



Rural Development and Cooperatives Division

Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives

INTRODUCTION

The Rural Development and Cooperatives Division undertakes different programmes for rural development by a range of activities including rural employment generation, skill development, research and formulation of relevant rules and policies. The Division has the vision of a socio-economically developed Bangladesh. To achieve the vision, the Division has the mission "to eradicate poverty by means of cooperatives and integrated rural development activities, as well as research".

Mandate of RDCD is (1) Formulation of rural development policy and laws, rules and policy relating to cooperatives; (2) Formulation and implementation of programmes/and projects to alleviate rural poverty; (3) Assist entrepreneurs through micro-credit, agricultural credit, co-operative based small and cottage industries, co-operative bank, co-operative insurance, co-operative based farming and marketing, milk and other cooperative enterprises; (4) Initiate human resource development programmes for members of the cooperatives, provide education, training and conduct research programmes on rural development and cooperatives; (5) Innovate new model/strategy on rural development through action research; (6) Assist in the socio-economic development and empowerment of rural women through formation of formal and informal groups under cooperative programmes.

OBJECTIVES

The NSSS objective for the Rural Development and Cooperatives Division is to assist rural poor people to move out of poverty by facilitating income generating activities.

PROJECTS

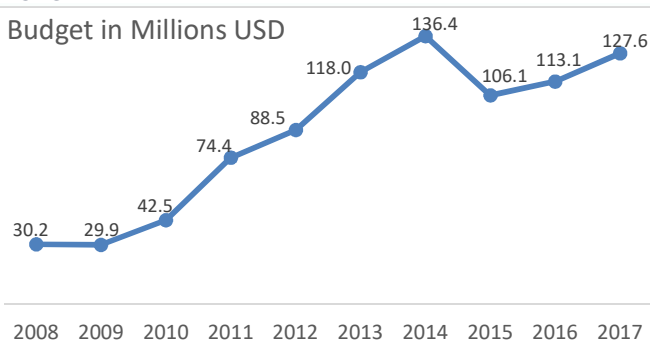
RDCD has implemented 13 Social Security Programmes up to now. In 2017-18, it has 9 Projects, these are;

1. Expansion of Polli Daridro Bimochon Foundation for Poverty Alleviation and self-employment
2. Char Livelihood Programme**
3. One House One Farm
4. Economic Empowerment of the Poorest in Bangladesh**
5. Integrated Rural Employment Support Project for the Poor Women
6. Rural Livelihood (2nd Phase)
7. Initiative for Development, Empowerment, Awareness & Livelihood, Kurigram**
8. Rural Settlement Construction for improvement of Rural Livelihood
9. Employment of Ultra Poor in Northern Areas

****In 2017-18, no budget allocation**

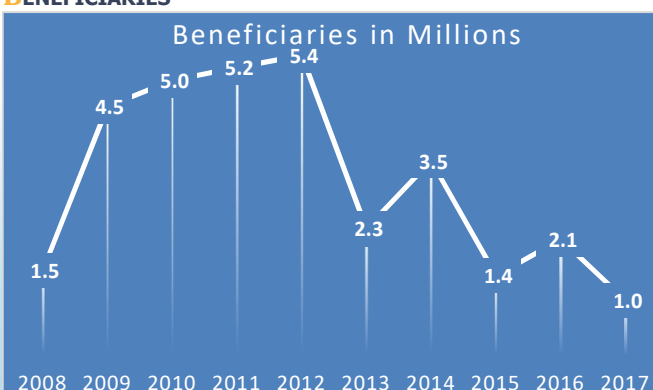
BUDGET

Budget in Millions USD



BENEFICIARIES

Beneficiaries in Millions



PICTURE GALLERY



CHALLENGES

Eradication of rural poverty is still a great challenge for the country. One of the main causes of rural poverty is unemployment or rather under-employment. Rural poverty has to be reduced by means of labour and livelihood interventions and the poor have to be 'graduated' from poverty.

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