Facilitate Entrepreneurship Development Service (EDS) for Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) by using ICT tools and Learning Programs

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Introduction of BIID

BIID is a private sector initiative that offers a range of services aimed at development and promotion of ICT based information and services market in Bangladesh

It's distinction lies in clear understanding of issues & opportunities to benefit the poor with the use of ICTs and consider local dynamics

Inclusive Business

BIID envisions in becoming a reliable and leading enterprise offering strategic planning, implementation assistance and consulting services to public, private and other initiatives in ICT based services market BIID's key strategy is to ensure *Making ICT works for poor* as an effective tool & cross cutting issue. And build on the existing system and available as well as emerging technologies and potential users

Partners and Services of BIID































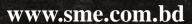


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Market Linkage Program



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BIID Service Tree and Structure





Smart Village Help Desk

Entrepreneurship Development 16250 & www.ekrishok.com

Extension Training Centre

Innovation

Empowerment

Sustainability

Lab

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Batighar extension.org.bd **Intel Easy Steps** e-Clinic

e-Krishok **Smart Farmer Smart Future Smart Solutions Farmbook SME.COM**

ENABLING ENVIRONMENT

RESOURCES

Research Partnership Innovation

Branding Strategy

BIID initiatives in Entrepreneurship Development



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Online platform for MSMEs

Intel® Easy Steps

ICT based entrepreneurship



Farmbook

ICT enabled Business Planning (EAS*)
Solution for Farmers and Agri-businesses

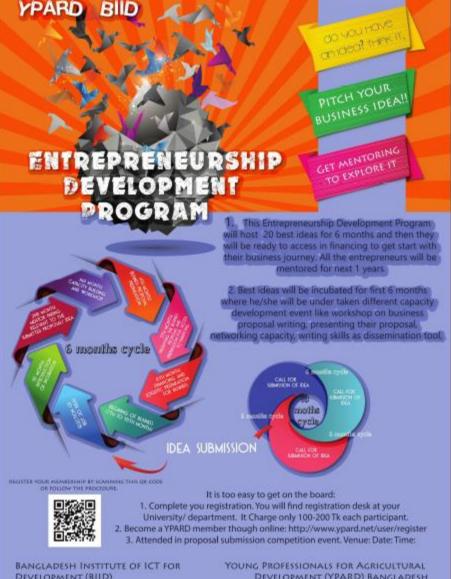


EDS/BDS Services for ALL

Targeting rural
youth is BIID's
primary focus with
360 degree solution



A brand new initiative from BIID and YPARD



DEVELOPMENT (BIID)

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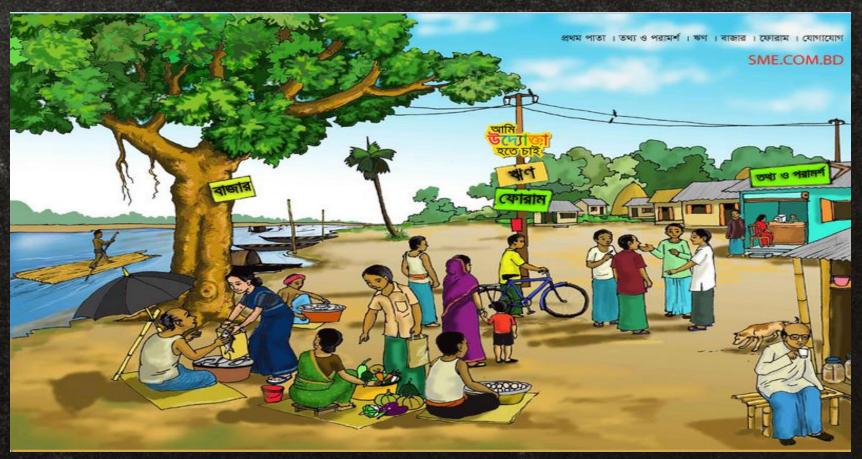




DEVELOPMENT (YPARD) BANGLADESH

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Case 1: Online Platform for MSMEs



www.sme.com.bd, an online platform for advisory and business development information service including legal advise and access to finance. A help desk at back end facilitate support services.

