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UNESCO to give \$ 2.50m for pry education

BANGKOK, Feb 23 : The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) is to assist the Bangladesh Ministry of Education on the implementation of a nearly two and a half million dollar project for the improvement and expansion of primary education in the country, reports BSS.

According to UNESCO sources, the project to be financed by the International Development Association, aims at improving the programmes and services of the academy for fundamental education and eight primary teacher training institutes in Bangladesh. It also includes the development of new and additional learning methods and materials.

The sources said, UNESCO will also assist and advise the Education Ministry bringing about qualitative improvement of primary level administration at the sub-divisional and thana levels. Adding, the specific method and materials will be developed for the newly created post of Assistant Thana Education Officer responsible for the direct supervision of primary teaching.

Bangladesh Government, being at the help of affairs, will provide support services and UNESCO will be responsible for administering the technical assistance which will include the provision of experts and materials as well as the cost of fellowships for Bangladeshi nationals.

UNESCO first offered to advise and assist Bangladesh in the execution of the project when the organisation's Director-General, Mr. Madou Mahtar m'Bow paid an official visit to the country in January 1979. This was in response to the government's expressed desire to secure the cooperation of UNESCO and other agencies to achieve the goals of universal primary education.