

Bangladesh Harmonization Action Plan (HAP)



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Presentation Plan

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Process (As of Today)

- Bangladesh with over 85 developing and developed countries signed in 2005 the “Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness” underscoring that for development assistance to be effective it needs to be fully aligned with national priorities and needs. This Harmonization Action Plan (HAP) constitutes another step forward to make the commitments a reality at the country level.
- GoB and DPs declare their willingness to create an effective development partnership based on mutual commitment, trust, respect and confidence through Implementation of HAP.
- The main objective of HAP is to reduce poverty, improve partnership collaboration and sustain development gains towards achieving MDGs.
- The initial draft of HAP was prepared by PFM Task Force under Ministry of Finance.
- On 02 March 2006 Harmonization Implementation Task Force was formed with ERD Secretary as it’s chairman.

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Process (contd)

- PRS-HAP Cell was established (4 June 2006) in ERD. To finalize HAP and related issues of Aid & Donor Coordination, HAP related documents were handed over to PRS-HAP Cell from M/o Finance.
- ERD held a series of meeting with LCG focal point and other Development Partners to share their views on draft HAP. The DPs' final comments on the draft HAP were gathered through the Local Consultative Group and shared with all GoB line Ministries.
- During the second task force meeting held on 9 July 2006, the HAP document was formally finalized with a guideline that HAP will be a guiding framework for both GoB and DPs to follow the Paris Declaration at country level, and as such will remain a working document that will be revised as and when required.
- Bangladesh Harmonization Action Plan (HAP) was finally approved by the Hon'ble Minister for Finance and Planning on 28 August 2006.

What is it

HAP is:

- a guiding framework for both GoB and DPs to follow the Paris Declaration at Country Level
- a working document that is to be revised as and when required.

Contents of HAP

– Bangladesh HAP documents basically have 3 part:

(1) Background

(2) Matrix Column of HAP

(3) Annexure

Background

- The process of preparation, finalization of HAP in line with Paris and Rome Declaration and HAP related actions/documents are briefly explained in this section

HAP Matrix

HAP Matrix was developed under the 5 pillars of Paris Declaration partnership commitments

1. **Ownership:** *partner countries exercise effective leadership over their development policies & strategies and coordinate development actions*
2. **Alignment:** *donors base their overall support on partner countries' national development strategies, institutions and procedures*
3. **Harmonization:** *donors actions are more harmonised, transparent and collectively effective*
4. **Managing for results:** *Managing resources and improving decision making for results*
5. **Mutual accountability:** *donors and partners are accountable for development results*

HAP Matrix

In order to tailor these 5 commitments to the context of Bangladesh, next step was to identify the

- related issues,
- actions,
- outcomes,
- timelines and
- actors

HAP Matrix (Eg)

Issues	Actions	Outcomes	Timing	Lead Actors
1. Ownership				
1.1.....				
x	x	x	x	X
2. Alignment				
2.1.....				
x	x	x	x	X
3. Harmonization				
x	x	x	x	X
4. Managing for results				
x	x	x	x	X
5. Mutual accountability				
x	x	x	x	X

HAP Matrix

1. Ownership

1-1. Establishing the Harmonization, Alignment and Results Framework

1-2. Implementing Poverty Reduction Strategy (PRS)

HAP Matrix

2. Alignment

2-1. Promoting Alignment to PRS

2-2. Strengthening the Aid Management and Implementation Capacity

2-3. Strengthening the Public Financial Management

2-4. Streamlining the Project Formulation and Approval Procedure

2-5. Strengthening the Procurement Procedure

HAP Matrix

3. Harmonization

3-1. Promoting Program-Based Approaches

3-2. Simplifying and Streamlining DPs'
Operations

HAP Matrix

4. Managing for Results

4-1. Strengthening Overall and Sector-level Monitoring and Evaluation

4-2. Strengthening Project-level Monitoring and Evaluation

HAP Matrix

5. Mutual Accountability

5-1. Strengthening GoB's Accountability

5-2. Strengthening Donors' Accountability

5-3. Making Joint Assessment of Aid
Effectiveness

Annexes

1. Copy of the Rome Declaration
2. Copy of the Paris Declaration
3. List of Indicators

What we expect from you

- Understand the HAP document and the relevance to your work
- Nominate focal points from your department /ministry to work closely with ERD (PRS-HAP cell) to contribute to the fulfilment of the commitment of GoB to the Paris Declaration
 - and in particular the following:

Next Step

Within the context of Bangladesh:

1. Document the HAP Matrix progress/update
2. Development of HAP indicators
3. Joint Monitoring of HAP implementation at
 - Harmonization Task Force/
 - Harmonization Working Group

Next Step

Within the context of the global harmonisation agenda:

1. DAC survey 2007
2. Evaluation of the Paris Declaration
3. Ghana High Level Forum 2008

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