Background

Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) play an important role in the developing economy of a country like Bangladesh. Their role in terms of sustainable economic growth, production, development of entrepreneurs, employment generation, contribution to exports and facilitating equitable distribution of income is very critical for a developing country. Thus, the government has identified the SMEs as a key element and considered as the backbone of the economy of Bangladesh. In this corona pandemic many informal SMEs are being developed through online based system (Facebook, YouTube, etc.).

Objectives

- ♣ To develop hygienic and safe food & products supply system first in Bangladesh;
- ♣ To develop direct marketing linkup with buyers with a sustainable supply chain;
- ♣ To develop a sustainable agriculture & product supply chain all over Bangladesh;
- * To reform an online based digital market system, engage wholesale agent at kawran bazar, khatunganj, shyambazar etc.;
- ♣ To make a breakthrough in our wholesale supply chain market;
- ♣ To develop farmer to consumer (F2C) system;
- Paradigm shift of general shop to live shop system

Basic Plan

- Production
- Online Purchase with Agent Engagement
- Sustainable & Customized Transport System with GPS Tracking and software use
- ♣ Warehouse input (8 locations)
- ♣ Disinfecting, Cleaning, Hygienic and Vacuum Packaging
- ♣ Online pre-order and sale
- ♣ Delivery within 6 hours
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) based customer need analysis
- ♣ Demand calculation and storing with seasonal calendar
- Profit sharing with regular customer



Production Point

- * Engaging informal farmers and SMEs as our basic production house
- Perform as a direct buyer
- ♣ Provide advance amount for cultivating crops and agricultural products
- High yield varieties seed supply
- ♣ Provide small scale bank loan for suppliers and agents as part of cultivation and supply
- Provide training for cultivation and harvesting of crops



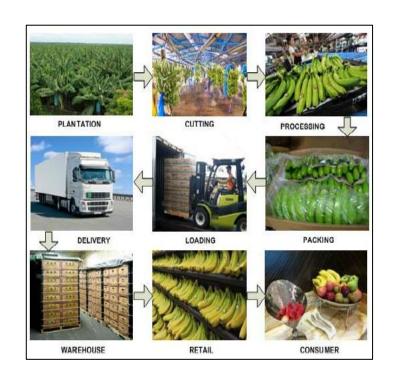
Support to Terminated Employee Due to COVID-19 Point

- 1. Make a list for employees who lost their job due to COVID-19 pandemic
- 2. Communicate with different trade organizations (BKMEA, BAIRA, BTA, BFLLFEA, BDMS etc.)
- 3. Trained the dismissed employees with different trades (according to DoY, GoB)
- 4. Purchase their products with advance payment and sale to present employees with hygiene condition
- 5. Support all kinds of technical (seed supply, training, packaging, hygienic etc.) and financial management (product buying, selling, bank loan, land leasing, and pesticide supply)
- 6. Develop a SMART supply chain and delivery system
- 7. Develop mobile app and webpage-based market system



Transportation System

- 1. Customized vehicle (vegetables, fish, fruits, crops, liquid etc.)
- 2. Circular and radius-based transportation collection system (Toyota, Nishan, Japanese collection model)
- 3. Three types of vehicle (collection, transportation, and delivery) use
- 4. Mobile app-based vehicle tracking system
- 5. Manage ten (10) ferry ghats with agent for quick transportation
- 6. Anti-trip management system development all over Bangladesh
- 7. Sustainable Express Courier Service development in 2500 unions
- 8. 24/7 technical support for logistic management
- 9. Engage with BRTC and postal logistic delivery system
- 10. Use digital economy system (Nogod, Bkash, Rocket, Sure Cash etc.)



Hygiene Food

- 1. Product collection with hygienic practice (PPE and polybag usage)
- 2. In-house disinfection (water heating, spraying, & cleaning) process
- 3. Grading and sorting
- 4. Grade-wise special treatment for category of products



Smart Packaging

- 1. General packing for vegetables and quick perishable goods
- 2. Vacuum packing for grade-wise product
- 3. Product auto labeling
- 4. Manufacturing & expire date enabling
- 5. Weight-wise packing (2kg, 5kg, 10kg etc.)
- 6. QC pass system development
- 7. Respray for final delivery



Online Sales

- 1. Mobile app development
- 2. Website development
- 3. Fixed customer (present worker of BKMEA, BAIRA, BTA, BFLLFEA, BDMS Etc.)
- 4. General customer development with branding
- 5. Social media marketing



Live Market

- 1. Live shopping mall development
- 2. Shop number wise separate live link
- 3. Live consumer-shopkeeper-consumer link development
- 4. Direct purchase from every shop
- 5. Live wholesale market (kawran bazar, khatunganj etc.) development
- 6. Local hut (market) management through agent



Live Shops

- 1. Mohallas/Paras/Goli wise live shop development
- 2. Market wise live shop development
- 3. House wise live shop development (different items based on FB group)
- 4. Wholesale market wise live shop development
- 5. Barcode scanning poster shop development
- 6. Flat & housing society wise live shop development



Garments/Trade Body wise Sales point

- 1. General grocery shop development in factory (online & offline)
- 2. Delivery system development for employees & owners house
- 3. Running employee purchase system from terminated employee (RE-TE system development)
- 4. Regular demand analysis and supply system





