

EMBASSY OF SWITZERLAND
IN BANGLADESH

SWISS DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AND RELIEF ASSISTANCE
IN BANGLADESH

(position as on 1.1.1978)

I. Summary of Disbursements (in '000 of Swiss Francs*)

	<u>1971-73</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
<u>- Grants (Government)</u>					
- Relief assistance (incl. food aid, health and social work)	28'586	3'023	4'003	1'820	2'007
- Technical Cooperation (incl. experts, equipment, fellowships, etc.) and multi-bilateral aid	498	13	3'568	2'173	4'056
Total:	29'084	3'036	7'571	3'993	6'063
<u>- Grants (Voluntary Organizations)</u>					
- Relief assistance (incl. food aid, health and social work)	30'908	2'608	1'528	278	**
- Technical Cooperation (incl. volunteers, equipment, fellowships, etc.)	15	1'722	484	1'639	**
Total:	30'923	4'330	2'012	1'917	**
<u>- Financial Aid (Government)</u>					
- Development loans (sof conditions)	-	-	-	2'000	8'000
- Debt consolidation	-	-	10'180	-	-
Total:	-	-	10'180	2'000	8'000

* US \$ 1.- has varied from Sw.Fr. 3.80 in 1971 to Sw.Fr. 2.- in 1977.

**Not yet available.

2. Relief assistance

a) The relief assistance from Switzerland was channeled through international organizations (UNICEF, UNHCR, UNROD, ICRC, WFP), voluntary organizations or bilaterally.

b) The governmental relief assistance included (disbursements) :

In 1974 :

- Wheat (1845 t)	Sw.Fr. 1.770.000.-
- Milk powder (45 t)	347.000.-
- Overflow relief programme (milk powder 24 t, tents, water purifying pills)	306.000.-
- Holy Family Hospital, Dacca	400.000.-
- Contribution to UNICEF programme	200.000.-
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Total 1974 :	Sw.Fr. 3.023.000.-
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In 1975 :

- WFP : wheat	Sw.Fr. 2.420.000.-
- Holy Family Hospital, Dacca	900.000.-
- Milk powder (85 t) and processed cheese (1 t)	683.000.-
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Total 1975 :	Sw.Fr. 3.003.000.-
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In 1976 :

- Milk powder, WSM, blankets, drugs	Sw.Fr. 720.000.-
- Holy Family Hospital, Dacca	950.000.-
- Contribution to UNICEF health programme	150.000.-
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Total 1976 :	Sw.Fr. 1.820.000.-
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In 1977 :

- Holy Family Hospital, Dacca	Sw.Fr. 925.000.-
- Supply of vitamin A (UNICEF)	100.000.-
- Milk powder (100 t), WSM (10 t), etc.	782.000.-
- Life-boats (UNDRO)	200.000.-
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Total 1977 :	Sw.Fr. 2.007.000.-
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The Holy Family Hospital, which is the main health project benefitting from Swiss contributions (Swiss Red Cross and Government), has received over Sw.Fr. 5.5 million from 1971 to 1977.

3. Technical cooperation

- a) The voluntary organizations of Switzerland have contributed to integrated projects implemented by voluntary organizations in Bangladesh mainly in the field of rural development : irrigation, extension work, fisheries, etc.
- b) The governmental technical cooperation concerns the following projects or programmes ; the amounts mentioned are commitments for a project's phase, and the disbursements are usually spread over a 2 to 3-year period according to the plan of operation of each project :

1974 :

- Training at IAEA, Vienna	Sw.Fr.	16.000.-
- Contribution to the Mirpur Agricultural Workshop and Training Centre (in addition to a contribution of Caritas Switzerland of Sw.Fr. 1.180.000.-) ; implementation through Caritas Bangladesh		700.000.-*
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Total 1974 :	Sw.Fr.	716.000.-
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1975 :

Scholarships for engineering studies at Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok	Sw.Fr.	96.000.-
- Supply of 3600 t TSP to the International Fertilizer Supply Scheme FAO		1.750.000.-
- Contribution to the Rajbari Agriculture Development Project (in addition to a contribution of Caritas Switzerland of Sw.Fr. 1.200.000.-) ; implementation through Caritas Bangladesh		1.000.000.-*
- Contribution to a programme of rural and social development (in addition to other voluntary contributions) ; implemented by the IUCW in collaboration with the Social Welfare Directorate, Phase I		200.000.-
- Contribution to the drinking water programme of UNICEF		1.925.000.-
- Feasibility study in maintenance of power transmission equipment		8.000.-
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Total 1975 :	Sw.Fr.	4.979.000.-
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1976 :

- Contribution to the irrigation programme of UNICEF (hand pumps)	Sw.Fr. 1.500.000.-*
- Special contribution to 3 UNDP projects (Warehousing, Dairy Development, Winter crop)	1.300.000.-
- Collaboration with the Power Development Board (Central Equipment Repair Workshop, Tongi)	570.000.-*
- Fellowship for the International Advanced Management Programme (CEI, Geneva)	17.000.-
- Feasibility study for rural projects	35.000.-
Total 1976 :	<u>Sw.Fr. 3.422.000.-</u>

1977 :

- Contribution to a programme of rural and social development, implemented by the IUCW in collaboration with the Social Welfare Directorate, Phase II	Sw.Fr. 400.000.-*
- Take over of the financing of the UNDP/ILO Project BGD/73/013 Diesel Pump Maintenance and Training Programme, Phase I	1.620.000.-*
- Feasibility study for a project in sericulture	37.000.-
- Feasibility study for a project in post harvest technology, storage facilities & marketing credit	13.000.-
- Appraisal mission for financial aid	30.000.-
- Fellowships for the International Advanced Management Programme (CEI, Geneva)	35.000.-
- Fellowship for insurance training	10.000.-
- Supply of refrigerators for the livestock Development Sources	360.000.-**
Total 1977 :	<u>Sw.Fr. 2.505.000.-</u>

‡ On-going activities as on 1.1.1978

** Project agreement yet to be signed

4. Financial aid

An agreement for a development loan (IDA conditions), amounting to Sw.Fr. 20.000.000.- was signed on 18.3.1975 as Swiss contribution to the Ashuganj Fertilizer Plant. Disbursements have started in 1976. According to the recommendations of the Conference on international economic cooperation (Paris 1977), this loan shall be converted into a grant.

In addition, debts were consolidated in 1975 for an amount of Sw. Fr. 10.180.000.-.

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Récapitulatif de la coopération suisse
avec le Bangladesh au 1.1.1978

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Veillez trouver ci-joint 40 exemplaires du texte récapitulatif que je viens d'établir sur notre coopération avec le Bangladesh. Je vous saurais gré d'en adresser un exemplaire avec carte de compliment aux représentants locaux chargés du développement des pays membres du "Bangladesh Aid Group" (soit, sauf erreur, l'Australie, la Belgique, le Canada, le Danemark, la France, la RFA, l'Iran, l'Italie, le Japon, le Koweït, les Pays-Bas, la Norvège, la Roumanie, la Suède, l'UK et les USA) ainsi qu'aux représentants de la BIRD, du PNUD, et de l'UNICEF. Trois exemplaires sont destinés à M. Fakruddin Ahmed, Joint Secretary, ERD, Ministry of Planning, un à MM. Tscharner et Amacher, et le solde pour répondre à vos éventuels besoins.

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