The INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (IDA), an affiliate of the WORLD BANK, has approved a $25 million credit for a small scale drainage and flood control project in Bangladesh. The project will help finance construction of permanent structures and improvements in earthworks and will cover some of the schemes of the Food-for-Work Program instituted under the World Food Programme. As a result, it is expected that some 350,000 acres of agricultural land will be made more productive. The project is a pioneer operation and will be completed in five years.

Among those present at the signing of the credit documents on October 30, 1979, were, seated from left to right: Mr. Abidur Rahman, Economic Minister, Embassy of Bangladesh; and Mr. W. David Hopper, Vice President, South Asia Region, WORLD BANK/IDA.

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