

## BRAC non-formal primary education system earns acclaim in Africa

The non-formal primary education model innovated by BRAC in Bangladesh has earned so great an acclaim across Africa that more and more nations on the continent are replicating it, reports UNB.

A BRAC official, who was in Dakar, Senegal, to attend a three-day West African Education Conference held October 16-18, told UNB that the spotlight at the moot was on the BRAC model. "More and more countries now want to replicate the model," he said.

In Zambia, 40 free primary schools based on BRAC model have already been set up under "Zambian Open Community (ZOC) school programme. Another 50 schools will be opened

in January next year in view of the success of the present ones.

Same type of schools will also be set up in Uganda and then in some other neighbouring countries in the region.

Such widespread interest was generated in Africa after a number of delegations from the continent visited Bangladesh last year to see the BRAC-innovated model schools.

With the help of two education specialists from BRAC, the Cell worked, studied, exchanged views and prepared curriculum for BRAC model schools in a number of African countries like Zambia, Uganda, Burundi, Malawi, Botswana and Lesotho.