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ACTUALIZACIÓN DEL PROGRAMA DE PAÍS: BANGLADESH

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- Observaciones y recomendaciones de la Secretaría del Fondo Multilateral
- Actualización del programa del país

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DESCRIPCIÓN

Programa de Bangladesh

1. El PNUD ha presentado la actualización del programa de Bangladesh, preparada en colaboración con el Gobierno de Bangladesh (Actualización del programa de Bangladesh) para que sea examinada en la 48ª Reunión del Comité Ejecutivo.

2. El programa de Bangladesh fue aprobado en la 14^a Reunión del Comité Ejecutivo de septiembre de 1994. A finales de 2004, el Comité Ejecutivo había aprobado financiación por un monto total de 1,65 millones \$EUA. para eliminar 172 toneladas PAO de CFC, de las cuales han sido eliminadas 129 toneladas y, del monto aprobado, se han desembolsado 1,2 millones\$EUA. En su 36^a Reunión de marzo de 2002, el Comité Ejecutivo aprobó la suma de 18 750 \$EUA para que el PNUD realizara un estudio con miras a actualizar el programa de Bangladesh.

3. Al elaborar la actualización del programa del país, el Gobierno de Bangladesh y el PNUD pasaron revista a los progresos alcanzados en la aplicación del programa original para el país y destacaron los siguientes aspectos de la ejecución.

Consumo de SAO

4. En el programa de Bangladesh se observó que no se habían consumido CFC en el sector de las espumas ni se había aplicado metilbromuro en fumigación. Bangladesh ha seguido manteniendo la situación sin cambios en los dos sectores y, desde 1995, el consumo de halones se ha reducido. Durante el período de ejecución del programa del país, los CFC, en especial el CFC-12, siguieron siendo, por su volumen de utilización, las principales sustancias controladas que se consumen en Bangladesh. En el Cuadro 1 se compara el consumo de SAO en Bangladesh cuando se aprobó el programa del país y en 2004.

Sector	Consumo en 2004 (toneladas PAO)	Consumo en 1993 (toneladas PAO)	Tipo de SAO
Aerosol	62,22	86,6	CFC-11, CFC-12
Lucha contra incendios	0	7,5	Halon 1211
Espumas	0	0	CFC-11, CFC-12
Fumigación	0	0	Metilbromuro
Refrigeración:	226,8	138,8	CFC-11, CFC12
Fabricación	38,68	No disponible	N/A
Mantenimiento	188,12	No disponible	CFC-11, CFC-12, CFC-115
Solventes	6,6**	0,9*	*CFC-113, **CTC, TCA
TOTAL	295,62	233,80	

Cuadro 1:	Com	paración	del const	umo actua	1 (2004) de SAO	por	sector o	con el	consumo	que se
		regist	raba cuar	ido se apr	obó el p	orograma	de B	anglade	<u>esh</u>		-

5. Los CFC fueron utilizados sobre todo en la fabricación de productos en aerosol por la única empresa fabricante de aerosoles, y en refrigeración y aire acondicionado, incluida la fabricación de aparatos de aire acondicionado portátiles que tuvo cierto crecimiento en el período. Aparte de los CFC, en el período 1995-2004 el tetracloruro de carbono (CTC) fue otra sustancia que agota la capa de ozono que se utilizó en cantidades importantes en el sector de los solventes. El CTC y, en cierta medida, el TCA se utilizan en las industrias textil y de la vestimenta, sector industrial fundamental en la economía de Bangladesh. El crecimiento de las actividades industriales pareció propiciar el aumento del consumo de SAO, en particular en las industrias textil y de aerosoles. En las Figuras 1 y 2 se muestran las tendencias del consumo de CFC y CTC entre 1995 y 2004.

6. En el momento de máximo consumo de CFC en 1997, el nivel de consumo en Bangladesh había aumentado un 300% en relación con el consumo registrado en el momento en que se aprobó el programa del país. En cuanto al CTC, en el momento de su máximo consumo en 2002, el nivel había crecido desde cero hasta casi 14 toneladas PAO. Estas tendencias del consumo, en particular de CFC, fueron un escollo para que Bangladesh cumpliera las medidas pertinentes de control del consumo de SAO previstas en el Protocolo de Montreal.



Figura 1: Tendencia del consumo de CFC en Bangladesh (1995-2004)

Tonladas PAO



Figura 2: Tendencia del consumo de CTC en Bangladesh (1995-2004)

Proyectos y actividades para aplicar el Protocolo de Montreal

7. En el período transcurrido entre junio de 1991 (4ª Reunión) y diciembre de 2004 (44ª Reunión), se aprobaron 22 actividades para Bangladesh por un total de 1 654 902 \$EUA. La actividad más importante fue el proyecto de inversión aprobado en la 17ª Reunión de julio de 1995 que beneficiaría a la principal industria usuaria de CFC – el único fabricante de aerosoles del país. El proyecto de conversión financiado a un costo de 322 577 \$EUA que debería terminarse antes de julio de 1996 eliminaría 123 toneladas PAO de CFC (el 40% de 280,7 toneladas PAO, consumo registrado en 1995). El proyecto se demoró seis años y quedó terminado únicamente en agosto de 2002. Para esa fecha, el consumo de CFC en Bangladesh había pasado por un período de crecimiento y, entre 1997 y 2001, había llegado a niveles de 800 toneladas PAO y más, con lo que Bangladesh quedó en situación de incumplimiento de la congelación del consumo hasta 2002.

8. La otra actividad de eliminación de CFC fue el plan de gestión de refrigerantes aprobado en noviembre de 1999 (29ª Reunión) a un costo de 424 225 \$EUA. El proyecto comprendía actividades de recuperación y reciclaje con un gasto de 298 270 \$EUA para eliminar 12,6 toneladas PAO antes de diciembre de 2002. La terminación del proyecto se reprogramó para julio de 2005 y a finales de 2004 se habían eliminado cinco toneladas PAO.

9. Antes de finales de 2004 Bangladesh había terminado o se preveía que terminara todas las actividades del plan de gestión de refrigerantes no consistentes en inversión, a saber:

- Aplicación de la política de licencias de importación y exportación;
- Capacitación de instructores y posteriormente de técnicos en las buenas prácticas de gestión de refrigerantes;
- Capacitación de funcionarios de aduana.

10. Bangladesh también obtuvo un importante apoyo para el fortalecimiento institucional y recibió 540 000 \$EUA para financiar la Oficina del Ozono entre julio de 1994 y diciembre de 2004.

Actualización del programa del país

11. Una vez terminada la conversión de la producción basada en CFC a GLP en la planta de aerosoles, equivalente a aproximadamente el 60% del consumo de CFC, se sintió la necesidad de que el país actualizara su programa nacional basándose en los datos reales de importación y consumo por sector, para permitirle seguir aplicando las medidas de control previstas en el Protocolo de Montreal. En el cuadro siguiente figuran las medidas de control aplicables a Bangladesh con respecto a las SAO que actualmente consume el país.

	CFC	СТС	Metilcloroformo
Consumo de base	581,59	5,68	0,87
Año	Consun	no permisible (to	neladas PAO)
2005	290,80	0,852	0,609
2006	290,80	0,852	0,609
2007	87,24	0,852	0,609
2008	87,24	0,852	0,609
2009	87,24	0,852	0,609
2010	0	0	0,261
2015	0	0	0

	Cuadro 2:	Consumo bas	se y	permisible de SAO en Bangladesh
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12. Una vez terminado el estudio para el cual se aprobaron fondos en la 36^a Reunión, en marzo de 2002 se elaboró un plan nacional de eliminación. El plan fue aprobado en la 42^a Reunión de abril de 2004 con un Acuerdo entre el Gobierno de Bangladesh y el Comité Ejecutivo, y prevé un monto total de 1 355 000 \$EUA destinado al Gobierno de Bangladesh a fin de eliminar completamente el consumo de CFC, CTC y TCA antes de 2010. En abril de 2004, en la primera etapa del programa anual de ejecución del plan nacional de eliminación, se aprobaron las actividades para eliminar los solventes que agotan la capa de ozono, establecer una dependencia de vigilancia y gestión, ejecutar un programa de vigilancia y certificación, capacitar a funcionarios de aduana y establecer un programa de asistencia técnica en el sector de mantenimiento para eliminar 36 toneladas PAO de CFC.

Otros usos de los CFC: enfriadores e inhaladores de dosis medidas

13. En la actualización del programa del país se observa que los CFC se utilizan en enfriadores y en aerosoles farmacéuticos – inhaladores de dosis medidas. En el sub-sector de los enfriadores, se ha propuesto realizar un estudio, en el segundo semestre de 2006, con miras a

elaborar una estrategia de eliminación y se prevé ejecutar un proyecto del Banco Mundial. No es evidente, de la lectura de la actualización del programa del país, que el consumo de CFC en el sub-sector de los enfriadores se incluya en los CFC utilizados en el sector de mantenimiento de sistemas de refrigeración.

14. Hasta hace poco tiempo, el Gobierno no tenía conocimiento de que en el sub-sector de producción local de inhaladores de dosis medidas se utilizara CFC. En 2003 se determinó que el consumo de CFC-11 y CFC-12 era de 21,74 toneladas PAO. En el informe de 2004 se señala un consumo total de CFC de 295,6 toneladas PAO, que incluye 62,2 toneladas PAO del sector de aerosoles. En la actualización del programa del país también se indica que en el sub-sector de los inhaladores de dosis medidas se utilizaron 62,2 toneladas PAO de CFC, lo que coincide con los datos comunicados.

15. En la actualización del programa del país se observa que en el documento del proyecto de plan nacional de eliminación de SAO, Bangladesh señaló que se utilizaban CFC en los inhaladores de dosis medidas. Sin embargo, en el Acuerdo del plan nacional de eliminación no se menciona el consumo de CFC que se encontró en el sector farmacéutico para la producción local de inhaladores de dosis medida.

16. El Gobierno de Bangladesh querría solicitar que se considerara especialmente la posibilidad de prestar apoyo financiero y técnico a este sector fundamental para el país. Llamó la atención sobre el hecho de que, antes de 1995, la mayoría de los otros sectores disponían de tecnologías alternativas, lo que no ocurría con los inhaladores de dosis medidas. Por lo tanto, teniendo en cuenta las circunstancias, no habría sido apropiado que el Gobierno aconsejara a las empresas farmacéuticas que no crearan capacidad de producción de inhaladores de dosis medidas basados en CFC, sobre todo porque era una clara necesidad.

17. En las observaciones de la secretaría se examina en detalle el sub-sector de los inhaladores de dosis medidas.

OBSERVACIONES Y RECOMENDACIONES DE LA SECRETARÍA

OBSERVACIONES

18. En la actualización del programa del país se reseñan los progresos alcanzados en la aplicación del programa original del país. Sin embargo, en el informe sobre la marcha del plan de gestión de refrigerantes no se presentó suficiente información específica que permitiera determinar los resultados concretos alcanzados por los otros proyectos del plan, salvo los de inversión. Las 5,0 toneladas PAO de CFC eliminadas del componente de recuperación y reciclaje del plan de gestión de refrigerantes superan el objetivo del plan nacional de eliminación que era de 3,0 toneladas PAO en 2004.

19. Se preveía que la actualización del programa del país se terminaría antes de octubre de 2003, pero finalmente quedó terminada a finales de 2005. Debido a esa demora, el plan nacional de eliminación se presentó antes que la actualización del programa del país que, por lo tanto, parece haber perdido validez para definir la estrategia y el marco para el plan nacional de eliminación.

20. En lo referente al cumplimiento del programa del país, en particular en lo relativo a la eliminación de CFC del proyecto del sector de aerosoles, se eliminó un consumo mucho mayor que el registrado de conformidad con las normas del Fondo Multilateral, según se demuestra en la Figura 1. En la actualización del programa del país se informa de que el proyecto ha logrado eliminar aproximadamente un 60% del consumo anual, lo que equivale a unas 485 toneladas PAO (en comparación con la cantidad registrada de 123 toneladas PAO). En el proyecto de aerosoles se gastaron 322 577 \$EUA, lo que supone un costo de 0,67 \$EUA por kg.

