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social protection policies**

Statement submitted by Sustainable Development for Vulnerable Peoples in Bangladesh, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council*

The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 36 and 37 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Statement

Sustainable Development for Vulnerable People in Bangladesh (SDVPBD) is a leading NGO in Bangladesh, where it works to build the capacity of vulnerable peoples. Bangladesh is a country that experiences overpopulation, but its economy is growing quickly and steadily. There is a need for skilled labour to maintain this progress. However, the majority of people in Bangladesh remain poor and therefore unable to invest money for their own capacity development. Without skills, jobs are not available. For this reason, foreigners are taking the most important jobs in Bangladesh. The Government is trying to overcome this gap, but it cannot do so all alone. Therefore, the support of civil society is very important.

SDVPBD provides capacity building training, free of charge, to vulnerable persons in Bangladesh. SDVPBD's main aim is to develop skills of 10 million people within five years. It seeks additional funding in order to execute this honorary undertaking.

SDVPBD requests others to join it in making its dream of a world free of poverty, where everybody's basic needs are met, a reality.
