IDB hands over 11 Schools-Cum-Cyclone Shelters in Bangladesh

Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 6 August 2016 – A representative of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), Dr. Mohammad Hassan Salem, handed over 11 Schools-cum-Cyclone Shelters as part of the fourth phase of the Fael Khair Program in Bangladesh. The program was funded by the Late King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

A total of 106 out of 174 planned shelters have been handed over so far. Each building will serve as a modern educational institution for 240 students and will provide shelter to 2,000 people and 500 cattle during the country’s frequent cyclones.

The Late King Abdullah’s grant of US $130 million for relief and assistance to the victims of cyclone Sidr is used as follows:

• US $110 million to construct 174 School-cum-Cyclone Shelters in the coastal belt of Bangladesh

• US $20 million Waqf as partial support to maintain the buildings and to provide urgent relief and rehabilitation through agricultural and other inputs to the affected population

The handover was part of a series of special ceremonies that took place in several locations in Southern Bangladesh. The ceremonies were attended by high ranking local government officials, including representatives of primary and secondary education, the local government engineering department, school administrators and local community leaders.