Inhaladores de dosis medidas

21. El PNUD informó de que, según el estudio, dos empresas comenzaron la producción en 1996 y en 2004 habían consumido un total de 21,7 toneladas PAO de CFC 11 y 12. Además de fabricar con su propio nombre, una de las empresas también fabricaba por contrata con Glaxo. En el estudio no se distinguía entre el volumen de consumo de la empresa y del producto de Glaxo.

22. Tras las conversaciones celebradas entre la secretaría y el PNUD, el PNUD presentó un Anexo de la actualización del programa del país en que añadió información sobre el sector de los inhaladores de dosis medidas para los años 2002 a 2005, donde aparecían niveles de consumo de CFC para los inhaladores de dosis medidas de hasta tres veces el nivel señalado en el documento inicial. También se señaló a una tercera empresa más pequeña que comenzó a producir inhaladores de dosis medidas en 2003. Además, en la información adicional se aclaraba que las cantidades de CFC necesarias para la producción por contrata de productos Glaxo por una empresa local eran importadas por separado por Glaxo, y no se incluían en las cifras de consumo de la empresa como se entendió originalmente.

23. En la información sobre el programa del país presentada por Bangladesh se indica un consumo de 62,2 toneladas PAO en 2004 en el sector de aerosoles. La información adicional presentada por el PNUD con datos revisados sobre el consumo en los inhaladores de dosis medidas coincide con los datos del programa del país para 2004 y 2003 (36,3 toneladas PAO) pero no para 2002 (28,7 toneladas PAO), en que Bangladesh informó de un consumo nulo en el sector de aerosoles. No se indica el origen de la información adicional presentada por el PNUD, aunque el PNUD manifestó su intención de emprender una misión para verificar la existencia de la otra empresa y los niveles de consumo aparentemente más altos. Si los niveles de consumo más altos se verificaran y persistieran en 2007, Bangladesh podría estar en dificultades para mantenerse dentro del límite de consumo de CFC de 87,2 toneladas PAO previsto en el Protocolo para 2007. De acuerdo con las normas del Fondo (decisión 17/7) ninguna de las empresas que producen inhaladores de dosis medidas están en condiciones de recibir financiación para la conversión a inhaladores de dosis medidas basados en sustancias que no agoten la capa de ozono porque todas comenzaron sus operaciones después del 25 de julio de 1995.

24. Además, el párrafo 2 del Acuerdo concertado entre la República Popular de Bangladesh y el Comité Ejecutivo (UNEP/OzL.Pro/ExCom/42/54, Anexo VIII) estipula lo siguiente:

"El país conviene en eliminar el uso controlado de las Sustancias mencionadas en el Anexo A (Grupo I) y Anexo B (Grupos II y III) del Protocolo de Montreal, de acuerdo con los objetivos anuales de eliminación que figuran en las filas 2 y 7 del Apéndice 2-A (los "Objetivos) y en este Acuerdo. Como mínimo, los objetivos anuales de eliminación coincidirán con los programas de reducción estipulados por el Protocolo de Montreal. El país conviene en que, al aceptar este Acuerdo y el cumplimiento de parte del Comité Ejecutivo de sus obligaciones de financiación descritas en el párrafo 3, queda impedido de solicitar o recibir otra financiación del Fondo Multilateral respecto de las sustancias."

25. Este Acuerdo concertado entre la República Popular de Bangladesh y el Comité Ejecutivo parece trabar toda asistencia adicional para la eliminación de SAO prevista en la actualización del programa del país para los sub-sectores de los enfriadores y de los inhaladores de dosis medidas.

26. De conformidad con la información de 2004 presentada por Bangladesh a la Secretaría del Ozono y a la secretaría del Fondo, el consumo de 2004 definido en el plan nacional de eliminación y que se había previsto eliminar incluiría el consumo del sub-sector de los inhaladores de dosis medidas. Por lo tanto, si se considerara la posibilidad de conceder financiación en relación con el consumo adicional de CFC que se atribuye a los inhaladores de dosis medidas, aparentemente se estaría frente a una duplicación.

27. Al respecto, en la decisión XVII/14, las Partes señalaron el grave riesgo de que, para algunas de las Partes que operan al amparo del Artículo 5, en 2007 el consumo de CFC en los inhaladores de dosis medidas excediera las cantidades permisibles y decidieron pedir al Comité Ejecutivo que examinara esa clase de situaciones y las correspondientes opciones para poder ayudar en esta posible situación de incumplimiento. Las Partes también decidieron pedir al Comité Ejecutivo que considerara la posibilidad de organizar seminarios regionales con miras a crear conciencia y educar a los interesados, en especial los médicos y los pacientes, sobre las alternativas a los inhaladores de dosis medidas y sobre la eliminación de los CFC en los usos de los inhaladores de dosis medidas, así como la posibilidad de proporcionar asistencia técnica a las Partes que operan al amparo del Artículo 5 para eliminar este uso.

28. Con respecto al segundo pedido, los miembros del Comité recordarán que, en su proyecto de plan de actividades de 2006, el PNUMA ha incluido una propuesta para la realización de una serie de seminarios de concienciación en seis regiones (el África anglófona; el África francófona; Asia y el Pacífico; Asia Occidental; América Latina y el Caribe; y Europa y Asia Central) y la elaboración de material conexo de información y concienciación, de ser posible, en conjunto con las conferencias ministeriales regionales de medio ambiente y salud. El PNUMA ha hecho saber que es probable que se presente un pedido de financiación a la 49^a Reunión.

29. Con respecto al primer pedido, el Comité Ejecutivo procuraría que la secretaría elaborara un documento que se presentaría a la 49^a Reunión, en que se delinearían las opciones que permitirían abordar las cuestiones planteadas por las Partes en la decisión XVII/14 2). Las propuestas de actividades encaminadas a ayudar a los países que se encontraran en circunstancias como las mencionadas anteriormente respecto de Bangladesh podrían examinarse sobre la base de las conclusiones a que llegara el Comité Ejecutivo con respecto al documento.

30. No obstante las observaciones que figuran en los párrafos 27 a 29, además de las condiciones necesarias para acceder a financiación que se indican en los párrafos 20 y 21, el acuerdo del Gobierno con el Comité Ejecutivo podría impedir que se incluyera a las empresas productoras de inhaladores de dosis medidas de Bangladesh en toda posible línea futura de financiación para el sector.

31. En el momento en que se redacta este documento, la secretaría no había recibido la carta de envío del Gobierno de Bangladesh. El PNUD está en contacto con el Gobierno a ese respecto.

RECOMENDACIONES

32. La Secretaría del Fondo recomienda aprobar la actualización del programa de Bangladesh a condición de que se reciba la carta de envío del Gobierno de Bangladesh, y señala que la aprobación del programa del país no conlleva la aprobación de los proyectos contenidos en el mismo ni sus niveles de financiación.

33. El Comité Ejecutivo también podría considerar la posibilidad de pedir a la secretaría, en consulta con los organismos de ejecución competentes, que elaborara un documento para ser presentado a la 49^a Reunión en que se delinearan las opciones que permitirían atender a la situación de los países mencionados en la decisión XVII/14 de la 17^a Reunión de las Partes.

THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

COUNTRY PROGRAMME UPDATE

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The objective of the Country Programme Update was to evaluate the results of the original Country Programme, the present country situation with respect to ODS consumption, its related industry structure, and legal and institutional framework. This exercise was the basis for developing a National ODS Phase out Plan which was approved at the 42nd Meeting of the Multilateral Fund Executive Committee in March 2004. As such, this Country Programme Update is not requesting any additional funds for CFC phase out in the refrigeration sector and CTC and methyl chloroform phaseout in the solvent sector.

It should be noted that in the National ODS Phase Out Plan project document, Bangladesh did identify the use of CFCs in MDI. This consumption was not known earlier and had never been reported to the Multilateral Fund. As a result, no CFC consumption is allocated to MDI application. Bangladesh has been reporting this use since 2003. The pharmaceutical companies using CFCs for MDIs started up after the 1995 cut off date for MLF assistance, established by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund approved Bangladesh's Country Programme in 1994. Subsequently a Refrigerant Management Plan was approved in November 1999. Funding for CP update was approved in 2002 and funding for preparation of National Phase Out Plan was approved in 2003.

The consumption of CFCs reported by Bangladesh in 1999 was 801.33 MT or 800.61 ODP Tonnes. The consumption of Carbon Tetrachloride in 1999 was reported as 5.50 MT or 6.05 ODP Tonnes and the consumption of Methyl Chloroform was reported as 10.00 MT or 1.0 ODP Tonnes in 1999. According to Decision 35/57 of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund, Bangladesh opted for Option 2 as the starting point based on its 1999 reported data. After accounting for all the projects funded by the Executive Committee till then and subsequently (123.6 ODP Tonnes for Aerosol and 11.6 ODP Tonnes for Recovery & Recycling component of RMP – Total 135.2 ODP Tonnes), there was an unfunded CFC consumption of 665.41 ODP Tonnes, unfunded CTC consumption of 6.05 ODP tonnes and unfunded methyl chloroform consumption of 1.00 ODP Tonnes.

Of the 665.41 ODP Tonnes of CFC that was unfunded in 1999, 595 ODP Tonnes was reported in the aerosol sector where the one company for which project had been approved, had increased its consumption from 123.6 ODP Tonnes to 595 ODP Tonnes. Thus, in 2002, an additional 471.4 ODP Tonnes (595-123.6) had been phased out leaving 194.01 ODP Tonnes of CFC consumption unfunded.

A detailed survey undertaken in 2003 in preparation of the Country Programme Update shows use of 13.115 ODP of CFC-11, 298.216 ODP Tonnes of CFC-12, and 3.563 ODP Tonnes (10.480 MT) of R-502 – total 314.894 ODP Tonnes of CFCs. This includes 8.840 ODP Tonnes of CFC-11 and 12.904 ODP Tonnes CFC-12 used for MDI applications. This consumption was not known earlier and had never been reported to the Multilateral Fund. As a result, no CFC consumption is allocated to MDI application.

Under the circumstances, while eligible tonnage of CFC in refrigeration sector for funding is 194.01 ODP Tonnes, it leaves 120.884 ODP Tonnes of CFC in the refrigeration sector unfunded yet requiring phase out.

Similarly, for the solvent sector, the survey shows use of 32.150 ODP Tonnes (29.226 MT) of CTC and 2.48 ODP Tonnes (24.80 MT) of methyl chloroform. 1999 reporting was 6.05 ODP Tonnes (5.5 MT) CTC and 1.0 ODP Tonnes (10.0 MT) methyl chloroform.

Thus eligible tonnage of solvent for funding is 7.05 ODP Tonnes leaving 27.58 ODP Tonnes unfunded yet requiring phase out.

On the basis of this data the National ODS Phase Out Plan was prepared and presented to the Executive Committee and approved at the 42nd Meeting of the ExCom for a total of \$1,355,000 over a period of 7 years. UNDP is the lead implementing agency and UNEP is the co-implementing agency. The National ODS Phase-out Plan will phase-out the remaining eligible consumption of 194.010 ODP tons of Annex A, Group I CFCs, and 7.05 ODP Tonnes of Annex B Group II and III (CTC and methyl chloroform) over the period of 2003–2010. A series of investment, non-investment, technical assistance, and capacity building activities are proposed to achieve this target. The National ODS Phase-out Plan will enable the Government of Bangladesh to phase-out CFC, CTC and methyl chloroform consumption by January 01, 2010.

The current situation not addressed by the 2003 survey is presented in Annex I.

COUNTRY PROGRAMME UPDATE

BANGLADESH'S OBLIGATIONS & RESPONSES TO MONTREAL PROTOCOL

Bangladesh acceded to the Protocol on 2nd August, 1990 and ratified its London, Copenhagen and Montreal Amendments in March 1994, November 2000 and July 2001 respectively.. As a Signatory to the Montreal Protocol and the subsequent Amendments, Bangladesh has a commitment towards the global community to step-wise reduce and eventually ban, i.e. make a Terminal Phase-out of the use of Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) in Bangladesh. As a Developing Country [Article 5 (1)] Signatory, Bangladesh enjoys, as mentioned above, a 10-Year Grace Period. As a Signatory to the Protocol, therefore Control Measures on Import and Use of ODS became effective for Bangladesh from 01 July 1999, as against 01 July 1989 as effective date for Non-Article 5(1) Parties. The Schedule of Phase-out applicable for Bangladesh as an Article 5 country is shown in the table above.

