

**-Level Event on Financing for Development in the Era of
COVID-**

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Time: 3 minutes

I thank Prime Minister Trudeau, Prime Minister Holness, and UN Secretary-General for convening this meeting.

The launching of the initiative with six focus areas of Financing for Development was very timely. Bangladesh co-led the Discussion Group-1 along with Egypt, Japan, and Spain. We feel it important now to translate our promises into actions.

In Bangladesh, Covid-19 has had a drastic impact on our economy. For tackling this situation, we immediately announced a 13.25 billion-dollar stimulus package, equivalent to 4.03% of our GDP. Apart from widening the regular social-

