

Meeting with assessment team of trade and private sector experts of USAID/Bangladesh



A view of meeting with the USAID trade assessment team

USAID/Bangladesh assessment team of trade and private sector experts had a meeting with some agribusiness entrepreneurs at Hortex conference room on September 10, 2012 under the Chairmanship of Mr. Monzur Hossain, Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Chairman, Hortex Foundation to assess the potential to increase regional and global trade in the South and South-west region of Bangladesh. This assessment focused on Benapole, Bhomra land ports and the Mongla sea port in order to identify potential cost-effective opportunities that might be supported by the USAID Mission's

economic growth program.

In the meeting, thirty two diversified participants attended from different organizations like USAID/Washington, USAID/Bangladesh, CARANA Corporation/USAID, Ministry of Agriculture, Export Promotion Bureau, Hortex Foundation, PKSF, DAM, Bangladesh Fruits, Vegetables & Allied Products Exporters Association, Urban Trading Co., Bangladesh Agro Processors Association, Rahimafrooz, BRAC Dairy & Food Project, Bengal Meat, Agriconcern Limited.

Dr. S. M. Monwar Hossain, Managing Director of Hortex Foundation delivered the welcome speech with thanks to the participants for attending in the discussion meeting. Dr. Hossain further briefed objectives, goals and activities of the Foundation as well as SCDC of NATP/Hortex. Hortex as a non-profit organization not only deals fresh fruits/vegetables rather other agro-commodities, he added.

The USAID Mission team leader Mr. Mustapha El Hamzaoui informed that a large project to be implemented in 2015 in South and South-west part of Bangladesh intervening high value agro-commodities for production, post-harvest management and marketing in domestic as well as export markets.

Mr. Monzur Hossain, Chairman mentioned in his speech that Managing Director, Hortex Foundation was advised to arrange a meeting between USAID trade assessment team and agribusiness entrepreneurs of Bangladesh at the conference room of the Foundation. He appreciated Hortex management to arrange such a meeting within the short time. This meeting provided opportunity for direct interaction among the different participants to explore the possibility of partnership development in agribusiness of various high value agro-commodities in South and South-west region of Bangladesh by joint investment, he further added. The meeting concluded with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.