Bangladesh's Responses

Bangladesh responded to the Montreal Protocol through a series of Actions/Projects. In June 1991, UNDP received funding to assist Bangladesh carry out a reconnaissance survey of ODS use in Bangladesh. This survey information was used to prepare the Country Programme (CP) for Bangladesh which was approved by the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund in 1994. The CP identified projects and recommended action plans for the Government. Two projects, as recommended in the first Country Program of 1994, were implemented. These included, amongst others, the following:

- Institutional Strengthening Project : Creation & Strengthening of the Institutional Capability to implement Compliance Measures under the Montreal Protocol - Setting up of an Ozone Cell as "Focal Point" (1995) within Department of Environment (DOE) / Ministry of Environment & Forests (MOEF) - (Phase I) March 1996 - February 1999.
- Conversion to the CFC-free Technology for Production of Aerosol at ACI (Sept. 1998 April 2000; Conversion Plant commissioned in May 2002).

Following the setting up of an Ozone Cell at DOE, subsequently other Phase-out related project activities were undertaken, which included:

- Institutional Strengthening Project : Phase-II / March'99 March'02
- Institutional Strengthening Project : Phase-III/ March'02 December'04
- Preparation of a Refrigerant Management Plan (RMP) with the assistance of UNDP which resulted in approval of the Plan in 1999 by the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund.
- Implementation of the Refrigerants Management Plan (RMP) : January '01 Dec.'03 consisting of the following activities:
 - National Program for Recovery and Recycling of Refrigerants (UNDP): January '01 -Dec. '03. Eight Recycling and sixty two Electrical and Manual Recovery Machines and ancillary equipment were distributed throughout the country under the Recovery and Recycling Project and training in their use given.
 - Training Program on "Good Practices of Refrigeration" (UNEP): April '02 Sept'03
 - Training Program of Custom Officers (UNEP): April '02 March'03

- Monitoring of the Activities included under Refrigerants Management Plan (RMP) -Jan'01 - Dec'03 (UNDP)
- Preparation of Country Program Update with the assistance of UNDP. This resulted in the National ODS Phase-Out Plan for Bangladesh which was approved by the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund in April 2004. The Country Programme Update includes the following projects:
 - Public awareness and information dissemination to main stakeholders (UNEP)
 - Training and certification programme for refrigeration service technicians, including development of a code of good practices (UNEP)
 - Programme for custom officers (UNEP)
 - Recovery and Recycling Equipment (UNDP)
 - Domestic and Small Commercial Refrigerators to Hydrocarbon Blends
 - Retrofit of Car Air-Conditioning Equipment
 - Technical Assistance for Commercial Sector End Users to assist in decisions related to retrofitting or replacement
 - Technical Assistance for Solvent Sector End Users to assist in decisions related to alternatives to Carbon Tetrachloride and 1,1,1 Trichloroethane
 - Monitoring and Management of National ODS Phase Out Plan

Apart from above, the following ODS Phase-out related activities were performed under the Institutional Strengthening Project by the Ozone Cell:

- Formation of a National Technical Committee on ODS (NTCODS), headed by Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests
- > ODS Data Update Surveys 1995 to 2001 and 'Reconnaissance Survey' 2002
- Data reporting to Montreal Protocol (MP) Secretariat, MP Fund Secretariat, UNDP and other relevant offices and institutions
- Organization of Seminars in 2001 and 2002 on the eve of observance of the "International Ozone Day"
- GoB Initiative on Preparation of a Draft Legislation, in accordance with Powers conferred by the Environment Conservation Act 1995, to control Import of ODSs and ODS Equipment to strengthen Bangladesh regulations that would help phasing out of ODS Imports and Uses in the country
- Coordination with and Monitoring of Project activities-of ACI during Phase-out of their CFC uses by Conversion of their Aerosol Project (Public-Private Partnership arrangement)
- Awareness Campaign amongst Importers and End-Users of ODS on the adverse Impacts of Ozone depletion, during World Environment Day 2001, 2002 and 2003
- Public Awareness Creation through Media, including publishing Supplements in local Newspapers, Printing & Distribution of Posters, Stickers, initiating Essay and Painting Competitions,

Broadcasting Special Programs in Radio Bangladesh (Bangladesh Betar) and Bangladesh Television on the Eve of "International Ozone Day" - 2001, 2002 and 2003

Two Training Workshops for motivating various tiers of Policy and Decision-makers on "Good Service Practices of Refrigeration & Air-conditioning" for Technicians and Personnel engaged in Servicing of various ODS based Equipment

In addition to the Draft Legislation, specifically on Ban on Production of ODS, ODS-using Equipment and also Controls imposed on Import and Export of ODS, as stated above, the following Government Initiatives have already been implemented as Bangladesh's Response to the Montreal Protocol and its subsequent Amendments:

- > Increase in Tariff (or creation of a 'Tariff Barrier') on ODS
- Reduction in Tariff (or providing a 'Tariff Incentive') on Ozone friendly Substances (for example, the Import Duty on the major ODS Alternative HFC 134a has been reduced to 7.5%, with effect from July, 2003).

COUNTRY PROGRAMME

As a first step to achieve the objectives of the Montreal Protocol, a Reconnaissance Study, on the use of ODS in Bangladesh was carried out in early 1993 by the Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS) on behalf of the concerned agency of the Government of Bangladesh (GOB) – the Department of Environment (DOE). The study was sponsored by UNDP.

The study revealed that the per capita consumption of ODS in Bangladesh in 1991 was 2.02 gms per year. This is well below the 0.3 kg per capita per year for developing countries. Thus Bangladesh qualified under Article 5 para 1 of the Protocol to a 10 year delay in the phase out of ODS, and Bangladesh was eligible for seeking assistance from the Multilateral Fund.

UNDP, in consultation with the Department of Environment of the Government of Bangladesh contracted BCAS to prepare a Country Programme for ODS phase out. This was a requisite activity for seeking assistance from the Multilateral Fund. UNDP provided the financial support.

The Country Programme thus prepared, contained the essential information from the Reconnaissance Study on ODS use and import in Bangladesh during the period 1986-1991, the import figures for 1992 and 1993, analyses of phase-out scenarios, description of the recommended phase out strategy including an estimate of the cost of complete phase out, and an Action Plan for Government activities and project proposals for which the Bangladesh Government sought assistance from the Multilateral Fund.

ODS Import and Consumption in Bangladesh

It was established that no ODSs are manufactured in Bangladesh. These substances were imported by a limited number of importers and directly by end users. These were imported from nine countries of which 83% came from UK, Germany and USA. Since 1992, however, India became the major supplying country for Bangladesh.

Over the period 1986-91, on the average, 230.3 Metric ton (MT) of various ODS were imported. Of this CFC-11, CFC-12 and HCFC-22 accounted for 96.9%. Consumption of Me-chloroform, carbon tetrachloride and halons constituted the other 3%. No evidence was found regarding the import and use of methyl bromide as fumigation agent in Bangladesh. The 1992 and 1993 import figures for CFCs stood at 262.73 MT and 272.99 MT respectively. Figures for import of other ODS were not available. The share of CFCs in this figure was estimated to be the same as in 1986 – 1991 average.

The ODS consumption in Bangladesh was dominated by the Refrigeration and Air-conditioning Assembly and Maintenance (Service) Sector with a share of 46% of all ODS used in this country. The average consumption of the CFCs (CFC-11, CFC-12, HCFC-22) consumed in this sector from 1986-91 was about 95 MT/yr. The next largest consumer was a single Aerosol manufacturing unit, Advanced Chemical Industries (ACI), which consumed about 42% of the total ODS used for the manufacture of an insect spray. The average consumption of CFC-11 and CFC-12 by ACI was 86MT/yr. All other CFC consuming sector like Split and Central Air-conditioning sector, Cold storage, Fish-freezing plants, Ice Cream and Diary Processing Plants together consumed about 17.16 MT / yr. The use of non-CFC ODS amounted to an average of 8.14 MT/yr.

Phase-out Scenarios

Two basic phase-out scenarios were considered:

	Scenario A-1	Phase-out as per permissible time limit of Copenhagen Amendment to the Montreal Protocol.
۶	Scenario A-11	Accelerated phase-out at a pace set by availability of Technology including CFC alternatives at an earlier date

Scenario A-1 utilized the 10 year delay provision in the Protocol by considering a complete phase-out by the year 2006, whereas in Scenario A-11 a complete phase-out was envisaged by the year 2001 based on the assumption that substitute for CFCs would be available at reasonable price at an earlier date. However, both the scenarios were found to be in agreement with the phase-out schedule updated in Copenhagen Amendment of Montreal Protocol.

There were no basic differences in the two scenarios in terms of strategies, sequences and numbers of implementing measures, except the time scale for availability of the new technology and the Government policy imposition.

Although Scenarios A-11 was achievable, Scenario A-1 was considered to be the desirable and a more pragmatic phase-out schedule in the context of Bangladesh for the following reasons:

- ACI, the manufacturer of aerosol spray, was already considering switching over from CFCs to LPG as the propellant gas. If incentive was provided to ACI a 50% reduction in ODS use could effected when they stop use of CFC.
- Enactment of laws for imposing tariff barrier or banning import would need some time because of the bureaucratic complexities involved.
- Although ODS production in USA and Europe would stop in 1995-1996 with the bans on ODS in their home market, the production in India for their home market would continue till 2006. As share of imports from India into Bangladesh were increasing, illegal import of CFC from India would be encouraged if phase-out was scheduled earlier than production ban in India in 2006.

Recommended Phase-out Plan

The recommended phase-out schedule proposed a freeze on import and consumption at the 1986-1993 level (about 250 MT/Yr) by end of 1995. Thereafter a 50% reduction by 1996, 60% reduction by 2000, 80% reduction by 2003-2005 and 100% reduction by 2006. This seemed to be a more pragmatic schedule for Bangladesh on the grounds stated above.

The total cost of the recommended phase-out schedule was estimated at about US \$ 8.05 Million. The benefit was a reduction of ODS consumption of about 7,500 MT ODS (low estimation being 5,500 MT) over a period of 1994-2006. The planned reduction in consumption was scheduled to be accomplished as follows:

- > Conversion of the only existing Aerosol Plant from CFCs to LPG
- > Conversion of large refrigeration units to ammonia
- Training and awareness programme for conservation of ODS use in Refrigeration and Airconditioning Maintenance / Servicing industry
- > Use of non-CFC refrigerant equipment in domestic sector
- Ban on import of CFC-based refrigeration and air-conditioning equipment as soon as new technologies become available.

Action Plan

In order to achieve the objective of ODS use phase-out in compliance with the requirements of the Copenhagen amendment to the Montreal Protocol an Action Plan was suggested in the Country Programme.

The plan required the introduction of Government initiatives to strengthen the institutional and policy framework, which would effectively regulate and monitor the import and use of ODS in the country and lead to implementation of a number of proposed projects in the ODS end user sector. These were prerequisites for bringing out the ODS phase-out.

Government Actions

The first step toward implementation of the Action Plan would be to establish the institutional framework. As the Government agency for implementation of different international conventions including Montreal Protocol the Department of Environment (DOE) would be the appropriate Government Institution to implement the Action Plan. DOE would be required to set up an Ozone Cell within the DOE for ODS phase-out and necessary rules and regulations were needed to be enacted. The Ozone Cell could be headed by the DG of DOE to be actively assisted by a full time director and his staff.

To oversee and support the functions of the Ozone Cell a National Technical Committee should be set up. Representatives from different Government agencies, who were conceivably directly or indirectly involved in the ODS phase-out programme, should be included in the Technical Committee. Representatives from Chambers of Commerce, Industry Associations, NGOs and forum of environmental journalists were also proposed to be included.

The National Technical Committee would advise the Government on import and export policy concerning ODS during the transition period. The committee would also advise the Government on the legal instruments/regulatory measures for ODS phase-out and prepare specific proposals for ODS phase-out to the Ministry of Environment and forest (MOEF) of which the DOE is an organ. The MOEF after inter-ministerial discussion and comments would submit specific proposals to the cabinet for approval and subsequent action by the Ozone Cell.

