



# Ministry of Primary and Mass Education

## INTRODUCTION

Ministry of Primary and Mass Education is involved in the important duty of ensuring primary education as well as mass education. Thus, it has great contribution in development of human resources of the country. In consideration of its activities, the Ministry has been assigned the responsibility of leading the coordination process of the thematic cluster on 'Human Development and Social Empowerment'. As implementer of social security programmes, the Ministry implements primary stipend programmes and school meal programmes. Ministry of Primary and Mass Education spends more than 5 percent of the total social protection budget. The vision of the Ministry is "to ensure good quality of pre-primary, primary and life-long education for all" and the mission is, "to expand facilities of primary and life-long education for all".

## OBJECTIVES

The strategic objective of the Ministry is to consolidate the major lifecycle programmes, making them more inclusive and efficient.

## PROJECTS

MoPME has implemented 8 Social Security Programmes up to now. In 2017-18, it is implementing 3 Projects, these are;

1. Primary School Stipend
2. School Feeding Programme
3. Reaching Out of School

## PROJECTS ABOUT

### Primary School Stipend

The Primary Stipend Project aims to increase the educational participation— enrollment, attendance, persistence, and performance—of primary school-aged children from poor families throughout Bangladesh by providing cash payments to targeted households. Initiated by the Government of Bangladesh (GOB) in July 2002, with the goal of supporting more than 5 million pupils. Budget of the FY 2017-18 is USD 44.31 million and targeted students 3.29 million.

### School Feeding Programme

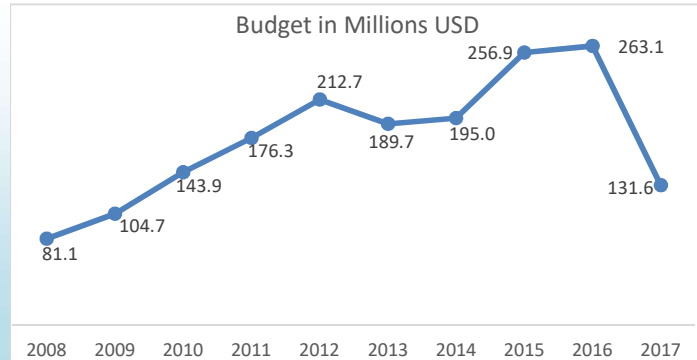
Goal of the programme is to contribute to the implementation of the GoB's education policy of universalizing primary education notably by improving access of school aged children from poor and ultra-poor households to basic education in respect of both quantity and quality. Budget of the FY is USD 64.06 million and target beneficiaries is 2.5 million.

### Reaching Out of School

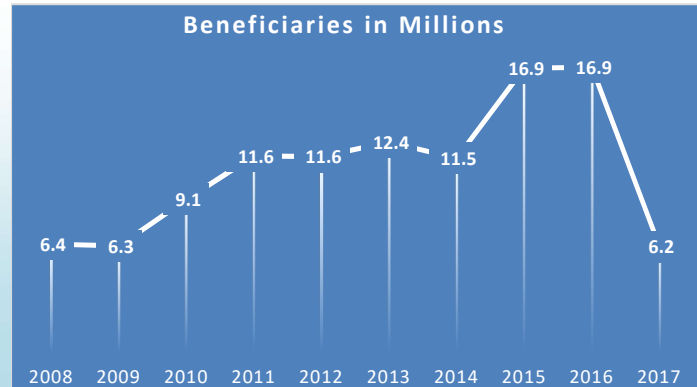
The Reaching Out-of-School (ROSC) Project is specifically designed to reach out-of-school children aged 7-14 years. Directorate of Primary Education (DPE) is implementing the programme in 90 less-advanced upazilas Report 2011). Budget of the FY is USD 23.25 million and targeted students is 0.50 million.

**SDG-4:** Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

## BUDGET



## BENEFICIARIES



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## CHALLENGES

Around 13 million children receive stipends, with the majority at primary school. Coverage is around 24 percent of primary school age children. Therefore, both the coverage and the transfer level are low.

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