Service Basket under SME Portal

- 1. Online information repository on Business / Entrepreneurship Development Services (B/EDS) the following issues
 - i. Legal information;
 - ii. Access to Finance;
 - iii. Help Desk for business planning, feasibility assessment and link to financial institutes;
 - iv. Market Place
- 2. Training on business planning and financial literacy;
- 3. Network of entrepreneurs for experience sharing
- 4. Advocacy and promote ICT based EDS platforms
- 5. An inclusive platform for entrepreneurs

Intel® Easy Steps

ICT Skill for youth to create job opportunity and self employment

- BIID and Intel signed an MoU in 2012 to introduce The Intel® Easy Steps (IES) program in Bangladesh
- IES offers adult learners the opportunity for enhanced social and economic self sufficiency through digital literacy in rural communities specially targeting the women, unemployed youth, and other underserved populations.
- Jointly with APTN, BIID offered scholarship for 300 women and girls for IES training
- BIID offered ToT for 45 Master Trainers and 2000 plus trainees received IES training
- Exploring to endorse the IES course by the relevant government department

Women are primary target groups



ঝিনাইদহের কালীগঞ্জে মেয়েদের তথ্য ও যোগাযোগ প্রযুক্তিতে দক্ষতা অর্জনে কম্পিউটার প্রশিক্ষণের একটি মুহুর্ত। ছবিটি তোলা সেশনের প্রথম দিন ২৮/১২/১৩

Training at rural ICT centers

Master Trainer Program jointly BIID and Intel



Service Basket under IES

- 1. Customized IES module (In Bengali Version)
- 2. Training on ICT and business skills
- 3. Localized references (Cases)
- 4. Mentoring support for the selected IES participants
- 5. Offer scholarship for underprivileged youth women groups (with support from TCF/APTN)
- 6. Facilitate Business / Entrepreneurship Development Services (B/EDS)
- 7. Developing a business model to scale up

Why ICT centric youth entrepreneurship important?

- 18% of global population (age group 15-24)
- 35% of Bangladesh population are youth
- Youth are vibrant, dynamic and ICT adopter
- Future leaders and workforce
- Engage in different social and voluntary works
- Poverty and unemployment leading to engage the youth communities in unethical activities and social unrest
- Transformation of local economy through ICT
- Contribution to the economy with innovation

BIID Services for MSMEs ... Contd.

- 6. Facilitate partnership with relevant organizations and associations;
- 7. Develop learning materials (Fact Sheets);
- 8. Promote ICT based micro enterprises for women (IES Module);
- 9. Connect the entrepreneurs to the online information resources through www.sme.com.bd
- 10. Offer Help Desk (Voice call & SMS notification) for *Advisory Services* on different value added services for the youth entrepreneurs;
- 11. Facilitate incubation support for the potential entrepreneurs



Major Challenges in Entrepreneurship

Demand Side

- Lack of commitment of youth (Interest in short term gains, not on long term benefits)
- Social behavior to 'business' is negative
- Understanding and capacity of the micro and small entrepreneurs / businesses
- Readiness of HR (Psychological, Academic and Business Skill)
- Low awareness on skill development (soft and technical)
- Low use of ICT as a business management tool
- Perception about women in business is not promising

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Supply Side

- Service providers approach towards micro/ small business
- Low use of ICT tools to deliver services
- Complex and lengthy legal process
- Gap between policy and implementation strategy (on entrepreneurship development)
- Low awareness and motivation of stakeholders
- Availability of relevant B/EDS like access to finance, QC guidelines, mentoring, market linkage, financial literacy etc.
- Demand and availability of relevant quality training program on business skills

Results and Impact

- Approximately 2,500 young entrepreneurs trained at local level on various business skills
- 5,000 farmers trained on Farmbook skill sets
- 15,000 users availed access to finance related information through online platform
- 3,000 students attends various workshops and seminars on entrepreneurship
- 2,000 plus IES participants
- 5 Advocacy workshops organized with policy makers on financial inclusion and B/EDS

Introducing "Smart Women"

Next generation entrepreneurs



Key features

- Build on the experiences of IES and other BIID initiatives
- Increase ICT skills of women
- Targeting women groups
- Multi Stakeholder Partnership strategy
- Focusing in rural areas and relevant businesses
- Facilitate 360 degree ICT solution (From idea generation to business planning, from access to finance to mentoring)
- Branding and Marketing the Smart Women members

Thank You

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