The Ozone Cell would act as the Secretarial of the National Technical Committee for ODS and coordinate and facilitate activities related to the phase-out of ODS.

A monitoring system for ODS use was to be introduced. This would be based on the requirement of obtaining permission from Ozone Cell to import before import process could be initiated and that the customs office would supply copies of all import declarations concerning ODS to the Ozone Cell, enabling the Cell to be in control of all legal imports of ODS in Bangladesh. Ministry of Industries, Ministry of Fisheries and the Ministry of Agriculture would inform the Ozone Cell of the setting up of any industry based on ODS as refrigerant.

To enable the Ozone Cell to act effectively the policy framework in the form of appropriate laws and regulations should be enacted by the Government.

Other proposed Government Actions were:

Introduction of Regulatory Measures

The regulatory measures proposed included a schedule of ban on the use of ODS for different purposes to be imposed at specifically given date; introduction of a special ODS tax on the import of all controlled substances and ODS using equipments. Since such a tax would, hopefully, encourage substitution of ODS in sectors where substitution may be easily accomplished, encourage import of ODS conserving technology. Tax exemptions for import of ODS recovering and recycling machines under a separate dedicated H.S. Code could be given. The services of a local legal consultant could be obtained to assist in preparing a schedule of regulatory measures and draft regulations for consideration by the Government through the National Committee on ODS. An economic consultant could be engaged to assess the cost of introducing the regulatory measures and the impact of these regulations.

The monitoring of regulatory measures would be the responsibility of the National Committee on ODS. Since this committee had no legislative and enforcement power it would act by making recommendations to other Ministries and Government agencies, especially the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Industries, National Board of Revenue and the Factory inspectorate. The ODS taxes would be collected by the Customs and Excise wing of the National Board of Revenue.

Introduction of Certification of Refrigeration Technicians

In order to minimize operational losses and increase efficiency during servicing of refrigeration and air conditioning equipments in the maintenance and servicing workshops it was necessary to enhance efficiency of the workforce in those units. It was recommended that a certification arrangement be introduced for technicians, who had successfully completed the training programme, to be initiated for refrigeration technicians. A Technical Assistance programme involving expatriate and local consultants was developed.

Action Plan on Creating Awareness

Major importers and some of the users of ODS in Bangladesh were well informed about the Montreal Protocol and the efforts to substitute ODSs by new generation refrigerant. The majority of users, particularly the technicians in the service sector, owners of the fish freezing industries and the general public were unaware of the ozone depletion problem. Information dissemination to professional personnel/technicians as well as to the citizens of Bangladesh about the ODS was, therefore, essential for bringing about ODS use phase-out.

An information campaign would, therefore, be launched for creating general awareness about ODS through television spots, movie house (cinema) spots and newspapers.

The Ozone Cell would undertake distribution of international and national literature, posters etc. on ODS alternatives to the ODS using industries. Industry Associations in the respective sector would also support this activity.

Project Proposals

Four project proposals were submitted for funding from the Multilateral Fund – one project each for CFC substitution in the aerosol sector, conversion of large refrigeration units to ammonia, technical training and institutional strengthening.

The total incremental cost, which represented additional fund requirements in order to replace ODSbased technologies by ozone friendly technologies, was estimated at US \$4,897,000. To facilitate complete phase-out of ODS use, an additional US \$ 3,000,000 would be required in order to build-up of a strategic reserve of 1,000 MT of CFC. An additional US \$ 150,000 would also be required to establish the proposed Ozone Cell within the DOE to facilitate implementation of the proposed Phaseout Action Plan.

IMPORTS OF ODS OVER THE YEARS

Bangladesh has been reporting consumption data every year to the Ozone Secretariat and Multilateral Fund Secretariat. The table below represents the consumption (or import) of the various ODSs since 1995. The Baseline is the average of 1995-1997 imports and forms the data for compliance.

Chemical	1995	1996	1997	BASE	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
				LINE						
CFC (CFC-	280.68	628.27	869.41	581.59	830.37	800.61	805.02	807.93	328.01	333.00
11, 12, 113,										
115)										
CTC	8.34	2.01	2.20	5.68	5.50	6.05	5.50	11.68	13.82	6.69
Halon	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
(1211/1301)										
TCA	0.22	0.00	0.65	0.87	1.00	1.00	0.60	1.50	0.95	0.89
MBr	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

The Progress of Country Programme data submitted for 2001, 2002 and 2003 show the use of ODSs in different sectors. They are summarized in the table below.

Substance	1	Aerosol		Refrigeration		Solvent			Total			
	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
CFC-11	229.00	0.00	15.32	16.30	4.80	3.68				245.30	4.80	19.00
CFC-12	229.00	0.00	21.01	331.65	323.90	266.40				560.65	323.90	287.41
CFC-113				0.00	0.00	0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00
CFC-115				0.79	1.60	0.76				0.79	1.60	0.76
TOTAL	458.00	0.00	36.33	348.74	330.30	270.84					330.30	307.17
CTC							10.62	12.50	6.00	10.62	12.50	6.00
TCA							15.01	9.50	8.50	15.01	9.50	8.50

Note: Halon and MBr have not been shown above as their use was reported as "0" for all three years.

Aerosol:

In 2001, ACI was still consuming CFC-11 and CFC-12 for their pesticide product manufacturing. The conversion project undertaken with UNDP assistance was completed in May 2002. This resulted in "0" use being reported for Aerosol use in 2002.

During the Country Programme Update survey, it was found that Square Pharma and Beximco had been using CFC-11 and CFC-12 for their Metered Dose Inhalers. A third pharmaceutical company - Glaxo Smith Klein, which gets their MDI product manufactured under contract arrangement with BEXIMCO did not provide any data. It is believed that the plants came into production in 1996 and they had been using these products since then. Their use had never been reported to the National Ozone Unit and therefore not reported to the Multilateral Fund for previous years.

Refrigeration

The use of CFC-11 in this sector is very small and has been declining since 2001. It is used to recharge some chiller units and possibly for flushing of R&AC equipment.

The use of CFC-12 is substantial although a decline is noted between 2001 and 2003. One major area of use is in mobile air-conditioning and refrigeration, in addition to domestic and commercial refrigeration applications and central air-conditioning units.

Solvents

The use of CTC and TCA has reduced between 2001 and 2003. Most of the use is for "spot cleaning" in the garment industry followed by metal cleaning and electronic component cleaning. There is some use of TCA as an adhesive for joining plastic parts also.

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE AND PHASE OUT

Institutional Strengthening Project

Funding by the Multilateral Fund was approved in September 1994 for the Institutional Strengthening project. This allowed the National Ozone Unit to be set up in the Department of Environment to manage the phase out activities.

Two more tranches were approved in September 1999 and December 2001 for the National Ozone Unit to continue its activities.

Phase Out of CFCs at ACI Aerosol Plant

In July 1995, funding for equipment replacement and technical assistance at ACI was approved by the Multilateral Fund. The project was to convert the plant from using CFC-11 and CFC-12 to HAP as the propellant for insecticides. After some delays, the project was finally completed in August 2002.

Refrigerant Management Plan

As can be seen from the data reported on imports of ODS, after accounting for the consumption by ACI, the largest consumption was of CFC-12 for the refrigeration servicing sector. There was a need to address this important sector to ensure that refrigeration and air-conditioning (R&AC) equipment could operate till the end of useful life. It was also deemed necessary to train the technicians working in this sector to deal with the various alternatives as well as to be trained in conservation of CFCs through recovery and recycling. In addition, Bangladesh was moving towards implementation of legislation to meet the obligations of freezing and phasing-out as required by the Montreal Protocol and its relevant amendments. This required that Customs Officers be trained in recognizing Ozone Depleting Substances and equipment which worked on Ozone Depleting Substances.

A Refrigerant Management Plan (RMP) was prepared by UNDP in collaboration with the National Ozone Unit in 1999. The RMP was approved in December 1999. A summary of the project is given below.

The Country Programme for Bangladesh identified 1993 consumption in the R&A/C sector as 112.16 MT of CFCs and HCFCs. For 1997, the corresponding reported figures were 344.260 MT. This consumption included the MAC sub sector. It should be noted here, that the Country Programme did not identify consumption of CFC-115 (as R-502), of which there is on going consumption. In addition, while chillers were identified in the RMP, no project proposal for retrofit was submitted in the RMP.

1997 ESTIMATED CONSUMPTION IN THE R&A/C SECTOR (ODP Tonnes)

CFC-11	CFC-12	CFC-115 (as R- 502)	HCFC-22	HCFC-123
4.82	263.09	0.32	3.54	0.10

Sector	Sub-Sector	ODS	Application	Consumption
				(MT)
Refrigeration and	Freezer/Refrigerator and A/C	CFC-11	Flushing	0.660
Air Conditioning	service			
		CFC-12	Recharge	121.522
	Commercial			
	• Ice Cream and Ice Factory	CFC-12	Recharge	120.075
		HCFC-22	Recharge	0.220
	 Ice and Cold Storage 	CFC-12	Recharge	3.262
	♦ Fish Freezing/Fish	CFC-12	Recharge	1.969
	Processing Plants			
		HCFC-22	Recharge	1.688
	Mobile Air-Conditioning	CFC-12	Recharge	16.100
	Commercial Refrigeration	R-502	Recharge	1.054
	Domestic/Commercial Air-	CFC-11	Recharge	4.160
	Conditioning			
		CFC-12	Recharge	0.100
		HCFC-22	Initial Charge	68.331
			& Recharge	
		HCFC-123	Initial Charge	5.055
			& Recharge	

ESTIMATED CONSUMPTION OF REFRIGERANTS BY USE AND APPLICATION

The R&A/C equipment in use in the country are in the domestic, commercial and MAC (car and bus a/c) sectors. Bangladesh's economy is growing and this has led to an increase in "consumer" goods and personal comforts.

In addition fish exports contribute significantly to the foreign exchange earnings of the country. Use of refrigeration equipment in ice making, fish processing and storage is extensive. No data is currently available on refrigerated deep-sea trawlers and this information will be collected as and when the CP update is undertaken.

The Government is deeply concerned about the consequences of non-availability of refrigerants, particularly for the commercial/industrial and service sector. It will encourage recovery and recycling, particularly from commercial units during servicing, and certainly during

decommissioning, to ensure a stock of CFC-12 for the domestic and commercial refrigeration service sector, beyond 2010.

It is essential for ODS users to understand the implications of the country's obligations under the Montreal Protocol and be able to reduce and subsequently phase out their consumption in a coordinated, planned and cost effective manner. A combination of conversion projects, introduction of equipment using ozone friendly refrigerants, coupled with implementation of training in good maintenance practices, and an effective recovery and recycling program was expected to ease the economic consequences of the phase out. The expected Regulation banning import of ODS using equipment would limit the consumption to a finite service tail.

The RMP reflected the Government's commitment to comply with its obligations as a Party to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. It also provided the catalyst to the R&A/C service sector in particular, to allow them to meet the conditions of the Montreal Protocol.

Sector Analysis

Bangladesh is divided into 6 Divisions – Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshai, Khulna, Sylhet and Barisal. The major cities are Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Sylhet, Barisal, Cox's Bazar, Bogra, Dinajpur, Narayanganj, Munshiganj, Chandpur, Sunamganj, Comilla, Satkhira, Mymensingh, Jessore, Kushtiya, Noakhali, Pabna, Faridpur and Moulavibazar. The bulk of refrigerant consumption occurs in areas in and close to the above cities. Most imports come through Chittagong port and by road from India.

a) Manpower

It was estimated that Bangladesh had over 4,000 technicians working in the Refrigeration and Air - Conditioning sector. The Bangladesh Refrigeration & Air-Conditioning Banik Samity (an association of R&A/C traders, importers and service companies) put the number at 300,000, which included skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled workers. The skill level of service technicians in the country varies considerably. The industrial users and large service organisations generally do not have in-house technicians. Their service needs are met by the service organizations. In most cases, the user procures the refrigerant recurred from local sources. There are a large number of small and medium sized service workshops (over 4,000 according to the Association, of which approximately 400 are members of the Association) with semiskilled or untrained technicians, who service household refrigerators. The membership was expected to increase considerably within a short time as the government intended to circulate an order requiring any company seeking a Trade License to be a member of the appropriate trade association.

