



# Ministry of Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs

## INTRODUCTION

The Ministry of Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs has been established in 1998 to expedite the socio-economic development of the people of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) Region. The area of the Chittagong Hill Tracts is about 13,295 sq km, which is approximately one-tenth of the total area of Bangladesh. The Chittagong Hill Tracts, combining three hilly districts of Bangladesh Rangamati, khagrachhari and Bandarban districts.

The vision of the Ministry is peaceful and prosperous Chittagong Hill Tracts. The Ministry has a mission to ensure socio-economic, political and educational rights of the CHT people by implementing social welfare programmes.

## OBJECTIVES

The NSSS objective for the ministry is to ensure food security for the people the CHT.

## PROJECTS

Ministry of Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs (MoCHTA) has been implementing 1 Social Security Programmes in over the period. The Programme, implementing by MoCHTA is;

1. Food Assistance in Chittagong Hill Tracts Area

### Present Situation

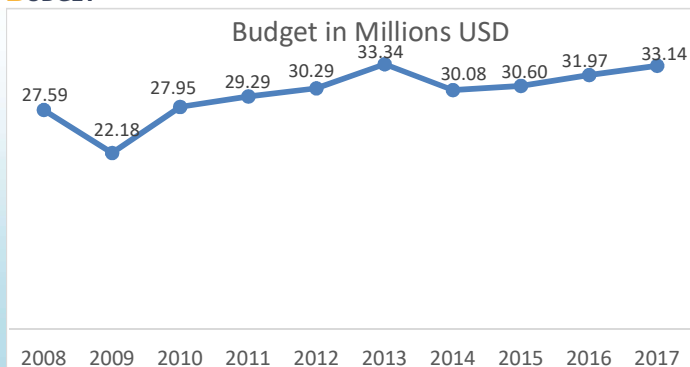
The Ministry of CHT Affairs has a number of food transfer programme for the people of CHT. There are some places where food transfer is the best solution to tackle food poverty. However, the NSSS emphasizes that cash transfer is to be preferred where possible. In consideration of development in ITC, there is possibility of introducing cash transfer programmes.

### NSSS Provision

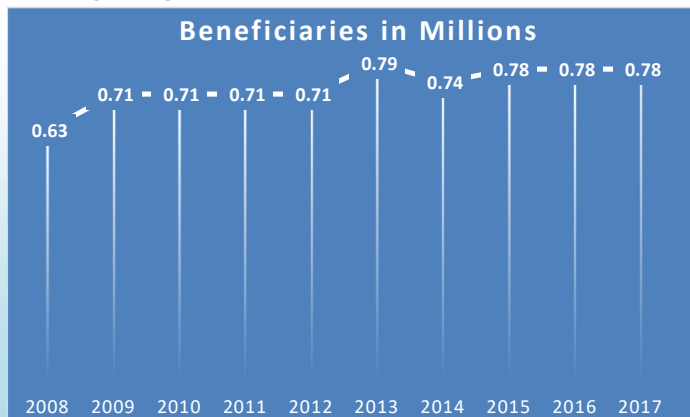
Most people of ethnic communities in CHT face food insecurity during most of the year. The prevalence of absolute poor and hard-core poor among people of ethnic communities are 65 percent and 44 percent respectively. Households of ethnic communities living below the lower and the upper poverty line are 78 percent and 89 percent respectively. Therefore, the NSSS proposes to take up programmes to ensure food security for the ethnic communities of CHT.

[Para 2.3.2 of NSSS]

## BUDGET



## BENEFICIARIES



## PICTURE GALLERY



## CHALLENGES

The NSSS challenge for the ministry is to overcome the existing food poverty of the people of the Chittagong Hill Tracts region.

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