number and types of courses in progress, and

showroom performance.

(b) The BJMS will submit semi-annual reports through the WAD to A.I.D. on the receipt, clearance and end use of A.I.D. financed commodities and equipment.

(c) The BJMS covenants to use the services of A.I.D. staff and/or consultants as necessary to meet Project goals to assist in the identification of training needs as a condition for programming participant training.

(d) The Grantee agrees to finance the air travel of participants to the furthest points served by its national airline.

(e) The Grantee reserves the right to review and approve consultant nominations.

(f) BJMS will submit reports through WAD to A.I.D. of all research and evaluation activities undertaken with funds under this grant as such reports are completed.

#### Article 6: Procurement Source

##### SECTION 6.1. Foreign Exchange Costs

Disbursements pursuant to Section 7.1. will be used exclusively to finance the costs of goods and services required for the Project having their source and origin in countries defined in Code 941 of the A.I.D. Geographic Code Book as in effect at the time orders are placed or contracts entered into for such goods or services ("Foreign Exchange Cost"), except as A.I.D. may otherwise agree in writing, and except as provided in the Project Grant Standard Provisions Annex, Section C.1. (b) with respect to marine insurance.

SECTION 6.2. Local Currency Costs

Disbursements pursuant to Section 7.2. will be used exclusively to finance the costs of goods and services required for the Project having their source and, except as A.I.D. may otherwise agree in writing, their origin in Bangladesh ("Local Currency Costs").

Article 7: Disbursement

SECTION 7.1. Disbursement for Foreign Exchange Costs

(a) After satisfaction of conditions precedent, the Grantee may obtain disbursements of funds under the Grant for the Foreign Exchange Costs of goods or services required for the Project in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, by such of the following methods as may be mutually agreed upon:

(1) by submitting to A.I.D., with necessary supporting documentation as prescribed in Project Implementation Letters, (A) requests for reimbursement for such goods or services, or (B) requests for A.I.D. to procure commodities or services in Grantee's behalf for the Project; or,

(2) by requesting A.I.D. to issue Letters of Commitment for specified amounts (A) to one or more U.S. banks, satisfactory to A.I.D., committing A.I.D. to reimburse such bank or banks for payments made by them to contractors or suppliers, under Letters of Credit or otherwise, for such goods or services, or (B) directly to one or more contractors or suppliers, committing A.I.D. to pay such contractors or suppliers, through Letters of Credit or otherwise, for such goods or services.

(b) Banking charges incurred by Grantee in connection with Letters of Commitment and Letters of Credit will be financed under the Grant unless Grantee instructs A.I.D. to the contrary. Such other charges as the Parties may agree to may also be financed under the Grant.

SECTION 7.2. Disbursement for Local Currency Costs

(a) After satisfaction of conditions precedent, the Grantee may obtain disbursements of funds under the Grant for Local Currency Costs required for the Project in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, by submitting to A.I.D., with necessary supporting documentation as prescribed in Project Implementation Letters, and request to finance such costs.

(b) The Local Currency needed for such disbursements may be obtained through purchase of local currency by A.I.D. The U.S. dollar equivalent of the local currency made available hereunder will be the amount of U.S. dollars required by A.I.D. to obtain the local currency.

SECTION 7.3. Other Forms of Disbursement

Disbursements of the Grant may also be made through such other means as the Parties may agree to in writing.

SECTION 7.4. Rate of Exchange

Except as may be more specifically provided under Section 7.2., if funds provided under the Grant are introduced into Bangladesh by A.I.D. or any public or private agency for purposes of carrying out obligations of A.I.D. hereunder, the Grantee will make such arrangements as may be

necessary so that such funds may be converted into currency of Bangladesh at the official rate of exchange in Bangladesh at the time the conversion is made.

Article 8: Miscellaneous

SECTION 8.1. Communications

Any notice, request, document or other communication submitted by either Party to the other under this Agreement will be in writing or by telegram or cable, and will be deemed duly given or sent when delivered to such party at the following addresses:

To the Grantee:            Secretary or Joint Secretary  
                                 Women's Affairs Division  
                                 President's Secretariat  
                                 Dacca, Bangladesh

Copies of all communication will be sent to:

Secretary or Joint Secretary  
Ministry of Planning  
External Resources Division  
Sher-e-Bangla Nagar  
Dacca, Bangladesh

To A.I.D.:                    U.S.A.I.D. Mission/Bangladesh  
                                 American Embassy  
                                 C.P.C. Box 323, Ramna  
                                 Dacca-2, Bangladesh

All such communications will be in English, unless the Parties otherwise agree in writing. Other addresses may be substituted for the above upon the giving of notice.

**SECTION 8.2. Representatives**

For all purposes relevant to this Agreement, the Grantee will be represented by the individual holding or acting in the office of Secretary or Joint Secretary, Women's Affairs Division, President's Secretariat and A.I.D. will be represented by the individual holding or acting in the office of Director, USAID Mission/Bangladesh, each of whom, by written notice, may designate additional representatives for all purposes other than exercising the power under Section 2.1, to revise elements of the amplified description in Annex 1. The names of the representatives of the Grantee, with specimen signatures, will be provided to A.I.D., which may accept as duly authorized any instrument signed by such representatives in implementation of this Agreement, until receipt of written notice of revocation of their authority.