Bangladesh has 14 Polytechnics in some of which R&A/C is taught. The teachers for these institutions are taught at two Teachers Training Colleges in Dhaka and Bogra. Dhaka Polytechnic has two courses. The 4-month (360 hour) basic trade course prepares 50 students per batch. These students receive Certificates and generally go on to work in small R&A/C service companies.

The 3 year (six semesters) Diploma Course graduates 80 students a year. These students join as Sub Assistant Engineers in larger organizations and some go on to Teachers Training College.

In addition, there are several Vocational Training Institutes across the country some of which teach R&AC courses.

b) Domestic Refrigerators and Freezers

It was estimated that there were between 2.5 and 3 million refrigerators and freezers in Bangladesh. The average life being 20 plus years. All equipment was imported from Japan, Western Europe, Korea, and China. Discussions with service companies indicated that most refrigerators and freezers had their compressor changed at least 3 to 4 times during their lifetime, with two to three additional

recharges due to leakage. The practice was to use CFC-12 for flushing and pressure test before charging leading to an estimated consumption of 0.5 kg. per refrigerator serviced. CFC-11 was not used for flushing.

HFC-134a based refrigeration systems were being imported in substantial numbers into Bangladesh. The imports from Korea and China were CFC-12 based, while all others were HFC-134a based. R-600 (Hydrocarbon) based units were not yet known. The expected Regulation banning import of ODS using equipment would limit the service tail to equipment imported prior to 2000.

b) Commercial Refrigeration - Ice Cream and Ice factories

Bangladesh had around 2,500 ice and ice cream factories. There was an even split between CFC-12 and ammonia based refrigerant with a few units operating on HCFC-22.

c) Commercial Refrigeration - Cold Storage

The Bangladesh Cold Storage Association estimated that there were 175 cold storages in operation. Most of them were Ammonia based, with some being CFC-12 based.

d) Commercial Refrigeration - Fish Freezing/Fish Processing

The Bangladesh Frozen Foods Exporters Association had a membership of 90 units. Here too, most units were based on Ammonia with some being CFC-12 based, and some HCFC-22 based.

e) Air-Conditioning

Central air-conditioning systems were generally HCFC-22 based. There were two hotels and three other buildings that had CFC-11 based air conditioning systems. Two buildings were equipped with HCFC-123 based units, one of which was commissioned in 1997.

Mobile Air-conditioning and Refrigeration

Cars and Buses:

Bangladesh did not manufacture or assemble cars. In 1997 alone, 18,400 cars were registered in Bangladesh, 80% of which were air-conditioned. Very few new cars were imported and used/reconditioned vehicles upto 5 years old were allowed to be imported. All but a small percentage was imported from Japan. Since all Japanese cars were HFC-134a based from 1995, all cars entering Bangladesh from 2000 would be CFC free.

In 1997, there were 60,000 air-conditioned buses registered in Bangladesh. Travel across the country is generally by road, accounting for such a large number of busses. There were no estimates on how many were CFC-12 based, and how many had other refrigerants. It was expected that nearly all of them were CFC-12 based.

Refrigerated Trucks:

The Bangladesh Road Transport Authority had about 230 refrigerated trucks registered with them. These trucks were used for transport of frozen food, dairy products and ice cream. All of them were CFC-12 based.

Components of the Refrigerant Management Plan

The critical components of the phase out strategy considered in the RMP are given below.

Policy Framework

The Ozone Cell of Bangladesh would monitor implementation and control measures such as:

- Ban on new installations and equipment using ODS.
- Monitor imports of ODS to ensure freeze and phase-out conditions were being met. Implement and enforce caps or quotas if necessary.
- Study the possibility of import concessions and tax incentives to promote use of substitutes and alternative technologies. (A recommendation was be sent to the concerned Ministries to reduce taxes on ozone friendly substances and increase taxes on ODS.)

Emission Reduction

- Implement a national recovery and recycling project.
- Encourage industrial and commercial consumers to evaluate retrofitting of existing equipment to operate on ozone friendly refrigerants, and recover/recycle ODS from decommissioned equipment.

Training

- Training of refrigeration technicians in good refrigerant management practices.
- Training for Customs, aimed at Custom enforcement officers to better implement the licensing system, the ban on new and used ODS based equipment, increased taxation on ODS (as and when approved and put into effect) as well as identify imports of ODS and ODS containing equipment and products for accurate recording for the database..

The Ozone Cell would continue to be the main link with the users of ODS. The Ozone Cell did the reporting of data also. Continuation of Public Awareness programs, data collection of import/export and analysis of the same, monitoring of the recovery/recycling program (as and when implemented), and ensuring training programs reach the intended recipients would be a critical on-going task of the Ozone Cell till 2010.

Impact of the Refrigerant Management Plan

The successful implementation of the various components of the RMP (training, implementation and monitoring of 1999 regulation, and implementation of the National Recovery and Recycling Project) would lead to the effective phase out of ODS well within the requirements of the Montreal Protocol.

Component		Expected Impact
Institutional Strengthening	•	Effective monitoring and coordination of all phase-out
Program (if extended	•	National Awareness of relevant regulations.
beyond February 1999)	•	National awareness on Ozone issues, leading to increased
		demand for ozone mendry equipment.
Implementation of ban	٠	Ban on imports of ODS and ODS using equipment
Implementation of	•	Ensure Montreal Protocol freeze and phase-out conditions
import/export licensing		are met.
policy	•	Ensure phase-out completed by 2010.

Training of Trainers in Good Refrigerant Management Practices, followed by national training of technicians project	 Control of CFC-11 for flushing from 2000 - 2001. Reduce CFC-12 from 2000 - 2001 (by preventing unnecessary emissions) Make technicians familiar with drop in substitutes, retrofitting, and the different ozone friendly refrigerants
Training of Customs	 Effective implementation of ODS import/export licensing system and data collection. Enforce ban on import of ODS using equipment. Enforce economic incentives/disincentives.
National Recovery and Recycling Project	 Reduction in consumption of virgin CFC-12 Collection of CFC-12 from equipment being decommissioned. Availability of CFC-12 beyond 2010 to meet the service requirements of remaining equipment.

All the above activities have been completed or will be completed by end of 2004.

NEED FOR A COUNTRY PROGRAMME UPDATE

The Country Programme (CP) was prepared in 1994 and reported 1993 consumption data. It should be noted here, that all figures were based on statistical sampling and projections and did not reflect the true use, particularly of refrigerants. In addition, the CP was prepared under the premises that Article 5 countries had 10 years from 1995 (the phase out date for non Article 5 countries) to phase out. A series of important events and changes took place since the CP 1994 was prepared with the various Planning Strategies and Budgets for Phase-out and Recommendations for implementation of same. Three (3) additional Amendments of the Montreal Protocol were made, following the CP 1994 - at Montreal (1995), at Vienna (1997) and Beijing (1999) respectively. As per terms of the MP, the Control Measures on the Import and Use of ODS became effective for Bangladesh, as an Article 5 (1) Signatory country, from 1st July 1999.

The subsequent surveys by the Ozone Cell at DOE showed that the ODS consumption in Bangladesh has also increased substantially since the first Country Program - 1994 was prepared and its two major projects implemented. The CFC use in the Aerosol sector, which consumed over 60% of the total ODS use in Bangladesh in 2001, could be phased out through conversion of the CFC (11+12) based Aerosol Plant to a LPG-based Unit at ACI, which was commissioned in April/May 2002, following which Bangladesh went into full compliance of the MP. The "state-of-the-art of ODS substitution technologies in various sectors of ODS use have also progressed a lot in the International arena since the last Country Study.

A definite need was seen to update the Country Programme based on actual import and consumption data by sector to enable the country remain within compliance with the requirements of the Montreal Protocol. Although Bangladesh's base-level amounts (in ODP tonnes) for various ODS Consumption, as an Article 5 country, are predetermined by terms of the MP and Bangladesh's choice for Option 2 (1999 Reported Data), the survey became necessary not only to assess the present situation and the status of compliance of ODS Use in Bangladesh, but also the uses of such ODS in possible new / 'gap' areas, which could have been missed by past ODS Surveys.

UNDP received funding in March 2002 from the Multilateral Fund to assist Bangladesh carry out a survey and prepare the Country Programme Update. During the survey it was realized that additional funding was required to assist Bangladesh comply with the requirements of the Montreal Protocol. Additional funding was approved in April 2003 to prepare the National ODS Phase-Out Plan.

The National ODS Phase-Out Plan was submitted to the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund and funding was approved in April 2004. While it cannot provide full financial assistance to all the end users of Ozone Depleting Substances in Bangladesh, it will definitely allow for a informed

transition from ODS to non-ODS alternatives by all stakeholders, and hopefully minimize the economic impact of such a transition.

An ODS Update Survey to assess the current situation thus became necessary to provide a professional planning base for preparation of the Country Program Update and the National ODS Phase-out Plan for Bangladesh.

Findings of the Survey

The survey was conducted as a sampling survey. It was understood that it would not be possible to undertake a 100% census survey in view of the limited availability of time and resources. However, it would provide a close 'Base-line' estimate of the ODS use by applying professionally designed methods for conducting the Survey and evaluating the Data.

In some cases, such as the refrigeration servicing sector survey, because of the large number of servicing shops dispersed all over the country, the best possible estimates and information from Associations were taken. Hence, such limitations of a sampling survey should be kept in mind, although close estimates are possible.

A total sample size of over 837 ODS and Non-ODS user units were covered in the survey in 3 main Sectors and 16 sub-sectors.

ODS Use was found in the following sector and sub-sector units surveyed:

•	R & AC Maintenance Shops ('Fixed')	-	292 units (Users of CFC-12, HCFC-22 and R-502
•	R & AC Maintenance Shops ('Mobile)	-	197 units (CFC-12, HCFC-22 and R-502
•	Commercial/Industrial Refriger. Units	-	88 units (CFC-11,CFC-12, HCFC-22 and R-502)
•	Solvent Sector	-	7 units (CTC and MCF)
•	Pharmaceutical (MDI) Sector	-	3 units (CFC-11, CFC-12)
Su	b-total of units found using ODS -		587 Units
•	Other units, using non-ODS Refrigerants		
(A	cross-section of Ice Plants, Cold Sto-		
ra	ges and Fish Freezing Plants) -	250 ui	nits (Uses Ammonia - Non-ODS)
To	tal units covered by survey -	837 u	nits

Summary of Survey Findings

This section presents a summary of the results / final outputs of the ODS update survey (2003) in terms of imports and uses of the various types of ODS (CFC-11, CFC-12, R-502, HCFC-22, Carbon Tetrachloride and Methyl Chloroform), as evaluated from the survey data, collected through import information and sampling surveys of various ODS users.

ODS Imports

Bangladesh imported a total quantity of 636.55 MT of all ODS types over the total fiscal year 2002, which, apart from CFC-11, CFC-12 and R-502, also includes HCFC-22 and the ODS solvents - Carbon Tetrachloride (CTC) and Methyl Chloroform (MCF) used in Bangladesh. Import data obtained up to June 2003 is indicative of a lower quantity of total imports - about 490 MT this year, if extrapolated for the entire fiscal year. The Importers have reported a stagnation of overall business and production activities in the country as the reason for lower imports in 2003.

Imports of CFC-11, CFC-12 and R-502 - Total imports into Bangladesh during the fiscal year – 2002 were 13.67 MT CFC-11, 382.67 MT CFC-12 and 7.76 MT R-502.

Imports of ODS Solvents - Carbon Tetrachloride (CTC) and Methyl Chloroform (MCF) were found to be 14.4 and 8.6 MT respectively in 2002. This makes the total Imports of ODS in Bangladesh 427.121 MT, excluding HCFC-22 (the CFC which is controlled substance with a long term Phase-out Schedule (up to 2040).