Smooth Supply Chain

- 1. Specific production house
- 2. High yield varieties production
- 3. Pre-processing hygiene maintaining
- 4. Day to day collection
- 5. Hygiene packaging
- 6. 4-tier delivery system (bike, bicycle, small pickup van, large supply van)
- 7. Online payment gateway (general & mobile banking)
- 8. Agent engagement & supply system
- 9. SMART transport system
- 10. Bank loan, micro-credit loan, and other financial services
- 11. Many production houses and one direct buyer
- 12. Advance payment during production against post sale







Beneficiaries

- 1. Terminated employees due to COVID-19
- 2. Association members
- 3. General hygiene food supplier
- 4. General shop keepers
- 5. Market owners
- 6. Chain shop owners
- 7. Different institutions
- 8. Safe food suppliers
- 9. Gender involvement
- 10. Non-formal SMEs
- 11. Regional farmers
- 12. Commission agent
- 13. Transport system
- 14. Youth development



Major Spent

- 1. System development
- 2. Training
- 3. Hygiene & cleaning machineries
- 4. Packaging machineries
- 5. Online shop development
- 6. Transportation
- 7. Seed and pesticides supply
- 8. Advance payment
- 9. Bank loan interest
- 10. Marketing
- 11. Branding
- 12. Labeling
- 13. Delivery system



Our Strength

- 1. MoU and strong communication with different trade organizations in Bangladesh (BKMEA, BAIRA, BTA, BFLLFEA, BDMS etc.)
- 2. Listing the terminated employees from different factories
- 3. Already experienced with live projects (<u>www.socheton.com</u>)
- 4. ICT ministry affiliation (iDEA project, Startup Bangladesh, ICT, GoB)
- 5. Communication with transport regulatory body (private)
- 6. Mutual agreement with Bangladesh Dokan Malik Somity (BDMS)
- 7. Communication with 2500+ union parishad areas
- 8. Strong IT support team
- 9. 24/7 support team
- 10. Online based sales platform
- 11. Donor based communication



Winning Team

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04	Dr. Zahanara Parvin	PhD, Japan, Educationalist and Researcher	12
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11	Sanjida Rahman	B. SC. In CSE, (CUET), IT	8
12	Tanvir Rahman	B. SC. In CSE, (CUET), IT	5
13	Salim Ahmed	B. SC. In CSE, (BUET), IT	5
14	IT Support Technician (6)	Various	Various
15	Office Staff (70)	Various	Various



Technology Required

- 1. Mobile app
- 2. E-commerce website
- 3. Online payment gateway (card & mobile banking)
- 4. GPS tracking system
- 5. 4G router for rural areas
- 6. Web Camera (1080p) for high resolution videos
- 7. HDMI Cable (10 Meters)
- 8. Sound System for customer communication
- 9. Internet stabilizers for poor connection
- 10. 42' LED TV for customer Monitoring
- 11. Voltage stabilizers
- 12. Moveable Camera Stands

- 13. Broadband connection with LAN facilities
- 14. Multiplug
- 15. USB Hub and customized connector
- 16. Super soft lighting for showroom
- 17. Audio Card USB Connector
- 18. Moveable stand table
- 19. YouTube Channel for every shop
- 20. Boya for clear voice communication
- 21. Facebook group
- 22. Bluetooth Mouse and key board
- 23. Online server for every shop
- 24. Laptop, Desktop or Smart phone





Equity Required

- 1. Office set up
- 2. Transportation management
- 3. Online e-commerce management
- 4. Bank loan support for supply chain SMEs, farmers and shopkeepers SMEs
- 5. Agricultural product support (seed, pesticides etc.)
- 6. Running capital
- 7. Delivery system
- 8. Hygiene and packing machineries
- 9. Certification
- 10. Long-term financial support
- 11. Shop decoration (online & offline)
- 12. Shopping mall wise equipment set up



COVID-19 Preparedness

- 1. People used to online marketing and purchasing due to COVID-19
- 2. SMART delivery system
- 3. Mobile banking payment
- 4. Terminated employee support
- 5. Ensure hygiene
- 6. Production date wise labeling
- 7. Support to non-formal SMEs
- 8. COVID affected people's support
- 9. Support to business paradigm shift due to COVID
- 10. Initiate Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) practices



Sustainability

- 1. Regular product demand
- 2. Eco-Friendly
- 3. Trend increasing for online purchasing
- 4. Support to new entrepreneurs
- 5. Support to running SMEs
- 6. Different association involvement
- 7. Present demand of SME sector
- 8. Automated software
- 9. Supplier-customer live relationship
- 10. Government-TO-Association-NGO and public relationship
- 11. Season and area wise product diversification and supply
- 12. Strong market research



Poverty Reduction

- 1. Creating new market opportunities
- 2. Employment generation for expatriates, terminated employee and other affected people due to COVID-19
- 3. Non-formal SME development
- 4. Supply chain establishment with producer, agent, supplier, and consumer
- 5. Product diversification from one place to all over Bangladesh
- 6. Contribution on national economic growth
- 7. Proper distribution of area wise product





SDG Target

- 1. No Poverty (SDG-1)
- 2. Good-Health and Well-being (SDG-3)
- 3. Decent work and economic growth (SDG-8)
- 4. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure (SDG-9)
- 5. Responsible consumption and production ((SDG-12)
- 6. Climate action (SDG-13)



Funding Request

It's a continuous project and need to support in different parts. Primarily, our first funding request is \$5,000,000.00 (five million US dollars) in the context of equity and running capital.