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THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS BANGLADESH'S NEXT GENERATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS

DHAKA, NOVEMBER 19-- The U.S. Government, through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), has launched a new program entitled “Developing the Next Generation of Public Health Experts in Bangladesh.” Through a partnership with the James P. Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH) of BRAC University, the program will provide financial support to 120 graduate students to earn a Master’s degree in Public Health to expand access among deserving students. The program curriculum will include specialized public health training, managerial and leadership competencies related to the public health sector, governance and planning, public financial management, monitoring and evaluation, and procurement and logistics. The program will also provide short-term training opportunities for health professionals, health degree candidates, and public health teachers.

The U.S. Government supports programs to improve the health of people throughout Bangladesh as part of President Obama’s Global Health Initiative. By producing a cadre of well-trained health experts, this program will help strengthen Bangladesh’s health systems at both the national and sub-national levels.

The U.S. Government, through USAID, has provided over \$6 billion in development assistance to Bangladesh since 1971. In 2012, USAID provided more than \$200 million to improve the lives of people in Bangladesh. USAID supports programs in Bangladesh that: expand food security and economic opportunity, promote democratic institutions and practices, improve health and education services, and increase resiliency to climate change through adaptation and low carbon development.

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