The imports of ODS **Solvents** - CTC and MCF, amounted to only about 3.6% of total Imports all ODS, including HCFC-22 and about 5.38% excluding HCFC-22

The share of CFC-12 imports at 60% of total ODS (including HCFC-22) is found to be the highest, as expected due to its widespread use. With the import figures for HCFC-22 taken out, CFC-12 imports for 2002 amount to about 90 % of total ODS imports, which meant that the National Phase-Out Plan would need to focus on the import and use of CFC-12 and its replacement by appropriate Alternatives, like HFC-134a.

ODS Prices (C & F)

The mid 2003 average C& F Prices of the various CFCs and Other ODSs, as reported by the major Importers are in the following range :

•	CFC-11	:	US\$ 1.62
•	CFC-12	:	US\$ 2.10
•	HCFC-22	:	US\$ 2.20
•	HFC-134a	:	US\$ 4.10
•	CTC	:	US\$ 2.35
•	MCF	:	US\$ 2.36

The Custom Duties on the ODSs are : 15% + 15% VAT (on add val)., other landed costs, including ILC being 6.5&, the average multiplying factor to reach landed costs being 1.3875 on C & F Prices.

Share of Origin Countries (from where Imported)

An interesting aspect of ODS imports is that in 2002, while India had the largest share as origin country for CFC imports into Bangladesh, the scenario has shifted now (2003) totally in favour of China, which now has a 77.5% share as an origin country, the reason being cost-effectiveness of CFCs imported from China, compared to India. This price-gradient has reportedly initiated a temporary border 'market force' and an 'illegal border trade' of CFCs with India.

Share of various Importers

There are currently 15 major importers of ODS. Delco Engineering is currently the largest CFC importer of Bangladesh (about 34% share in 2002 and 51% share of all ODSs imported up to 2003), followed by Syed Gas and Chemicals (24% in 2002 and 12% up to June 2003). The market share of other importers was found to be varying.

ODS Uses

The uses of ODS were derived from the comprehensive sample survey, using the specific user-level questionnaires. The uses of ODS, as evaluated from the survey results are summarized below - by 3 broad sectors, both in MT and ODP Tonnes, which, together with quantities of reported of ODS in 1999 (Option 2 for Bangladesh) will form the basis to calculate the starting point of ODS use.

ODS USES BY BROAD SECTORS AND GROUPS OF CONTROL SUBSTANCES

CFC Use in R&AC	CFC	-11	CF	C-12	R-502	
	MT	ODP	MT	ODP	MT	ODP
Refrigeration & Air-Conditioning. Servicing Sector	-	-	251.071	251.071	1.568	0.533
Commercial / Manufacturing Refrigeration Sector	4.275	4.275	34.240	34.240	10.312	3.506
Sub-total CFC Use - R & AC Sectors	4.275	4.275	285.311	285.311	11.880	4.039
Total CFCs in R & AC Sector			293.625 O	DP Tonne	s	

ODS SOLVENT USE	C	ГС	MCF	
	MT	ODP	MT	ODP
In Readymade Garment Industry	29.226	32.148		
Electrical/Electronics Sun-sector Degreasing			24.48	2.45
Sub-total ODS Solvent Use	29.226	32.148	24.48	2.45
Total ODS Solvent Use	34.62 ODP Tonnes			

PHARMACEUTICAL USE - MDI APPLICATIONS	CFC	C-11	CFC-12	
	MT	ODP	MT	ODP
In Metered Dose Inhaler	8.840	8.840	12.904	12.904
Sub-total CFC Use in MDI	8.840	8.840	12.904	12.904
Total MDI Use (CFC-11+CFC-12)	21.744 ODP Tonnes			

New Uses not Covered or Inadequately Covered by Projects in the Past

Solvent Use of CTC & MCF

• CTC Use

The users of CTC and MCF were identified through the update survey and their amounts quantified in the readymade garments (RMG) sectors and in the electrical/electronics assembly industries/establishments respectively. CTC was found to be used in five RMG Industries for 'spot cleaning', the usual cleaning method being either by using spray guns or mechanized inspection table, equipped with spraying facility and a suction system. However, considering the small quantity of solvent use, no recovery system is being used.

Stakeholders in this sector reported that about 15 nos. of such RMGs, especially those who have integrated garment manufacturing (from yarn), are using CTC for the above purpose. BEXIMCO Textiles Ltd., Padma Textiles Ltd. are two of the largest users of CTC.

The total use of CTC, as found through the Update Survey is estimated as 29.226 MT (32.148 ODP Tonnes).

• MCF Use

MCF was found in the import records of Customs and also reported by Chemical Importers (Chemicon and Azad Chemicals). Square Pharma has also reported both import and use (laboratory)

The major use of MCF is in the degreasing of electrical and electronic components (PC boards, parts). Bangladesh Biman, GMG Airlines are using MCF. Bangladesh Army is also reportedly using MCF in their Machine Tools Factory and Ordance Factory at Joydevpur, near Dhaka. However, the defence services were not covered by the survey.

Plastic industries are also using MCF in small quantities for joining plastic parts etc, as it has a similar property as Chloroform to dissolve certain 'Plexiglas' type plastics.

The total Use of MCF as surveyed is 24. 8 MT (2.48 ODP Tonnes).

Mobile Refrigeration

There has been a significant growth in the population of automobiles (cars/jeeps) in the country, over the last seven (7) years, i.e. from 1995-96. All cars imported from Japan after 1996 are equipped with the CFC alternative - HFC 134a based air-conditioners. However, the problem is that when they are coming for recharge, most of them are being refilled with CFC-12.

The update survey comprehensively covered the CFC use by air-conditioned bus operators. 13 A/C bus companies were identified and all of them surveyed (100%). They reported that a fleet of 144 A/C buses are currently operating in the country. These A/C buses are maintained in their own workshops, including the recharge of CFC refrigerants. Their workshops interestingly, reported quite high use of CFC-12 (about 12.96 MT/Year). As reasons they mentioned:

- (i) frequent occurrence of slow leakages at critical joints due to very bad road conditions and
- (ii) 'topping up' of remaining refrigerants with more CFC-12 quantities.

However, this requires a further detailed investigation, as the high consumption could also be a result of 'pilferage' of CFCs (possible outside sale of CFC by concerned workshop personnel for personal gains).

MDI Application (CFC-11 and CFC-12 as Propellant Gases)

Past surveys missed finding and reporting the MDI use of CFC-11 and CFC-12. Two private sector companies have production lines to manufacture the above CFC-based MDIs - BEXIMCO Pharmaceuticals Ltd. and SQUARE Pharmaceuticals Ltd. A third pharmaceutical company - Glaxo Smith Klein, which gets their MDI product manufactured under contract arrangement with BEXIMCO did not provide any data. The data provided by the two companies during the survey amounted to 21.744 Tonnes (CFC-11 – 8.840 T and CFC-12 – 12.904 T). The total CFC-11 and CFC-12 Use in the MDI Sector was found through the update survey to be 21.744 MT (21.44 ODP tonnes).

Use of CFC Pre-mixes in Polyols used in Foam Industries

Although earlier reports, starting from 'Recon' Study in 1993 till 2001 did not report any use of CFCs/Other ODS in the foam industry, a re-check was done directly with the production and import departments of all local foam industries, as well as the suppliers of Polyols (e.g. BASF), who reported that no use CFC-11 or other CFCs pre-mix in Polyols were being used.

CFC Use in Razor Blade Industry

Two Razor Blade Industries, operating in Bangladesh, were surveyed. No CFC Use was found.

CFC Use in Disposable Syringe (Needle production) Manufacture

CFC is not being used in manufacture of Injection Needles in Bangladesh.

Use of Halons (for Fire-fighting)

Use of Halons was reported in surveys up to 1993 - '94. The Fire Fighting (Civil Defence) Department, when contacted reported that the import of Halon was banned since 1995. Contacts with Petrobangla, Bangladesh Gas Fields Ltd., Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration and Production Company Ltd., Electrical Sub-stations of Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (DESA), Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) revealed that they are not using Halons for Petroleum, Oil and

Gas and Electrical fires. A number of RMG Industries, who have frequent incidents of electrical fires, were approached, who also reported that no Halon is used. Carbon Dioxide fire-extinguishers are most frequently used.

Use of Methyl Bromide

The Pest Control / Pesticides Department of the Government Agricultural Department, when contacted reported no use of Methyl Bromide (for Pest Control / Quarantine use), the import of the said ODS having been banned in Bangladesh by a Government order.

THE NATIONAL ODS PHASE-OUT PLAN

The National ODS Phase-Out Plan, which was approved by the Multilateral Fund in March 2004, outlines a proposal to phase out all ODS in Bangladesh. The Plan includes strategies for the refrigeration servicing sector and the solvent sector. The strategy calls for complete phase-out of all ODS by January 1, 2010 while complying with the Montreal Protocol phase-out requirements.

The consumption of CFCs reported by Bangladesh in 1999 was 801.33 MT or 800.61 ODP Tonnes. The consumption of Carbon Tetrachloride in 1999 was reported as 5.50 MT or 6.05 ODP Tonnes and the consumption of Methyl Chloroform was reported as 10.00 MT or 1.0 ODP Tonnes in 1999. According to Decision 35/57 of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund, Bangladesh has opted for Option 2 as the starting point based on its 1999 reported data. After accounting for all the projects funded by the Executive Committee till then and subsequently (123.6 ODP Tonnes for Aerosol and 11.6 ODP Tonnes for Recovery & Recycling component of RMP – Total 135.2 ODP Tonnes), there is an unfunded CFC consumption of 665.41 ODP Tonnes, unfunded CTC consumption of 6.05 ODP tonnes and unfunded MCF consumption of 1.00 ODP Tonnes.

Of the 665.41 ODP Tonnes of CFC that was unfunded in 1999, 595 ODP Tonnes was reported in the aerosol sector where the one company for which project had been approved, had increased its consumption from 123.6 ODP Tonnes to 595 ODP Tonnes. Thus, in 2002, an additional 471.4 ODP Tonnes (595-123.6) has been phased out leaving 194.01 ODP Tonnes of CFC consumption unfunded.

A detailed survey undertaken in 2003 in preparation of the Country Programme Update shows use of 13.115 ODP of CFC-11, 298.216 ODP Tonnes of CFC-12, and 3.563 ODP Tonnes (10.480 MT) of R-502 – total 314.894 ODP Tonnes of CFCs. This includes 8.840 ODP Tonnes of CFC-11 and 12.904 ODP Tonnes CFC-12 used for MDI applications. This consumption was not known earlier and had never been reported to the Multilateral Fund. As a result, no CFC consumption is allocated to MDI application.

Under the circumstances, while eligible tonnage of CFC in refrigeration sector for funding is 194.01 ODP Tonnes, it leaves 120.884 ODP Tonnes of CFC in the refrigeration sector unfunded yet requiring phase out.

Similarly, for the solvent sector, the survey shows use of 32.150 ODP Tonnes (29.226 MT) of CTC and 2.48 ODP Tonnes (24.80 MT) of MCF. 1999 reporting was 6.05 ODP Tonnes (5.5 MT) CTC and 1.0 ODP Tonnes (10.0 MT) MCF.

Thus eligible tonnage of solvent for funding is 7.05 ODP Tonnes leaving 27.58 ODP Tonnes unfunded yet requiring phase out.

The Government of Bangladesh wishes to distribute the eligible unfunded consumption as follows:

Sector	ODP Tonnes
Refrigeration Servicing Sector and Technical Assistance	194.01
Solvent Sector	7.05
	201.06
Total	

Current Situation

For various reasons, implementation of the RMP could not effectively start till early 2003. The Training of Trainers in Good Refrigerant Management Practices has been completed and the second phase of Training of Technicians is going on start shortly. The Recycling Centres have been set up and Recovery machines have been distributed to eligible service shops. Monitoring of the Recovery and Recycling project is also ongoing.

The Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Sector use was reasonably well covered in the Refrigerant Management Plan, with some gap areas remaining. The estimated 1997 consumption of refrigerants by use and application, as well as the results of the 2003 CP Update survey (presenting 2002 data) is reproduced in the table below:

Sub Sector	Sub-Sub Sector ODS APPLICATION		1997	2002	
				Estimated	Extrapolated
				Use	Survey Data
				(MT)	(MT)
Dom. & Small	R&AC Service	CFC-11	Flushing	0.660	0.00
Comm. Freezer/	Shops (domestic &	CFC-12	Recharge	121.522	157.710
Refrigerator and	Small commercial)	HCFC-22	Initial Charge	N/a	46.202
A/C			and Recharge		
Commercial/	 Ice Cream/ 	CFC-12	Recharge	120.075	19.691
Industrial	Dairy/Food	HCFC-22	Recharge	0.220	1.080
		R-502	Recharge	1.054	10.480
	Ice and Cold	CFC-12	Recharge	3.262	7.500
	Storage	HCFC-22	Recharge	N/a	47.143
	Fish Freezing/	CFC-12	Recharge	1.969	0.00
	Processing	HCFC-22	Recharge	1.688	17.500
	1. Soft Drink	CFC-12	Recharge	N/a	0.780
		HCFC-22	Recharge	N/a	1.360
	2. Assembly	CFC-12	Init. Charge	N/a	1.305
		HCFC-22	Init. Charge	N/a	35.820
	Commercial Air-	CFC-11	Flushing/ Chiller	4.160	4.275
	Conditioning		Recharge		
		CFC-12	Recharge	0.100	4.964
		HCFC-22	Init. Charge	68.331	5.089
		HCFC-	Initial Charge &	5.055	0.00
		123	Recharge		
Mobile Air-	Car/Jeep	CFC-12	Recharge	16.100	76.634
Conditioning	Air-Con Bus	CFC-12	Recharge	N/a	12.960
	BD-Railway	CFC-12	Recharge	N/a	3.468
	Ref. Van	CFC-12	Recharge	N/a	0.300
		R-502	Recharge	N/a	1.400
	Fishing Trawler	HCFC-22	Recharge	N/a	70.416

When comparing the RMP data with the 2002 survey data it can be seen that:

- > CFC-11 use for flushing by small shops has reduced from 0.66 MT to negligible amounts.
- CFC-12 use for domestic refrigeration and small commercial refrigeration has gone from 121.522 MT to 157.710 MT

- CFC-12 use in the Commercial sub-sector has gone down from estimated 125.306 MT to 29.276 MT. In 1997 most shops did not differentiate between applications, and possibly a lot of mobile applications, which were simply top ups, got clubbed into commercial applications.
- R-502 consumption in Commercial Refrigeration has increased from 1.054 MT to 10.480 MT
- ➢ CFC-11 use for commercial air-conditioning servicing has remained constant.
- ▶ CFC-12 use in commercial air-conditioning has increased from 0.100 MT to 4.964 MT.
- CFC-12 consumption for mobile applications has increased from 16.1 MT to 93.362 MT. As explained earlier, part of this is because of allocation of this consumption to the commercial sector. Also, since 1997 there has been import of a large number of automobiles and busses with CFC-12 based air-conditioning systems. Bangladesh allows up to 4-year-old cars to be imported. With the majority of imports being from Japan, all cars imported till 1999 operated on CFC-12. Another reason for the high consumption is that service technicians are charging CFC-12 into HFC-134a systems either unknowingly or because the price is much less.

It is noted that there is increasing use of HCFC-22 in the R&AC sector. While we are noting this consumption for dealing with in future, at present it does not come within the current freeze and phase out requirements of the Montreal Protocol.

While the RMP will contribute to the CFC phase out through the remaining training and monitoring, the National ODS Phase Out Plan stresses the need for strengthening the capabilities of the service companies to meet the demands of the various new technologies being introduced. In addition to the current RMP activities, it is essential for Bangladesh to pursue the retrofit and other additional activities to ensure the reduction in the need for CFCs.

Funding requested in the National ODS Phase Out Plan is essential for Bangladesh to meet its 2005 and, more importantly its 2007 phase out requirements. The proposed activities will start in 2004 and will ensure meeting of all obligations.

2.3 Government Initiatives

Bangladesh has regulations for imports and exports and ODS and ODS using products are also included. In order to strengthen these regulations specifically for ODS and ODS using equipment a Legislation under the Bangladesh Environment Protection Act 1995 has been enacted and implemented in 2004. It includes, amongst others, the following controls:

- ➢ Ban on Production of ODS.
- Controls on ODS Import and Export
- Controls on Sales and Purchase of ODS
- Ban on Production of Compressors using ODS
- Mandatory Reporting of Import, Export and Sales of ODS

In addition the following has already been implemented:

- Increase in tariff of ODS
- Reduction in tariff of ozone friendly substances

With the regulations in place, Bangladesh will be able to closely control and reduce the imports of ODS to ensure compliance. However, the consumption in the R&AC service sector is a matter of great concern. While recovery and recycling will reduce the demand for new CFCs to some extent, the demand for new CFC-12 for recharge of systems from which refrigerant has leaked or where the compressor has burnt out will always be there. This is estimated at 289.627 ODP Tonnes, primarily for servicing of domestic and commercial equipment as well as servicing of MAC systems including cars, a/c busses, trawlers and railway carriages.

2.4 Project Descriptions under the National ODS Phase Out Plan

Of all the sectors covered under the Montreal Protocol the R&AC sector, particularly the service and end-use sector faces the biggest challenge in phasing out the use of ODS, particularly CFC-12. Every domestic, commercial and industrial refrigeration or air-conditioning system is affected. Unlike in developed countries, Bangladesh does not have the economic capability to replace equipment every 5 – 10 years. The tendency is to continue to repair and use until there is catastrophic failure. This leads to, for example, use of domestic refrigerator for 20 to 40 years!!

At the same time, an important finding is that most refrigeration equipment comes in for servicing after leakage has occurred. This means that while a certain quantity of refrigerant is being used to recharge/top up, not all of that quantity is recoverable, since refrigerant has leaked out. This creates a continuing demand for CFC imports.

The option to seek funding from the Multilateral Fund to replace all refrigerators in the country is not practical or feasible. Yet the demand for new CFCs for servicing has to be addressed. In addition the emergence of several technologies requires that a planned effort be made to keep technicians abreast of new developments, while consumers need to be protected and made aware. This is proposed through extension of existing RMP activities, in addition to some retrofitting activities, and strengthening and empowering of the Association. Brief descriptions and budgetary costs are outlined below.

2.4.1 <u>National ODS phase-out plan: public awareness and information dissemination to main</u> <u>stakeholders</u>

With 2005 reductions in imports coming up very quickly, the NOU proposes to mount an intensive campaign with advertisements in National newspapers and TV spots to sensitise it's citizens of the impact of CFC-12 phase out and what alternative options are available.

With the approved budget, the following activities are proposed with the indicative deadlines and the budget, and shall of course be changed as implementation is to be done.

Sl. No.	Proposed Activity	Description	Time frame
1.	Baseline survey of level of communication awareness in the country, by sector, and preparation of a national communication strategy	Following the regional awareness strategy, countries in the region are encouraged to develop their own national communication strategies which will outline specific activities that need to be done to support compliance. Bangladesh will benefit from doing this so that each sector can be covered and activities identified. It is also essential that a baseline survey of the level of awareness be done in the country, so that interventions will be more targeted to the needs expressed. Both the activities are to be done engaging a competed national professional agency.	2004-2005
2.	Development of communication materials	May interalia include poster, leaflet, pocketbook, calendar, slides, TV ad, radio ad, newspaper ad, video documentary etc. in the light of communication strategy to be developed.	2004-2005
3.	Dissemination	In appropriate mode including public awareness campaign in conjunction with the technician training workshop.	2004 - 2005

2.4.2 <u>Training and certification programme for refrigeration service technicians, including</u> <u>development of a code of good practices (UNEP)</u>

With the emergence of several new technologies, particularly for domestic refrigeration and MAC applications, in the span of a few years, the Government and the Bangladesh Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Merchants Association (BRAMA) are concerned that the technicians in Bangladesh do

not have the opportunity to get information disseminated and training provided in these technologies. Technicians in the unorganized sector are the worst affected as they end up being the last to know.

BRAMA is a recognised Association in this sector in Bangladesh. It has a membership of over 400 with representation from the Import, Retail and Servicing sectors of the industry. BRAMA is participating actively in the implementation of the RMP and many of its members have attended the Training of Trainers workshop.

The Training of Technicians component of the RMP has started and is going. The RMP training project is expected to train approximately 1,000 technicians by the end of 2004. It is estimated that there are nearly 25,000 technicians in the country, mostly in the unorganised sector. With additional training funding sought in the National Phase Out Plan, it is proposed to train another 7,500 technicians, who could be then transfer the skill, knowledge through daily on-job learning to other technicians in Bangladesh.

The technician training would be organized by the PMU under the supervision of DOE/NOU in cooperation with local government (head of the administration), local DOE and local branch of BRAMA. The local BRAMA will be responsible for the selection of the technicians and submit the list to PMU/NOU to finalize. The PMU/NOU would coordinate the organization of the workshop with development of the agenda, training material and the other logistic arrangement. The local consultant to be hired under the monitoring project would act as the Lead trainer, and 2 or 3 local trainers from participants of the train-the-trainer workshop would be recruited to assist the lead trainer. The local vocational schools or any suitable venue should be used for the delivery of the training. To facilitate the delivery of the training workshop, the equipment/tools such as refrigeration board, compressor cut out, manometer, vacuum pump, gauges, manual recovery machine, cylinder etc will be procured from the local market.

The training workshop will be lasted for 2/3 days. The number of the technicians to be trained in each year would be:

2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
1,000	2,500	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000

NOU will also to develop and disseminate a Code of Good Practice for R&AC technicians through training workshop and retail chains. In total, 15,000 copies of the manual of Code of Good Practice will be produced with 1,000 copies to be produced in t he year 2004.

A certification system will be established to issue the certificate to the trained technicians though the formally organized training workshops or on-job training, which has been verified by DOE or its authorized organizations. The certificate will be issued by DOE and will be used in the future to assess whether the workshop could do the recovery/recycling and or retrofitting under the NOPP. About 25,000 copies of certificate are scheduled to be printed for both the whole project implementation period and past project period.

2.4.3 <u>National ODS phase-out plan: training programme for custom officers (UNEP)</u>

As part of the RMP 35 Customs trainers have been trained. Another 100 will be trained under Phase-II of the Customs Training 13 Refrigerant Identifier Kit have been collected and distributed under a regional project. More customs officer of different check-posts are required to be trained. Additional quantities of 10 Refrigerant Identifiers are required to cover all of the customs entry points. A process of continuous training of another 500 staff from the customs and other enforcement authorities under National ODS Phase-out Plan is proposed to combat illegal trade and smuggling.

The training workshop will be organized by NOU/PMU in close cooperation with the National Board of Revenue (NBR), the customs authority of Bangladesh. A long term strategy concerning how to deliver the customs training, i.e. prioritize the region to be trained, sustain the customs training, select the port offices to receive the identifiers, update the customs training curriculum, etc will be jointly worked out by NOU and the relevant government offices.

The possibility to have the custom training workshop to be organized in conjunction with the normal training workshop organized by the custom office will be explored to sustain the training activities. Also during the customs training, public awareness activities will also be organized.

The training workshops will be organized for 50 participants each. During 2004 and 2008, each year there will be two workshops to train 100 staff.

2.4.4 <u>Recovery and Recycling Equipment (UNDP)</u>

The Recovery and Recycling project of the RMP started in March 2003, when the equipment was distributed following training of the beneficiaries. It maybe that eventually the concept of Recycling Centres will have to be rethought and the equipment redistributed to the few service shops that service large commercial equipment for better utilisation. The project, however, is in its early stages and needs to be evaluated after a year before decisions are taken. However, the need for manual recovery units and small vacuum pumps has already emerged from discussions with the domestic and small commercial service shops.

In addition there continues to be a need for MAC recovery/recycle/recharge equipment. While Japan may have started production of cars with HFC-134a MAC's in 1993, the export of those newer models to countries like Bangladesh will have commenced many years later. Currently Bangladesh may have been importing such vehicles, but it is not possible to provide an estimate of the amount of CFC used for servicing non-CFC based equipment. As a matter of fact, since CFC-12 can be used in HFC134a systems, once it is introduced, the system becomes a CFC based system and is treated as such.

The National Ozone Officer further reports that the age of the car fleet in Bangladesh is rather old. As such most of the CFC-12 in the MAC sector is used for servicing CFC-12 based MAC's and only exceptionally will it be otherwise.