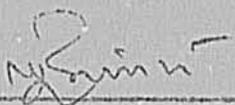
**SECTION 8.3 Standard Provisions Annex**

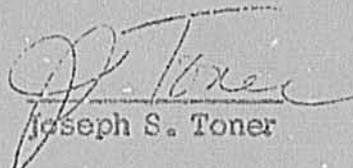
A "Project Grant Standard Provisions Annex" (Annex 2) is attached to and forms part of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantee and the United States of America, each acting through its duly authorized representative, have caused this Agreement to be signed in their names and delivered as of the day and year first above written.

THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

By:   
Muhammad Lutfullahil Majid

By:   
Joseph S. Toner

Title: Joint Secretary  
Ministry of Planning  
External Resources Division

Title: Director, USAID

Date: SEPT 30 1977

Date: Sept 30 1977

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONA. General

Under this Project Agreement, the United States Government through the Agency for International Development (A. I. D. ), agrees to provide grant funds for the provision of technical services, participant training and commodities to support the improvement and expansion of the National Women's Development Academy (NWDA). The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (EDG) has assigned this institution the primary responsibility for training women and integrating them into the socio-economic development of the country. This Grant will be administered by the Women's Affairs Division (WAD), Office of the President's Secretariat, and implemented by the Bangladesh Jatiyo Mahila Sangstha (BJMS).

B. Project Goal

The ultimate goal of the EDG and this Project is an increased participation and integration of women in the socio-economic development of Bangladesh. The Project's subgoal is to establish an outreach network from national to village

level providing skills, new ideas, procedures, methodologies and practices to rural women in the area of handicrafts and other income-generating activities, and to improve family life and health.

C. Project Purpose

The purpose to be achieved during the two year period of this Grant, resulting from the activities of the BDG and external donors, is to enable the NWDA to train personnel and to collect and disseminate information needed for an outreach network.

D. Activity Targets

It is mutually understood that by the end of the project two years from the date of signing this Agreement, the following conditions are expected that will indicate the purpose has been achieved:

- 1) 40 unions being served by Academy graduates providing specialized skills and economically productive training to rural women.
- 2) 400-600 villages having NWDA graduates serving as mediators in providing motivation, new ideas and practices in a variety of health and home science.

- 3) 10,000 rural women motivated to accept training useful to providing them with increased economic security and improved social well-being.

E. Funding Requirements

The project financial plan indicates total project requirements of \$911,416 over the two-year life of the project. This includes AID and other donor contributions (in foreign exchange and local costs) and a BDG contribution in local currency.

Funding levels and activities shown as AID and BDG contributions for FY 77 represent one time commitments for expenditures over the life of the project. The amounts shown as "other donor's" costs are for activity at the union level. These amounts are not yet final but are based on the best information available now.

The project financial plan is illustrative and subject to modification by mutual agreement in writing between A.I.D. and the Grantee.

PROJECT FINANCIAL PLAN  
(\$ US - \$000)

Use	Source						Total	
	AID		EDG		Others*			
	FX	LC	FX	LC	FX	LC	FX	LC
Capital equipment	17.7	41.2	-	5.3	-	-	17.7	46.5
Salaries	-	41.9	-	235.6	-	-	-	277.5
Participants	15.0	-	-	5.0	-	-	15.0	5.0
Consultants	36.0	-	-	-	-	-	36.0	-
Other recurring costs	7.6	97.6	-	73.9	-	-	7.6	171.5
Construction and/or rental	-	-	-	249.1	-	-	-	249.1
Contingencies	30.0	-	-	-	-	-	30.0	-
Research and evaluation	-	13.0	-	-	-	-	-	13.0
Other or unknown	-	-	-	-	42.5	-	42.5	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>106.3</b>	<b>193.7</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>568.9</b>	<b>42.5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>148.8</b>	<b>762.6</b>

\* Totals only, line item break-down not known

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F. Course of Action

1) Project Inputs

a) A.I.D. The Project inputs (technical assistance, commodities, training, etc.) are to be provided by means of PIOs issued by AID and counter-signed by the BDG. Other inputs (stipends, salaries, surveys, etc.) will be provided by funds advanced to the BDG against the mutually agreed budget and expenditure schedule.

b) BDG: Project inputs to be supplied by the BDG during the life of this project are also shown in Section E above. Illustrative components of these inputs are such actual and "in-kind" costs as provision of physical facilities and their maintenance, office supplies, postage, utilities, furniture, and union staff salaries.

2) Project Outputs (relating to AID inputs)

a) Village field workers trained at NWDA and working as village motivators.

b) Rural based trade instructors trained in basic vocational and/or handicraft skills at the NWDA and working at Union Women's Development Centers training local rural women.

- c) An improved and expanded Vocational Information Center.
- d) An improved and expanded sales/showroom for products made by women.
- e) An improved capability of the Research and Evaluation Unit to assist in overall activities, including collection and dissemination of useful and relevant information of the NWDA.