BANGLADESH PRIORITIES
SMARTER SOLUTIONS FOR BANGLADESH

Top Ideas for Cost-Benefit Research

Capital and Financial Markets
- Establish a formal bond market.
- Reduce non-performing loans in banking sector.

Climate Change
- Build dikes and seawalls for flood prevention.
- Strengthen early warning detection systems.
- Reduce fossil fuels subsidies.
- Install more renewable energy.

Digital Bangladesh
- Scaling up e-procurement across government.
- Establish e-filling (tracking of government processes online).
- Expand broadband across Bangladesh.
- Expand the number of services provided in Union Digital Centers.

Education
- Expand early childhood development, preschools and nutrition.
- Improve education quality.

Environment & Biodiversity
- Increase productive forest cover by 20%.
- Clean Buriganga river.
- Expand use of clean cookstoves.
- Community-based natural resource management.

Fiscal Management & Revenue Mobilization
- Strengthen tax base.

Food Security, Nutrition & Agriculture
- Provide package of micronutrients, deworming to 0-2 year olds.
- R&D into new rice and vegetable varieties.
- Incorporate basic nutrition into extension services.
- Promotion of complementary feeding.
- Homestead food production of animal source foods.
- Promotion of delayed first age of birth and interventions to increase girl's secondary schooling.
- Balanced energy protein supplementation in pregnancy, including micronutrient supplementation.
- Tobacco cessation during pregnancy.

Gender Equality
- Provide subsidies and incentives to reduce child marriage.
- Strengthen dowry and child marriage laws.
- Expand female empowerment programs.
- Increase access to sexual and reproductive health rights.
- Reduce violence against women.

Governance & Institutions
- Removing unnecessary steps in government processes (services process simplification).
- Expand village courts.
- Introduce court case tracking system and digital processing of ongoing legal cases.

Health System & Access
- Expand detection and treatment of TB.
- Better primary healthcare (more doctors, greater coverage).

Industrial Policy & Trade
- Expansion of software industry.
- Create RMG Special Zones.
- Expand factory compliance and labor laws.
- Trade liberalization.
- Trade facilitation.
- Enact motor vehicles agreement with Bhutan, India and Nepal.

Infrastructure (Energy)
- Energy sharing with regional neighbors (Bhutan, India, Nepal).
- Coal.
- Gas.
- Nuclear.
- Distributed solar.

Infrastructure (Transport)
- Build Padma bridge.
- Build Dhaka metro.
- Install Bus rapid transit system in Dhaka.

Land Administration
- E-registry for land administration.

Migration
- Stipends for seasonal migration to escape hunger during famine season.
- Union Digital Centers to formalize migration.
- Skills training for migration.

Non-communicable Diseases
- Tobacco regulation including increased tax.
- Cervical cancer screening.
- Integrating NCDs into primary healthcare.
- Behavior change interventions to reduce childhood obesity.

Poverty Growth and Entrepreneurship
- Expand BRAC's Targeting the Ultra-poor program.
- Expand cash transfers for poverty reduction.
- Expand livelihood programs.
- Expand traditional microfinance.
- Expand flexible microfinance.

Urbanization
- Expand drainage to cover 80% of Dhaka.
- Establish satellite towns around Dhaka.
- Install elevated Dhaka Expressway.

Water and Sanitation
- Increase access to safe drinking water including addressing arsenic contamination.
- Increase access to sanitation.
- Integrated water resource management.

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