2.4.5 <u>Retrofit of Domestic and Small Commercial Refrigerators to Hydrocarbon Blends</u>

As can be seen from the table at 2.2, the use of CFC-12 for servicing of domestic and small commercial equipment was 157.710 MT in 2002. This consumption is due to leakage and compressor burn out and is at the moment new CFCs. While Recovery and Recycling, particularly from commercial systems being decommissioned, will provide some refrigerant to reduce the demand, the impact will not be sufficient to meet the entire demand. The option of replacing the entire refrigerator because CFC-12 is not available is not an acceptable one for the Government and the citizens of the country. A refrigerator ranks amongst the top 5 most expensive items in a household. In addition many small businesses derive their livelihood from selling refrigerated products including soft drinks.

With the successful completion of the project on establishing criteria and techniques of retrofitting domestic and small commercial refrigeration equipment to hydrocarbon blends in India, Bangladesh Government is keen to implement the technology. As and when refrigerators need refrigerant due to leakage or compressor burn out, they will be retrofitted to hydrocarbon blends thereby ensuring continued use of the refrigerator and reducing the demand for new CFCs. An awareness campaign will also be undertaken under the project detailed in 3.3.1.

Bangladesh Government proposes to have a pilot project to retrofit refrigerators. The project requests initial equipment for retrofit of approximately 9,600 refrigerators for start up. It will be on a cost recovery basis, and the funds generated will be used to make the project self-sufficient. The funding is being requested as seed money. For CFC phase out to be truly successful, end users have to be convinced and facilities have to be available. The import of kits has to be in substantial numbers to have any impact. The service companies do not have the financial strength to be able to do that. Once the "seed" kits are imported and distributed across the country, and the conversion projects pick up, the service companies will be able to import the next sets themselves. It is vital for the project to have the initial kits funded by the Multilateral Fund.

2.4.6 <u>Retrofit of Car Air-Conditioning Equipment</u>

The Table at 2.2 shows that car and jeep air-conditioning service alone used 76.634 MT CFC-12 in 2002. As for domestic and small commercial refrigeration, this use is also for new CFC-12 since the servicing is done when refrigerant has leaked out. The majority of the vehicles are of Japanese make and retrofit kits are available to convert these systems to HFC-134a.

It is proposed to have a pilot retrofit project in Bangladesh, through some organised MAC repair shops. The project requests funding for the initial start up of retrofitting 250 vehicles. It will be on a cost recovery basis, and the funds generated will be used to make the project self-sufficient. The funding is being requested as seed money. For CFC phase out to be truly successful, end users have to be convinced and facilities have to be available. The import of kits has to be in substantial numbers to have any impact. The service companies do not have the financial strength to be able to do that. Once the "seed" kits are imported and distributed across the country, and the conversion projects pick up, the service companies will be able to import the next sets themselves. It is vital for the project to have the initial kits funded by the Multilateral Fund.

2.4.7 <u>Technical Assistance for Commercial Sector End Users to assist in decisions related to</u> retrofitting or replacement

During the National Consultative workshop on CP Update, several large commercial end users expressed the need for awareness on current technologies, how to make decisions on whether to retrofit or replace equipment, and cost issues.

The Bangladesh Government would like to address this need through a technical workshop, with presentations from a few international equipment manufacturers and a neutral international expert to help this end user sector evaluate their needs. Several end users have been identified during the survey. These users and any other users of commercial/industrial R&AC equipment will be invited to participate.

3. SOLVENT SECTOR PHASE-OUT PLAN

29.226 M.T of Carbon Tetrachloride and 24.800 MT of Methyl Chloroform is the estimated usage in the Solvent sector as per the 2003 survey.

CTC is used by the Ready Made Garment (RMG) industry for spot cleaning. The RMG industry is a major foreign exchange earner for Bangladesh. The cleaning operations vary from use of a spray gun to spot clean to the use of a mechanized inspection table with spot spraying facility and a suction system to remove the solvent.

The electrical and electronics industry and end users use MCF for degreasing and cleaning. Use of MCF has also been found in the plastics industry as a solvent adhesive.

No full-fledged projects are being proposed for the solvent sector where there is an increasing consumption of CTC and MCA. Through the component being suggested, UNDP plans to provide Technical Assistance (TAS) to address the urgent needs of the sector. International expert(s) will suggest alternative solvents for each of the applications where CTC and MCA are used today. This will be imparted through the relevant industry associations and the relevant chemical distributors.

4. Monitoring and Management of National ODS Phase Out Plan

In order to ensure that all activities are taking place as planned in the National ODS Phase Out Plan, it is necessary to have a Bangladesh Ozone Project Implementation and Monitoring Unit (BOPIMU) in place to work with the Institutional Strengthening project. The BOPIMU will carry out the day-to-day implementation and monitoring activities and advise the NOU, UNDP and UNEP to take corrective action wherever necessary. Since the strategy is a country driven approach and Bangladesh has the flexibility to reallocate the approved funding if so required, regular monitoring and evaluation will also assist the NOU, UNDP and UNEP to decide whether reallocation is required at any stage of the implementation of the strategy. BOPIMU's activities will be quite intensive throughout the project - from inception in 2004 to 2010 when there will be no more ODS available for use.

WHAT REMAINS TO BE DONE

The National ODS Phase Out Plan provides funding for activities to cover most of the uses. However, there are some uses that are not covered, either because the users are reluctant to disclose their use or because the applications are not eligible under the Montreal Protocol.

Training of Technicians

The National ODS Phase Out Plan covers training of 7,500 technicians, in addition to the technicians trained under the Refrigerant Management Plan. It is expected that those that will be difficult to identify and train are the "practitioners" who are one man outfits primarily repairing domestic refrigerators. These practitioners have most likely learned there trade by being apprenticed to another technician or practitioner and have little or no theoretical knowledge of refrigeration. Short training courses must be designed for them to understand the different refrigerants that are no in use and how to identify them and how to repair the systems.

Recovery and Recycling

Close monitoring must be maintained to ensure that the equipment are being used.

Retrofit

It is not feasible to provide for retrofit kits for all refrigerators and mobile air conditioners. In order to encourage retrofitting, "seed" kits and funding is provided in the National Phase Out Plan. Close monitoring must be maintained to ensure that the funds recovered from end users are rolled over again to buy more kits to ensure sustainability of the projects.

Support to Refrigerator Assembly

The Update Survey tracked down Assembly of Refrigerators and Air-conditioners, which is primarily being done at present in the unorganized sector and by Assemblers, who do not want it known.

The modus operandi of the Assemblers in the unorganized sector is to import all components like Evaporators, Condensers, Piping and others and source cost-effective Compressors from China. They

assemble the imported components together and charge the system with CFCs and market them, often in cooperation with good marketing establishments in this business.

These assemblers have to be encouraged to move to HFC-134a or other alternative refrigerants. They should be invited to participate in training workshops.

Large Commercial Refrigeration and Air Conditioning End Users

The only support that can be provided to these end users is a technical assistance workshop where options of retrofit and/or replacement will be discussed. No funding is available for their change over. These end users will need to plan their strategy and ensure private funding is available for them to continue to use their equipment.

Solvent

Most solvent applications were found to be in small quantities and manually used. The support for these users is being provided through a Technical Assistance workshop. Monitoring has to be closely done to ensure that the alternatives are put into use immediately. Legislation should also be enforced to ensure that reduction in imports happen as otherwise Bangladesh will be cited for non compliance in solvent use.

Metered Dose Inhalers (MDI)

It should be noted that in the National ODS Phase Out Plan project document, Bangladesh did identify the use of CFCs in MDI. The CFC consumption as informed by the two companies during the survey amounted to 8.840 ODP Tonnes of CFC-11 and 12.904 ODP Tonnes of CFC-12 for 2002. Glaxo did not provide any data. This consumption was not known earlier and had never been reported to the Multilateral Fund. As a result, no CFC consumption is allocated to MDI application. Bangladesh has been reporting this use since 2003. The pharmaceutical companies using CFCs for MDIs started up after the 1995 cut off date. Bangladesh would like to take this opportunity to request special consideration for financial and technical support for this nationally critical sector. For most other sectors, alternative technologies were available by 1995, but this was not the case for MDIs. Under the circumstances it would not have been appropriate for the Government to advise pharmaceutical companies not to create CFC based MDI capacity, particularly when there was a critical need for this application.

ANNEX I

CURRENT SITUATION NOT ADDRESSED BY THE 2003 SURVEY

The CP Update was based on the survey conducted in 2003 on the basis of which the National Phase Out Plan for Bangladesh was prepared and approved. The 2004 data (in Metric Tonnes) that was reported to the Ozone Secretariat is as follows:

CFC-11	CFC-12	CFC-113	CFC115	Carbon	Methyl	HCFC-22
				Tetrachloride	Chloroform	
25.60	268.74	0.00	0.96	5.00	5.50	165.00

The Progress on Implementation of Country Programme Data for 2004 (in Metric Tonnes) submitted to the Multilateral Fund Secretariat is as follows:

	Aerosol	Foam	Refrigeration		Solvent	Total	Import
			Manufacturing	Servicing			
CFC-11	20.874			4.25		25.124	25.60
CFC-12	41.352		38.68	183.29		263.322	268.74
CFC-113	0.00						
CFC-115				0.96		0.96	0.96
Carbon					5.00	5.00	5.00
Tetrachloride							
Methyl					5.50	5.50	5.50
Chloroform							
HCFC-22			44.34	116.25		160.59	165.00

Refrigeration: Chillers

Bangladesh has several centrally air-conditioned buildings using CFC-11, CFC-12, R-502, HCFC-22, R-123 and HFC-134a refrigerants. A detailed survey is proposed to be undertaken later in 2006 and a strategy to phase out the use of ODS for this application will be developed. A project with the World Bank is envisaged.

Pharmaceutical Aerosols: MDIs

It should be noted that in the National ODS Phase Out Plan project document, Bangladesh did identify the use of CFCs in MDI. During the survey for the Country Programme Update in 2003, the use of CFCs in MDI production in Bangladesh was identified for the first time. This consumption was not known earlier and had never been reported to the Ozone Secretariat nor to the Multilateral Fund. The pharmaceutical companies using CFCs for MDIs started up after the 1995 cut off date

In early 2003, when the survey was done, the data provided by two pharmaceutical companies manufacturing MDIs showed consumption of 21.74 ODP tonnes of CFCs (CFC-11 – 8.84 ODP T + CFC-12 – 12.90 ODP T). A third company, Glaxo Smith-Klein, imported its raw materials and had their MDI produced under a contract arrangement with Beximco. They did not provide any data at that time. A fourth company, Acme Laboratories, started production of MDIs in 2003.

The consumption reported for MDIs in 2004 is 62.2 ODP tones. Based on preliminary estimates, consumption for 2005 is 68.3 MT. In the coming years, Bangladesh is considering limiting ODS consumption in this sector to 75.00 ODP Tonnes through the licensing system. Discussions are planned with the stakeholders later this quarter. The breakdown of consumption by the 4 MDI manufactures mentioned from 2003 to 2004 can be found below. Article 7 data for 2005 data is still to

be reported officially. UNDP will coordinating with Bangladesh a mission as early as possible to verify in loco actual consumption at the 4 companies.

Enterpri se	2002	002 (in kg)		2003 (in kg)		2004 (in kg)			2005 (in kg)			
	CF C- 11	CF C- 12	Total	CF C- 11	CFC- 12	Total	CFC- 11	CFC- 12	Total	CFC- 11	CFC- 12	Total
Acme	0	0	0	161	1,257	1,418	302	2,119	2,421	2,950	3,463	6413
Beximc o	5,22 0	8,16 0	13,38 0	4,80 0	10,59 9	15,39 9	11,54 5	22,06 0	33,60 5	15,10 0	17,56 3	32,66 3
Glaxo	3,04 0	5,70 0	8,740	4,32 0	8,100	12,42 0	5,120	9,600	14,72 0	3,960	7,561	11,52 1
Square	1,84 6	4,76 9	6,615	2,53 8	4,555	7,093	3,907	7,573	11,48 0	5,800	11,96 8	17,76 8
TOTAL			28,73 5			36,33 0			62,22 6			68,36 5