

Declaration by the Government and LCG on Agriculture, Rural Development and Food Security (LCG-ARDFS)

The BCIP is conceived as directly resulting from the Plan of Action of the National Food Policy (PoA/NFP). The preparation of the **BANGLADESH Country Investment Plan: A Road Map Towards Investment in Agriculture, Food Security and Nutrition** (BCIP) itself started in early 2010 and involved wide consultations with key ministries, private sector, NGOs and Development partners. Six thematic papers prepared with the technical assistance of International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and Bangladesh Institute for Development Studies (BIDS) served as the background documents for the BCIP. FAO offered technical support in the formulation of the BCIP.

The technical papers along with the Draft BCIP were presented at the *Bangladesh Food Security Investment Forum* held at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel, Dhaka, on 26-27 May 2010. The deliberations at the Forum, the inter-ministerial consultation meetings that followed and the comments from partner Ministries/Divisions were incorporated to finalize BCIP and the same was endorsed at the Inter-Ministerial/Inter-Agency meeting finally held at the Ministry of Food and Disaster Management on 13th June 2010. The BCIP is considered as a living document to be regularly revised as a result of (i) further consultations with stakeholders including development partners; (ii) changing circumstances; (iii) feed back from monitoring and evaluation activities.

This document is endorsed by the Local Consultative Group on Agriculture, Rural Development and Food Security (LCG-ARDFS) and the Government of Bangladesh.

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